



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During the holidays I had the opportunity to view a group of our students participating in a Masterclass, teaching them the fundamentals of Real Tennis. At the end of the session the group had the opportunity to meet and talk with His Royal Highness Prince Edward. Prince Edward, a patron of Real Tennis was in the country promoting a number of things including the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The day for me summed up a great deal about what we are looking to achieve through a Bacchus Marsh Grammar education. In the first instance those students in the group were self selecting. Their involvement in racket sports varied however they were willing to have a go and we as a school look to facilitate involvement not hinder it.

In meeting Prince Edward the students were although naturally shy, articulate and honest, something he respected and responded to. They made a great impression on those they came across in their quiet but interested way in which they behaved.

The event was organised to introduce the game of Real Tennis but to also express the importance of being involved and the breadth of areas that expression can cover. The school is a great supporter of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards as they provide a convenient and recognised vehicle for students to do things that make a difference.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar doing your best academically is very important but it is not the whole picture. Strong academic outcomes need to be supported by a raft of skills and attitudes if they are to prove of value for individuals. The activities contained in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards program broaden

students and give them experience, the things that in thirty years time they will look back at fondly in relation to their education.

I would like to thank Mr Rohan Bryan for organising the Real Tennis Team and his liaison with the Ballarat Tennis Club. I would encourage parents to talk with their children about being involved and not only completing their Bronze level of the Duke of Edinburgh Program but continue on to the Silver and Gold levels also.

There will be some changes in the way the school communicates with parents over the coming weeks.

There is to be a soft-launch of our new website which I think will be considerably more user friendly for the Community. A key feature for families is an active calendar of events for your reference. I would like to thank Casey Ryder and BMG's ICT Department for their efforts in getting the new site operational.

At the same time we have revamped our newsletter format which will continue to develop. Families will continue to receive the newsletter via email if they have subscribed to this service.

This will be followed by a general refresh of our stationery and presentation of documents over the remainder of the year.

**Andrew A Neal**

### REMINDER

WEDNESDAY 25 April is a public holiday commemorating ANZAC Day - as such there will be no school.

## BMG PREP TO YEAR 6 CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

The Prep to Year 6 Co-Curricular program is designed to cater in a variety of ways for all students. The program is run by all staff from Prep to Year 6 to enhance the learning opportunities for students. A letter and the Co-Curricular Handbook will be sent home to families of students in Prep Reception - Year 6 this week.

Please refer to the handbook for information relating to the program.

Key points regarding the program:

- *The majority of Co-Curricular activities will be offered during the school day at lunchtime;*
- *A select few activities will be offered after school on Tuesday afternoons between 3:05pm and 4:00pm;*
- *Co-Curricular activities continue to cater for all students' needs however will focus more on extension of literacy, numeracy, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) related activities and physical skills.*
- *The activities will take place on different lunchtimes throughout the week as specified in the handbook.*
- *Teachers select the students for the Teacher Selected activities.*
- *Please note that the number of participants for some programs are limited.*
- *The Co-Curricular program has 2 categories: Teacher Selected and Student Choice activities.*

**Nici Deller**

## ICAS COMPETITION

Students in the Junior School, Year 2- Year 6 are given the opportunity to participate in the University of New South Wales ICAS Competitions in English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling. These competitions are by nature designed to test and challenge students.

The following is the testing calendar of events:

Science	Years 2-6	Tuesday 29 May
Spelling	Years 2-6	Wednesday 13 June
English	Years 2-6	Tuesday 31 July
Mathematics	Years 2-6	Tuesday 14 August

Notes were sent home for parents to indicate if they want their child to participate in one or more of the ICAS competitions. Please return the note as soon as possible. For more information relating to the ICAS Competition please contact Nici Deller on 5366 4800.

**Nici Deller**

## YEAR 8 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – THURSDAY 26 APRIL

Interviews with your child's class teachers are to be booked online via the myBMG – Parent Portal available from the school website, [www.bmg.vic.edu.au](http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au). Parents have already been provided with log in details. If you have misplaced your log in details you can either request notification online or by phoning the school office on 5366 4800. Online bookings have opened. Parents will be able to book appointments with your child's class teachers and tutor teachers.

Interviews will be of 5 minutes duration and please leave 5 minutes between appointments. Teachers are strictly unavailable for interviews between 5:45 and 6:30pm to ensure an adequate dinner break. Please be mindful of this and assist by adhering to your allocated interview time. If you do not have the facility to book your interview times online, then you are able to contact the school on 5366 4800 for assistance.

Online bookings will close on Wednesday 25 April at 12:00pm. Once a booking has been made it is confirmed unless contacted by relevant staff member.

Interviews will be conducted in the Terraces Building (W Block).

**Dean Peplinkhouse**

## REAL TENNIS AND ROYAL ENCOUNTERS

His Royal Highness, the Earl of Wessex, Prince Edward visited the Ballarat Real Tennis court on Sunday 8 April as part of an initiative associated with the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. HRH The Earl of Wessex is aiming to play all 48 Real Tennis courts in the world in 2018 as part of a Tennis Challenge, to raise funds that will allow more young people to get involved in the DoE scheme. Despite there being few remaining courts in the world, there are four courts within 45 minutes of Bacchus Marsh. Real tennis is also known as Royal Tennis, Court Tennis and Jeu de Paulme.



The BMG team was the first to arrive at the court and had the very important job of warming it up with a number of doubles games. The round robin format gave all teams

an opportunity to sharpen up their skills and for parents to see the game in action. The games were friendly, however, very competitive.

At the conclusion of the games, the Tennis Professional ran a masterclass session with the team to fine tune their skills. Towards the end of the students' masterclass, HRH The Earl of Wessex arrived and watched the Masterclass. HRH, Prince Edward then joined the team on court to discuss Real Tennis and the students' involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The normally vocal team was uncharacteristically quiet but in their defence, the team is not accustomed to playing and training in front of a large audience with Television and print media cameras surrounding them as they converse!

The afternoon concluded with the team and their families watching HRH Prince Edward play three sets of doubles tennis against a range of junior and senior players. As the coach of our BMG Real Tennis team, it was a proud moment to hear onlookers and current players praise our team members for their skills. Personally, the highlight of my afternoon was having the opportunity to listen to individual team members explain the rules and intricacies of the original racquet sport to their parents. It was a unique opportunity for our school to be involved with this event and for our students to play and train in front of their parents, a wide audience and a member of the Royal family. I'm sure it is something that both they and their parents will remember for some time. I'd like to thank the school for their support, the students for giving up a day of their holidays to be involved and the parents and families of the team members for travelling with them and being part of the day.

**Rohan Bryan**

## YEAR 7-12 SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to all 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 11.30 am. Notices for this event will be handed out this Friday at a Team meeting.

The ICCES Winter Tour will once again take place in Shepparton this year on the final two days of term, June the 20th and 21st. Athletes are busily training for teams in;

- Basketball
- Soccer
- Hockey
- 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.

Congratulations to the following students who have been performing brilliantly in their chosen sports:

Rye Penny - Has been selected in the School Sport Victoria Team Vic 15 and Under Volleyball State Team. This team will compete in the annual School Sport Australia Boys Volleyball Championship held this year in Bendigo, Victoria from 18 August to 24 August, 2018. The team will compete against ACT, NSW, QLD, SA, and WA.

Quade Kessler – Recently competed in the 'Goulburn Valley Junior Age' tournament at Goulburn Valley Squash Club, Shepparton. Quade played brilliantly in the A reserve division and won the tournament.

**Andrew Perks**

## YEAR 7-12 INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

The Senior School Instrumental Concert Series is to be held between Tuesday 29 – Thursday 31 May (Week Seven). All Year 7-12 students who learn an instrument or sing (*they may be part of the school instrumental program or learn outside of school*) are encouraged to perform.

Students who receive lessons at BMG are to complete entries online via their Instrumental Music teachers. All entries for students who are not currently part of the BMG Instrumental program should be collected from and handed back to Administration. Once all entries have been collated, parents will be sent a notice outlining the performance details for students

The deadline for submitting entry forms will be Friday 11th May (Week Four). No entries will be accepted after this time.

**Steven Bell**



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES

## THE VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE HAS BEGUN!

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge has begun!

- Students from Prep to Year 2 will read or 'experience' 30 books with their teachers. There is no need for parents to enter books for their children.
- Students from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.
- Year 3-Year 6 students have been issued usernames and passwords so that they can enter their books online.
- Year 7-10 students will be issued their usernames and passwords on request.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier.

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)

**Feona West**

## SCIENCE FAIR 2018

SCIENCE FAIR 2018 – Entries open to Years 5-12

Did you know Scientists are M.A.D. ?

They M.ake A. D.ifference!

This year's Science Week Theme is about Scientists and Inventors who have made a difference.

Enter the Science Fair and show off your love of Science!

\*Make a WORKING MODEL or INVENTION – either something from a FAMOUS SCIENTIST, or your OWN INVENTION that might one day be FAMOUS!

\*Put together a presentation on a FAMOUS SCIENTIST and what they did to make a difference!

Note that we will only be allowing ONE student to do each Scientist so once a particular scientist is chosen, you will then have to choose a different scientist for your project.

You will need to be available on Science Night on Tuesday 21 August between 5-7.30pm to present your Project at the Science Fair.

To enter, enrol in the Moodle Science Week course and complete the online entry form through Google Forms. Contact us if you have any questions.

Years 5 & 6: Mrs Patterson (Junior School)  
[pattersonr@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:pattersonr@bmg.vic.edu.au)

Years 7-12: Ms Krosby (Senior School)  
[krosbyd@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:krosbyd@bmg.vic.edu.au)

**Diane Krosby**

## PREP – YEAR 2 CROSS COUNTRY FUN RUN

On Wednesday 2 May, the Years Prep A, Prep, One and Two students will be participating in the annual Cross Country Fun Run. All students have been training hard in Physical Education lessons.

Parents and families are most welcome to run/jog/walk with their children, or simply come along and support. The morning will begin at 9am on the school oval, and should be completed shortly after 10am.

**Nick Sher**

## 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.

## 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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## GIRLS ICCES ATHLETICS TEAM - THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2018

GIRLS	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11/12
100m A	Alexia Todorovic	Hayley Welch	Zali Ward	Olivia Way	Shani Bullard
100m B	Ella Thomson	Ellie Ierodiaconou	Milla Rice	Nikita Wright	Rachel Jackson
200m A	Alexia Todorovic	Lucy Barth	Milla Rice	Olivia Way	Rachel Jackson
200m B	Janice Jeevan	Olivia Ogston	Cara Hindle	Nikita Wright	Melanie Freeman
400m A	Jade Cilia	Sarah McInerney	Jemima Woods	Nikita Wright	Rachel Jackson
400m B	Bethany Noyce	Jemma Collins	Kira Findlay	Rebecca West	Emilee Jagos
800m A	Taylor Farrugia	Sarah McInerney	Lauren Shankland	Caelin Currie	Sophie McMinimee
800m B	Ella Thomson	Amelia Scolaro	Kyah Marum	Harna Farrugia	Emilee Jagos
1500m A	Jennifer Dobai			Sophie McMinimee	
1500m B	Sarah McInerney			Sophie Parton	
Relay	Alexia Todorovic	Hayley Welch	Zali Ward	Olivia Way	Shani Bullard
	Ella Thomson	Ellie Ierodiaconou	Milla Rice	Nikita Wright	Rachel Jackson
	Kayle Forsyth	Olivia Ogston	Madeline Clark	Rebecca West	Kaylee Smith
	Janice Jeevan	Renaeg Agius	Kira Findlay	Alana Taylor	Niamh McCallum
Shot Put	Rachel Lillie	Amelia Scolaro	Abby Taylor	Tomeka Fowlie	Rachel Jackson
Discus	Jennifer Dobie	Felicity McMahon	Zali Ward	Caelin Currie	Melanie Freeman
Javelin	Jennifer Dobie	Talia Nash	Kate Streeter	Olivia Way	Melanie Freeman
High Jump	Taylor Farrugia	Jemma Collins	Hannah Conroy	Caelin Currie	Shani Bullard
Long Jump	Abigail Bradford	Madeline Wilson	Brooke McNeill	Olivia Way	Shani Bullard
Triple Jump	Khayle Forsyth	Sarah McInerney	Zali Ward	Olivia Way	Shani Bullard

## BOYS ICCES ATHLETICS TEAM - THURSDAY 10TH MAY 2018

BOYS	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11/12
100m A	Tyrell Munetsi	Gyan Singh	Dylan Thomas	James Di Pretoro	Benjamin West
100m B	Tristan Noorman	Rye Penny	Justin Runge	Aiden Di Pretoro	Ilia Tzagarakis
200m A	Tyrell Munetsi	Gyan Singh	Dylan Thomas	James Di Pretoro	Ilia Tzagarakis
200m B	Saihejveer Walia	Anzac Pirika	Zolton Earnshaw	Ethan McMinimee	Benjamin West
400m A	Tristan Noorman	Anzac Pirika	Dylan Thomas	James Di Pretoro	Bailey Sharp
400m B	Connor Sinclair	Jesse Bullard	Jay Altay	Ethan McMinimee	Joseph Earnshaw
800m A	Nicholas Karakyriakos	Anzac Pirika	Jaelen Pavlidis	Ethan McMinimee	Bailey Sharp
800m B	Tristan Noorman	Cooper Hillyer	Samuel Davey	Ronan Keleher	Tristan Knight
1500m A	Anzac Pirika			Bailey Sharp	
1500m B	Isaac Nixon			Ethan McMinimee	
Relay	Tyrell Munetsi	Gyan Singh	Dylan Thomas	James Di Pretoro	Benjamin West
	Tristan Noorman	Rye Penny	Justin Runge	Aiden Di Pretoro	Ilia Tzagarakis
	Ben Bosevski	Anzac Pirika	Zolton Earnshaw	Danny Ho	Cooper Stevanov
	Saihejveer Walia	Flynn Trembath	Kaushik Koya	James Roberts	Matthew Rosario
Shot Put	Joel McKenzie	Rye Penny	Justin Runge	Jack Harbison	Adam Steele
Discus	Tyrell Munetsi	Devin Currie	Justin Runge	Jack Harbison	Adam Steele
Javelin	Nelson Knauer	Rye Penny	Connor Grillo	Jack Harbison	Joseph Earnshaw
High Jump	Abe Penny	Kai Maytom	Dylan Thomas	James Di Pretoro	Bryce Stephenson
Long Jump	Connor Sinclair	Rye Penny	Kai Coghlan	Safee Zahid	Bryce Stephenson
Triple Jump	Thomas Bens	Rye Penny	Jake Normington	James Roberts	Bryce Stephenson

**BACCHUS MARSH GRAMMAR PRESENTS**

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

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