



## Peter Pan JR

Congratulations to everyone involved.

The Middle School Production team has had a wonderful time putting together our very first Middle School Musical 'Peter Pan JR.'

I would sincerely like to thank all the staff who have contributed to its success. The students are very lucky to have such talented teachers who are willing to go above and beyond to offer them this amazing opportunity. The students really responded with what was a very polished and entertaining performance.

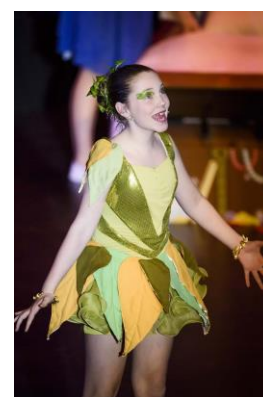
Thank you to all staff who supported those involved in the production, including all the families who helped to get our performers ready for the shows on Tuesday and Wednesday.

This production has been a great BMG team effort from students, staff, families and administration right through to the Maintenance team.

All those hours of rehearsal and organising have definitely paid off. Looking forward to what 2019 will bring.

A professional DVD of the performance will be available to students involved in the musical very soon.

**Mrs Jenni Coombs - Musical Coordinator**



## Exam Preparation

As Year 12 students prepare for their final examinations next term, students are reminded that revision classes are being held during the term break. Students are reminded to sign in and out when they attend these sessions. All students completing a Unit 3 and 4 subject will undertake a practice exam for each subject. These exams will be held from Monday 8 October to Wednesday 10 October. Students are encouraged to review the practice examination timetable to ensure they attend the correct sessions.

**Mrs Natalie Desira – Year 12 Coordinator**

## Good Luck to our students on the Kokoda Trek

On Saturday 22 September, thirteen Year 10 students along with Mr Park, Mr Perks and Miss Nicolle will spend the holiday break trekking the famous Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea with Getaway Trekking.

The expedition begins with the group flying from Melbourne to Brisbane and then onto Port Moresby, where they will take a day to prepare themselves for the Kokoda Track. The Kokoda Trail or Track is a single-file foot thoroughfare that runs 96 kilometres (60 mi) overland – 60 kilometres (37 mi) in a straight line – through the Owen Stanley Range in Papua New Guinea.

Students and staff will make their way along the track, trekking and camping for 11 days. We wish them all the best and eagerly await to hear tales from their adventure.

## ICCES Summer Competition

This year's Summer ICCES Competition will be a round robin format tournament, held between Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Braemar College, Ballarat Grammar School and Goulburn Valley Grammar School in Ballarat on 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 Boys/ Girls Golf.

The competition will start at 9.00am and conclude by 4.00pm. Final Team selections were completed this week.

## Outstanding Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to Devin Leahy 6D who was chosen to play for the City West Baseball Team, in the Under 12's State Winter Championships held in Mildura. The team won the State Winter Championships and Devin was named 'Most Valuable Player' (MVP). An outstanding achievement.

**Mr Andrew Perks - Director of Sport**

## Melbourne Show Cookery Competition

This year 45 students entered exhibits in the upcoming Royal Melbourne Show Junior Cookery competition. Students spent after school on Wednesdays throughout Term 2 preparing their entries in the categories of decorated cupcakes, decorated cakes and gingerbread people. This year we had the added excitement of Channel 10's Totally Wild program following our progress for a story to be aired in the coming weeks. If you are visiting the show over the school holidays please pop into the Art and Craft exhibits and take a look at the wonderful work of our students. We wish all entrants the best of luck with judging taking place later this week before the show opens on Saturday. We will publish results in the newsletter next term.



**Mrs Shelley Frislie & Mrs Jacqui Huxtable**

## VCE Food Studies Unit 2 excursion to Tripod Farms

Last week 23 students from the VCE Food Studies Unit 2 class visited Tripod Farms located in the Avenue of Honour Bacchus Marsh. Many of the students pass this farm and its packaging facilities everyday but were not aware of the amount of product that is grown both on site and at their other farms, packed and distributed to supermarkets and restaurants around the country and as far as Singapore. The students were able to reinforce their knowledge of Australia's food systems, with particular focus Food Safety and packaging regulations for retail products. A big thank you to Frankie Ruffo and his staff for taking time out of their busy work day to show us around. The students were very excited to take home their free sample of lettuce and spinach.

**Mrs Jacqui Huxtable**

## BMG musicians entertain local senior citizens

A group of residents from the Grant Lodge Aged Care Facility visited the BMG Cafe on Wednesday 19 September and were entertained by a collection of committed and talented senior students. Mr Bell would like to congratulate and thank the following students for their community service:

- Stephanie Trento 12B, Jamie Cabato 11D, Sydney McCallum 10D, Amber Eden-Jones 11B and Sarah Borg 11B.

Congratulations also goes to the Hospitality Department and students for hosting such a lovely event.

**Mr Steven Bell - Assistant Director of Music**

A reminder that students return for Term 4 on Tuesday 9 October.

## Literacy Parade

On Monday 10 September the Prep to Year Four students participated in the annual Literacy Parade. We had a great turn out of parents and family members to support the Junior School students in their performances. We would like to thank all of those who came to support and for the hard work of the teachers who choreographed the performances. We would also like to thank the parents for organising some wonderful costumes, these really brought the show to life.

Miss Imogen Murray and Miss Zoe Osborn- 2018 Literacy Parade Coordinators



## Book Day – Year 5 to Year 8

On Monday 10 September students and staff across the school celebrated reading and literacy with our annual Book Day. Students in years 5-8 were encouraged to dress up as a favourite literary character and participate in activities across the day. The year 10 & 11 VCAL class held a fundraising BBQ to add to the day's festivities. All proceeds from the Book Day fundraiser will be donated to the River Nile School-

a school that focuses upon delivering free education to female refugees in Melbourne. It was a truly wonderful day with great participation across all year levels. All students that dressed up entered our Book Day raffle.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Genevieve Tetkowski 6D; Connor Horell 8F; Mariam Hussain 7F; Thomas Bens 7E; Roshyna Attwal 5E; Shea Cain-Wherrett 6C.

A special congratulations to our major prize winner: Olivia Beggs 7H.

Olivia won a family pass to this year's Royal Melbourne Show.

Well done to all students for your participation and enthusiasm. We look forward to celebrating Book Day again in 2019.



Mrs Sarah Hunter & Mrs Kelly Dilges

## State Chess Finals

On Thursday 13 September, eight students represented BMG at the State Chess Finals Open Division, hosted by Maribyrnong Secondary College and attended by schools ranging from elite private colleges to regional public schools. We had qualified for the State Finals thanks to our success at the BMG Tournament in April and the ICCES Tournament in July. Our team of Zak Crossman 12A, Ben West 12D, Joseph Earnshaw 12A, Joshua Johnson 10A, Ethan Rayner 10G, Phoenix Hasiotis-Welsh 10E, Marcus Hunak 10D and Phaedon Vass 9G competed very well on the day, with Ben, Zak and Joseph finishing the day with winning records. BMG finished the tournament in 15th position of the 29 entrants. Congratulations to those students competing on the day, as well as those who helped BMG qualify for the State Finals throughout the year.

**Mr Shane McNee - Coordinator: Chess Club**

## VCE Drama Theatresports

This year, Senior School Drama combined the first public performance of the VCE Drama students' solos with Theatresports Night, which offered an array of entertainment for audiences.

VCE students were able to perform their works in progress to family and friends, which will help them continue to develop and refine their work for their Solo Performance Examination next term. This was followed by a change of scene, mood and costume as we morphed into comedy geniuses ready to do improvisational battle. Thanks to judges Mr Shane McNee, Mrs Alice Backhouse and Chloe Cini, as well as our 'class of 2015' scorers and time keepers, Shimron Munshi, Caitlin Fortune and Tayla Parsons.

The support of the Music Department and Maintenance is also greatly appreciated. And our congratulations go to the champions of the night Taran Pannu 12E, Ismar Rizdalovic 12G, Bek Staunton 12B and Luke Whittaker 12E for making us laugh till we cried. A fun night had by all!



**Mrs Helena Stratakos – Head of Drama – 7 to 12**

## School Gymnastics Performances

I would like to congratulate Amelia Wilson 5C, Charlotte Ogston 6D, Daisy Tipton 6D, Dyllan Tarabene 5E, Makenzie Jarvis 5C, Ruby Simmons 6C and Tyra Stanley 6C for representing the BMG in the Primary Schools Gymnastics Competition, convened by Gymnastics Victoria. They finished with an outstanding team result of 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and 3<sup>rd</sup> individually on 4 of the 5 apparatus. All of the girls performed admirably and represented the school with pride during this competition. Well done!

## Middle School Colours

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Middle School Colours this week; Grace Sanders-Savage 8A, Mischa Petilla 6B, Freya Lidgett-Egan 6E and Zack Burston 6A.

I strongly encourage all Middle School Students to download the Middle School Colours spreadsheet from the student portal and begin to tally their points to see if they are eligible to receive school colours.

**Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School**

## Instrumental Music Program 2019

All students currently enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program in 2018 will be required to re-enrol for 2019 if they wish to continue lessons.

Re-enrolment forms for the Instrumental Music Program for 2019 will be sent home to existing students this week.

**The form must be completed even if you are wishing to cancel out of the program.** This form **MUST** be returned to administration by **Friday 12 October 2018** to secure your child's place in the 2019 Instrumental Music Program or to cancel from the program. If no notice has been received by this date, students may lose their current place in the program and will be added to the waiting list until further notice.

Students wishing to enrol into the 2019 instrumental program who are not currently part of the program, need to complete an [Instrumental Music Program Expression of Interest Form](#) which can be found on the [school website](#).

Formal letters of offer will be sent to parents the week beginning Monday 12 November next term.

*Please note that allocated teachers may change from year to year due to a number of factors. Every effort is made for students to retain their existing teachers, but this is not always possible.*

In the instance that a student is enrolled in a shared lesson format and a suitable partner to share with is not available, students will continue to be enrolled in a shared lesson format but will receive a reduced private lesson of 20 minutes.

Parents are encouraged to contact the Director of Music, Dean Thomas, if they have any queries about enrolment, lesson format, instrument purchase/hire or any other general music enquiries.

**Mr Dean Thomas - Director of Music**

## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now finished for 2018.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the Challenge over the last week:

- Ridhima Mathur 4G, Sheshnth Priyan Selvakumar 4G, Himani Arora 5G, Jamasyn Maier 5G, Thomas Morton 6A, Jazmin Park 6B and Mischa Petilla 6B.

**Mrs Feona West - Coordinator: Library P-6**

## Book Fair Backorders

All our backorders have finally arrived and have been distributed to the students. If we have missed any one we sincerely apologise for this oversight. If your child has not received their order could you please instruct them to see Mrs West with their receipt slip and we will arrange to have the item ordered. This will be attended to in early Term 4. Thank you.

**Mrs Di Dunn - Book Fair Coordinator**

## Senior School Indonesian Study Tour 2019

Any families who missed the Information Night on 18 September, can view the presentation via the [myBMG Parent Portal](#) under [All Senior School](#).

## Canteen News

The Canteen Provider will be implementing an EFTPOS facility available for students and staff at the senior side of the canteen from the start of Term 4. The system will allow 'Tap and Go' or Swipe and will have a \$5 minimum purchase per transaction with no transaction fees. The system will not allow cash withdrawals.

## Student ID Cards

Students should be carrying their student ID cards on them at school at all times.

ID cards are not just for permanent bus travellers, students will require their ID cards if going on camp, excursion or to Staughton Vale.

If students are going on camp, they must bring their student ID cards to school to tap on/off the bus.

Many private bus travellers are not travelling with their Student ID cards, and this does hold up the bus, as the driver has to tap students on/off manually.

**Mrs Leanne Robertson – Bus Coordinator**

## BMG COMMUNITY CONTACTS

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

YMCA Ballarat now operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. The relevant handbook and enrolment forms are available via the [School website](#). Additionally, the programs offered over the term break are available on the website also.

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)**

### On Campus Uniform Shop

Please check that your summer uniforms still fit!

#### Holiday Hours:

Wednesday 3 October: 10am to 2pm.

Thursday 4 October: 10am to 2pm.

Friday 5 October: 10am to 2pm.

#### First day Term Four

Monday 8 October: 12.30pm to 4.30pm.

#### Note to Year Four Students/Parents

Please begin thinking about the fact that you will need a Blazer for next year. Please feel free to come in for a fitting anytime during Term Four.

Fittings for 2019 students will be held on Wednesday 10 October until Friday 19 October. Hours will most likely be from 9am until about 5.30pm each night – depending on final numbers.

Contact: Ph - 03 5367 4072

## 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)*

### BMG Events Calendar

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

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# Walk to School 2018

Walk, ride or scoot and build healthy habits for life.

## Parent and Carer fact sheet

### In 2017, we achieved:



Every October, Walk to School encourages Victorian primary school kids to walk, ride or scoot to and from school. It's a great way to help students learn healthy habits and achieve the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity, every day.

Active travel options to and from school are also a great opportunity to connect and chat with your kids, plus meet up with other local families along the way. If you can't walk all the way, your child can still get involved – simply drive part way and walk, ride or scoot the rest!

By participating, you could help your school win great regional prizes and you will enjoy the benefits of walking, riding and scooting to and from school!

Sign up for Walk to School today and build healthy habits for life.

### Meet our partners

Walk to School 2018 is proudly supported by our Official Community Partner, AFL Players and our Official Corporate Partner, Bendigo Bank.

### Win amazing prizes

Keep checking the Walk to School website and social channels. We'll be announcing this year's prizes very soon!

### How can your family get involved?

#### Take part through your child's school

It's easy to participate if your child's school is registered for Walk to School. Your child's teacher will record how many times students walk, ride or scoot to and from school during October, using a classroom calendar.

Schools with the highest participation levels in each region will be eligible for some fantastic prizes – so every time your child walks, rides or scoots they increase their school's chance of winning!

#### Get involved online

If your child's school is not taking part in Walk to School, your child can still participate. Make every walk, ride or scoot counts by having them register as a student on the Walk to School website [www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au).

Your child can track their walks, rides and scoots during October, and contribute to the state-wide effort!

Official community partner:



Official corporate partner:



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## FAQs

### How does Walk to School work?

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### My child's school isn't registered. Can I still get involved?

Yes! Even if your school isn't registered, you can still participate. Make your child's walking, riding and scooting count by having them register as a student on the Walk to School website – with your permission, of course. Your child can keep track of how often they walk, ride or scoot to and from school and be part of the state-wide movement.

### Why does Walk to School go for a month?

Studies show that it takes 30 days to build a habit. The longer we do something healthy, the more likely that healthy habit will stick. That's why Walk to School lasts for an entire month, rather than a single day. It's about building healthy habits for life.

### Why do schools use classroom calendars?

The calendars are a bright, fun way to record how many times students walk, ride or scoot to and from school in October. At the end of the month, schools use the calendars to provide a summary of data to VicHealth, so they can give prizes to the most active schools in each region. Schools can also use the calendars to reward students or celebrate the most active class at school assembly.

### Why does VicHealth collect data and information?

VicHealth collects information to help find new and better ways to encourage children to be active.

Collecting data lets us measure the impact of the Walk to School program and see how many people are getting active on the way to and from school. VicHealth uses aggregate data for individual schools, schools within a region, and schools in the state. VicHealth may publish Walk to School results at a school or state level.

### What data do schools collect?

If your school is registered for Walk to School, your child's teacher will use a classroom calendar to record:

- your child's name
- how many times they **usually** walk, ride or scoot to and from school
- how many times they walk, ride or scoot to and from school **in October**.

Your school will provide a summary of this participation data to VicHealth in November 2018.

### What data is collected on the website?

If you register your child online, you will need to provide your child's name, an email address username and password. We won't ask for your child's date of birth, phone number or address.

To understand your child's walking activity, we'll ask:

- the distance you live from school
- how many times they **usually** walk, ride or scoot to and from school
- how many times they walked, rode or scooted to and from school **during October**.

### Who can access this data?

Information recorded on the classroom calendars will only be accessed by the student, the teacher and the school's Walk to School coordinator. VicHealth or the local council may access this data if your school asks for help with tallying and reporting.

VicHealth may also collect a sample of classroom calendars to understand student walking patterns. All classroom calendars will be securely stored and destroyed at the end of the Walk to School program.

VicHealth will also share de-identified data with our evaluation team to help analyse and report on the outcomes of Walk to School.

Information collected on the Walk to School website will only be accessed by your child and VicHealth. We only collect your child's name or username to help manage the student portal and create aggregated reports. Your email address will be used to update you with information about Walk to School or to help you recover your username and reset your password.



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We host competitions on our website and social channels. We always ask for your permission directly before posting your child's entry online.

Once the results are in and analysed, VicHealth will securely store and destroy classroom calendars. We only report aggregate data, so no individuals will be identified. All personal information about your child will be securely stored and destroyed by June 2019.

## What if I don't want my child to participate?

Participation is voluntary. If your child's school is taking part in Walk to School but you don't want your child to participate, ask your child's teacher not to include your child's name on their Walk to School classroom calendar.

If your child has been registered on the website and you want their profile deleted, simply delete it yourself or ask VicHealth to delete it for you.

If you choose not to record your child's walks, rides or scoots, your child can still enter Walk to School competitions on our website and social channels. And of course, you can still enjoy the benefits of walking, riding and scooting to and from school as often as you like!

## Where can I get more information?

Visit the Walk to School website for information:  
[www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au)

 [walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au](mailto:walktoschool@vichealth.vic.gov.au)

 [www.facebook.com/WalkToSchool](https://www.facebook.com/WalkToSchool)

 [twitter.com/WalkToSchoolVic](https://twitter.com/WalkToSchoolVic)

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