The School Council urge all parents and carers to take utmost care, especially during drop off and pick up times. The safety of the children at BMPS is of our greatest concern. Children can be very unpredictable and it only takes a split second to change the course of your life forever.

We realise that parking and traffic around the school is an issue, but we ask you to drive slowly and be patient and courteous at all times, in order to avoid any incidents. For those who walk or ride to school, please remind your children to be mindful of traffic and take extra care. Running late is not an excuse to speed.

Our School is in on-going discussions with Moorabool Shire Council regarding the parking issues we face at BMPS. Parents can assist us by approaching their local councillor to raise awareness of the difficulties and dangers that the current situation presents.

With kindest regards School Council

Farewell to our Chinese Exchange Teachers

Today we farewell Lu Yao and Ying Wen from Lang Yau Primary School Nanjing who have been working in our classrooms for the past month supporting our Chinese Program.

We've really enjoyed having them working in our school and hope they've had a great time in Bacchus Marsh.

A big thankyou to the Hodgson and Baddeley families for their kind and generous support as host families.

Remembering World War 1 Concert

Congratulations to Mrs Clancy and our students who joined with other Bacchus Marsh schools for the musical spectacular ‘Remembering World War 1’

This was a very special community event

Book Week

Thanks to staff, students and families for supporting our Book Parade and getting Book Week off to a great start at BMPS last week.

We can never underestimate the impact a ‘love of reading’ will have on our students

Science Week

This week it has been fantastic to see our school community getting into Science. We all enjoyed our annual Science Fair, and ‘Paper Pilots' James Norton and Dylan Parker, the inspiration behind the movie Paper Planes, were a big hit working with our Grade 3 and 4 students.

Demonstrating the principles of flight and the science behind why these magical folded toys fly the way they do, set the scene for our whole school focus on flight. Grade five enjoyed boomerang throwing demonstrations and learned about the aerodynamics of boomerang flight.

Grade six built kites, that were then flown by grade prep, one and two students.

(This week we've been grateful for the windy weather!)
A BIG thankyou to Mrs McWhinney for facilitating such a great week 😊

**Portarlington Primary School Visit**

On Wednesday all of the staff from Portarlington Primary School visited BMPS to observe our teachers teaching and our students learning.

We’re very proud of our safe, collaborative learning environment and enjoy sharing our practice with colleagues from other schools.

*This is a snippet of some of the direct feedback from our visitors…*

“You used every opportunity for a teaching moment, I would want to be in your class”

“What a happy place to learn, I am feeling so inspired”

“Affirmation of all contributions was thoughtful and engaging for all students, superb classroom”

“Calm and interactive classrooms”

**Jump Rope for Heart**

This Tuesday 1st September BMPS students will be participating in Jump Rope For Heart. This event is designed to increase children’s fitness and health, while raising money for the fight against heart disease.

Below is the timetable for each Grade level. Families are more than welcome to attend and watch as students participate in their activities.

Children can bring their sponsorship forms and money to school on the day, or by the end of the week. Many children will be eligible for prizes for their fundraising efforts, and returning donations quickly will ensure they receive their prizes as soon as possible.
Happy jumping!

8.55 – 9.25  Prep
10.10 – 10.55  Grade 3/4
11.25 – 12.10  Grade 5/6
12.10 – 12.55  Grade 2
1.45 – 2.30  Grade 1

Dads’ Footy Night
Bring your footy and come along to our ‘Footy Night’ on Thursday September 10th
5.30-6.30
Kick to kick, handball and sausage sizzle.
TO HELP WITH CATERING PLEASE RETURN YOUR SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER FORM TO SCHOOL BY MONDAY 7th September

Disco
Reminder that our school disco is next Friday September 4th
See the notice with details attached to this newsletter

Fathers’ Day Stall
Friday 4th September
$5.00 per gift
Children to please bring a plastic bag along for the gifts

Prep Fathers’ Day Stall
Prep parents please note that due to the Literacy Trail excursion our PREPS will have their Fathers’ Day stall on Thursday afternoon 3rd September

School Photographs
We look forward to our school photos being delivered in the last week of term

Parent/Teacher Interviews
We encourage you to make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher at any time if you would like a Parent/Teacher Interview or have concerns that you would like addressed.

Sausage sizzle- last day of term
See attached notice

Ian, Leanne, Pam and Melinda
SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 4th September

Prep – Grade 2 $4 4pm – 5pm
Grades 3-6 $5 5.15pm – 6.30pm

Glo Bracelets for sale 4 for $1

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE
Icy Poles $1
Soft Drinks $1
Bottled Water $1
Popcorn $1
Chocolates $1

PARENTS ARE WELCOME

Soft soled shoes only to be worn please due to the delicate floor surface in the Gym

Students must be collected from the Gym at the end of each session

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP

Please fill in and return this form to the office if you can help

Yes I am able to help at the Junior Disco

Yes I am able to help at the Senior Disco

Name _________________________________  Contact telephone number ___________________

Name of student ________________________________  Grade _____
Last Day of Term Sausage Sizzle

Friday 18th September

Proceeds from the Sausage Sizzle will go towards the cost of our new playgrounds.

If any parents could help on the day, please let the office know.

Please return order form and payment in a named envelope before Friday 11th September.

Only cash payments please.

Sausage Sizzle Order

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Sausage Sizzle Parent Helper

I can help at the Sausage Sizzle

Name __________________________ Phone Number ___________

Name of child __________________________ Grade ____________
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Baschus Marsh Primary School is participating in the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program and we would love your support!

Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs.

Skipping is an excellent way for children to keep fit and healthy. Over the next few weeks, your children will be learning a range of fun skipping skills and new tricks. We will emphasise the importance of regular physical activity and the importance of healthy eating for a healthy lifestyle.

Jump Rope for Heart is also a great way to encourage children to get involved in our community and support Australia’s leading heart health charity, the Heart Foundation. The Jump Rope team provides us with lots of resources and support to implement the program and in return we ask that students help by seeking sponsorship for their involvement.

Sponsorship is easy – your child will be bringing home a sponsorship form for use. Or you can simply go online to www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope, click on the green ‘Kids Join Now’ button, and register your child today!

- A secure fundraising page will be created as soon as you register; you need to do then is click the ‘Email Sponsors’ link to send your family and friends an email asking for their support… it’s that easy!
- This is an easy, safe way for your child to monitor their progress, receive bonus prizes and even receive sponsorship from family and friends who are further afield.

At the end of the program we will be holding a Jump Off, an event to celebrate and culminate the Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart program. This will be held on Tuesday 1st September. The Jump Off day is a great opportunity for you to witness how much fun skipping can be, come along and pick up a rope!

Let your teacher know when your child(ren) has finished fundraising online. You may like to print out a copy of the donations received online.

Thank you for joining us in the fight against heart disease.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa, Yvonne and Ali

PE Team

PREP SWIMMING

In Term Four the Prep children will be involved in an intensive Swimming program. This will take place in the third and fourth week of the term. The program is conducted at Paul Sadler Swimland, Holts Lane Darley. Children will attend for five days in a row. Costing at this stage has not been finalised, but will be approximately $75.00. Further details will follow in a couple of weeks.

PE Team

VSCC – VICTORIAN STATE CYCLING CUP

If you would like to represent our school by participating in a BMX race on August 5th against other school aged children, please contact our school office.

WANTED

Ice cream containers with lids for the Art room please.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
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
### Important Dates 2015

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ADVERTISING

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.
Asthma Kids

Our new Asthma Kids site helps children and their parents/carers learn more about asthma in a fun and engaging way.

**Monthly prize draw!**
On successful completion of the trail, children can enter a monthly prize draw to win a Grit scooter and helmet or a voucher for Special Stationery!

To find out more about asthma, contact your Asthma Foundation on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462).

Asthma Australia
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Victoria’s Department of Education and Training has released a new app that is designed to help parents become more engaged in their child's education. SchoolMate provides parents with a roadmap to help aid their child’s learning at home and at school. It:

- shows parents what their child is learning in each subject, at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- provides parents with tips for helping their child in the best way possible
- suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

SchoolMate was created by the Department with input from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Victoria’s professional teaching associations including:
- Victorian Association for the Teaching of English
- School Sport Victoria
- Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- Geography Teachers’ Association of Victoria
- Science Teachers’ Association of Victoria
- History Teachers’ Association of Victoria
- Digital Learning and Teaching Victoria
- Mathematical Association of Victoria
- Art Education Victoria.

We think SchoolMate is a great resource for parents and we encourage you to visit the App Store or Google Play and download it today. The Department will begin updating SchoolMate soon, so please let us know if you have any feedback you would like us to share with them, or you can email the SchoolMate team directly at online.comms.unit@edumail.vic.gov.au
Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.

We're bringing the exciting news that an intergalactic Prize Portal has appeared on Planet Savings, giving students who demonstrate good savings behaviour the chance to win amazing prizes.

- 75 x iPad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2, Headphones
- 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

**Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win**

To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at <commbank.com.au/prizeportal> to double their chance of winning a prize. (Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.)

**Win books for your school library**

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children's books for their school library, valued at $200.

For more information, visit <commbank.com.au/prizeportal>

**Things to know before you can:** Conditions apply, see <commbank.com.au/prizeportal>. Promotion starts 9:00am AEST 13/7/15 and ends 11:59pm AEST 25/9/15. Student: Entry is open to all Australian customers aged 4–13 years. 1 entry received when 3 deposits are made through the School Banking Program. 1 bonus entry received when completing a Money Mission activity at <commbank.com.au/prizeportal> and submitting a fully completed entry form. Max. of 2 entries per person. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 400 prizes comprising 75 that are Wi-Fi 16GB space Grey Tablets valued at $259.95 each, 125 Beats by Dr. Dre Solo2, Headphones valued at $259.95 each, and 200 $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates, will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. The winners’ names will be published in the public notices section of The Australian on 23/10/15. School: Entry is open to all schools operating in Australian states participate in the School Banking Program and have at least 1 student entered into the Student Element of this promotion. Limit of 1 entry per school. Entries will be divided into the following State/Territory groups: NSW/ACT, Vic, SA/NT, Tas, Qld and WA. A total of 75 prizes of a selection of children’s books to the value of $200 for each winning school’s library will be distributed amongst the State/Territory groups. Prize draws will take place at 12 noon AEST 13/7/15 at Commonwealth Bank, Level 3, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney. Total prize pool valued $75,915.75. Apple is not a partner or sponsor of this promotion. iPad mini® and Beats by Dr. Dre® are trademarks of Apple Inc., registered in the US and other countries. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 46 123 123 124 of Level 2, 11 Harbour Street, Sydney NSW 2000. NSM Permit No. L76/15/2015V6; ACT Permit No. TP15/05517; VC Permit No. 15/1929; SA Permit No. 11/04932.