**NEWSLETTER**

Newsletter 13
Monday October 24th, 2016

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM**

**REMINDER**- Monday 31st October is a pupil free day.
Staff will be working on the new Victorian Curriculum ready for full implementation in 2017

Tuesday November 1st is a pupil free day.
November 1st is a Public Holiday for the Melbourne Cup.

**Supporting Community and Family Involvement at BMPS**

There’s much research that supports a link between parent and carer involvement in school and student learning outcomes.

We now have some dates for interested members of our school community to spend some time weeding, tidying, pruning, planting etc to support us to maintain our beautiful grounds and our sense of pride in our school.

Gardening expertise is not required. There will be plenty of support for all interested to make a difference.

Should any of these times not work for you, don’t hesitate to contact the office and we’ll be in touch to get you involved at a time and in a task that works for you.

- Wednesday 9th & Saturday 12th November 9.00am-12.00 midday
- Wednesday 7th & Sat 10th December 9.00am-12.00 midday
Walk to School Month

We’re really enjoying the opportunity to promote the many benefits of walking to school. Despite the wet and windy weather our walking school buses from the Hospital in Grant Street and the Vet in Gisborne Road were well supported last Friday. We look forward to even longer buses this Friday when we leave from the same places at the same time.

A big thankyou to the parent, grandparents and staff that supported the walk.

Our next Walk to School Day will be
- Friday 29th October

We will have 2 Walking School Bus’s leaving at 8am from:
- The Hospital in Grant Street
- The Vet in Gisborne Road

We’d love walking school buses to become a regular option for our students to get to school.
Year 4 Camps to Narmbool Lodge
Our Year 4 classes have enjoyed their time at Narmbool near Elaine and 4N and 4O set off today for their camp experience. We continue to be very proud of the way our students engage with the opportunities and challenges our camp programs provide and thank our staff and parent helpers for making these experiences possible.

Asbestos Audit
As part of the Department of Education’s Health and Safety Management Plan we recently undertook a routine Asbestos Audit. As a result of this audit new labelling was installed at our school. The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works in particular areas of the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from our asbestos register. Asbestos - which was used extensively in building materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. Children’s safety is the number one priority and that is why the Department are taking this extra step as a very open and clear precaution.
Victorian Schools Cycling Championships
Congratulations to our BMX riders, Mackenzie Estlick, Kaitlyn Odgers and Dylan Kenny. Bacchus Marsh Primary School finished 4th overall.

Cycling Championships Overall Individual Results
- Mackenzie Estlick – 3rd 8-9 year old expert girls
- Kaitlyn Odgers 2nd 8-9 year old novice girls
- Dylan Kenny 3rd 8-9 year old novice boys

Breakfast Club
Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome 😊

Remembrance Day
The School Office will have poppies for sale. Our School Captains will be attending the local RSL Service on the 11th November and laying a wreath from BMPS students.

2017 PREP TRANSITION
Our next Transition Program visit for 2017 Prep students will be Wednesday November 2nd.
We look forward to our new Preps arriving for a 9.30 start. Activities will conclude at 10.30 and parents and carers are welcome to come in to the staff room for a cuppa and to meet other parents and carers during this time.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
APRON REMINDER
A reminder that students need to bring an apron along when they are attending Kitchen classes. Thank you.

PE and SPORT UPDATE – TERM 4

REGIONAL ATHLETICS
The regional athletics were held last week. BMPS had 9 students compete. Well done to Soraya, Saoirse, Taryn, Eliza, Jarvis, Anthony, Bridie, Hannah and Ella.
Jarvis and Bridie were both placed in the top 2 in their events and will now go on to compete in the School Sport Victoria State Championships. We congratulate them on their achievements so far and wish them all the best at state.

GRADE 5 & 6 GOLF PROGRAM
Our grade 5 and 6 golf program is up and running with students learning and developing their skills with our golf pro Tony Collier. The grade 6 children will end their program with a golf tournament at Bacchus Marsh West Golf Club on Friday 4th November. Parents, grandparents or other adult helpers are required for this event as an adult accompanies each group around the course. If you are able to assist please let us know.

ANZ HOTSHOTS TENNIS PROGRAM
Last year BMPS joined the National Tennis Partnership Program and each year in term 4 we run a tennis unit with all our students. This is our third week implementing the ANZ hotshots program which is proving very popular with our students at all levels. Any students that have hotshot t-shirts are welcome to wear them on the days they have their PE lesson. We are planning on taking the grade 5 students to Maddingley Tennis Courts later in the term for a fun workshop with our local tennis coach Steve Kelly.

PREP SWIMMING
The intensive prep swimming program at Paul Saddler was on last week. The children attended lessons daily. A big thank you to all staff and parents who assist with this. It is a disruptive week to normal classes but a program that is well worth it.

T20-BLAST CRICKET TOURNAMENT
BMPS has entered 2 teams (a boys and a girls team) into the T20-Blast Cricket comp being held at Dixon Field in Gisborne on Friday 11th November. Good luck to our teams.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY
Grades Prep to 2 will participate in their Junior Sports Day on Friday 2nd December. Preparation for this event will take place in PE lessons as the event approaches.
A very busy and exciting term in PE and Sport.
Stay fit and healthy.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.
Dear Bacchus Marsh Primary School,

We need all of us, which means you, to keep our school clean. Where does our rubbish go? If you want to know, we will tell you. It goes to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, if we don’t put it in the rubbish bin. Lots of our favourite animals are dying. Do you want to keep it this way? NO! We don’t want it this way because of us. Several animals are dying because you just littered. We can stop this!

From Ethan and Lachie 3W.

Dear students of B.M.P.S,

There is so much rubbish in our schoolyard. It is about time we all pick up rubbish. Before you put your rubbish in the bin, try and think about what rubbish will go in each bin? Do you know where your rubbish will end up if you just let it float around? It will end up killing animals that live under the sea. And if you have something like fish for your dinner tonight, you might end up eating your own rubbish! So don’t let rubbish float around the school. Also put rubbish in the right bin.

Here are the rubbish bins and what to put in them:
- Green is garden waste.
- Yellow is recycling.
- Red/dark green is unrecyclable rubbish.

We all can do something about it.

Can everyone please pick up rubbish every time that you see a piece? Try and buy food that doesn’t need to be put into plastic.

By Tom & Lexie from 3B
Information for parents and carers

Walk to School this October and kick-start your child’s active habits for life.

VicHealth’s Walk to School month encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October, to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.

Walking to and from school can also give you more time to connect and chat with your kids, and the opportunity to 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!

Competition and prizes

Regardless of how many times they walk, children can enter fun walking-themed competitions each week, and have a chance of winning some fantastic prizes. Competitions will be promoted on the Walk to School website and Facebook page throughout October.

Our community partner

Walk to School 2016 is proudly supported by our Official Community Partner, Melbourne City FC.

Schools and students participating in Walk to School 2016 will have the chance to win fantastic prizes from Melbourne City FC.

More information
walktoschool@vichery.vic.gov.au
www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au
www.facebook.com/WalkToSchool
twitter.com/WalkToSchoolVic

Your family can get involved

Taking part through your child’s school

If your child’s school is taking part, your child’s teacher will record how many times students walk 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 each time your child walks, they’ll also be increasing their school’s chances!

Taking part online

If your child’s school is not taking part in Walk to School, your child can still participate, and make their walking count, by signing up, with your permission, via the Walk to School website, www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au. Your child can then keep track of their walks during October, and contribute to the state-wide effort taking place during October.

What information will be collected?

Why does VicHealth collect information about school and student Walk to School participation?

By collecting information about participation, VicHealth will be able to work out new and better ways to encourage children to be active.

VicHealth will use the data we collect to see how much walking is happening in different parts of Victoria, and to measure the impact of Walk to School on walking behaviour. We will use aggregate data for individual schools, schools within a region, and schools in the state, so we can evaluate participation, identify walking trends and behaviour, and measure program
1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

3. Wednesday 30th November, 2016
   6.30pm
   An Information Evening for parents of 2017 Prep children will be held at BMPS at 6.30pm

4. Tuesday 13th December, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to meet their new class and teacher for 2017
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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.

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**Bacchus Marsh College**

**Year 7 Orientation for 2017**

On Monday 5th December, 2016, Bacchus Marsh College will be conducting a Pre-Orientation Day Information session for Grade 6 students and their families at 6.30pm in the College Drama Hall. The session will cover the necessary information to assist with preparation for Orientation Day and other general information to prepare students for Year 7 in 2017. The Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 6th December. Students will meet for an assembly in the College Drama Hall at 8:50am for a 9.00am start (parents are most welcome to attend this assembly). Students will then complete a full day program with their Home Group, and will be dismissed at 3.05pm.

**Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening**

The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College.

Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiero on (03) 5367 2955.
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Baby Bounce

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

LENDERDERG LIBRARY
Tuesdays
2.30 pm

Please Note: Sessions are held during school terms only.

Moorabool Shire Libraries presents...
Stories in the Park

Ballan
Wednesday 26 October
10am
Mclean Reserve,
Cnr Inglis St and Fisk St

Bacchus Marsh
Thursday 27 October
10.30am
Eddie Tooie Place
159 Main St Bacchus Marsh

Dress for the weather and have some fun. No bookings required.
For more information contact Moorabool Library services on 5360 7100
or find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/mooraboollibraries

BacchChat

Very Berry Happy
Steve Burns
Join the amazing Steve Burns as he talks all things Berry!
He will show us how to grow popular berries including Strawberries, Blueberries and Raspberries, as well as explore other berries such as Jabuticabas, Elderberries, Gooseberries and Grapeseed!

Learn how to care for them and strategies to deter birds
Saturday 5 November, 1 – 3pm
James Young Room @ Lenderderg Library

Moorabool Library Services
Held 1st Saturday of every month
LURM: 0492 485 362