I welcome everyone to a new term and hope that everyone has had a restful break.

During the holidays work has commenced on a number of projects around the school. The new Junior School class block has commenced and demolition of the H Block has started ready for construction to begin on that site in December. Work has also commenced on the Hospitality Centre near the old bus entrance. Work has also commenced on a major electrical upgrade around the school, including a large new “kiosk” structure to bring power into the school.

It was pleasing to see so many students at school during the break taking advantage of the ability to have extra classes and tutorials with teachers. The level of commitment of many of our students is strong and I hope for them that this is reflected in their results in the upcoming examinations.

It was pleasing to see that Aleisha Clark, last year’s School Captain and Dux was awarded an Australian Student Prize. The Prize is awarded to the top 500 students in the Country by the Federal Government in recognition of academic excellence and achievement. I congratulate Aleisha on her fine achievement.

In a real sense this award marks somewhat of a coming of age for the school in terms of academic achievement. There are three major awards that students can earn in relation to their senior studies, The Australian Student Prize, The Australian Vocational Student Prize and Premier’s Awards. In the last four years the school has now had students win in each of these categories. This is a fine effort by the individual students and all of those who have assisted to create a culture of achievement at the school.

Andrew A. Neal
Principal
UNIT 4 VCE STUDY WEEK
From Wednesday, October 22nd, VCE Unit 4 students commence SWOT Vac. All students are required to attend at least one or two study sessions with their class teacher throughout this period of study leading up to their VCE Examinations to be held in the Terraces Building, commencing Wednesday 29th October with the Unit 4 English examination. Unit 4 students must wear sports uniform to school for their study classes and examinations. Unit 4 VCE staff will be following their usual timetable until their subject examination is completed and be available in their scheduled VCE class times.

Throughout the VCE examination period all VCE staff will be available to assist students with their studies.

ICAS MATHEMATICS AND ENGLISH COMPETITION
Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) specialises in large-scale assessment and measurement programs including the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS are conducted annually in Australia and over 20 countries globally.

The following students were presented with certificates at Monday’s Senior School Assembly. Distinction Certificate for placing in the top 10% for the State of Victoria:

**English**
Year 7
Rachel Jackson  Praneet Alluri

Year 8
Clarissa Servinio  Juukle Castelijn
Olivia Petersen  Ben De Bortoli

Year 9
Nick Duffy

Year 10
Madeline Mather  Brianna Petersen
Jayden Bullard  Lachlin Ellis
Emma Squires  Angus Lovell

**Mathematics**
Year 7
Kai Mitchell  Asan Liyanaratne
Praneet Alluri

Year 8
Rohith Venkatesan  Stephanie Trento
Juukle Castelijn  Jennifer Ly

Year 9
Samuel Franks  Jack Lantieri
Jacob Sinclair  Caitlin Phillips
Thomas Grimble  Aidan Johnson
Nathan Jackson  Hannah Lacy

Year 10
Cameron Richardson  Jayden Bullard
Casper Soley-Howlett

Congratulations to Benjamin West of Year 8. Benjamin placed in the top 1% of students and he received an award of High Distinction for English.

SUMMER UNIFORM
Students may start to wear their summer uniform from the beginning of Term Four. Please ensure that hair styles are within acceptable guidelines as set out in the school diary, the winter woolly growth for a number of Senior School boys especially needs to be trimmed. School shoes need to be clean and any broken buckles, laces etc are repaired. A reminder that for days forecast to be 30 degrees and higher, that blazers do not need be worn to school.

Students may also wish to wear their full school uniform on some of the forecasted colder days. Do not mix sports uniform with summer uniform with full school uniform, i.e. ties must be worn with long sleeved shirts, and runners are not to be worn with summer or full school uniform.

Kevin Richardson
Deputy Principal - Head of the Senior School

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome back to the new term. Looking at the Junior School calendar, it promises to be a very busy term!

Change of Uniform
Students are allowed to wear full summer uniform to school during Term 4. Parents need to refer to the school diary to ensure your child meets the requirements for uniform. Boys and girls are expected to wear the BMG white striped socks for girls and black striped socks for boys, with their uniform. Plain black or white socks are not acceptable. Term 4 is a sun smart term; student who do not have their school hat will be restricted to shade areas for play. Students, who continually do not bring their school hat to school, will be administered with a detention.

Students may choose to wear full winter uniform at any time throughout the year.

ICAS Mathematics Competition
Congratulations to all students for their achievement in this competition:

**Distinction**
Year 3
Thomas Bens  Maddox Edwards
Rosie Green  William Hudolin
Joshua Huxtable  Oliver Huxtable
Jordyn Mace

Year 4
Varun Alluri

Year 5
Samuel Mackelvie  Nathan Havard

Year 6
Liam Anthian  Thomas Mackelvie
ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT NEWS

Active After School Sport
- Basketball will operate on Monday
- Adventure Games on Tuesday
- Cricket on Wednesday
- Crossfit (Fitness and games) on Thursday

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JS ARTS NEWS

Royal Melbourne Show 2014
The Junior School Art department submitted 86 entries to the 2014 Royal Melbourne Show Art and Craft Competition.

The work submitted was of an extremely high standard and the art completed by Bacchus Marsh Grammar students was judged along with hundreds of other pieces entered by schools across Victoria. This year one of our students was awarded the overall major prize of the competition which was judged by Jane Scott the CEO of Craft Victoria. Grace Fisher 6C, received ‘Best in Show – Art & Photography’. She was also awarded ‘Best Exhibit – Primary Art’.

ACTIVE LEARNING NEWS

Term 4 Arrangements
During Term 4 Active Learning will be conducted in the Junior School Library due to room changes and building works. For the duration of Term 4 parents of Active Learning students are permitted to use Car park 2 (car park with the flag poles next to Wilson Hall) to collect students after 4.00pm only.

We also request that children attending the after school activities and Active Learning bring a hat to use outside. We suggest that they keep a spare hat in their school bags.

Thank you from the Active Learning team.

Elizabeth O’Day
Deputy Principal - Head of the Junior School
It is pleasing to announce that Bacchus Marsh Grammar students also received awards in most of the categories entered. They were as follows:

**SCH06 Collage/Mixed Media (Prep – Year Two)**
- Liam Pluck 2D – 2nd Place
- Tianna DiMieri 1E – Commended

**SCH07 Collage/Mixed Media (Year Three/Four)**
- Hannah Slee 4C – Highly Commended
- Ella Vanson 4B – Highly Commended
- Felicity McMahon 4C – Commended

**SCH08 Collage/Mixed Media (Year Five/Six)**
- Grace Fisher 6C – 1st Place
- Tanai Newman-Coverdale 5D – 2nd Place
- Isabella DiMieri 5D – 3rd Place
- Aleksandra Camacho 6B – Commended
- Eliza Galvin 6C – Commended
- Chantal Thomas 6B – Commended

**SCH05 I Spy Eyes – 2D Art Work (Year Five/Six)**
- Aleksandra Camacho 6B – Commended
- Mati Mukodi 6B – Commended

Congratulations to all students who completed pieces for the Royal Melbourne Show. It was wonderful to see art work from Bacchus Marsh Grammar exhibited at this prestigious competition. Royal Melbourne Show awards will be presented at a Junior School Assembly.

*Sian Rawlinson*
Head of Junior School Art

**FOOD TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

2014 Royal Melbourne Show Results - Cookery
Congratulations to the following students who were awarded prizes at the 2014 Royal Melbourne Show for their cookery entries:

1st Place Gingerbread Person - Elexis Chapman Year 7
1st Place Lunchbox Muffin: Yr 5/6 Gardening Elective Grp 5
Highly Commended Decorated Cupcakes - Ella Clark Yr 8

Well done to all students who spent many hours creating their entries you all did a wonderful job!

*Jacqueline Huxtable*
Head of Food Technology (Years 7-9)

**PREP TO YEAR TWO ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The annual Prep to Year Two Athletics Carnival is being held on the school oval on Friday 17th October, from 9:00am – 12:45pm.

Please keep this day free if possible, as parents and families of students are most welcome to come along for an action packed morning.

*Nick Sher*
Junior Physical Education

**VCE ARTS NEWS**

VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail Night
The VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail night will be held on Friday 17th October at 6:00pm in the Terraces Building. The evening will allow our students from across several areas of curriculum to work together and display their talents and capabilities in their chosen subjects. The event is also supported by the BMG staff and the valued support of the BMG PFA.

Entry to the event is free with complimentary food and drinks. Donations will be collected on the night and fundraising raffles will be held in support of Vietnam-Loc Tho Pagoda Orphanage and Charity School currently being visited by the Year 6 students of BMG. Donations for the event will be greatly appreciated and may be given to the Main Administration Office attention to the VCE Arts Night Donations.
The food and drinks will be made and prepared by Food Technology and Hospitality students. A Fashion Parade of work from VCE Textile Students will feature at 7pm. Art work from VCD, studio art, media and art students will be presented and on display. Music performances by music students will also be a highlight. Please show your support and come along to see the fantastic work of our students.

Laura Brennan 11C

CAREERS NEWS


Alice Wu-Tollis and Li Richardson
Career Development Practitioners

MUSIC NEWS

2015 Instrumental Lesson Enrolment/ Cancellation notification.

In preparation for 2015, we are currently requesting Instrumental Music Enrolment / Cancellation Forms to be completed by Friday 31st October. All current instrumental students will be required to complete an enrolment form for 2015. New students or current students who would like to learn an instrument will also need to complete an Instrumental Music Enrolment/Cancellation Form.

If you do not wish for your child to continue lessons in 2015 a form must be completed indicating your requirement to cancel lessons. Enrolment forms are available on the School website at the following link http://www.bmq.vic.edu.au/teaching_learning/instrumental_music Alternatively forms may be collected from Student Administration now located within the Main Administration Centre.

Please note the following important dates in relation to the Instrumental program for 2015:
Friday 31st October – Final day for instrumental enrolment forms to be submitted.
Friday 21st November – All enrolment confirmation notices posted to families.
Friday 5th December – Due date for 2015 instrumental program cancellation notices to be submitted.

Please be advised that if a place cannot be provided in the 2015 instrumental program for Semester One, applications will be forwarded to a waiting list until such time a position becomes available.

Dean Thomas
Director of Music

HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

The Health Centre staff would appreciate your notification of any health issues your child/ren may have. If the issue has not occurred at school ie crutches and/or plaster please contact the Health Centre in addition to your child/ren’s class, Tutor teacher and Year Level Coordinator. Should your child present to the Health Centre we are then aware of any treatment or assistance that may require. There are times not all details are forwarded to the Health Centre and your communication with us would be greatly appreciated.

Medication
If your child/ren requires medication whilst at school, it must be stored at the Health Centre. Any medications are to be provided in their original box, bottle and or packaging inclusive of an expiry date. In addition a note from the parents is required and must include the following information; Name, Name of Medication, Dosage and Time to be taken.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jo Stanley
School Nurse

BUS NEWS

Year 12 students catching the Late Bus in Term 4
Please note: Year 12 students who catch the Late Bus in Term 4 are required to pay $10.00 per trip to reception upon signing up for the bus.

Private Bus Service Reminder
Private bus services including all Werribee, Watergardens, Caroline Springs, Cairnlea and Sunbury/Gisborne buses are private bus services for students who live in the Werribee, Watergardens, Caroline Springs, Sunbury and Gisborne areas. Students who are not allocated a seat on these bus routes are not permitted to travel on these services at any time.

Late Bus Service
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY PM:
4.30 Depart Bacchus Marsh Grammar
4.55 Coburns Central near Safeway Petrol Station (Coburns Road, Melton) 5.10 Caroline Springs Boulevard (service rd just after Chisholm Dr roundabout)
5.30 514 Derrimut Rd (Service Road between Rebecca Pmm and Baden Powell Drive)
5.35 Werribee Plaza (Corner Derrimut Rd and Baggott Drive)
5.45 Werribee Railway Station
5.50 Corner Ballan Road and Whitton Grove
5.52 Corner Ballan Road and Manor Lakes Blvd (Shopping Centre Bus Interchange)
Late Bus Service
The late bus service is available from Monday to Thursday which departs the school at 4.30pm. Students requiring use of the late bus must put their name on the late bus list in the Main Office by the end of lunch on the required day. The size of the late bus is determined by daily demand. If students fail to put their name on the late bus list they will not be guaranteed a seat.

The cost of the Late Bus is $10.00 per trip and the fee will be charged to your next terms fee account. Please note if students place their name on the late bus list and do not inform the office that they no longer need the service by the end of the day the $10.00 fee will be charged to term fees. A copy of the Late Bus timetable is available from the Main Office.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Changes to the Education Maintenance Allowance
From 1st January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools. This funding will replace the current provision of the Education Maintenance Allowance which is directly paid to parents.

Parents will be unable to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.

The funding will be allocated to eligible schools through schools’ core operational funding mechanism, with the neediest schools receiving the most funding. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015. At this stage the School has received no indication of what or if any funding it will receive under the new arrangements.

The change to how money is distributed was required by the funding agreement between the Commonwealth Government and State Government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

The end of the EMA direct payments to parents will not affect any other payment you may be receiving such as the Schoolkids Bonus, which is provided directly to eligible parents to assist with education costs.

If you have any questions about this change, please speak to the School Principal.

School Early Leavers
A reminder to all students and parents: if a student is required to leave school early for any reason, please ensure that your child has a signed note in their diary. This note must be sighted and counter signed by their Year Level Coordinator or Teacher, Mr Richardson or Mrs O’Day. Parents are required to arrange to meet their child at the Main Office in order to sign out in the Early Leavers Register.

Please note students are not permitted to have mobile phones switched on during School hours.

PFA NEWS

Next PFA Meeting
The next PFA meeting will be on Monday 13 October 2014, at 9.15am in the Principal’s Conference Room, level 1, Administration Building at 9am.

Upcoming PFA Events
VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail Night
The VCE Arts Night and PFA Mocktail night will be held on Friday 17th October at 6:00pm in the Terraces Building.

Shopping Tour
The PFA shopping tour will be held on Saturday 25th October. Flyers have been sent home to all families. An itinerary for the shopping tour is attached to this newsletter. Cost is $70 per person which includes morning and afternoon tea and a two course lunch with a soft drink/wine, tea and coffee. If you need further information please contact Monica Slattery on 0419891769 or slattery04@bigpond.com

The PFA is registered and now part of Amart sports loyalty rewards program. Families shopping in Melton can choose to nominate us as their community group and the PFA will receive benefits associated with this program.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

"ON CAMPUS" TRADING HOURS
Mon & Fri: 12:30p.m. to 4:30p.m.
Wed: 8a.m. to 12noon
Bacchus Marsh Grammar “On Campus Shop”
Phone: 5367 4072

RUSHFORDS TRADING HOURS
Mon-Fri: 9a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sat: 9a.m. to 1p.m.
Shop 3-5 Watton Arcade, 28 Watton Street, Werribee
Phone: 9741 3211 Fax: 9741 3155
Email: rushfords@noone.com.au

Please NOTE secondhand items are now advertised on the school website www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community
The Australia Army Cadets (AAC) provides challenging experiences to youth aged 13-19.

Cadets are young people, who like you, want a real challenge and be part of real team. Usually, cadet units meet once a week after school or in the evening. You'll learn basic military skills like leadership, first aid, navigation and heaps more. Here are just some of the activities you can get to check out:

- Ceremonial Parades and ANZAC Day
- Rock climbing and abseiling
- Watermanship, obstacle courses
- Safe firearms handling and shooting
- Navigation, map reading and survival
- Living in the Field (camping) and cooking with ration packs
- First Aid, Signals and many other exciting activities.

You can undertake tough adventure training and go bush, win marksmanship awards and qualify for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. As an Army cadet, you'll also get to visit Army bases and attend annual camps and participate in competitions and leadership and promotion courses during the school holidays.

The Ballarat Unit (300 ACU) conduct their training nights on Monday's from 6pm to 9pm at Ranger Barracks, on the corner of Sturt St and Ring Road, Alfredton.

300 ACU is conducting its induction/recruitment day for Term 4 by appointment only:

- **Date:** Monday 17th October
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Ranger Barracks, 1806-1812 Sturt Street, Alfredton.

If you are interested in attending please leave your name and contact details on the Unit Duty phone: 0448 123 069 no later than Thursday, 13th Oct.

What you will need to bring with you:

a) Evidence of Age (Birth Certificate)
b) Parent/Guardian identification (Drivers Licence)
c) Medicare Card and/or Health Care Cards
d) Membership Cards as applicable for (Ambulance Victoria, Private Health Insurance).
e) Your Parent/Guardian

Please contact us, as there will be other inductions session in Term 4 and term 1 next year.

Disclaimer: please note the school provides this newsletter space to local community activity based businesses and does not have an affiliation or endorse individual businesses.
Planning for the Future Forum

Are you caring for someone with a disability and are uncertain about the future? Do you need more information about:

- The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?
- Individual Support Packages?
- Disability Support Register

**When:** Tuesday 14 October 2014

**Time:** 7.00 – 9.00pm

**Where:** Quamby Rooms, 10 Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh

**Facilitator:** Deb Whitecross

Deb has organised and facilitated many events, workshops, expos, community consultations, public launches and forums over the years. Although her expertise lies within the disability sector, Deb brings broader experience in working with government agencies, community groups and provides strong leadership, self empowerment and mentoring skills.

RSVP your attendance to: Veronica or Manda on 5366 7100 or email haccadmin@moorabool.vic.gov.au

Please advise if you require Respite and/or an Interpreter.

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**Autism Behaviour Management Forum**

**When:** Monday 27 October 2014

**Time:** 7.00 – 9.00pm

**Where:** Quamby Rooms, 10 Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh

**Facilitator:** Bobbi Cook

Bobbi is a Clinical Member of the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) and is a registered member of ARCAP (Australian Register of Counsellors and Psychotherapists) and specializes in managing challenging behaviour in children.

RSVP your attendance to: Veronica or Manda on 5366 7100 or email haccadmin@moorabool.vic.gov.au

Please advise if you require Respite and/or an Interpreter.