

# BMG NEWS

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## From the Principal

The School's Hubs Program will be coming to a close at the end of this term. After School Care in a variety of forms has existed at Bacchus Marsh Grammar since its early days. Many students and parents look back over the care and attention many Hubs Program staff and student helpers have given students over the years. I would like to personally thank current and past staff for all of their efforts and wish them well for the future.

Next Semester a broad range of before and after and holiday programs will be offered at the school by the YMCA. I encourage interested parents to ensure that they have placed the appropriate applications for the new service. There is more information regarding the YMCA Program in the newsletter and on the [School website](#).

Andrew A Neal – Principal



Photo: BMG Hubs Team.



## End of Term Arrangements

Friday 22 June is the last day of Term 2. The finishing times for students on this date will be:

3.05pm for Prep Reception – Year 6 students

3.15pm for Year 7 – 12 Students.

*As this is the regular finish time for students there will be NO changes to bus services.*

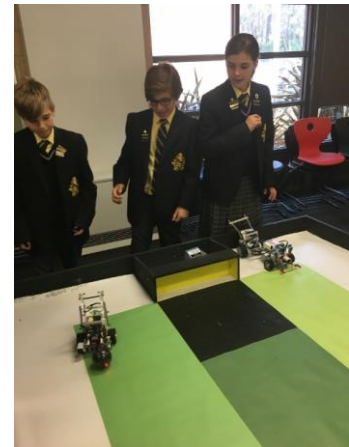
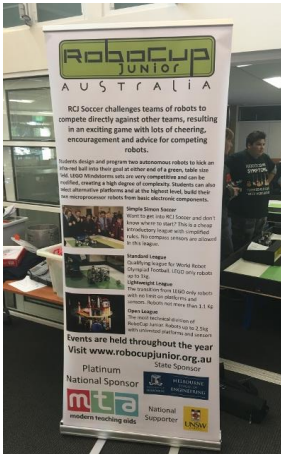
## Junior Robocup

On 6 June the Junior Robocup took place at Mt Clear College in Ballarat, all the Year Six robotics co-curricular participants competed in this event. The goal of the game was to score the most goals based on soccer, there were four robots on the field programed to follow an infrared ball.

There were five different teams participating including; BMG-The Quakers, BMG-Bang Bang, BMG-The Three Amigos, BMG-Funkie Crew and BMG-Screaming Angels, we did really well and will move through to the state finals in August 2018.

We thoroughly enjoyed the day and would like to thank Mr McLaughlin and Mr Newton in assisting us to construct competitive robots and helping us learn the coding program. We hope that at States we can also participate in the rescue and dance components of robotics. So we hope to get a move on get creative on new robot designs.

### Eva Green & Jake Junqueira - ICT Captains



## Making Helpful Rules

Rules are meant to help reduce conflict and increase peace within your household. They should be employed when they will achieve that purpose. Overuse of rules can have the exact opposite effect, creating a rigid, tense environment. How do you know when a rule is needed? For instance, must a 10-year old child have a bedtime rule or is it okay for the child to simply go to sleep when he/she is tired? Does it make a difference if the child is 6 years old or 13? Should children have rules about eating? What about computer rules, T.V., homework and so on?

Actually, there are no hard and fast rules about rules. Since every child is different and every home is unique, each home will have its own individual set of rules to relax by. Flexible parents assess the situation and determine whether or not a rule will be helpful. When a child does not need a rule it is not always necessary to impose one.

Parents and children can make rules collaboratively or parents can make them alone (most appropriate when dealing with very small children). When a parent has noticed a difficulty that could be resolved by the formation of a rule, he or she can talk to the child about how they are feeling and ask the child/ren for suggestions to change this. The parent can take those suggestions into consideration when forming the rule.

For example:

“I seem to be making four different dinners every evening and I’m no longer prepared to do that. I’m open to suggestions from you kids regarding a reasonable dinner rule. The one I am thinking about right now is that everyone eats the one meal that is prepared. If you have any better ideas, I’ll be happy to consider them.”

Often kids have excellent ideas – especially if they have experienced reasonable rules when they were younger. Although children’s suggestions are always a welcome part of rule-making, it is important that you, as an adult, maintain the leadership position. This, after all, is your job.

Adapted from: Chana-Radcliffe, Sarah (2010) Raise Your Kids Without Raising Your Voice. BPS Books. New York, New York.

Veronica Johnston



## Scholastic Book Fair Volunteering

Book Fair is back in Term 3 and we are looking for parent volunteers to assist after school for one or more 30 – 60 minute sessions commencing Monday 30 July – Thursday 2 August in the Junior Library from 3.05pm.

If you are able to assist at the Book Fair Sales Desk after school on any of these days please contact:

- Feona West (Junior Librarian)  
[westf@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:westf@bmg.vic.edu.au)
- Diane Dunn (Book Fair Coordinator)  
[dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au)



## Host families needed

The school is in need of host families for our sister school visitors from Kumamoto who will be arriving next term. The students arrive on Friday 31 July for twelve days. This is a great opportunity for families and students to get involved with our overseas programs. Host students are not required to study Japanese.

The Japanese students will come to BMG each school each day with Host BMG students and will spend one weekend with you during their homestay.

Host Family Forms are available from the [school website](#). Please complete and return the form by the end of the term if you can assist. For more information, please contact Mrs Fiona Erhardt on 5366 4800.



Fiona Erhardt - Head of Languages

## School Bus Services – Prep Reception – Year 6

**Afternoon Collection Arrangements for Bus Travellers** - a reminder to parents and guardians all students in Prep-Reception – Year 6 must be collected by a parent/guardian from the bus door regardless of weather conditions.



## Lost Property

Please check that all items of student's clothing are clearly named: in doing so, items mislaid and taken to lost property will quickly be returned via class/tutor group teachers to their owners.

Please note that un-named property will not readily be released to students who claim ownership. Please clearly name your child's uniform to protect your investment in its purchase.

Parents and guardians are asked to regularly check their child/ren's uniform to ensure they have not mistakenly taken home another student's property. Any items that may have been mistakenly taken home maybe brought to the Main Administration for distribution back to the correct family.

## Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

The Hubs Program, both Learning and Sport will cease as of Friday 22 June at 5.30pm.

Families who currently use the HUBS program will have received a YMCA Ballarat information pack. All families in Prep to Year 6 have received a welcome letter from the YMCA via the class pigeon holes. The relevant handbook and enrolment form are available via the [School website](#). Additionally, families can request an information pack by making a request through the student diary.

Full program information for Vacation Care over the Term Break has been placed on the [School website](#) and we encourage families to review as we approach the end of term.

For more information regarding the OSHC programs offered by YMCA Ballarat please contact:

**Chrissie Ashmore - [Chrissie.Ashmore@ymca.org.au](mailto:Chrissie.Ashmore@ymca.org.au) - Ph: 03 5329 2800**

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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### Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Challenge; **Luca Butler-Nguyen 3B**

### Middle School Musical - Peter Pan - Term 2 Rehearsal Schedule Wednesday 20 June

Scene 9 Students only – All Pirates/All Lost Boys/Wendy/John/Michael/Tinkerbell/Hook/Smee/Peter/6 Fairies

### Term 2 - Junior School Assembly

The assembly will feature **P-2 Musical Showcase on Tuesday 19 June** in the Gymnasium, starting at 9am. In addition, age Championship Medals in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country will be presented at this Assembly.

### Years 7-12 Sports

**ICCES Winter Tour** - The ICCES Winter Tour will take place in Shepparton on the final two days of term, 21 and 22 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 overnight in Shepparton. Permission notices for successful athletes have been distributed and need to be returned ASAP.

### 2019 Term Dates

The 2019 Term Dates have been posted onto the [school website](#).

## REGULAR CONTACTS & INFORMATION

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**Absentee Line** - 5366 4888 or Absentee Email - [student\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:student_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au)

**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 (N Block) and Science (Room 01)

**Thursdays** – Mathematics (M Block)

Visit the [BMG Events Calendar](#) for the latest upcoming events.

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