WEEK OF THE ARTS!

A huge thanks to all our visiting Artists who gave up their time to work with our children. It was great to see the many varied activities children were engaged in.

Thanks to Carrie Clancy and Megan Fromholtz who organised this great event.
EQUESTRIAN TEAM
Our BMPS Equestrian Team will participate in the Interschool Equestrian State Championships at Werribee Park on June 29th.

CLASSROOM HELPERS/VOLUNTEERS AT BMPS
A reminder to all parents, friends and volunteers who work in our school and classrooms, about the importance of being confidential. As part of our volunteer policy we ask all helpers to respect the privacy and personal details of our students. Any student information needs to remain confidential and is not for public discussion. Please see Leanne Fitzsimons if you have any further questions.

CURRICULUM DAY
On June 15th we will be having a Curriculum Day. On this day teachers will focus on the teaching of Spelling. Children are not required at school on this day.

CHINESE CHILDREN’S VISIT–WE NEED YOUR HELP!
We are again hosting children from our Sister School in Nanjing - Langya Road PS. We will host 20 children and three teachers. We are looking for host families to look after the children. We pair children up to help them with the stay. The visit will be around July 19th for one week.

If you are able to assist in hosting 2 students please contact the office. Families who have hosted in the past find it a very rewarding and fun experience.

CHINA – TEACHER EXCHANGE
In October and September this year Scott Nelson and Tamara Hutcheson will travel to Nanjing, China to teach at our Sister School for one month each. It will be a great experience for both teachers, to live and work in China.

In July two teachers from Langya Road, Nanjing will come to work at our school.

We are looking for two kind families, who would be willing to host a teacher for four weeks.

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CHINA
I can assist with - Student Exchange [ ] Teacher Exchange [ ]
Name ____________________________________________________________
Phone ___________________________________________________________
PARENT NIGHT
On June 10\textsuperscript{th} at 7.30pm Jake Edwards from: ‘Outside The Locker Room’ will give a presentation about drug education and helping with depression. Jake played for Carlton Football Club and will tell of his own personal experience.

Jake talks from the heart and I would encourage all parents to attend this session which gives an insight into helping our children grow up safely. The session will be held in the Grade 5/6 building.

DRUG EDUCATION NIGHT
Next Thursday night there is a whole town meeting to discuss the drug problem in Bacchus Marsh. Please come along and find out how we as the people of the town can help with our drug problems.

Ian, Leanne, Melinda & Pam

Moorabool Drug Information Evening
“A Way Forward”
May 28\textsuperscript{th} 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Town Hall, Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
Special Guest Speaker
Glenn Manton
Co Founder Outside the Locker Room
What do you want to know?
Provide us with your thoughts so we can provide you with the information you seek.
Send to: James.ross@police.vic.gov.au
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Outside The Locker Room
Moorabool Community Leadership Program
Moorabool Shire Council
Ballarat Community Health

EVERY DAY COUNTS!
There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational and social outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy and literacy. We all want the best for the students at Bacchus Marsh Primary School so please support your child to be at school every day ready for learning.
This is where we learn

PLEASE DON’T SMOKE HERE.

Smoking ban You would have seen in the media that smoking is now banned on the grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to all children centres, kindergartens and schools.

Smoking Ban

Purpose of this policy

To ensure there is no smoking on school grounds and near school entrances.

Applying the ban

From 13 April 2015, smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987. A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens is also in place.

While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria.

Please contact the Tobacco Control Section in the DHHS for any questions regarding the new smoking bans, via phone (03) 9096 0469, or via email tobacco.policy@health.vic.gov.au.

The smoking ban applies to:

- anyone present on school premises during and after school hours including students, teachers, contractors, parents/guardians or the wider community, such as sporting groups.
- all activities that take place on school premises including pre-schools, kindergartens, outside school hours care, cultural, sporting or recreational activities and school fetes.
On Wednesday 20th of May we had Day of the Arts. It was full of great activities such as shade writing, body music, cross-age activity, bag making and lots more fun activities that students enjoyed. We also had other visiting Artists who taught us new and amazing things that left us with a smile on our face. Tap dancers also came and showed children how to dance.
By: Max and Levi 6H

For Week of the Arts we had special people come in to do lots of activities including visual arts and performing. We learnt about traditional arts and cultural dancing. The day was lots fun and very educational. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to teach us art and performing.
By: Jess and Tahlia 6H

On the Day of the Arts we had a person named Stella Savy who came to teach us Seychelles traditional dance and body percussion. Every student from Prep to Grade 6 enjoyed the day and contributed to the event.
By: Lane and Hamish 6H
Dear Parents,

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Keep in touch - we’re always here.

Mathletics is powered by the team here at 3P Learning. We love to hear from with our global community - if you like Facebook or love to tweet, we provide lots of news, updates, support and exclusive offers to our teacher and parent community.

You can find all the details at www.3plearning.com.

Kind regards,
The Mathletics Team
SPORTS REPORT

District Athletics
Two weeks ago, 60 children from BMPS competed in the BMPSSA District Athletics Carnival at Masons Lane. It was a great experience and 16 children from our school were successful in making it through to the Division. The division event will not take place until the last week of term 3. Congratulations to all students involved in the athletics carnival.

Cross Country
On Friday 15th May, 30 students from BMPS will compete in the BMPSSA district cross country being held at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Racing begins at 11am. Best of luck to all those involved.

Winter Sports Day
The grade 6 students are currently in training for the winter sports day scheduled for Friday 19th June. All schools in our district will compete in a lightning premiership in the following sports: Newcombe, Netball, Football, Soccer and T-ball.

Tennis Update
Thanks to all those who registered for the ANZ Hot Shots to receive a free t-shirt. These should arrive within the next couple of weeks along with the racquets for those prep children registered. We have already been sent some fantastic equipment for our tennis program. Our whole school, P-6 will be involved in the tennis program in term 4 as part of their PE and Sport Program.

PE Team- Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

WALKATHON
Our annual Walkathon will be on Friday June 5th. Please come along dressed in your rainbow colours for this event. Sponsorship forms were sent home last week. We encourage children to gain sponsorship through relatives and friends rather than approaching unknown people. Money raised from our Walkathon will be used to pay for our new playground.
Nude food info for families

What is Nude Food?

For a Nude Food Lunchbox, try to pack ... Avoid ...
- Snacks in reusable containers
- Drinks in a reusable container
- Reusable utensils when needed
- A reusable lunchbox or backpack
- Lunches packed in plastic bags or wrap, foil, wax paper
- Single use drink boxes, pouches, cans, cartons, and bottles
- Single use plastic forks and spoons
- Pre-packaged single serve snack items

Why bring nude food? You can help to reduce the amount of material sent to landfill to benefit the environment. It saves time and money for your school with reduced demand for disposal. Reducing the cost for disposal of food packaging at school means more money to spend on learning resources and teaching support. It also encourages better food and drink choices, as many healthy food options come with their own packaging.

Tips for parents packing Nude Food lunches

- Help children to make nutritious, waste-less lunches and let them make their own lunches. Try packing lunches the night before and storing them in the fridge overnight.
- Discuss with your child what they like to eat and how much. Bin audits in schools across SA show large quantities of unopened pre-packaged foods, including single-serve yogurts, cheese sticks, sandwiches, smeared apples/fruit and many near full fruit boxes being thrown away. This costs your family money as well as creating waste.
- Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that children can eat some and save the rest for later. For example, it’s hard to take some bites from a big apple at recess and save the rest for lunchtime. It’s easier to eat a wedge or two and then reseal the container. A rubber band around a sliced apple will prevent browning.
- Encourage your children to bring home uneaten food to eat after school. Appreciate that play time is also important, so discuss with children how much they can reasonably eat in one day. Often children throw uneaten food away because they don’t want to upset the person who packed the lunch. If you’re not sure how much they can eat at school, start small, eg a piece of fruit and a sandwich, and build it up if they are asking for more.
- If your children have chips, savoury biscuits, or other snacks try buying a larger bulk pack (rather than the more expensive so-called ‘convenience’ packs with lots of packaging) and have your children put the same quantity into a reusable labelled container that they bring home each day.

Wipe out waste—WOW
A program of Zero Waste SA delivered by KESAB environmental solutions
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
PREP 2016 TRANSITION PROGRAM

1. Wednesday 14th October, 2015
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting
   Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 4th November, 2015
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep
   classroom activities

3. Wednesday 2nd December, 2015
   6.30pm
   An Information Evening for parents of 2016 Prep
   children will be held at BMPS at 6.30pm

4. Tuesday 8th December, 2015
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to meet their new class and
   teacher for 2016
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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.

OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO FAMILIES:**

It is with great sadness that we inform you all that Stephanie will be finishing up her time with us at the end of next week. We would like to thank Stephanie for her amazing contribution to our program, and wish her luck on her new adventure back to long day care. A new team member will be introduced to everybody as soon as we have knowledge of their start date.

We will be celebrating Stephanie’s time with us by having a little party on Friday afternoon at 3pm for those who wish to join.

**DONATIONS:**

We are currently seeking for donations of any children’s books or small cultural items to add to our play spaces. These would be greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at the program.

We would love to see some more new faces! For any enquiries, feel free to email us in the Multi-Purpose room or alternatively, you can email us at oshclub.bacchusmarsh@gmail.com

See you soon,
Stephanie and team OSH

Next Week’s Activities:

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| After Care Activities | Brazilian History Project | Paper Toy | Basic Sponge Cake & Pies |
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