

BMG NEWS

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

Thank you to the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Students who took part in the Centenary Celebrations of the Avenue of Honour last weekend. The Avenue of Honour is a significant access link into the town. BMG students were invited to help celebrate the centenary by hanging wreaths on the trees along the avenue throughout the parade to honour those who lost their lives. Thank you also to the parents who support the students and this event. Students who registered to participate include; Thomas and Abbey Smith, Freya Lidgett Egan, Isabella Weeks, Anthony Jovic, Kate Kelloway, Tristian Norman, Liam Pluck, Thomas Stoian, Jasmin and Jayde Coady, and Joshua Huxtable.



SCIENCE NIGHT IS COMING – Tuesday 21 August

Science Night this year promises to be another fun-filled night exploring the discoveries and inventions that have changed our world. Come along and experience lots of hands-on activities including a Chemistry Show and ice-cream made with liquid nitrogen, not to mention the Science Fair of student projects.

The BMG Observatory will also be open for viewing the planets, weather and visibility permitting. Put the date in your diary and come along for a night of Science fun! **Ms Krosby and Mrs Patterson**

Date: Tuesday 21 August

Time: 5.00-7.00pm

Location: W Block

Mid Term Break Friday 17 August – No School for Students and Staff

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Open Day

Bacchus Marsh Grammar would like to invite past students, parents and staff to celebrate our thirty year milestone at an Open Day on Friday 7 September.

The school will conduct tours at set times throughout the day. If you would like to be a part of the celebration, please book your place on a tour by visiting the School's website under ["Celebrating 30 years"](#).

Please note bookings are essential.



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Celebrating 30 Years

Outdoor and Environmental Studies - Alpine Expedition to Toolangi State Forest and Mt Buller

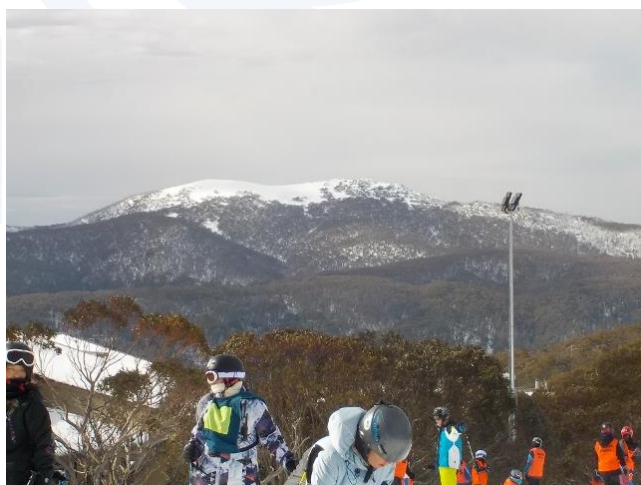
On Thursday 2 and Friday 3 August 2018, as a part of Unit 3/4 Outdoor Environmental Studies I alongside many other OES students participated in our Alpine Expedition to the Toolangi State Forest and Mt Buller.

On Thursday we departed from school. Our first destination was the enchanting Wirrawilla Rainforest where we were able to walk through one of the very few remaining rainforests in Victoria. We were even lucky enough to taste some of the fresh water from the stream which tasted very cold and clean as it has been naturally filtered over time. After eating a quick snack we investigated some sustainable logging sites within the Toolangi forest. After learning about the management practices, we ate lunch at the peaceful Suspension Bridge picnic area and went for a hike to experience the sights and sounds of the forest. We learnt about the Black Saturday bushfires and their impact on people and the land.

We camped in tents Thursday night at Mansfield. The night was cold being at the bottom of an alpine environment however we all survived! Friday morning we headed off to Mt Buller. The morning began with snowboarding lessons where we learnt how to catch the ski lift and the basics of making our way down the mountain with our legs strapped to the board. After a hot lunch we heading back out for more fun on the slopes, however as the day progressed the conditions worsened until only a few brave souls were left snowboarding down the main run.

We headed back to school tired, hungry but also full of knowledge and memories of the fun times. On the expedition we were lucky enough to experience some of the most amazing outdoor environments (and weather) Victoria has to offer. All of which added to our knowledge and understanding of the amazing Victorian Highlands and the management strategies in place to protect these sensitive areas for current and future generations to enjoy and appreciate in years to come.

Chloe Woolley Year 11



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

A BIG thank you to all the host families involved in the recent Japanese exchange program with our sister school in Kumamoto. Thank you for opening up your homes and giving the Japanese students a small taste of the Australian way of life. The LOTE department and I appreciate your efforts and care very much.

Mr Michael Love and The LOTE Team

Unit 4 Food Studies Boundary Fence Farm Tour

The Unit 4 Food Studies class last week took part in a visit to the Balliang farm of Chris and Kate Sharkey. In response to the new curriculum for VCE Food Studies, Kate started up Boundary Fence Farm tours as a way to allow students and teachers of Food Studies to experience first-hand the practices that farmers implement to ensure that their practices are sustainable, secure and include the use of the latest technology.

The students found the tour extremely beneficial to their learning as well as help them understand current issues facing the industry. We were shown how the use of crop rotation leads to not only a healthy crop, but healthy soil and surrounding environment. We learnt about the bio security procedures in place to ensure the safe production of free range pork. Then finished the tour with a first had look of their new flour mill, which is being used to mill their own wheat into flour which in turn is being used to produce a local grown and baked sourdough bread available through Darley Bakehouse under the name of Dry Creek Milling Co. An extremely valuable learning experience and one that the students will be able to draw upon in their upcoming examinations.

Mrs Jacqueline Huxtable - Assistant Learning Area Coordinator: Food Technology



Years 7-12 ICCES News

ICCES Summer Competition

The Summer ICCES Competition is a round robin tournament to be held between Bacchus Marsh Grammar School, Braemar College and Goulburn Valley Grammar School in Ballarat on Friday 12 October. Mustang competitors have been busy with training and selection for their respective teams that will include; Girls Softball, Boys Cricket, Boys and Girls Volleyball, Boys and Girls Tennis and Golf.

The competition will start at 9.00am and conclude in Ballarat at 4.00pm. There will be more information to follow.

ICCES Football

The BMG years 7/8 and 9/10 Boys AFL Football Teams as well as the 7-9 and 10-12 Girls Football Teams played Braemar College, Girton Grammar and Goluburn Valley Grammar on Thursday 16 August in our annual ICCES Cup competition. This competition was played last 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 and 8 Boys

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

9.30 am Maddingley Park and "Siberia" 7-9, 10-12 Girls Football

The format will be round robin with all schools playing each other throughout the day. Teams are in the process of being finalized with notices handed to all athletes. Good luck to both coaches Mr Castrignano Yr7/8 and Mr. Long Yr 9/10 and Mrs Garner, Mrs Zarah and Mr Stone Girls Football.

Ben DeBortoli nominated for West Vic Athlete of the Year

Congratulations to Ben DeBortoli WestVic/ BMG Elite Sport Scholarship holder who was recently nominated for the WestVic "Athlete of the Year" award which recognised the very best athletes supported by FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport and their achievements for 2017 & 2018.

Ben De Bortoli pictured right



Ben De Bortoli recently claimed two Gold medals at the 2018 Australian Karate Federation Championships. In The National Championships, held in Caloundra, Queensland, last weekend, Ben secured the Gold medal in the Kumite Individual Male Under 21 -75kg event.

In more good news for Ben, he was a member of the Victorian team which won the Gold Medal in the Male Senior Team event.

To cap a stellar weekend of results, De Bortoli also claimed a Silver medal, his third overall for the Championships, in the Kumite Individual Male Senior event.

Individual Student Sporting Achievements

Eliza Wales secured the Gold medal in the Kumite Individual Female Cadets +54kg event at the at the 2018 Australian Karate Federation Championships. Eliza won all bouts on her way to claiming the Gold medal and officially becoming the 2018 National Champion.

In more good news for Eliza, she competed in the Victorian squad which won the Female Cadet Team event, to cap a stellar weekend.

In July, Eliza was invited by the WestVic Academy of Sport to visit the world-class facilities at the Victorian Institute of Sport at Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park to experience what it takes to be an elite athlete. Wales completed a strength and conditioning gym session with an expert Physical Preparation Coach, a talent ID speed and power test with a Sport Scientist, and participated in a practical Pilates session, plus a nutrition workshop and cooking class with a VIS Sport Dietitian.

Eliza also had the opportunity to hear from regional Victorian native, Melissa “Milly” Tapper, about her life as an elite athlete and her journey to the top of Australian and International sport.

Brent McInnes Year 9 BMG Elite Sports won a Silver Medal in the 2018 Australian Karate Federation Championships. Brent competed for Victoria in the Cadet Boys Under 52 kg Class and fought brilliantly throughout the tournament.

Jacob Attard Year 9 BMG Elite Sports won a Bronze Medal in the 2018 Australian Karate Federation Championships. Brent competed for Victoria in the Cadet Boys Under 57 kg Class and fought bravely throughout the tournament. Congratulations Jacob and our other athletes.

Andrew Perks - Director of Sport

Stop- One Punch Can Kill

On Monday 13 August the VCE students were addressed by Caterina Politi from Stop- One Punch Can Kill. Caterina sadly lost her son, David Cassai, to a one-punch attack in 2012. She has since become a tireless campaigner against street and social violence. Caterina shared her story with our students, as well as reminded them of their personal and social responsibilities.



Bacchus Marsh Grammar would like to thank Caterina for her presentation, her bravery and her commitment to saving others from such a tragic loss. We encourage the wider school community to share the message of the [Stop- One Punch Can Kill campaign](#).

David Cassai’s story can be found [here](#):

Sarah Hunter

Father’s Day Stall - Thursday 30 August 2018

BMG is hosting a Father’s Day stall for Students in Years Prep Reception to Year 6. There will be a range of gifts to choose from for the special men in their lives. Gifts are required to be paid for online through the Qkr App, Father’s Day Stall Tab no later than 11am Friday 24 August. All gifts are \$5.00 each.

Students will visit the stall at allocated times during the school day. Don’t forget to send along a bag to ensure the gifts make it home safely. Any questions please contact Cathy Perconte on 5366 4800.



Middle School Sport

Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships

We wish Bacchus Marsh Grammar's Snowsports team good luck as they head to Mt Buller for the Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships next week. Our students will be competing in a range of events, including Alpine Giant Slalom, Snowboard Giant Slalom, Freestyle Ski – Moguls, Skier Cross and Boarder Cross.

Students competing are Jesse Trembath, Summer, Kaylee and Taylah Wray and Kaeden Lussetti. Watch this space in the coming weeks for results.

Mr Nick Sher - Junior School Physical Education and Sport Co-Ordinator

Careers News

Assistance with Tertiary Applications for 2019 Entry

On Thursday 23 August, the school will be hosting a Parent Tertiary Applications Evening at the Lecture Theatre from 6.30pm-7.30pm. A letter has been sent to all Year 12 parents/guardians and final year VCAL student families.

The BMG Careers newsletter is also available for the latest careers news on the [BMG website](#).

Alice Wu-Tollis - Careers & Course Counselling: Practitioner

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Bookfair Backorders

Book Fair apologises for the delay in getting the backorders to our students. There has been a high demand for some titles which has meant that Scholastic is low on stock especially as we are competing with other book fairs currently being held around Australia. We have many partially filled orders that are awaiting a final item to be ready for distribution. Hopefully this will take place sometime next week.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Challenge; **Edward Richards 4A, Luka Cvetkovic 5F, Sehajvir Singh 5B and Armannjot Singh 7E**

Prep – Year 6 Instrumental Concert Series.

From Monday 27 August concluding on Thursday 30 August. The concerts will take place in Wilson Hall from 3.30 – 5.00pm. 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 Westgarth with any queries.

Middle School Musical - Peter Pan Jr

Term 3 Rehearsal Schedule Wednesdays until 4:30pm

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

Year 7-12 Student Assessment Schedules

All senior school Individual Student Assessment Schedules are now available to be viewed through myParent Portal under the DocMan tab. These give information as to which weeks your child will be sitting scheduled assessments.

Eliza Rivette - Coordinator: Senior School Reports

2019 International Trips

For students who have expressed interest in the 2019 international trips the myBMG parent portal is now open for deposits for the 2019 trips to New Caledonia and Indonesia. Log onto the Parent Portal and open the "events and sales" tab.

If your child is currently in Year 8 – 10 they may be eligible to go on these trips.

For those students interested in going to Japan, please keep an eye out for further information, as deposit payments will be requested early next term.

Fiona Erhardt - Learning Area Coordinator: LOTE

Senior School Musical Production 2019 – "Once Upon A Mattress"

The Senior School Musical Production for 2019 will be "Once Upon A Mattress". The production is based on the story of "The Princess and The Pea", but if you thought you knew this tale, you may be in for a walloping surprise! Did you know, for instance, that Princess Winnifred actually swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab? Or that Lady Larken's love for Sir Harry provided a rather compelling reason that she reached the bridal altar post haste? Or that, in fact, it wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night?

Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again. Fun for the whole family.

Applications are now open for students in Year 9 – 11 2019 to take part in this exciting event. Actors, singers, dancers, musicians, backstage crew and prop makers are all encouraged to register their interest by completing an application form available from the Administration Office and the Senior School Musical Team (Ms Helena Stratakos, Mr Dean Thomas, Miss Sally Durham and Mr Shane McNee). **APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 23 AUGUST.**

Ms Helena Stratakos - Head of Drama 7-12

BMG COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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

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

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Important Enrolment Information 2019

Please note registrations of interest for Prep and Year 7, 2019 have been confirmed and now closed. Applications for 2019 for the Woodlea Campus in Years 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be placed on a waiting list.

COMMUNITY ROAD SAFETY FORUM



Are you a young adult driver or the parent of a young adult driver?
Don't miss this forum and your chance to improve your road safety knowledge

FREE EVENT To register please visit the Melton Learning Website:
meltonlearning.com.au/event/community-road-safety-forum/

- ▶ **GUEST SPEAKERS**
- ▶ **FREE SHOWBAGS**
- ▶ **BROCHURES**
- ▶ **INFORMATION**

Learn more about road rules and the effects of road trauma including serious injury and fatal collisions.

The information provided in this forum will be about the impact of road trauma on our community and may be confronting.

WHEN Thursday 30 August 2018
TIME Welcome & registrations 6.20pm
Start 6.30 - 9.00pm
WHERE Melton Library
(Balam Balam Seminar Room)
31 McKenzie Street, Melton

WIN FREE DRIVING LESSONS!

