FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2016
We would like to announce that our 2016 School Council Representatives will be:

**Parent Representation**
- Lachlan Hodgson
- Narelle Amor
- Sharon Noorman
- Emma James
- Leigh Bradbury
- Tim Gallagher
- Marzieh Hassain
- Karen Saw
- Gregg Fowler
- Matt Cape

**Staff Representation**
- Leanne Fitzsimons
- Pam Whitten
- Daniel Morris
- Scott Nelson
- Melinda Williams

SAY NO TO BULLYING- Wear Red this Friday March 18th
The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held this Friday, 18 March. This annual day is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence in our schools, the classroom and beyond.

Children are encouraged to wear red to make a statement.

CRAZY HAIR DAY
$895.00 was raised to support the Soup Bus and Leukaemia Foundation during Crazy Hair Day last week. Congratulations everyone- Well done!

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE ALOPECIA PROGRAM
Come along to assembly Monday morning to support four of our students who will be donating their hair to be made into specialised wigs for children with Alopecia. Anyone wishing to donate to this wonderful program can do so in the bucket at the office or on Monday morning during assembly.
WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 9AM – 12PM
We’re looking forward to lots of support this Saturday morning to tidy up our yard.

Garden beds- weeding, tidying up edges, watering
Buildings- external- dust, cob webs, ledges - general clean up (soft brooms)
Grounds- raking of debris and general clean up (rakes, blower vacs)
Painting- table tops (paint brushes)

Any tools or equipment you’d like to bring along to make the job quicker and easier would be very much appreciated.

EASTER HAT PARADE AND LAST DAY OF TERM
Our Easter Hat Parade will take place at 8.50am on Thursday 24th March.
A reminder that this is the last day of term and school will finish at 2.30pm.
• Friday 25th March is Good Friday public holiday.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thanks for the donations of Easter Eggs and for selling tickets.
We look forward to drawing the raffle at our Easter Parade.

SENIOR HOUSE SPORTS
Senior Sports Grades 3 – 6 will be held on Wednesday 23rd March at Mason’s Lane
beginning promptly at 9:00am and concluding around 2:45pm. All children in grades 3,4,5 and 6 will attend.

Children can dress in house colours and must wear a hat and be prepared for all weather conditions.

COST- $1:00 per child. Money goes toward the hire of Masons Lane with the Council and the hire and use of the Athletics track and equipment through Little Athletics. This money should be given to the grade teacher who will keep a record of payment.
Parent helpers are needed on the day so if you are available please let Lisa Hurst know.

SCHOOL DISCO
Our school disco will be on Friday May 13th
Junior Disco (Prep/1/2) will be from 4pm-5pm
Senior Disco (3/4/5/6) will be from 5.15pm-6.30
Further details will follow.

ENROLMENTS 2017
An important message to all BMPS families to ensure you enrol 2017 Prep siblings by the end of this term. We do have restricted enrolments and want to ensure that we cater for all siblings of children already at our school. Places become limited from term 2, so please visit the office and collect and complete forms.

DROP OFF AREA
Thank you very much to children, parents and everyone who collects students from the drop off zone for the marked improvement in the use of the path and the flow of cars getting through this area.
We commend your patience and also thank Mr Oliver and Mr Nelson for their support in facilitating this focus on safety at the drop off.
LOCK DOWN DRILL
Your children may have mentioned that we recently undertook a ‘lock down drill’ to ensure we have processes in place should we need to enact a lock down at BMPS.
In the event that we did lock down our primary source of communication at this point would be via tiqbiz only. A message would be sent to parents at our earliest convenience to communicate all necessary information and arrangements.
Please encourage parents in your network to ensure they have the tiqbiz app downloaded to their phone to support effective communication.

TERM 2 RETURN DATE
Reminder that Monday April 11th is a pupil free day and students return to school on Tuesday 12th April.

SUPPORT WITH LUNCH ORDERS
In order for the canteen to provide the best service they can QKR lunch orders cannot be taken after 9am from the start of Term 2.
Please contact the office should you need to after 9am.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam

Please commit the following pupil free days to your calendar.

• Monday April 11 (first day term 2) Growth Mindset PD for Staff
  • Friday May 6 Mathematics
2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is an independent, quality skills-based assessment program which rewards and recognises achievement. ICAS gives you broad insights into your child’s performance across English, Mathematics, Science, Digital Technologies, Spelling and Writing. ICAS (sometimes referred to as the UNSW assessments) has been developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) since 1981.

Each student who chooses to participate receives:
- an engaging and challenging full-colour test booklet
- an individual diagnostic report highlighting strengths and weaknesses and year to year progression
- login details to access their online results which can be analysed and downloaded
- a High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Merit or Participation Certificate acknowledging their level of achievement
- the chance to receive an individually-engraved UNSW medal for the highest scoring student in each year level for each subject.

All six ICAS assessments are available to students in Years 3-6. Students in Year 2 may choose to participate in the Science, Spelling, English and/or Mathematics assessments.

To learn more about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about. EAA has some very helpful tools to help your child prepare. You can access practice assessments at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

To enrol your child in any of the ICAS assessments, please complete the registration form on the back of this letter and return it, with your entry fees, to school by Wednesday 23rd March, 2016 (no late payments can be accepted). Payments can be given to the classroom teacher or be made at the school office.

If you have any further questions about the ICAS assessments, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Jacqui Homewood
ICAS Coordinator
Bacchus Marsh Primary School
2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Permission Form

Please return this form to your child’s school

I give permission for my ____________________________ of ____________________________

Child’s name        Class

to participate in the following 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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TOTAL

Please find ____________________________ enclosed (total entry fee).

Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian ____________________________ Date __________

Signature of Parent/ Guardian ____________________________

(RETURN DATE: WEDNESDAY 23RD March, 2016)
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CHOIR PERFORMANCE - BLACKSMITH’S COTTAGE

On February 9th, our school choir visited and performed at the Blacksmith’s Cottage. They looked terrific in their period costume and represented our school beautifully on the day. Thank you to Miss Thompson for organising the visit.
What is NDIS?

Want more info? Read below...

Embrace ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) is going to have a guest speaker Pamela Gotos from Amaze (Autism Victoria) talking about NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) which will be rolled out in our area on 1st of July 2016

**WHEN:** 24th March 2016
**TIME:** 11:30 am - 2pm
**Cost:** Free

**WHERE:** At Ballan Primary School
8-11 Duncan Street

Tea, coffee and light food supplied

Contact Amber Durante for more details on:
0430 343 473 or Janine Buttigieg on 0431 489 569

The NDIS effects everyone on the Autism Spectrum or someone with a mental illness please attend if you know or support someone. This is your last opportunity to understand how the NDIS works and be able to ask questions.

www.embraceasd.net
Montessori Preschool

Open Day
176 Gisborne Road, Darley

Sat 19th March
10am - 2pm

Cycle 1
3 year old kinder: 9+hrs
4 year old kinder: 15+hrs
Toddlers
2.5-3 years: 4hrs per week
Early Learners
18 months-2.5 years
(Parent/carer stays: 1.5 hrs)

Limited spaces available for 2016

**Admissions open for 2017**

Making the decision about your child’s education is one of the most important responsibilities you have as a parent. Take some time to reflect, ask questions about your child’s education, and explore your options. Come & meet with us and visit our preschool and learn more about our authentic program.

Phone: 5367 7706  Email: bmmontessori@gmail.com  Web: www.bacchusmarshmontessori.com.au
Program Update

Racchus March Primary OSHClub Holiday Program:

Our upcoming school holiday program will be running from the 29\textsuperscript{th} of March to the 8\textsuperscript{th} of April. Our school holiday hours of operation are from 7:00am to 6:30pm and bookings can be made online. Each day we provide exciting theme based activities and run an excursion and incursion each week. For further information on themes and activities that are available each day please feel free to visit us at the program for a brochure or download our brochure through our OSHClub website (www.oshclub.com.au) under ‘School Holiday Programs’. Bookings are open so book early to ensure you don’t miss out!

Possible curriculum day 11\textsuperscript{th} April (Pupil free day):

Bookings are open for an extended program on the 11\textsuperscript{th} of April (1st day of term 2). We plan on running a full day of care from 6:30am to 6:30pm. However this is dependent on the number of bookings received (we require a minimum of 15 bookings). Please book prior to Sunday the 3\textsuperscript{rd} of April as families will be notified on Monday the 4\textsuperscript{th} of April if the day will proceed.

This Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

[OSHC program phone and contact information]

[Details on how to book and manage bookings online]
SPORTS REPORT

DIVISION SWIMMING AT WERRIBEE
Congratulations to the 14 students who attended the division swimming championships at Werribee on the 10th March. Best of luck to Hannah who has made it through to the regional event on the 22nd March.

SENIOR HOUSE SPORTS – WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH
Our house sports are getting closer and the excitement is building for grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students. Please remember to send in $1 per student to help with hire costs. Any parents who have volunteered to help out, can meet us at Masons Lane next Wednesday morning at 8:45am. Children wear house colours on the day but must still wear a hat, preferably their school bucket hat. Canteen lunches are still available on the day and will be delivered to Masons Lane. Children will need to bring food and water to the sports day. There will be NO kiosk running at the event.

PE TEAM (Lisa, Yvonne and Alli)

GET ACTIVE THIS APRIL
As part of the Victorian Government initiative the Premier's Active April challenge is on again.
All it takes is 30 minutes a day of activity during April. If you are interested you can register at activeapril.vic.gov.au.

Moving regularly is an important part of our daily lives. There is evidence to suggest that doing something active for between half an hour to an hour a day can improve children's learning capabilities. Activities include riding a bike, walking, running, swimming, catching up as a family in the park............ The activities that you can do as a family are endless.

If you register you get:
10 free YMCA passes or access to a local government facility
15% off at Sportsmart
One free hour tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert reserve
One free Get into Cardio Tennis session
A two for one ticket offer to SEALIFE Melbourne Aquarium

Entry into the draw to win tickets to the 2017 Australian Open Finals

If you have any further queries please see the Yvonne Muller.
EASTER EGG FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

Our BMPS fundraising team is organizing an Easter Raffle to be drawn on the last day of Term – Thursday 24th March. Money raised will go towards landscaping and beautifying the area around our new grade 4 portables.

To help make this a success we are asking all families to make a small donation of a suitable item such as an egg, chocolates etc. that we can put into our prize hampers.

Please send your Easter goodies to school by Friday March 18th.

Thankyou for your support.

The 2016 Fundraising Committee.

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Important Dates

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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.

We’re using an app to communicate with you. You’ll be notified of our news, messages, events and other communications. Simply download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet.

**Step 1**
Download for phone and tablet
Search tiqbiz in your app store.

**Step 2**
Log in – Open tiqbiz and register/log-in
Find – Inside the menu, click on ‘Find & Tick’.
Type our name into the search bar.
Select us from the results.
Tick – Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you.
When the tick turns green, you’re connected.
Inbox - Click on the Inbox icon.
This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

Don’t have a smartphone or tablet? Download tiqbiz on your PC or Mac at www.tiqbiz.com/register
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
Make school payments with QKR™ your New Year’s Resolution

Welcome to the new school year from all at QKR by MasterCard: the easy-to-use mobile phone app and preferred payment method for your school.

To our returning QKR families, we welcome you back and thank you for your support last year. Follow our simple tips below to update your child’s data and year details for the new school year.

To any new families, why not try QKR today? QKR saves you time by letting you make all your school payments directly from your smartphone or tablet device (Apple or Android), at a time convenient for you.

New Families: Getting started is easy

1. **Step 1: Download QKR by MasterCard**
   - on your Android phone or iPhone.
   - Tap here to download iPhone app

2. **Step 2: Register**
   - Select your Country of Residence as Australia and follow the steps to register
   - Scan QR code provided
   - If not in the office, you can select your “Schools Nearby”

3. **Step 3: Find our School**

4. **Step 4: Register your children**
   - When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order and pay for meals and other items...
School Holidays
Basketball Intro & Basic Skills Clinic
Weds - 6\textsuperscript{th} Apr 2016

For children 6 to 11 years of age.

The BMBA is fully aware of the need to provide an introduction for younger children to the game of basketball and begin the process of slowly improving their basketball knowledge and basic skills at a much earlier age.

So with these objectives in mind, we are running a basketball clinic over the school holidays based on having fun whilst learning basic basketball skills.

- **Age Group:** 6 to 11 years of age
- **Date:** Weds - 6\textsuperscript{th} Apr 16
- **Time:** 9.30am – 12.00pm
- **Cost:** $5.00 - per player

**Note: Registration & payment on the Day.**

All children are required to be in attendance at the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre (30) minutes prior to the commencement time shown above, with a drink bottle and pumped up basketball.

These sessions are open to all children within the Bacchus Marsh Community, including for those children who may want to further develop their basketball skills or for those who may just want to give basketball a try for the first time.

So no matter what your child’s present skill level - there will be a coach available to work with them directly to improve their specific basketball skills.

For any other questions please call Wayne Slack on 0409 078400 or by email at waynes@rvision.com.au.

☆ Proudly supported by the Bacchus Marsh Basketball Assoc (BMBA).

http://www.bacchusmarsh.basketball.net.au