Welcome Back Everyone

We’ve had a terrific start to the year and the opportunity to meet with our students to begin developing a relationship at the beginning of the school year was valued.

Teachers have been very complimentary regarding the smooth transition to 2016. Thank you to all families for the part you have played in supporting the development of these relationships.

Special welcome to all of our new families.

We hope you’re settling in well to BMPS. Don’t hesitate to come and talk to us if there’s anything we can do to support the transition for your children.

It’s exciting also to welcome some new staff to BMPS.

Miss Edwards, Mrs Miles and Mrs Pike join our Prep Team

To our Year 2 Team we welcome Mrs Collins.

Miss Buccheri returns to our Year 3 Team following some exciting adventures travelling in 2015.

Mr Tomaszewski is welcomed into the Year 4 Team and it’s great to have Mrs Raft join the Year 6 team

We welcome Mrs Alison Thompson back to our Specialist Team and in particular our Performing Arts Program.

It’s a very exciting year for our Chinese Language program.

We welcome Miss Wu to BMPS full time, working across all year levels, and in 2016 Miss Wu will be assisted by Miss Jiali Cui.

Miss Cui arrived in Australia on the 21st January. She is settling in to our school very well and embracing all opportunities.
Parent Information sessions for Grade 1-6 Parents

Classroom Teachers will conduct information sessions for parents on

Wednesday March 2nd

5.00pm- Gr 1
5.20pm-Gr 2
5.40-Gr 3
6.00-Gr 4
6.20-Gr 5
6.40-Gr 6

Come along to hear about teaching and learning programs, camps, excursions, routine expectations and any other general information that will further enhance the home school partnership.

Grade Prep Picnic and Parent Information Session

Thursday March 10th

5.00pm Picnic for Prep families
5.50pm Prep children go to supervised activity
6.00pm Parent Information session

All you need to know to build a great home school partnership.

We also take every opportunity to remind parents of children in all year levels that you're welcome to make a 1:1 appointment with your child’s classroom teacher at any time. Please don't let a concern grow into an issue that could have been nipped in the bud.

It's also great for our teachers to get feedback on things you believe are working really well for your child.

PERMISSION TO DISPLAY STUDENTS IMAGES FOR SCHOOL PUBLICITY/PROMOTION

Annually we are required to update our data base to ensure the accuracy of parent permission for student images to be used for publicity and promotion.

A 2016 permission form will be sent home with your child/ren today.

Please return to school at your earliest convenience and no later than Wednesday 17th February
Teacher Professional Learning - DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

We are very pleased to have attracted Professor Dianne Siemon to BMPS to work with our staff in term two. Dianne is a Professor of Mathematics Education in the School of Education at RMIT and much of Di’s research informs our approach to teaching mathematics.

We have also been successful in booking Mr James Anderson from Mindful by Design to work with our staff to build a Growth Mindset.

The Growth Mindset is a common factor in the outlook of practically all high achievers and has been identified as a critical component in succeeding in all aspects of life. James will support us to think like a Growth Mindset teacher and give us the tools to develop Growth Mindsets in our students.

Please commit the following pupil free days to your calendar.

- Monday April 11 (first day term 2) Growth Mindset
- Friday May 6 Mathematics

PARKING and general safety and respect for our neighbours

A reminder to please drive safely and park respectfully in the residential streets around our school.

We value the relationships we have with our neighbours, including those in Manor Street.

Please be mindful of parking in a manner that makes it possible for another car to fit in and ensure that no driveways are blocked.

Drop off zone

For safety reasons we ask that no children walk in or out of the school through the drop off zone.

Children walking into school are to enter and exit via McFarland Street.

Mr Cain Oliver and Mr Scott Nelson will take responsibility for duty at the drop off zone.

You will have noticed that we are working with parents and students to more efficiently utilise the parking bays so that students can safely walk around the path and NOT walk onto or across the road to get into a car.

Please be patient as we develop this process.

NO CHILDREN ARE TO WALK ONTO THE ROAD TO GET INTO A CAR

School Council will continue to be pro-active in looking for options to maximise parking and minimising risk to students, neighbours and our general school community.
General Reminders

We appreciate your support in reinforcing that no children are to be on the new climbing frames before or after school.

Hats must be worn by all children in the playground during term 1.

Grade 3-6 are welcome to play soccer on Masons Lane at recess and lunch time during term 1.

NO SMOKING around our school

Reminder to our school community that the law states that

“smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria”

We appreciate your support in adhering to this law.

Recent hoax phone calls to Victorian Schools

We would like to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools that our school has not received such a call but, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, that is practised throughout the year.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year

Melinda, Leanne & Pam

Leadership

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# Teaching Staff

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Travel Conveyance Allowance

If you live more than 4.8kms from your nearest school, you may be eligible to apply for your child/children. Application forms are available from the school office.

Applications for Term 1 must be received by 26th February 2016.

Late claims will not be accepted.

Student Insurance and Ambulance Cover

Parents are reminded that neither the school nor the Department of Education provides personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students.

Private property brought to school by students or visitors is not insured and the school does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.
WHO: We are looking for parents and pre-school children to come along and join Playgroup 28. We are a small informal group that is registered with Playgroup Victoria and have been operating at BMPS for the past 5 years.

WHAT: We enjoy a weekly cuppa and a chat with other parents while enjoying some informal playing and craft activities for the children between 9.00am to 10.30am.

COST: Free- everything provided (BYO snack for your child)

DAY: *To be decided*. Please return the expression of interest form below, to the school office.

CONTACT: Leanne Fitzsimons, at BMPS, 5367 2745

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PLAYGROUP 28

*Yes- I would love to join Playgroup 28 in 2016.*

My name: Contact no:

Number of children to attend:

Please **circle** your choice of day

Wednesday 9.00-10.30am **OR** Thursday 9.00-10.30 am

*We will be starting our session from week beginning- February 15th*-confirmation will be sent home.
## Important Dates

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Advertizing

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.

Bacchus Marsh Disability Parent Connection

This is a free social and support group for parents of children or adults who have disabilities. It gives you a chance to chat and connect with other families in similar situations. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and to gain new information about local services and events. New members warmly welcomed.

Join us for morning tea around the fourth Monday of the month during school terms.

10.30am—12.30pm
Darley Neighbourhood House,
33 Jonathan Dr, Darley.

2016 Dates:

Monday 22nd February

Monday 21st March
*early due to Easter

Monday 2nd May
*late due to ANZAC day

Monday 23rd May

Monday 20th June
*early due to School Holidays

Monday 25th July

Monday 22nd August

Monday 24th October

Monday 28th November

Contact Rebecca Paton, Parent Support Coordinator
5329 1361, rpaton@pinarc.org.au

www.pinarc.org.au  general enquiries 03 5329 1398
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
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update
Welcome to Term 1, 2016! We hope you have all had a great break and are looking forward to another fantastic year of OSHClub.

Staff changes:
We have some changes to our staff this term, with Jessica’s last day being the 29th of January. We wish Jessica all the best with her studies and thank her for her assistance last year. We would like to welcome Mai Sharif, our new assistant as of the 1st of February. Mai will be a great addition to our team and is looking forward to building new relationships with our children and families.

Holiday program:
The children and staff had a fantastic time during our January holiday program. The children have given lots of positive feedback throughout the program, with their favourite excursion being to Dizzy’s Castle in Maribyrnong.

This Week’s Activities

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<td>‘Get to know you’ games and Gaga Ball</td>
<td>OSHClub rules book and Soccer</td>
<td>Basketball and Fruit smoothies (cooking activity)</td>
<td>Fruit Salad and corn pikelets (cooking activity)</td>
<td>Cricket and decorating our OSHC room</td>
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Parent Information

OSHCl program phone: 0428 530 254
Coordinator: Emily Spiteri
Assistants: Mai Sharif and Genna Russell
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.