FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents are very welcome to make an interview time to meet with the classroom teacher at any time during the year if you want 1-1 feedback with the teacher about your child’s progress. We encourage you to do this is if you would like to discuss your child at any time. In June and December, 3 Way Interviews will be held where children will lead the discussion about their learning and goal setting for future learning.

3 WAY INTERVIEWS

STUDENT FEEDBACK

It is that exciting time of the year again when students and teachers are able to give feedback about their progress. On June 25th our 3 Way Reporting will give students opportunity to explain their learning goals and achievements as well as setting future goals. Portfolios will provide examples of this semesters work which has been done by students. Teachers have written student reports which will sit alongside portfolios and student’s goal setting. School will be dismissed at 1.00pm on June 25th. Please make sure you have made an appointment for the 3 Way Reporting.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

We are lucky to have been invited to take 5 students to Government House in July to a lunch provided by the Governor to welcome our Chinese students to Victoria.

STAFFING

We welcome Rachel Beuhler who is taking over Jane Lamont’s class for the rest of 2015. We wish Jane all the best for her exciting new addition to her family.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Last week to acknowledge Reconciliation Week we raised the Torres Straight Islander flag at school for the first time in the school’s History. We are installing a new flag pole so in the future we will fly the Australian flag, Aboriginal Flag and Torres Straight Islander flag.
MANDARIN CLASSES
Sabrina Li our Chinese language teacher has taken leave since February. We have been able to replace her finally. Students in Prep, 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will now all have weekly language classes.

RAINBOW WALKATHON
Thank you to everyone who participated in and donated to our Walkathon today. Everyone had a great time and the weather was great. Money raised from our Walkathon will be used to pay for our new playground.

PARENT NIGHT
On June 10th 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.

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 ____________________________________________
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.

What Chance Has Your Child Got of Being Successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but……..

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Everyday Counts!!
CLUB 28

We are starting a new lunchtime activity club in Area 1 (the gym). Children will have different club activities each morning play and lunchtime. These activities will include activities like: Matchbox cars, cards, play dough, dress-ups, dinosaur activities, colouring, knitting, pom pom making, lego etc.

We are looking for any donations of wool, buttons, scrap material, dress-ups and other equipment that would make a great club activity. Donations can be left at the office. Thank you.

STUDENT SAFETY

It has been reported to us by Police that there are students travelling to and from school not properly secured in the family’s car. The following information is from the Vicroads Brochure ‘Child Restraints, Booster Seats and Adult Seat Belts’ for your information.

Children Aged 4 Years To Under 7 Years

A child aged 4 years to under 7 years must travel in either a forward facing child restraint with an inbuilt harness, or a booster seat. The type of restraint will depend on the child’s size.

Adult Seat Belts

Children aged 7 years to under 16 years must travel in either a booster seat or an adult seat belt.

Front and Rear Seats

If a car has 2 or more rows of seats, children aged under 4 must not travel in the front seat. If all rear seats are used by children under 7 years, children aged 4 years to under 7 years may travel in the front seat, provided they use a booster seat.

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.

EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDERS

3 Way Reporting – June 25th - 1pm dismissal

Last Day Term 2 – June 26th – 2.30pm dismissal

Ian, Leanne, Melinda & Pam
Dear Parents & Students,

We're looking forward to our midyear **3 Way Interviews**. This opportunity is designed to support the development of learning behaviours and celebrate the achievement of Semester One goals.

Please book an interview time on **Thursday June 25, 2015**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

**Go to...**


Enter the school event code to the left and follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

**No internet access! don’t worry....**

If you don’t have access to the internet please phone the school on 5367 2745 and a time will be arranged for you.

- Interviews are strictly 10 mins and spaces are limited.
- Your child will lead the discussion
- At any time throughout the year you are encouraged to make an appointment to talk with your child’s classroom teacher one to one should you wish to.
- Don’t dwell on anything that could be addressed straight away.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visitng the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 5367 2745

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback. - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS
Enrolment forms for secondary schools, including Bacchus Marsh Secondary, are due by June 26th. Please return them directly to the school that the student is to be enrolled at.

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.

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 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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
## 2015

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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.
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 class 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

- **Step 1**: Download QKR by MasterCard on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app.
- **Step 2**: Register your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register.
- **Step 3**: Find our school
- **Step 4**: Register your child

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...

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School Banking is shooting for the stars.

At the beginning of 2015, the School Banking program launched students on a mission to save by making regular deposits into their ‘YouthSaver account. In just one term, over $96,000 School Banking deposits were made among Australia. It’s a fantastic result that’s seen thousands of Australian children bog these savings missions.

Rewarding good savings behaviour with two new items

To help keep students on track with their savings missions in Term 2, we’ve released two new awesome reward items from our Outer Space Savers range. Students just need to make 10 School Banking deposits to be able to redeem a reward item.

- Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Intergalactic Rocket

You could win a 5 night family trip to Disneyland

Don’t forget, students who consistently display good savings behaviour by making 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw at the end of the year to win a family trip to Disneyland.

For more information visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
Bacchus Marsh Parent Support Group

This free support group gives parents a chance to chat and make friends with others in a similar situation and gain information about disabilities, services and parenting.

Join us for morning tea on the fourth Monday of the month from **10.30am - 12.30pm**, at **Darley Primary School Hall**, during the school term.

Upcoming sessions:
- **Monday 25th May:** Respite options and funding in the Bacchus Marsh area (there are more than you think!)
- **Monday 22nd June:** Mr Don Nardella MLA will be in attendance from 10.30 – 11.30am to hear your concerns and ideas about disability support in the Bacchus Marsh region and share the State Government’s plans in moving towards the NDIS.

**Contact Rebecca Paton, Parent Support Coordinator, Ph. 5329 1361**

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ROSELEA

**BLINDS & CURTAINS**

- **Quality**
- **Service**
- **Savings**

- Roman Blinds
- Curtains/Lace
- Pelmets
- Plantation Shutters
- Timber/Alum. Venetians
- Outdoor Awnings
- Sunscreen/Roller Blinds
- Vertical Blinds
- Panel Gildes

**CALL US TODAY FOR YOUR FREE IN-HOME MEASURE AND QUOTE** 0438 692 858
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 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