NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 5
Friday 29th April, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

ANZAC COMMEMORATIONS

ANZAC DAWN SERVICE
Thank you to Mrs Love and to all of our families that were able to support the Dawn Service and represent BMPS on ANZAC Day.

Cidney Oates & Bryia McKinnon
LEGACY SCHOOLS SERVICE

Our school leaders also attended the 85th Legacy Schools Service at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne along with hundreds of other Primary Schools from across the State. Thank you to Mrs Nixon for organising this opportunity.

Abbie Heagney, Emersen Wilde, Max Marshall & Ben Hutcheon

Ben Hutcheon, Max Marshall, Emersen Wilde & Abbie Heagney
MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Our Annual Mother’s Day Stall will be held next Wednesday May 4th, commencing at 9am.
Gifts will be available for $5 each. Please send along a plastic bag to pop the gift into.

REMINDER – PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY MAY 6TH
Our teachers will be involved in a workshop with Professor Dianne Siemon from RMIT where we will focus on the 4 Big Ideas in Primary School Mathematics.
• Prep – Trusting The Count
• Grade 1 & 2 – Place Value
• Grade 3 & 4 – Multiplicative Thinking (Thinking in multiples)
• Grade 5 & 6 – Partitioning (Working with fractional parts)

MUM’S NIGHT
As this is our Mother’s Day Term we look forward to our Mum’s Night on June 2. Further details to follow.

BEFORE SCHOOL DROP OFF TIMES
We ask for your ongoing support in being aware that staff are involved in planning for the day prior to 8.35am and children are not supervised in the yard. Yard Duty supervision commences at 8.35am.
Out Of School HOURS Care is available before school an Emily from OSHClub can be contacted on 0428 530 254.

BREAKFAST CLUB
All children are welcome to come along from 8am on a Monday and Wednesday in the Kitchen.

PARKING
Please be mindful of our local residents when parking around our school especially private driveways. Thank you for your support with changes to our routines in the drop off zone. We appreciate your patience and care in ensuring the safety of our students.

NAPLAN – MAY 9-12
Information regarding NAPLAN for grades 3 & 5 will be coming home with students next Tuesday May 3rd.
WHOLE SCHOOL VALUES

Please discuss our school values at home with your children in the spirit of forging great home/school partnerships. We work hard to explicitly teach these values and support students to live them at school and your support is vital.

We are committed to the values of:

**RESPECT**

Respect is;

- Caring about people and treating them well
- Valuing ourselves and others
- Speaking and acting with courtesy
- Taking care of people’s belongings
- Following the school rules

**LEARNING**

Learning is;

- Gaining knowledge and skills
- Showing inspiration and creativity
- Doing the best job you can possibly do
- Having goals and a clear focus
- Working with a purpose and reflecting on your practice

**TEAMWORK**

Teamwork is;

- Working together
- Keeping a safe and happy environment
- Co-operating and helping others
- Being a team player and sharing the load
- Respecting others

**INTEGRITY**

Integrity is;

- Standing up for what you believe in
- Doing the right thing when it's hard
- Being willing to clean up your mistakes
- Living by your values
- Being honest and sincere

**KINDNESS**

Kindness is;

- Showing that you care
- Making life better for others by doing good
- Giving help to someone who is sad
- Accepting others who are different
- Thinking about people’s needs
CHINESE CHILDREN’S VISIT 2016
As discussed in our last newsletter we’re looking forward to hosting children from our Sister Schools Langya Road and Red Army Primary Schools. It has now been confirmed that we will have 20 students and two teachers so we need 11 families to support our exciting program.

The dates are July 25th to 30th

Host families look after a pair of children for the week as this supports them with their stay.
If you’re able to assist we’d be thrilled to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Thanks very much to the families who have already expressed interest.

MUM’S NIGHT
Our Mum’s Night will be on Thursday June 2nd.
More details to follow.

ENROLMENTS 2017
Planning for 2017 is well underway and we’re very keen to ensure that all Prep siblings coming to BMPS next year are on our list. Places become limited from term 2, so please visit the office to collect and complete forms.

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

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
INTRODUCING OUR GRADE 3 AND 4 TEACHER TEAMS

We hope this helps to put names to faces when your children are talking about their day and the teachers they have interacted with.

GRADE 3 TEAM

Dave Champness
Damian Richards
Jenna Wittick
Ceri-Ann Thompson
Anne Phyland
Vanessa Buccheri

GRADE 4 TEAM

Scott Nelson
Cain Oliver
Jacquie Homewood
Luke Elliot
Kirsty Sutherland
Steve Tomaszewski
SPARE UNIFORM

If you have any spare uniform items that you no longer need we can use them for our spare clothes cupboard here at school - We are running short on small size shorts, small size boys long pants and larger size shorts.

Important Dates

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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 COLLEGE
OPEN NIGHT INVITATION
4TH MAY 2016
Drama Hall, Grant Street
Bacchus Marsh
School Tours Depart: 5:30pm - 6:15pm
Information Session: 7:00pm
(Followed by question and answer session)

KEY DATES FOR YEAR 7 - 2017 ENROLMENTS

4th May  Open Night
20th May  Scholarship Applications to be submitted to Grade 6 Teachers
          (which will then be passed on to Bacchus Marsh College)
24th June  Enrolment Forms Due
5th Dec    Parent Information Night
6th Dec    Orientation Day

For any enquiries regarding enrolments please contact (03) 5367 2955

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  - 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
School Banking Day Reminder

Don’t forget that Monday is School Banking day and students may bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Bacchus Marsh Primary School.