

# BMG NEWS

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## BMG Mustangs 2nd in ICCES Winter Tour!

On the last two days of Term 2, twelve sporting teams represented BMG at the ICCES Winter Tour held in Shepparton. The BMG Mustangs battled hard over the two-day competition which took place in wonderful sunny, but cold conditions and all students represented the school wonderfully well. Team BMG had “big shoes” to fill having won the aggregate at the Winter Tour for the past three years.

The first day of competition saw all BMG teams place themselves in extremely competitive positions in readiness for the day two finals. Day two saw an energized Mustang Team fight hard for the medals and best performances with the Team securing a brilliant 2nd overall on aggregate, seven Grand Final appearances and a Gold Medal in Senior Boys Soccer (This team have won every year from Junior through to Senior a wonderful achievement), six Silver Medals and a Bronze medal.

Thank you to all the 140 athletes, 12 staff, 3 bus drivers and the school nurse who attended the carnival. A huge thankyou to the staff who have been coaching and administering teams since day one Term one, all the training certainly payed off. “We are more than a team we are a School”

### The final positions were:

1. Goulburn Valley Grammar
2. **Bacchus Marsh Grammar**
3. Braemar
4. Girton
5. High View College
6. Hamilton and Alexandria College

### Individual BMG Mustang Team Results:

- Gold** – Senior Boys Soccer  
**Silver** – Senior Boys Basketball  
**Silver** – Junior Girls Basketball  
**Silver** – Junior Boys Soccer  
**4th** - Intermediate Boys Soccer  
**4th** – Senior Girls Netball

- Silver** – Junior Boys Basketball  
**Silver** – Senior Girls Basketball  
**Silver** – Senior Hockey  
**Bronze** – Girls Soccer  
**4th Place** –Intermediate Girls Netball  
**5th** – Junior Girls Netball



## Legacy Public Speaking Competition

On Thursday 21 June, Mia White, Toby Turnham, Aaliyah Moosajee and I competed in the Legacy Public Speaking Regional Final where we each presented one prepared speech of five minutes and an impromptu speech of two minutes. The speeches were presented under topics of Legacy's values: mateship, personal effort, personal sacrifice and voluntary service. Legacy is a charity organisation providing support to the families of injured or deceased people who suffered during or after their defence force service. This competition provided us with experience in confidently speaking to audiences and engaging people in something we believe in. We all did an amazing job and Mia was awarded Runner Up in the competition.



**Samara Peel, Year 9**

## Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking Final



On Sunday, June 24 I participated in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking State Final representing Bacchus Marsh Grammar in the Junior Section of the competition (Years 7 - 9).

Leading up to the State Final required placing 1st in the WynSpeak Public Speaking Finals. Before I made it to the finals, an in school competition was held to select the students who would represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar. There were fifteen students who expressed interest from which two were chosen. Emily Thistlethwaite and I were selected to compete in the first heat. By winning the prepared speech section in the heat, I qualified for the finals. Over thirty different schools competed across five heats and the highest scoring students made it to the finals. Winning the final heat for WynSpeak secured me a position in the Rostrum State Finals.

The Rostrum State Finals was an amazing experience and there were many fantastic speakers. Unfortunately I didn't place, but the Rotary District Governor has invited me to speak at the 2019 Rotary District Conference in front of 2,000-3,000 Rotarians.

Competing in WynSpeak and Rostrum has been an amazing experience and I have learnt so much from it. I would like to thank everyone at school for their ongoing support and a huge thank you to Miss Murphy who has been an enormous help.

**Jackson Brown, Year 7**

## Ronan Keleher wins National TaeKwondo Selection

Year 10 student and BMG Elite Sport/ FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport athlete Ronan Keleher, has won a Gold medal at the 2018 Oceania Taekwondo Championships Team Selection Tournament.

Team selection for the 2018 Oceania Taekwondo Championships were held in Canberra, ACT, last week and Ronan secured the Gold medal in the Male Kyorugi Black Male 15-17 48/55 classification. Ronan defeated opponents from Western Australia, Victoria and Queensland on his way to claiming the Gold medal.

During his time in the nation's capital, Ronan, fought on four separate occasions, prevailing in each bout by defeating various opponents 30-8, 31-14, 23-2 and 15-5. Ronan was a resounding winner in the final. Congratulations Ronan on a brilliant performance.

Our students continue to impress and inspire us all and as a school we can certainly be extremely proud of our young athletes.

**Andrew Perks**



## SAYEMBARA LISAN (Indonesian Speaking Competition 2018)

The competition was organised by the Victorian Indonesian Language Teachers' Association (VILTA) and the Melbourne University. It is a yearly event for all Victorian schools' students who are learning Indonesian. This year, there were 1300 students from all over Victoria; Melbourne Metropolitan, Warrnambool, Shepparton, Benalla, Bendigo, Geelong, etc.

Tuesday 8th of May, the students studying Year 9 and 10 Indonesian went to Point Cook College to participate in the Sayembara Lisan Indonesian speaking competition. We got to Point Cook College and all had about an hour to prepare out speeches before the first people got called up. We were first assessed on our ability to answer questions that we had practiced beforehand, then we had to read out a speech. We were then assessed on our ability to answer impromptu questions relating to our speech. After this we caught the bus to the local McDonald's for some lunch which was an amazing end to our mostly stressful day.

A couple days later, a few of us found out the we had made it to the finals. This meant that we had about 3 weeks to memorise everything as well as we could and further improve our answers as much as possible. On Saturday June 2nd, those who were lucky enough to make it through to the finals, came to the Sidney Myer Asia Centre at Melbourne University to be assessed again. Following the final assessment, I found out that I had achieved 3rd place out of everyone in Victoria that competed in my age group. Also Hayley Dangerfield was fortunate enough to achieve highly commended for her efforts. The presentation night was held at the Melbourne University on the 22nd of June. We got there and we were presented with many different Indonesian snacks and also some Tim Tams. We got to see a couple of traditional performances and presentations from students of other schools.

Overall, the experience was helpful towards my future years of studying Indonesian, and it was enjoyable for all those who competed.

**Samuel MacKelvie - Year 9 Indonesian**

## Refugee Week Activities

From the 17 to the 23 June, Refugee Week was held. This is a week to celebrate the globe's diversity and recognise the struggles that have occurred within a refugees life before migrating. Our country symbolises hope and new opportunities to all refugees and this week is to show them that their lives are recognised and that they are welcomed to our society.

World Refugee Day, Wednesday 20 June was a day to think of how we all can make a difference in the world so that the experiences of refugees will be no longer occurring in our global community. To raise awareness, Bacchus Marsh Grammar Senior School SRC collected donations of books, toys, etc. to provide children who have been brought up as refugees, with items to bring comfort and enjoyment. The donations are being sent to the River Nile School which as well as providing young women with an education and life skills, also provides their children with childcare services. The donations will be going to the childcare centre. This week is used to reflect on the lives of the refugees.

**Samara Peel – Year 9**



## 'Why Learn Japanese?' Excursion

In June, a group of Year 9s and 10s studying Japanese travelled to Monash University to attend a forum called 'Why Learn Japanese?' The forum included many guest speakers who inspired us with their stories of how Japanese has impacted their lives. It provided us with what opportunities are available once we have finished school and the advantages of studying a language. We learnt how to draw a basic anime character from a highly experienced manga creator as well as watched demonstrations. The forum was a very inspiring and motivating experience which was a very rewarding day.

**Yasmin Matthews, Year 10**

## Is It Bullying?

When dealing with young students, we have found that the term bullying is often misused or misunderstood by both students and some parents. To ensure consistency when speaking with students and parents regarding bullying, a poster has been developed and is attached to this version of BMG News. Each Junior School classroom will have this poster displayed and used as a reference.

The national definition of bullying for Australian school says:

“Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflicts or fights between equals, whether in person or online, whilst unpleasant, are not defined as bullying.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved. Therefore, we encourage students and/or parents to report such conflicts to their child’s classroom teacher or year level coordinator. Please refer to the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Student Bullying and Harassment Policy on the [school website](#).

Adapted from Bullying No Way! [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) This website offers excellent parent resources regarding this topic.

**Nici Deller – Assistant Principal Acting Head of Junior School**

## 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 27 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.

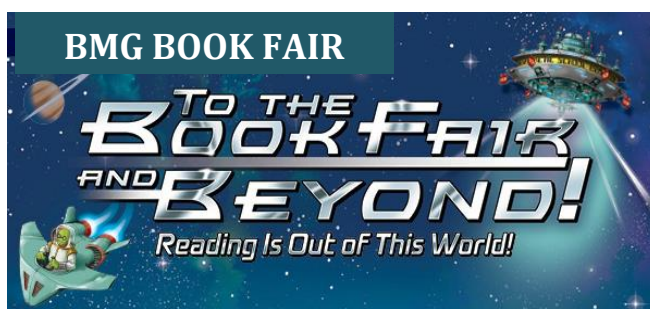
Host Family Forms are available from the [school website](#). Please complete and return the form by the end of the term if you can assist. For more information, please contact Mrs Fiona Erhardt on 5366 4800.

## 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)



## School Bus Services

For student safety, drivers have been instructed not to stop at Non Allocated Stops. Drivers will only stop at allocated bus stops as per the bus timetable. If the bus has departed the last stop, parents will need to drive their child/ren to school or find other means of transport. It is not appropriate for parents to chase the bus and hail it to stop. Drivers have been instructed not to pull over. Timetables are available on the school website.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

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### Junior School Book Bundles – Take Home Reader Books

Throughout Term 2 and the holiday break, we have spent time reviewing the “Take Home Reader Books” to align them with the Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System for each reading level.

Over the coming weeks, you may notice that your child is bringing home a book that has an icon on the back that has previously been levelled differently. It is important to remember that your child’s teacher has allocated texts that are correctly aligned to your child’s reading ability to continue to enhance their reading and comprehension skills and engagement with books. This will be discussed further at your child’s Parent Teacher interviews.

### Middle School Musical - Peter Pan Jr

#### Term 3 Rehearsal Schedule Wednesdays until 4:30pm

**Week 2 - Wednesday 25 July** - All Students Required

**Week 3 - Wednesday 1 August** – No students required due to Junior School ParentTeacher Interviews

- **Additional rehearsal for selected cast – Monday 30 July periods 5&6**

**Week 4 - Wednesday 8 August** - All Students Required – cast and crew

**Week 5 - Wednesday 15 August** - All Students Required - cast and crew in the Dance Studio

- **Additional rehearsal for selected cast – Thursday 16 August periods 5&6**

**Week 6 – Wednesday 22 August** - All Students Required – cast and crew

**Week 7 - Wednesday 29 August** - All Students Required - cast and crew in the Dance Studio

**Week 8 – Wednesday 5 September** - All Students Required – Final Rehearsal at school

- **Additional rehearsal for all cast and crew – Wednesday 5 September periods 5&6**

#### **Show Week – Week 9 - Wyndham Cultural Centre**

Technical Rehearsal for selected students - Monday 10 September

Rehearsal and Performance – All cast and crew - Tuesday 11 September

Rehearsal and Performance – All cast and crew - Wednesday 12 September

### ICCES X-Country

Congratulations to all athletes that have made the BMG Mustangs ICCES X-Country Team for 2018. The ICCES X-Country will be held on Tuesday July 31st at Bundoora Park, Melbourne. Events are scheduled to start at 11.40am and will conclude at 2.00pm. Students will travel from BMG departing at 10.00am and return to school at approximately 4.00pm. All students have been given an attendance notice and information about the event.

### 2019 Term Dates

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

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

YMCA Ballarat now operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bac 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. For more information regarding the OSHC programs offered by YMCA Ballarat please contact:

**Mobile: 0438 154 842 or Email: [bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au)**

## 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

#### **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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# IS IT BULLYING?

## NOT NICE

When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they only do it **once**...

That is **Not Nice**

## MEAN

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it **once**...

That is **Mean**

## BULLYING

When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they **keep doing it, over a period of time,** even when you tell them to stop or show them that you are upset...

That is **Bullying**

