NEWSLETTER
Newsletter 6
Friday May 8th, 2015
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

CHINESE CHILDREN’S VISIT–WE NEED YOUR HELP!
We are again hosting children from our Sister School in Nanjing - Langya Road PS. We will host 20 children and three teachers. We are looking for host families to look after the children. We pair children up to help them with the stay. The visit will be around July 19th for one week.

If you are able to assist in hosting 2 students please contact the office. Families who have hosted in the past find it a very rewarding and fun experience.

CHINA – TEACHER EXCHANGE
In October and September this year Scott Nelson and Tamara Hutcheson will travel to Nanjing, China to teach at our Sister School for one month each. It will be a great experience for both teachers, to live and work in China.

In July two teachers from Langya Road, Nanjing will come to work at our school.

We are looking for two kind families, who would be willing to host a teacher for four weeks.

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CHINA

I can assist with - Student Exchange [ ] Teacher Exchange [ ]

Name ________________________________

Phone ________________________________
As part of our ‘Internationalising BMPS’ program, Melinda Williams, Alison Carr and I went to visit a school in the Sahara Desert of Morocco. It was an amazing experience! The school was very remote in a village with no electricity and limited water and food sources. We took iPads for the students and greatly enjoyed working with them. We signed a Sister School agreement and hope to send staff to the school each April school holidays.

We have Sister Schools in:

- **China**
  - Langya Road
  - Youfu West Street
  - Red Army PS
- **Bali**
  - Sudimara No. 6
- **Morocco**
  - Ramlia School
- **New Zealand**
  - Murray Bay PS
- **India**
  - In September school holidays staff are visiting India and will visit a school in Delhi.
- **Australia**
  - Mildura PS
LITERACY/NUMERACY PARENT SESSIONS
A big thanks to all the parents who attended the information sessions on helping children become literate and numerate. We will offer further sessions in the future.

PARKING
We have had several complaints from neighbours about parking over their driveways, especially in Manor Street. One resident was unable to leave his house as his driveway was blocked.

We have also had complaints about cars parking in the street leading to the drop off zone. This is a no parking zone and Council will book cars parked there. It is also very dangerous.

ARTS WEEK
The week starting May 18th is Arts Week. There are some great displays and activities planned so please come along and have a look.

MOTHER’S DAY
We wish all Mums a great day on Sunday and we hope you are very spoilt.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Our Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Friday. Thanks to our Fundraising group for working hard to wrap all of the gifts and selling them on the day.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN tests will take place for children in Year 3 & Year 5 next week. It is important that children attend school on all of these days.

CURRICULUM DAY
On June 15th we will be having a Curriculum Day. On this day teachers will focus on the teaching of Spelling. Children are not required at school on this day.

Ian, Leanne, Melinda & Pam
Dear Parents,

Welcome! Students at your child’s school are now a part of the Mathletics online learning community – joining over 4 million other students around the world.

Mathletics is the world’s leading online numeracy resource, helping students to love learning and achieve greater results through engaging content that perfectly matches their school curriculum.

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Your child’s progress can be delivered to you in one simple, convenient weekly email. To register, simply visit www.mathletics.com/parent and complete the short form provided.

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Mathletics is for parents too. When you register, you will receive your own login details. This gives you access to the Parent Console where you can find certificates to print, a student progress check-up and much more.

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You can find all the details at www.3plearning.com.

Kind regards,
The Mathletics Team.
2015 Day of the Arts Incursion

Grade Prep - Grade 6

Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} May

Cost of incursion - $3.00

Included in the day’s activities are:

- A performance by Stella Savy (singing and body percussion)
- Cross-age art project
- Activities with visiting artists
- Gallery Treasure Hunt tours of student artwork

The Day of the Arts begins at 9am and will finish at lunch time.

Payment is due Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} May.

Our preferred method of payment is QR, however payment can also be made by cheque, EFT, BPAY or cash. If cash, please send money to your child’s teacher in a sealed envelope labelled with their name and grade.

Creatively yours, The BMPS Arts Team
Carrie Clancy, Megan Fromholtz and Alicia Juarez

PS. We’re still accepting entries for the Community Art Show and the Home Art Project. See the BMPS website for details!

HELPERS
The Arts Team is looking for parent helpers to come in next week to hang art work for Week Of The Arts. If you are available please contact Megan Fromholtz through the office. We could really use a hand!

GRADE 3 POETRY PERFORMANCE
Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} May – 2.00pm in the gym
All of your family are welcome to attend.
Each week an art captain will report on an arts event.

Art Captains Report: Elijah 6J.
Camp Quality Puppet Show.

I was able to interview the lovely people from Camp Quality about their heart felt show they did last Thursday.

Amy: she’s been a puppeteer for 3 years and has been to the Muppet studio. She uses glove/rod puppets and quarter puppets. I asked Amy what advice she would give young puppeteers and she said: Practice lots and with whatever you can find.

Jaime: he’s been a puppeteer for 6 months. He uses glove/rod and quarter puppets. I asked Jaime what advice he would give young puppeteers and he said: Practice in the mirror and look at your puppet lots when performing.

Arts Week

Home art project
Take a funny photo of your pet with drawn features. Print it and bring to the art room for display.

Community Art Show
Staff, adults and other members of the community are encouraged to exhibit something they have made for a community art show in the art space gallery.

Art Treasure Hunt
During the Week of the Arts (Week6) students and families can take part in an art treasure hunt. There will be clues on a map to find parts of the trail.

If you bring in your home art project, community art showpiece or enter the art trail you will be entered into a draw to win an art pack. Please bring in work as soon as possible.

Still looking for plastic jars please
PREP 2016 TRANSITION PROGRAM

1. Wednesday 14th October, 2015
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting
   Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 4th November, 2015
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep
   classroom activities

3. Wednesday 2nd December, 2015
   6.30pm
   An Information Evening for parents of 2016 Prep
   children will be held at BMPS at 6.30pm

4. Tuesday 8th December, 2015
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to meet their new class and
   teacher for 2016
Nude food info for families

What is Nude Food?

For a Nude Food Lunchbox, try to pack:

- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable container
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack

Avoid:

- Lunches packed in plastic bags or wrap, foil, wax paper
- Single use drink boxes, pouches, cans, cartons, and bottles
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged single-serve snack items

Why bring nude food? You can help to reduce the amount of material sent to landfill to benefit the environment. It saves time and money for your school with reduced demand for disposal. Reducing the cost for disposal of food packaging at school means more money to spend on learning resources and teaching support. It also encourages better food and drink choices, as many healthy food options come with their own packaging.

Tips for parents packing Nude Food lunches

- Help children to make nutritious, waste-less lunches and let them make their own lunches. Try packing lunches the night before and storing them in the fridge overnight.
- Discuss with your child what they like to eat and how much. Bin audits in schools across SA show large quantities of unopened pre-packaged foods, including single-serve yogurts, cheese sticks, sandwiches, uneaten apples/fruit and many near full fruit boxes being thrown away. This costs your family money as well as creating waste.
- Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that children can eat some and save the rest for later. For example, it’s hard to take some bites from a big apple at recess and save the rest for lunchtime. It’s easier to eat a wedge or two and then reuse the container. A rubber band around a sliced apple will prevent browning.
- Encourage your children to bring home uneaten food to eat after school. Appreciate that play time is also important, so discuss with children how much they can reasonably eat in one day. Often children throw uneaten food away because they don’t want to upset the person who packed the lunch. If you’re not sure how much they can eat at school, start small, eg a piece of fruit and a sandwich, and build it up if they are asking for more.
- If your children have chips, savoury biscuits, or other snacks try buying a larger bulk pack (rather than the more expensive so called ‘convenience’ packs with lots of packaging) and have your children put the same quantity into a reusable labelled container that they bring home each day.

Wipe out Waste—WOW

A program of Zero Waste SA delivered by KESAB environmental solutions
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OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
What a busy week! We would like to introduce our new assistant Eliza, who has joined our team this week. Eliza will be with us Monday-Friday, and we are looking forward to Eliza’s input in our program. Our goal for the coming weeks is for relationships to be built between Eliza, the children and families.

DONATIONS: We are currently asking for donations of any children’s books or multi-cultural items to add to our play spaces. These would be greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at the program.

FEEDBACK: To continuously improve our program and practice, we would greatly appreciate your feedback! We keep survey sheets at the Sign In desk, and would love for families to pass these back for us to constantly reflect on.

We would love to see some more new faces! For any enquiries, feel free to visit us in the Multi-Purpose room or alternatively, you can email us at oshclub.bacchusmarsh@gmail.com

See you all soon,
Kate, Stephanie and Eliza 😊

Next Week’s Activities:

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Parent Information

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Coordinator: Kate Woods
Assistant: Stephanie Ali
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Bacchus Marsh Primary School is a community school and we are happy to distribute information from community groups. Please be aware that these forms of communication/information are not endorsements from our school.