



## From the Principal

### COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) – Emailed to Parents/Guardians 5 March 2020

I am writing to you in relation to the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic and its impact on the School's voluntary trips program.

The School runs an ever-expanding range of voluntary trips, both overseas and within Australia. These trips give students the ability to experience a range of different environments and experiences in a safe and organised way.

When the School looks at such activities, its key criteria is the ability to minimise risk and maintain the safety of students and staff travelling on the trip.

School Staff have been meeting frequently to assess the risk that the pandemic presents for the school. We have considered the spread of COVID-19 which appears to be gathering pace, the current levels of morbidity and the high likelihood of both Australian and foreign governments introducing heightened infection control procedures.

At a meeting yesterday, it was decided that the risk had reached a point where it would be imprudent to either send or receive visiting overseas or interstate groups. I am writing to inform you that as such all voluntary trips will be cancelled for the foreseeable future. This includes upcoming trips to France, Singapore, Vietnam, Kokoda, PNG and Central Australia. We will also not be receiving students or visitors from overseas to the School for extended stays such as our French, Japanese or Indian visitors.

I am sure that this decision will be disappointing for many students and their families. The decision was not made lightly and, I reiterate, that it comes from our basic concern at all times to protect students and staff from unnecessary risk.

In looking at the level of risk of such trips it is also important to understand that our overseas partners are facing the same dilemmas as we are and it is highly likely that many of them will formally cease to accept visitors in the near future.

We want to re-commence the voluntary trips programme as soon as possible. As I am sure you understand putting specific dates or timeframes on that, at present, is not possible. The situation will be monitored frequently, and it is our hope that some experiences may be able to recommence later in the year or next year.

Over the next few days, the school will be going through the process of cancelling or rescheduling of trips. It is our intention to return any monies paid for trips. I would ask that parents are patient in this regard as this process does require significant administrative work.

I apologise for the disappointment this decision will create. Ultimately, I am responsible for the safety of children and staff on trips and I feel, at present, this is the only prudent decision.

If you wish to speak with me in relation to this matter, please contact my Executive Assistant Mrs Michelle Graham on 5366 4800.

**Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal**

## School Vice Captain introduction

### Alexandra Dellar

My name is Alexandra Dellar, and I have been fortunate enough to receive a position as a School Vice Captain for 2020, a position that I am incredibly honoured to hold.

I have been a student at Bacchus Marsh Grammar since Year 7, and have been lucky enough to have been provided with a number of amazing opportunities, to become involved with the school community. I was a Year 9 and 10 leader in 2017/18 and have been involved in a number of activities around the school, such as inter-school sporting events, House events and school productions, as well as academic programs such as 'Deakin Inspired Minds'. In 2017, I was lucky enough to be a part of the school's first ever competitive international team when I travelled to Singapore to compete in the International Youth Netball Challenge. Recently, I also participated in the Lion's Youth of the Year program, where I was awarded a 'Public Speaking Award'.

Through my involvement in the school, I have learnt a number of valuable life skills, including those I have developed in leadership. I believe a leader is a positive role model, with the power to inspire and motivate others. They lead by example to encourage and empower the people alongside them. They do not put themselves above others, and strive to achieve. I believe I embody these characteristics, as I approach everything with a positive attitude and make the most of all opportunities that present themselves to me. Now that I am a part of the senior leadership team, I hope that I can encourage and motivate the students around me, and be a strong role model for them.

I keep busy outside of school by participating in a few local netball teams around town. I have also been an avid member of Pentland Calisthenics College for 14 years, and I hope to soon gain coaching qualifications to continue to inspire others. You may also see me working at the local Bakers Delight. Once I complete Year 12, I hope to pursue a career in Criminal Law, following university.

### Eliza Wales

Being chosen to be in Bacchus Marsh Grammar's leadership team is something I have always aimed to achieve in my schooling life. Fortunately, I was awarded the position as School Vice Captain for 2020 and the responsibility and influence that comes with this role is something I look forward to experiencing. I personally believe that leadership has a positive impact, being able to motivate and inspire others by working with them.

Attending Bacchus Marsh Grammar since Year 3 has given me the opportunity to explore and utilise a variety of the school's activities and experiences, many of which have been beneficial in developing my leadership skills. Some of the activities I have involved myself in include: public speaking competitions, sporting competitions, Melbourne Show cookery competition, the Kokoda Expedition, along with being appointed a Year 9 and 10 Leader and House Leader. Although this final year of school will be challenging I am excited about the opportunities Year 12 will bring.

Outside of school, I currently work part time whilst also training and competing competitively in karate, representing both Victoria and Australia on numerous occasions. Along with competing, I also assist with teaching and coaching younger students which is something I find extremely rewarding. I feel both karate and work have helped to develop my leadership qualities through responsibility, time management and resilience.

After the completion of Year 12, I hope to further continue my karate journey by travelling and competing with highly regarded athletes and coaches. I also hope to attend university to complete a Bachelor of Applied Science, Mastering in Physiotherapy.

I am excited to see how my final year of schooling plays out and how I can contribute to the school through my role as a leader.



## Woodlea School Leaders

BMG Woodlea has a firm commitment to the concept of service leadership. Our student leaders and school leaders understand their responsibility to each other, their peers and the broader BMG community.

It was with pride that the Woodlea Student Leadership Team was formally acknowledged at our School Assembly, where School Captains Abhilasha Bhaduri and Isaac Busuttil, along with Learning Area Leaders and House Captains were presented with badges. We know they will represent the values of BMG and the interests of their peers with integrity and passion. Well done.



Co-Heads of Woodlea Campus with Year 6 Captains.



Year 6 Leaders.

### WOODLEA YEAR 6 MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

<b>Captains</b>	Isaac Busuttil	Abhilasha Bhaduri
<b>SRC</b>	Tavnoor Singh	Zara Jones
<b>STEM</b>	Daniel Lee	Gurshan Bath
<b>Language and Literacy</b>	Marcos Miguelez Gallardo	Keyanna Chandarana
<b>Performing and Visual Arts</b>	Lexie Edwards	Isla Kahlan Fish-Sharman
<b>House and Sport Captains</b>	<b>Pentland House</b>	<b>Bacchus House</b>
	Keneisha Dubey	Sara Gulati
	Vethik Prasanna	Aarav Goel
	<b>Braeside House</b>	<b>Hilton House</b>
	Riley Peldys	Mia-Monet Bennett
	Taylor Cunningham	Liam Donoghue

**Mr Michael Abramovic - Year Level Coordinator: Head of Years 5 to 7**

### Woodlea Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all parents/ guardians that were in attendance at the recent Parent-Teacher Interview nights. It was wonderful to see so many families attend the evening and engage with their child's class teacher. These evenings provide families with an opportunity to meet face-to-face with staff and initiate excellent communication concerning progress, which will undoubtedly assist for the remainder of the school year. If you were unable to attend, we recommend an email or phone call to the class teacher to check on your child's progress. We look forward to further opportunities throughout the year to meet and interact with Woodlea families.

**Mr Luke Symes, Mrs Danielle Copeman and Mrs Sarah Hunter – Co-Heads of Woodlea Campus**

## Lions Youth of the Year Award 2020

On Monday 17 February, School Captain Callum Thomson and Vice Captains Alejandra Camacho and Alexandra Dellar, represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar in this year's Lions Youth of the Year Award. In a day-long event, phase one of the process involved each student sitting an interview with a panel of three judges who assessed them on their academic and school achievements, community involvement, sporting achievements and leadership. During the interview, they were also required to answer a series of questions based on General Knowledge. Phase two of the day (an evening session at The Plough) involved each student presenting a 5 minute speech on a topic of their choice and answering two impromptu questions for two minutes. This took place in front of the Lions Club members, families and friends.

All three students are to be congratulated on their efforts. They all spoke extremely well and were wonderful ambassadors for Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Congratulations to Alexandra for taking out the Public Speaking Award.

**Mrs Debra Goston - Head of Senior School**



**Alejandra Camacho**

**Callum Thomson**

**Alexandra Dellar**

### School Photos 2020

2020 School Photos will be taken during Term 2 on the following dates:

**Maddingley Campus – Monday 4 to Friday 8 May**  
**Woodlea Campus – Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 May**

All students from Prep/Reception to Year 12 will have school photographs taken. Students will be required to wear full Winter uniform, which includes jumpers, blazers and ties for students in Years 5 to 12, and jumpers and ties for students in Prep Reception to Year 4. Letters and ordering forms will be sent home to families at the beginning of Term 2.

## Paddock to Plate – Use of Staughton Vale produce in the classroom



With our excellent growing conditions of late, the produce at Staughton Vale is in abundance. We have taken the opportunity to start showcasing some of this produce through the BMG Café. The VCE Food Studies students peeled, sliced, poached and stewed the variety of pears harvested from the farm. They will be used in a range of recipes such as Pear & Ginger Muffins, Pear & Sultana Rock Cakes and Pear Teacake. Some of the pears were preserved by stewing and will be used in future recipes. The Food Studies students hope that the café customers enjoyed their creations. Keep an eye out for more to come on the menu.

**Mrs Jacqueline Huxtable**  
**Learning Area Coordinator: Food Technology**

## Sport Updates – Year 7 to 12 Sport Updates

### AFL Sports Ready Trainees Graduate

Last year, Bacchus Marsh Grammar had four young adults take up an AFL Sports Ready Traineeship. These trainees Niamh McCallum, Ben DeBortoli, Charlie Perks and Bec Staunton also completed a VET Level 3 Certificate in either Sport and Recreation and or a Level 4 Certificate in Sports Development. As well as this, the trainees were immersed in the daily running of the Physical Education and Sports Department at both the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses. Last week, all four trainees graduated and were presented at a graduation ceremony conducted by AFL Sportsready in Melbourne. I would like to congratulate all trainees and also their mentors for the wonderful year they have had. All four graduates will now attend University this year whilst at the same time use the skills they have learnt in the Intern Program at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.



*Pictured: The 2020 AFL Trainee graduates; Bec Staunton, Niamh McCallum, Charlie Perks and Ben DeBortoli*

### Muscular Skeletal Screening for BMG Athletes

As part of the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Elite Sports Program, all students this week underwent a Musculo-Skeletal Screening conducted by PhD Exercise Physiologists from Federation University working in conjunction with Bacchus Marsh Grammar and the WestVic Academy of Sport. These screenings are vital in providing the program with information that will enable coaches to accurately design and implement Strength and Conditioning programs for the athletes. These screenings are also extremely accurate in “picking up” body misalignments or muscle weaknesses/ imbalances that may result in injuries in the future. Many thanks to the Exercise Physiologists and Corey Saitta from FedUni/WestVic Academy of Sport.

### Fantastic Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to the following students who have been performing brilliantly in their chosen sports:

Amy O’Hara – Year 10 FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport/ BMG Elite Sport athlete who has been chosen to represent Victoria at the National Under 18 Basketball Championships to be held in Ballarat in April. This is just reward for Amy’s continual hard work and dedication to her sport. Good luck Amy!

### Swimming, Badminton and Table Tennis ICCES Trials and Selection

Earlier in the term, ICCES selection trials were held for Badminton and Table Tennis at Woodlea to coincide with the House Swimming Events which ultimately select the ICCES swimming Team. The competition for ICCES Swimming, Badminton and Table Tennis spots was hotly contested and I would like to thank all the Year 7s from Woodlea who trialled on the respective days. Also a big thank you to Mr. Gill who assisted greatly in the trial days.

*Picture: Badminton trials at Woodlea’s new gymnasium*

Once again, congratulations to all on a great week for BMG Mustangs in Sport!

In the meantime, train hard, get active and stay healthy!



**Mr Andrew Perks - Director of Sport**

## Woodlea Sport Updates

### Bacchus Marsh Grammar Woodlea Term One Sporting Events.

What a fantastic and frantic start to the year! On Wednesday 12 February all Year 3 to 6 Woodlea students arrived at Melton Waves Leisure centre to compete for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BMG Woodlea House Carnival.

The day was an overwhelming success, with all students playing their part to support and earn points for their House. A big congratulations and thank you to all the House Captains who not only led by example in competing in as many events as possible, but also encouraging other students to do the same. House Captains also worked tirelessly in the marshalling area, supporting staff to ensure a smooth running of the day.

We saw some fantastic individual efforts on the day. In particular, a big congratulations to Lynette General who managed to set three new records, two of which she took from Miss Osborn, who had set the records back when she was a student at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Congratulations to the Bacchus Broncos who were the overall winners of the BMG Woodlea 3-6 House Carnival.

Thank you to all teachers and parents for their support on the day.

### Middle School Carnival

Woodlea Year 7 students recently attended the BMG Middle School House Carnival along with Year 5 to 8 Maddingley students. This was a fantastic event and opportunity for students from both campuses to attend together and compete under the one House banner.

Thank you to Mr Long for organising such a great event.

### MPSSA District Swimming

After fantastic results at the Year 3 to 6 House Carnival, a group of 29 selected students went on to represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the MPSSA District Swimming Carnival. Once again, a fantastic day saw some amazing individual achievements and also a great team result with BMG Woodlea awarded runners up for MPSSA; only 10 points behind 1<sup>st</sup> place.

A massive thank you to Mr Monaghan and Mrs Allen for not only attending on the day, but filling vital roles and ensuring the day went smoothly and that all students competed in their events.

Congratulations to those students moving on to the next stage of competition to be held at Melton Waves on Tuesday 10 March.

### MPSSA Interschool Sport

Well done to all students for participating in trials for the following teams: cricket, tennis and volleyball. These trials determined which students would represent the school, unfortunately only a select number of students was chosen, however, there will be other opportunities to represent BMG Woodlea in other areas throughout the year.

Good luck to all teams and students competing at the MPSSA Interschool Summer Cup to be held on Friday 13 March.

**Mr Liam Gill - Woodlea PE/Sport Coordinator**



## Swimming results - amendment to last week's newsletter

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS - YEAR LEVEL CHAMPIONS

<b>U/11 Male Champion</b> Finn Coghlan – HILTON Xavier Johnston - BACCHUS
<b>U/13 Male Champion</b> Ethan Bloss - HILTON
<b>YEAR 7 Male Champion</b> Samuel Lillie - HILTON
<b>YEAR 8 Male Champion</b> Tihema Holman - PENTLAND

## Maddingley Year 3 to 6 Sport Updates

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### Junior School Swimming Age Champions

Congratulations to the following students who won Swimming Age Champion medals:

- 9 Year Old Girls – Taylor Miller
- 9 Year Old Boys – Jack Coy
- 10 Year Old Girls – Muhan Ma
- 10 Year Old Boys – Harry Metcher

### BMPSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to students who represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar in the BMPSSA Swimming Carnival last Thursday. We wish those who were successful all the best in the Western Region Division Finals next Tuesday.

### Victorian State Sprint Champions

An amazing effort in the pool was achieved by two of our Year 6 students who competed in the Victorian State Sprint Championships. Maddison Weeks and Aysha Masood both recorded personal best times in their freestyle heats. It was amazing achievement to swim at state level. We may be looking at two future Olympic Champions. Congratulations.

### Junior School House Athletics Carnival

The Junior School House Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 17 March. The Carnival will take place on and around the school oval and the gym.

All students will participate in 8 Athletics events throughout the day (High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Shot Put, 100m, 200m and 800m) whilst representing their Houses. The winning House will be announced at the end of the Carnival. The best performing athletes in each event per **age group** will be given the opportunity to represent our school in the BMPSSA Athletics Carnival to be held in Term 2.

Parents and families are welcome to come along and give their support.

**Mr Nick Sher - Coordinator: Sport Years 3-6**

## Woodlea – Lion King Jr Production

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The Middle School students at Woodlea Campus are excited to have begun rehearsals for the 2020 production of 'The Lion King Jr'.

The production of 'The Lion King Jr.' will take place at Wyndham Cultural Centre in Werribee on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October 2020.

Information on ticketing will be advertised closer to the date of the performance.

**Woodlea – Lion King Jr Production Team**

## Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) –Applications Due

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**This is applicable to families who hold a valid Centrelink pensioner concession or Health Care Card number (CRN).**

If you are yet to return your CSEF form, please make sure this is returned to the Administration Office no later than Friday 19 June 2020 to ensure ample time for your application to be processed. Further information and the CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [School's website](#).

Enquiries and soft copy forms can be emailed to Rachel Davidson at [accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au)

**Ms Rachel Davidson – Finance Officer**

### BMG SRC Easter Raffle 2020

Thank you for the tremendous support for the SRC Easter raffle to date. Easter eggs are still being accepted and may be sent to Maddingley or Woodlea Administration Offices marked SRC RAFFLE by **Friday 13 March 2020**.

Please return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by **Friday 13 March 2020**.

Ticket butts need to include the purchasers' name and contact a number written clearly.

The raffle will be drawn at school on Friday 20 March and winners will be notified.

## Conveyance Allowance

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Following a recent decision by the Student Transport Unit of the Education Department, it appears that there may be some movement on the way the Department makes a judgement on what is the nearest appropriate school. This comes after considerable work by the School on your behalf.

If your decision to send your children to Bacchus Marsh Grammar was because you felt that it was the nearest appropriate school that respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebrations, then you may (subject to other Conveyance Allowance rules) be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance.

If this statement applies to you, whilst I can make no guarantees, I believe it is in your interests to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2020. The application should be accompanied by a simple letter stating the reasons why you believe Bacchus Marsh Grammar is the nearest appropriate school because of its values and its lack of a requirement to participate in religious instruction or religious celebrations of any particular faith.

Please ensure that you complete the form that applies to your child's travel. Forms are available from the main office at both the Woodlea and Maddingley campus. Please be aware that no allowance is payable if the journey, to and from school, can be made using a free bus service.

Please contact Kerryn Browne if you have any queries.

**Ms Kerryn Browne - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager**

## Private Bus Allocated Stops

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Parents are reminded that students are to disembark at their allocated stops advised to Bacchus Marsh Grammar on acceptance of private bus travel for 2020. If students need to disembark at a different stop as a once off, parents are required to go into Roll Call and change the stop prior to 1.30pm the day of travel. If students' stops have changed permanently, please contact the School's Bus Administrator so this can be updated on roll Call.

**Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Service Administrator**

## BMG Community Contacts

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### Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

#### Phone Orders – 5367 4072

Both Maddingley and Woodlea parents are welcome to make phone orders and pay with a credit card. Orders will then be delivered at Maddingley through the pigeon hole system, to classes or Tutor Groups, and to the Woodlea Campus Reception on Wednesday afternoons.

Uniform information and shop business hours are listed on the [school website](#).

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

YMCA Ballarat operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Enrolment is now completed online. For full information please visit the [school website](#).

**Email:** [chrisie.ashmore@ymca.org.au](mailto:chrisie.ashmore@ymca.org.au) **Phone:** 0490 178 638 **W:** [www.ballarat.ymca.org.au](http://www.ballarat.ymca.org.au)

#### Maddingley:

[bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au)

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## Regular Contacts

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### Student Absentees

#### Maddingley Campus

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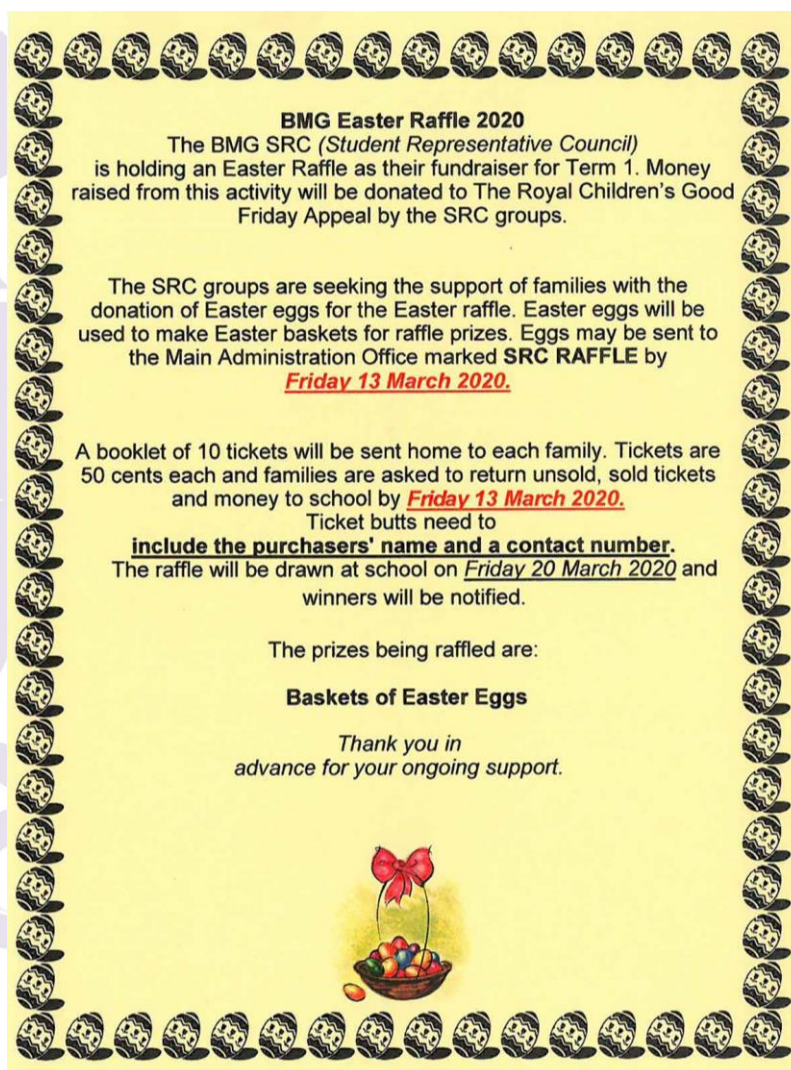
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## Community News

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**BMG Easter Raffle 2020**  
The BMG SRC (*Student Representative Council*) is holding an Easter Raffle as their fundraiser for Term 1. Money raised from this activity will be donated to The Royal Children's Good Friday Appeal by the SRC groups.


The SRC groups are seeking the support of families with the donation of Easter eggs for the Easter raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter baskets for raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to the Main Administration Office marked **SRC RAFFLE** by ***Friday 13 March 2020.***

A booklet of 10 tickets will be sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by ***Friday 13 March 2020.***  
Ticket butts need to ***include the purchasers' name and a contact number.***  
The raffle will be drawn at school on ***Friday 20 March 2020*** and winners will be notified.

The prizes being raffled are:

**Baskets of Easter Eggs**

*Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.*



## Community News



**WHY NOT GIVE IT A GO & JOIN THE FUN!**

**RIDE IN 2 BMX**  
YOUR CHANCE TO TRY BMX!  
BACCHUS MARSH BMX CLUB

**INVITES YOU TO TRY BMX!....**

**DATE:**  
SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 2020

**TIME:**  
9:00AM START

**WHERE:**  
BACCHUS MARSH RACE COURSE, BACCHUS MARSH-BALLIANG RD,  
MADDINGLEY VIC 3340

**CONTACT:**  
LES STEWART - PRESIDENT.BMBMX@GMAIL.COM

**BMX AUSTRALIA**



Would you like to make a difference in your community?

Volunteers currently needed in Meals on Wheels, Consumer Transport, Friendly Visiting and the Kiosk.



Contact the Volunteer Coordinator  
on (03) 5367 9403  
or email [volunteer@djhs.org.au](mailto:volunteer@djhs.org.au)  
to discuss volunteering with  
Djerriwarrh Health Services.

Djerriwarrh Health Services is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages people of indigenous background to apply.



# WE WANT YOU!



Deer Park Under 14's  
**Recruiting now !**

Join the Lions under 14's team at "John McLeod Reserve" on Tuesday and Wednesday night training sessions from 5pm to 6pm each week. Have some fun, Great Value!!! Build skills, make new friends!

Enquiries - [deerparkjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:deerparkjuniors@gmail.com) or U14's Coach Greg - 0452 282 669

# NO TOXIC SOIL RALLY

**TUESDAY  
10TH MARCH**

**6:30 PM AT THE VILLAGE GREEN  
197 MAIN STREET, BACCHUS MARSH**

