



An important event in the Bacchus Marsh Grammar calendar is the annual student ANZAC Day ceremony, where students and staff can pay their respects to the men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to Australia.

This year the ceremony was organised and run by the Year 12 School Captains and Vice Captains on the 23 April for all students in Years Three to Twelve. Following an introduction and brief historical overview of significant people and events from World War One, the Senior School and Middle School choirs were joined by all Year Three and Four students to sing "In Flanders Fields", in what was a moving and poignant performance.

The ceremony then continued with readings of a poem "We Shall Keep the Faith" (spoken confidently by our Year Six School Captains), an overview of the traditions of wreath laying and the dawn service, and three significant prayers.

The final part of the assembly followed the traditions of reading the Ode of Remembrance, followed by The Last Post (played by Year 12 student Owen Pugh) and a minute of silence.

The assembly was concluded by everyone singing the National Anthem, lead by the school choirs. We would like to thank the whole student body for their respect and participation in what is an important school event.

A further thank you is extended to the students who represented the school in local services in Bacchus Marsh, both at the ANZAC parade on Sunday the 22 April and the dawn service held at the Cenotaph in Main Street on April 25. Wreaths were laid on behalf of the school at both ceremonies, and it is a wonderful testament to students' participation not only in the school community, but also our local community in Bacchus Marsh.

*Juulke Castelijjn – School Captain*

## **Year 9 and 10 Parent Teacher Interviews - Debra Ogston – Head of School, Years 9-12**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held for Year 9 and 10 parents on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 May commencing at 3.30pm.

If you require an interview and are unable to attend either of these days, please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange an alternate meeting time. Parent teacher interviews are booked via the myBMG Parent Portal, accessed through the school website.

Letters will be sent home next week regarding details of the online booking process.

The Parent Teacher Interviews are an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss their child's progress to this point. Whilst the time allocated for each interview is brief you may wish to discuss further questions at a later date.

### Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Adventurous Journey – Michael Howell

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is available to all 14-25 year olds. The award is comprised of three levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold. Participants are required to complete four sections at each level including; Service, Skill, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey. Gold level, participants also complete a Residential Project.

In Year 9 students participate in the Bronze Level. The aim of the adventurous journey is to provide students with the opportunity to learn more about the wider environment, as well as develop their self-confidence, team work and health. Students are taken out of their comfort zone - in an unfamiliar environment where they complete a number of activities designed to test both their mental and physical limits.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar our students undertake an adventurous journey to the Otway's National Park. During their time in the Otway's National Park students Kayak on the Barham River, hike to Blanket Bay and Parker Inlet as well visit the Cape Otway Lighthouse. Students also camp at Bimbi Park and take part in a number of leadership initiatives such as rock climbing and the Amazing Race at Apollo Bay. Some of the highlights of the camp is a talk delivered by an Indigenous Elder at Cape Otway and the Coastal guided tour at Parker Inlet.



### BMG Tornelo Chess Competition – Shane McNee

On 19 April, Bacchus Marsh Grammar hosted a Tornelo Chesskids Competition for students from Years 3-12. Students from four different schools competed for the title of Zone Champions. After a day of hard-fought matches, Ethan Rayner of 10G emerged as champion. The Open Secondary team placed second and qualified for the State Finals in September, while the Middle Years team finished third after finishing the day strongly. Jack Buskens of 7F and Phaeton Vass of 9G are to be commended on some excellent play, holding us in good stead for the ICCES Chess Competition in Term Three. Additionally, a big congratulations to Gabby Villegas for winning Champion Girl for the Junior Tournament, and to Akhil Kanneganti for being awarded the Best Participant.

### Grant Lodge residents visit BMG

A group of residents from the Grant Lodge Aged Care Facility visited the BMG Cafe on Wednesday 28 March.

Students in Year 9, through the Leadership Program spent time with residents participating in craft activities and shared morning tea hosted by Hospitality students.

The visitors were entertained by a collection of committed and talented upper-Secondary students. A big thank you to all students and staff involved on the day.





### Individual Sporting Achievement

Congratulations to Jai Copland (Pictured left) who was invited to attend the Sports Presidents Award run by Federal Member for Lalor Joanne Ryan MP. Jai was presented with a Local Sporting Champions Award. Well done!

### Prep – Year 2 Cross Country Fun Run – Nick Sher

Wednesday 2 May, the Years Prep A, Prep, One and Two students will be participating in the annual Cross Country Fun Run. The morning will begin at 9am on the school oval, and should be completed shortly after 10am.

### Year 3-6 House Cross Country – Rachel McMahon

We have made some changes to the Cross Country events for Year 3-6. On Wednesday 2 May the Year 3/4 Cross Country event for the 9/10 year old age groups will be held. On Friday 4 May the Year 5/6 Cross Country event will be held for the 11 and 12 year old age groups.

This year these Cross Country events will be held at our Staughton Vale Campus. Due to our current restrictions at this campus, parents will not be able to attend this event. The Staughton Vale Campus hosts an established running track away from traffic and provides a safer running environment.

Please ensure your child is in full sports uniform on the day. Students in Years 5/6 are able to wear their sports uniform to and from school for the day on Friday 4 May.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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### VCAL- McGrath Foundation Fundraiser – Deanna Carr

VCAL Students will be producing and selling butterfly badges next week (Monday 30 April-Friday 4 May) for Mother's Day. Badges are priced at \$2 each with all profits donated to the McGrath Foundation. VCAL students will be visiting tutor groups throughout the mornings and will also be selling the badges outside the Lecture Theatre and Wilson Hall at recess and lunchtimes. Thank you VCAL Team.

### Years 7-12 Sports Report – Andrew Perks

Congratulations to all of the Athletes that have been chosen in the BMG Mustangs Athletics Team to compete in the ICCES Athletics Carnival on 10 May at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne. Events will start at 11.30am. Students are asked to return their permission notice ASAP. Please be advised that students will return to school 20 minutes later than the scheduled time on the notice due to the addition of two extra events on the athletics schedule. Returning time is now 6.05pm. The event schedule is available via the Parent Portal and in the Website Event Calendar.

### ICCES Winter Tour

The ICCES Winter Tour will once again take place in Shepparton on the final two days of term, 20 & 21 June.

Athletes are busily training for teams in:

Basketball, Soccer, Hockey, and Netball.

The Winter Tour involves two days of competition and teams will stay together over night in Shepparton. Notices for successful athletes will be distributed on team selection.

### Careers News – Alice Wu-Tollis

The Careers Office has relocated to the U Block with a new and exciting space. Students will be able to access up-to-date careers news and information at recess, lunch time and after school.

La Trobe University will be visiting on Monday 30 April and presenting to students in Years 9-12 about their early admissions, 'ASPIRE' Program. For more information visit: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire> .

The BMG Careers Expo will be taking place on Friday 11 May for students in Years 9-12. Students are encouraged to pre-plan their expo visit and will be having conversations about future career planning with their Tutor Teachers.

## Rigorous Reading Reflection Journals – Alison Cummins

Throughout Term Two the students in Prep to Year 4 will be continuing to reflect on their reading in their BMG Reflection Journal. The students have been enjoying the ability to reflect on their reading by using a range of strategies such as drawing pictures, writing words or phrases as well as developing questions relating to the text they have read. For Year 2 to Year 4, Term One was an opportunity for the students to familiarise themselves with the journals, now moving into Term Two we will be developing a more structured approach which will mean that your child will be asked to reflect on their reading in varied ways each night. For example they may be asked to write tricky or interesting words they have come across, write a literal, inferential or critical evaluative question or a question to the author, create a new character that would fit within the text and explain their position within the story. Your child will have this information within their diary as part of their nightly homework.

Thank you for continuing to assist us to develop your child's reading behaviours and comprehension skills.

## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge – Feona West

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the Challenge:

- Akhil Kanneganti 3A
- Sunand Sai Buddi 3A
- Srikar Sai Buddi 6C

## Bus Information - ROLLCALL Parent Portal

Rollcall Parent Portal is the school's new bus management system. This portal allows parents/guardians to manage children's absences, set notifications that you want to receive (e.g. arrived at bus stop) and even track the bus that your child is riding on.

Parents/guardians have been sent a "Welcome email" to their email address registered with the school to enable access to the Rollcall Portal. Once parents have set their password they you can then access the portal in two ways:

- Go to: <http://bmg.rollcall.com.au/parent/login> on desktop or tablet; or
- On your phone, open a browser and go to the same link to get the mobile version that you can then save to your home screen.

### School Photos 2018

2018 School Photos will be taken during Term 2 on the following dates:

#### Years 7-12

Tuesday 22 May and Wednesday 23 May

#### Prep Reception - Year 6

Tuesday 5 June and Wednesday 6 June

Confirmation of Leadership Photos and more information regarding School Photos will be circulated shortly.

### Messages to students during the School Day

We understand that there may be changes to your child/rens travel arrangements at the end of a school day.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged and asked to contact the School prior to 2.30pm, as messages are taken to teachers/students between 2.30pm and 2.45pm.

## REGULAR CONTACTS & INFORMATION

**Absentee Line - 5366 4888**

**Health Centre direct number - 5366 4873**

**The Learning Hub - 0408 548 058**

**The Sport Hub - 0428 315 081**

**Email - [hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:hubprograms@bmg.vic.edu.au)**

**Senior School After School Classes**

**Tuesdays – English (NBlock) and Science (Room01)**

**Thursday – Mathematics (MBlock)**

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Grammar**

**BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR PRESENTS**

**THURSDAY 3RD MAY & FRIDAY 4TH MAY**

**ALTONA THEATRE**

**115 CIVIC PARADE, ALTONA**

**7:30PM**

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BY KATE RICE

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