Dear Parents,

One more reminder to please commit to your calendar our information session for **Grade 1-6 parents** this **Wednesday evening March 2nd**.

Classroom Teachers will conduct these sessions and the purpose is to ensure that our home school partnership is strong, our communication is clear and we’re supporting our students to achieve beyond what they think is possible.

- 5.00pm- Gr 1 (Grade 3 Gallery)
- 5.20pm-Gr 2 (Grade 5/6 Gallery)
- 5.40-Gr 3 (Grade 3 Gallery)
- 6.00-Gr 4 (Grade 5/6 Gallery)
- 6.20-Gr 5 (Grade 3 Gallery)
- 6.40-Gr 6 (Grade 5/6 Gallery)

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.

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**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
RED- SAY NO TO BULLYING

Last week at assembly we used ‘red’ as our symbol and reminder that we do not tolerate bullying at Bacchus Marsh Primary School.

It is extremely important that we work together to consistently send this message. We will continue to focus on and actively promote being kind to everyone.

Wear Red to support the National Day of Action Against Bullying

Our message will be further reinforced on Friday 18th 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 schools, the classroom and beyond.

All students are encouraged to wear a touch of red, or red from head to toe on this day.

DRESS UP DAY

On Friday March 11 our Junior Council have planned that we'll dress in casual clothes with a touch of ‘CRAZY HAIR’.

A gold coin donation on this day will support the Food Bus in our community along with raising awareness and support for ‘Shave For A Cure Leukemia Foundation’

We look forward to getting our CRAZY HAIR on!
Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program
It was great to see three of our students being proactive at assembly on Monday morning in support of this Program. If your child would like to support children with alopecia by donating hair to be made into specialised wigs for these children to help instil confidence, independence and self-esteem please let us know through the office and we can provide further information.

WORKING BEE
Our first working bee for 2016 will be on Saturday morning 19th March commencing at 9am.

On this day we hope to ‘spruce up’ our yard and the exterior of our buildings.
- garden beds- sweeping, weeding, tidying up edges, watering
- large pots- replanting and general tidy up
- buildings - external- dust, cob webs, ledges general clean up
- grounds - raking and general clean up of debris

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

HEAD LICE
We have had cases of head lice reported to the office. Please be vigilant in checking your child’s hair regularly. We recommend that this be done every couple of days. You will appreciate that this is an ongoing issue and we appreciate your support.

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

SHARING FOOD
This is an important message we need our students to understand. In light of student’s allergies and general respect for what our children are eating, we ask all parents to remind their children that they are not to give, share or buy other children food or snacks.

Please commit the following pupil free days to your calendar.

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

Melinda, Leanne & Pam
SPORTS UPDATE

SWIMMING

So far this year we have already had 2 swimming events. The first was the BMPS trials held at the Bacchus Marsh Pool on Friday 19th February. We took 65 children down to the pool to try out for the district team. It was a terrific morning with lots of supporters and parent helpers attending. Thank you to Mr Morris, Mr Oliver, Mrs Havelberg, Mikaela Hurst, the 5 students from BMC, the Paul Saddler Swim Staff and our wonderful parent helpers for helping me to run the event. The weather was great and because everything ran so smoothly and efficiently the children finished with some free time in the pool. Congratulations to all the students who attended. From this trial 29 students were selected for the district team.

The BMPSSA district swimming carnival took place last Thursday at Melton Waves. Again it was a great event with perfect weather conditions. The 6 schools in the Bacchus Marsh District competed at these trials. As the coordinator of the Bacchus Marsh Primary Schools Sports Association I am very fortunate to have a great team of teachers in the district representing each school that work well together to run these fantastic events for our students. Bacchus Marsh Secondary College sent along 4 fabulous students to assist as officials, Paul Saddler Swim Staff helped with judging stroke technique and parents and teachers from all schools were allocated official roles. A fantastic day was had by all. Congratulations to the BMPS students on their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship and thank you to Mikaela Hurst, my daughter, for being a terrific team supervisor. A special thank you to Mrs Muller for volunteering to attend on her day off to be the recorder. From this event those students who placed 1st and 2nd go on to the division event being held at Werribee Outdoor Pool on Thursday 10th March. Best of luck to Jarvis, Hannah, Andrew, Soraya, Lucy, Ella, Ebony, Tayah, Jessica, Matilda, Lachlan, Bayley, Fletcher and Brady.

Lisa Hurst

SENIOR HOUSE SPORTS GRADES 3-6
WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2016

Our Senior House Sports are fast approaching due to be held on the last Wednesday of term 1. We are currently practising the athletic skills in our PE sessions. This event will take place at Masons Lane and we will be asking every child in grades 3-6 to contribute $1 each to assist with the hire costs of both Masons Lane and the Athletics track and equipment. Children will dress in their house colours and will rotate around the various events throughout the day. The day always concludes with the very exciting house relays and track events. We require lots of parent helpers on the day to assist with the running of events. Our day is focussed on participation, sportsmanship and FUN! Every child does every event. Please let the PE staff know if you can help on the day. More information will be sent home via Tiqbiz and the website in the next couple of weeks.

Stay active and healthy,

PE TEAM - Lisa Hurst, Yvonne Muller and Alli Grant
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.

Recorder Karate Achievements

It has been an exciting week in Year 4 with students beginning the recorder karate program.
Congratulations to the following students who have worked hard and persisted in order to achieve their white belt.

White Belt
4E - Paris, Alex, Saoirse, Jayda
4H - Paige
4N - Deborah, Annabel, Lauren
4O - Lincoln, Mikayla, Soraya, Amy, Miah
4S - Chenice, Robert, Leah, Alex, Cidney

KITCHEN

If you have any spare lemons on your tree at home the Kitchen would appreciate them for their cooking program.

A reminder that students will need to bring their apron with them to Kitchen classes.

Thank you.
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. Tickets will be sent home shortly with students. Thankyou for your support.

The 2016 Fundraising Committee.

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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.

KINSHIP CARER’S
Moorabool Shire Council are seeking Kinship Carer’s with at least 1 child aged under 4 years to attend our Bacchus Marsh based Support Group/ Playgroup. If you are interested in finding out more information please contact Cherie Giles – Council’s Supported Playgroup Facilitator – on 5366 7100.

tiqbiz
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.

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   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
BacchChat

Gender Equity?
Dur-e Dara - OAM Victorian Women’s Trust
Join the discussion as part of International Women’s Day
Imagine a world where women and girls stand equally with men and boys, and take up all of life’s opportunities without fear, harm, discrimination or disadvantage.
Saturday 5 March, 1 – 3pm
James Young Room @ Lenderderg Library
Come and see the Classic Car Display. For the children there’s the Paper Plane competition and the Decorated Easter Egg (Hard or blown eggs) and the Children’s stall with free Show Bags on offer. Enjoy a morning cuppa or have lunch after touring for bargains on Trash & Treasure, Craft ideas or a really interesting item from the Treasures stall. There’s good eating at the BBQ, books galore and for your garden, check out the Plants then nurture the garden with bags of freshly procured sheep manure. Great for roses is a bag of Cricket Poo. Maybe wander past the Flower Show exhibits to finish off a good day.

Ring 5367 3023 or email lutoncourt@gmail.com for more info.

Paper Plane Challenge U 10 & 10-15
Paper provided – planes to be made at the event.
Have a go – You could be the next district champion!

Decorated Easter Eggs
Try your artistic skill – decorate a hard boiled or blown egg.
Bring your entry to St Andrews UCA Gisborne Road on Friday 18th or till 9.30am Saturday 19th. We look forward to seeing your delightful decoration.
Program Update:

Random Acts of Kindness Week:

This week we have been celebrating the national Random Acts of Kindness week (14th-20th of February). The children have discussed what ‘kindness’ means and how we can be kind to others. We have also been exploring this through participating in activities, making thoughtful gifts and encouraging the children to spread their kindness to others.

“Scientific studies have shown that random acts of kindness are good for you! They improve your life satisfaction by increasing your sense of belonging and self-worth and improve your health by decreasing your anxiety and depression… Kindness is the key to lasting happiness” (Random Acts of Kindness Foundation. (2016). Why Kindness? Retrieved from https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/about).

Friendly Reminders:

- As it is Term 1, children need to bring a hat to OSHC each day for outdoor play. OSHC has a “No hat-No outside play” policy. If your child is unable to bring their school hat to OSHC, please leave a spare hat in their bag that they can wear.
- Please update your enrolment forms online with any new information, including your child’s current year level if needed.

This Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0428 530 254
Coordinator: Emily Spiteri
Assistants: Mali 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.