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Year 6 Vietnam Tour - June 2018

From 16 to 26 of June a group of eighteen students and four teachers went on a study tour of Vietnam. The trip was designed for students to gain an appreciation for differing cultures, an understanding of the world around them and gain a greater sense of personal independence.

The highlights for students of the Vietnam trip were; visiting one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Halong Bay, exploring natural caves, crawling through the Cu Chi Tunnels and learning about the Vietnam war. One of the many things we learnt was that the Vietnamese used the tunnels to their advantage against the American soldiers and used many traps and decoys to slow down their advances. We also participated in a hands on cooking school at Red Bridge. Where we made a prepared delicious three course meal for ourselves. We sailed the Mekong Delta River, watched a water puppet performance, rode down a narrow canal in traditional boats and visited a floating market.

We had the option to get a custom fitted dress or suits made for us going through the process of design, tailoring and refitting, until we were happy with our final products. It was amazing to see how clothing is made from start to finish using traditional methods.

We all learnt so much from this trip. Things we will use for our whole life; learning a new language, culture and even travelling with our classmates. We made lifelong friends and we will remember this trip forever.

We would like to thank the teachers who attended the trip. Mrs Davie, Mrs Stephens, Mr Hilton and Mr LaFranchi.







Singapore Sports Tour 2018

On Friday 1 June, eleven students along with Mr Durham, Miss Nicolle and Mrs Daniel travelled to Singapore to attend the Singapore Sports School on BMG's annual international sports training camp. Athletes attended a number of training sessions conducted by Elite International Coaches in a sessions ran by BMG's Elite Sports Staff. Athletes trained in a variety of sports including; dance, athletics, and strength and conditioning.

The camp focused on:

- Introduction to Sports Specific International Training Venue
- Education on travel and being an elite athlete
- Preparation of the body pre and post flight
- Nutrition and training/ Competition in a foreign country
- Strength and conditioning when traveling
- Education and practical application of fatigue and recovery strategies
- The opportunity to attend specific dance workshops at a world renowned School.
- A cultural experience in Asia

All students had a fabulous time and trained extremely hard in challenging conditions, with temperatures being between 29 and 34 degrees Celsius every day. This certainly was a welcome relief to the cold and frosty conditions athletes left in Melbourne. Students also had the opportunity to enjoy the sights of Singapore, including Universal Studios, the Night Zoo, Singapore Flyer, Gardens by the Bay, shopping and the Wild Wet Water Park. There were so many highlights of the trip and I am sure that the students involved will pass on their adventuring stories at school.

I would like to thank all students for their maturity and dedication to making the tour a successful and memorable one. Personally I would like to thank the staff who attended for their professionalism throughout the camp. Finally a big thankyou to both Mr Neal who continues to support and encourage the sporting programs at BMG and to the Singapore Sports School; in particular, Cindy Tan Zhen Lin and Lee Min Li for their continued help and support with this program. We certainly look forward to another exciting camp next year in Singapore.







Seeking Student Representatives to Place a Wreath on the Avenue of Honour Trees

On Saturday 11 August at 12.00pm Bacchus Marsh RSL will be commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the planting of the Avenue of Honour trees. RSL are seeking the assistance of local school children to place a wreath on a tree.

Students will be allocated a tree and given instructions regarding where to pick up the wreath and what to do. Parents are asked to accompany the student. Students can dress in their school uniform or 100 year costume. If your child is interested in taking part in this event, please email Bacchus Marsh RSL via kbarbuto@moorabool.vic.gov.au by Monday 6 August.

Kat Barbuto | Tourism & Events Officer Moorabool Shire Council

Years 7-12 ICCES X-Country, Debating, Chess and Individual Student Sporting Achievements 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 31 July 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 10.00pm and return to school at approximately 4.00pm. All students have been given an attendance notice and information about the event.

Goodluck also to the students that have made the ICCES debating and Chess Teams for 2018. These events are being hosted by Bacchus Marsh Grammar and we look forward to hearing about the results both in the Teams and Individual events.

BMG Mustangs AFL to host ICCES Football Carnival on the 16th of August

The BMG Mustangs years 7/8 and 9/10 Boys AFL Football Teams as well as the Girls Years 7-9 and 10-12 Football Teams will play Braemar College, Girton Grammar and Goluburn Valley Grammar on the 16 August in our annual ICCES Cup competition. This competition is in its third year and it has strengthened to now include four ICCES Schools in the Round Robin Competition.

The games will be played at:

9.30 am at Maddingley Park - Year 7 to 9 Boys

9.30 am at Darley Park - Years 9 to 10 Boys and,

9.30 am Maddingley Park and "Siberia" Girls Football both grades.

The format of the day will occur in a round robin with all schools competing against each other. Teams are in the process of being finalized with notices handed to all athletes. Good luck to all coaches and players.

Senior Football vs Ballarat Grammar School

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Mustangs will play their annual Senior School Football match against Ballarat Grammar School on Tuesday 7 August at 4.00pm at Ballarat Grammar School. This is the fourth year that the VCE boys have had the opportunity to play AFL against Ballarat Grammar with the ledger placed at 2-1 in favour of Ballarat. We wish the coaches Mr Long and Mr Oldaker as well as our boys all the best on the 8th.

Congratulations to our Athletes

Congratulations to Amy O'Hara from Year 8 who represented Victoria recently at the under 16 Australia Junior Championships Basketball Championships in Queensland, Sunshine Coast

Amy played as a bottom age player and played against metro and country teams from all States. layed as a bottom aged player. Her Victorian Team went onto win the Gold Medal and went away from the tournament undefeated. This is a fanatastic result and reflects her dedication to her sport and training. Congratulations Amy.

Good luck to Ben DeBortoli WestVic/ BMG Elite Sport Scholarship holder in the WestVic "Athlete of the Year" award which will be awarded on Tuesday 31 July; recognising the very best athletes supported by FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport and their achievements for 2018. The event will be hosted by the Ballarat Sportsmens Club at the Ballarat Golf Club as the feature of their August dinner.

Andrew Perks - Director of Sport

Host Family Thank you

A big **thank you** to those families currently hosting our French students and to those who will host our Japanese visitors arriving next week.

Our exchange programs cannot happen without you. Host families are in invaluable part of the experience of living in another country, so thank you for taking on the extra work and responsibility. We are grateful to the many families who help out with our exchanges every year, so please offer to host next time around. It is a wonderful experience for your children to learn about and appreciate another culture first hand.

Fiona Erhardt - Head of LOTE

BMG In Concert

Bacchus Marsh Grammar students and staff proudly present an evening of musical performances at the Wyndham Cultural Centre in Werribee. Audience members will enjoy a diverse and entertaining program including solo and group acts. The concert will commence at 7pm. Last term students performing at this upcoming concert recorded some of the repertoire they have been rehearsing throughout the year. These recordings will be available free of charge online via download codes which will be printed in the concert programs.

All ticket sales are coordinated by the <u>Wyndham Cultural Centre</u>, <u>www.wyncc.com.au</u>. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 30 July from the Wyndham Cultural Centre Box Office, 177 Watton St, Werribee. Tickets may be purchased in person or by phone using VISA or MasterCard during business hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm). Phone: 8734 6000 at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket.

Tickets are also available to purchase online: Visit the <u>Wyndham Cultural Centre website</u>. Please note all online bookings will incur an additional charge of \$1.95 per ticket.





DAV Debating News

On Monday 23 May the BMG Debating Team attended the 5th and final round of the DAV debating competition for 2018. Our two C grade teams won their debate on the topic 'That Australia should introduce an inheritance tax'. Both teams delivered impassioned speeches exploring the economic and social impacts. The A grade team unfortunately lost their debate on their final secret topic 'Developed countries should compensate developing countries for the effects of climate change'. Despite the difficult topic they presented well.

The D grade teams had another prepared topic 'Australia should introduce minimum mandatory sentencing for all violent crimes'. Both teams had well-prepared speeches on this topic however we had two losses at this grade. It was pleasing to see so many students participate throughout the 5 rounds of debating. They have all shown consistent improvement in their public speaking skills and confidence. We are hoping to see many new faces for DAV debating in 2019.

Thank you to Ms Wantania for attending all debates and supporting A and B grade teams. Congratulations to the following students who competed on Monday night: Nicole Wright, Danny Osman, Nazeeha Moosajee, Andrew Donohue (helper), Declan Xerri, Yasmin Matthews, Elana Penny (Best Speaker), Nikita Wright (Best Speaker), Chantal Thomas, Arshnoor Singh, Cole Healy, Molly Koorn, Todd Robinson, Lloyd Slimmon, Lily Trethowan and Neha Vinu.

Alyce Coyne

Careers

The first Careers Newsletter for Term 3 has been emailed to students in Years 9-12. Highlights of this edition includes information about the Year 12 Tertiary application process, Work Experience at Victoria Police as well as a new student-initiative of a shared Careers Calendar. A copy of the newsletter can be found on the <u>school website</u>.

Prep C and 6C Buddies Car Challenge

Each week in Prep students learn a new word of the week. Our word for the last week of Term Two was 'car'. On the last day of Term Two, Prep C and their Year Six buddy class – 6C participated in a car challenge. Children were asked to bring recyclable materials from home and construct a car with a moving part with their buddies.

On the 22 June 6C and Prep C made cars out of recyclable materials BUT a problem arose. One of the hardest things was to include a moving aspect on the vehicle. Akki and I personally added retractable wings. I thought this was a great activities for the Preps and Sixes alike. *By Matty (6C) and Akki (Prep C)*.

Today we made a car using cardboard boxes. The challenge was to make a car with moving parts. Our moving part was the bonnet. The bonnet lifted up to reveal an engine made of glad wrap. We used icy pole sticks for lights. We also taped pipe cleaners to icy pole sticks to make an aerial. We made a seat out of a small square box. We used milk bottle caps to create wheels. We had a fabulous time with our buddies. *By Aidan (6C) and Zayne (Prep C)*.





Book Fair has arrived at BMG Junior Library!



This week is Book Looks & Wish-lists with Mrs West for all our Junior School students before the Fair opens for sales from lunchtime on Monday 30th July. We will accept orders prior which can be collected when our sales desk opens.

SALES SESSION TIMES:

Monday 30th July 3.05 – 4.30pm

Tuesday 31st July 8.30 – 8.45am 3.05 – 4.30pm

 Wednesday 1st August
 8.30 - 8.45am
 3.05 - 7.00pm (P/T interviews)

 Thursday 2nd August
 8.30 - 8.45am
 3.05 - 7.00pm (P/T interviews)

The Fair will be open lunchtimes 1.00 – 1.25pm for students (Monday-Thursday)

Friday 3 August 8.30 – 8.45am (then closed except for orders only)

Book Fair Volunteering

If you are able to assist at the Book Fair Sales Desk after school on any of these days please email Feona West (Junior Librarian) at westf@bmg.vic.edu.au or Diane Dunn (Book Fair Coordinator) at dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au. Thank you.

Di Dunn – Book Fair Coordinator

School Photos

The school has received a number of inquiries and concerns in relation to the 2018 School photos. MSP Photography Ballarat has accepted that the class group images are not up to standard and will be reprinting all class and Tutor group images purchased by families. They hope to have these delivered to the school by the end of next week. There are still a number of individual and family photos that are still to be delivered to the school. If you have not ordered school photos you will need to contact the photographers directly on **5333 5577**.

We thank the School community for your patience.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Annual Creative Writing Competition Years 2-6

Topic: Once I Found a Key

Entries are now being accepted

- *End Date: 16 August (No LATE entries will be ACCEPTED)
- *Hard Copies MUST be submitted to Mrs West at the Library
- *No **EMAILED** Copies are allowed!
- *Entries can be handwritten or typed
- *Don't forget to include your FULL NAME and CLASS!
- *Judges are looking for Well Written and Detailed Stories!
- *If You Have any Questions Feel free to ask Mrs West, Grace Strang (6C), Ella Benson (6D) or Anika Kanneganti (6E)

We are Happy to Answer any Questions you like!

Let your Imagination run Wild and Good Luck.



Prep – Year 6 Instrumental Concert Series.

During Week 7 the BMG Music Department will be holding our annual Junior Instrumental Concert Series. This event provides our instrumental students and co-curricular ensembles with an invaluable performance opportunity.

The concert series will commence on Monday 27 August and will conclude on Thursday 30 August. The concerts will take place in Wilson Hall from 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Date:	Ensemble(s) also performing:
Monday 27 August	Junior Orchestra
Tuesday 28 August	Junior Stage Band
Wednesday 29 August	Years 2-4 Choir & Years 5-8 Choir
Thursday 30 August	(no ensemble)

Concert Series Enrolment forms have been distributed to students via their instrumental teachers, please ensure these forms are filled in and returned no later than Friday the 11 August. Students who have music lessons from an external music teacher and wish to perform at the concert series can obtain an enrolment form from Mr Westgarth.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to parents, family and friends to join us for what will be a wonderful performance opportunity for our up-and-coming young musicians. Please contact Mr Troy Westgarth with any queries.

Senior Vocal Ensemble & Middle School Choir

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 5-12 vocalists who presented a fine rendition of 'One Call Away' at this week's assembly.

A reminder to students that we have a number of important performances coming up and as such, attendance is vital throughout Term Three. BMG in Concert is scheduled for Wednesday 15 August and the Royal South Street Eisteddfod choral competitions will take place during Week 7. Students who opt not to attend all scheduled rehearsals in the lead-up to both events may be ineligible to participate.

A warm "thank you" to those members who have been attending regularly. I look forward to outstanding commitment and effort from all students for the remainder of the year.

Steven Bell - Assistant Director of Music

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 CONTINUED

Middle School Musical - Peter Pan Jr Term 3 Rehearsal Schedule Wednesdays until 4:30pm

- 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

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Open times and days

Monday 12.30 – 4.30 Wednesday 8.00 – 12.00 Friday 12.30 – 4.30

Phone Orders - 5367 4072

You are welcome to make phone orders and pay with a credit card. Once payment is complete your order maybe delivered through the pigeon hole system to class and tutor groups.

Handy Hints.

If I don't answer the phone, please leave a message and I will call you back.

Please know the item and size you want.

Please know your child's tutor group.

Please have your credit card ready.

Please expect next day delivery.

Please put a note in your child's diary to alert their teacher that you are expecting a delivery from the uniform shop.

All these tips will make the ordering process run smoothly THANK YOU. Trish Shilton

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 <u>School website</u>. 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

REGULAR CONTACTS & INFORMATION

Absentee Line - 5366 4888 or Absentee Email - 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 <u>BMG Events Calendar</u> for the latest upcoming events.

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Enquiries: Mr Dean Thomas, 03 5366 4800

