FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

WORLD 4 KIDS CARNIVAL NIGHT AT BMPS

A fun night is planned for February 28th – A carnival night! Rides will be provided by ‘World 4 Kids’ to celebrate starting their company at our school. Rides will include jumping castles and rides appropriate for small children. For the older children there will be dodgem cars, the Cha Cha and Hurricane. All rides will require Adult Supervision.

The night will start at 6.30pm – 9.00pm at BMPS. Entry fee is $3.00 per person, which will be given to sponsor our school in Bali. All rides are free. A sausage sizzle and drinks will be available for purchase on the night. Sausages are $2 and drinks $1.50

GETTING TO KNOW YOU DAYS

It was great to see our students embracing the opportunity to meet with their teacher prior to the formal commencement of our school year.

Our intention for these days was to support and encourage-

- Happy learners
- Strong staff/student relationships which are vital for success
- Teachers as early as possible in the year getting to know their students, socially, emotionally and academically in order to effectively plan for their needs.

The success of these meetings really shone through on day one when we enjoyed a very smooth transition back to school with students happily settling into learning.

We really appreciate the support of parents in making this happen
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
School Council elections will take place from Friday 22nd February until Friday 1st March. There are 4 vacancies with 4 of those members offering to again nominate. If you would like to nominate for School Council please collect a nomination form from the office.

ASTHMA
If your child suffers from Asthma and needs to use a puffer/medication at school, please fill in and return an Asthma Management Form (available at the school office). A new form needs to be completed each year please. 2013 forms will be sent home to those students on our register.

ENTERPRISE LEARNING
This term classes from Grades 1 to 6 are working on their enterprise project. Children learn to work together to produce an item to sell at a market. The children need to work as a business. Children also earn money each day to use at the market. This unit gives children a real life economics experience. There will be 2 markets this term to sell products. Products are purchased with ‘Bacchus Money’.

DROP OFF AREA
We encourage parents to use the drop off zone at the back of the school to drop off and collect children. If using this area please be careful of children and drive safely. The staff car park is only for staff cars – for children’s safety we ask that children not be dropped in this area as it is out of bounds for children. The drop off zone is not to be used for leaving your car unattended as this causes traffic chaos. Please move into empty spaces to allow other cars to move through.

WELLBEING
Anne Phyland has undertaken the role of Wellbeing this year. This is a new role in our school. Anne will provide programs and support for all students.

GARDEN AT DROP OFF AREA
You may have noticed the development of the back garden by Evolve Landscaping. It will be a children’s garden consisting of vegetable patches, fruit trees and areas of interest for children to explore. It will be exciting to see this area develop.

SAFETY
Please remind children about road safety if they are riding bikes or walking to and from school and also for children to be careful when crossing roads.

HOMEWORK
As part of our Homework Policy, children in Prep – Grade 6 are expected to read every night. Learning tables and basic number facts are also expected, depending on the year level.

SCHOOL CROSSING
You may have noticed that Bev, our Crossing Supervisor has moved to another crossing in town, as she wanted to only work mornings. We thank Bev for all her hard work over the years. Bev has promised to come back and work in the Kitchen and stay in contact with the school.
INFORMATION NIGHT
Thanks to the parents who attended the Information night on Wednesday last week. We hope you enjoyed the presentation and that it has helped to prepare for the year.

NUT ALLERGIES
We have a number of children who have allergies to nuts and nut products. We ask that care is taken if you are providing party food at school. We encourage children to wash their hands before and after eating. You will be notified if a child in your own child’s class has a severe nut allergy and what precautions to take.

SHARING FOOD
This is also an important message that we need our students to understand. In light of student’s allergies (as above) we ask all parents to remind their children about not giving, sharing or buying other children food or snacks.

HEAD LICE
We have had cases of head lice reported to the office. We are asking that parents be vigilant in checking their child’s hair regularly. We recommend that this be done every couple of days. This is an ongoing issue and we need your support to minimize more outbreaks.

SPARE CLOTHES
We would appreciate any donations of school uniform items (in good condition) that you no longer require for your child.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS
We encourage parents to make an appointment time to meet with the classroom teacher of specialist teachers if you have any concerns or questions about your child. Teachers are only too happy to meet and discuss your child and we want to work as a team.

NO SMOKING REMINDER
A reminder that all areas of our school grounds are non-smoking, this includes Gallery 28, driveways and the drop-off zone.

NEWSLETTERS
Newsletters will be sent out once a fortnight. We email newsletters, provide a copy on our web page and have hard copies for collection at the office. We also email out other important information at other times. We still have your email addresses from last year but if you have changed or not provided us with an email address as yet, please let us know as soon as possible.

Ian, Pam & Leanne
STUDENT REQUISITES PAYMENT PLAN

Reminder:
Those parents that opted to pay their classroom requirements by a payment plan are reminded that the second payment is past due and the next payment is due on February 22, 2013. Could all parents please send payments in and follow this schedule as we are relying on these funds to be able to run our programs successfully. If the payments are due and you are having financial difficulty in paying please do not hesitate to contact the office so that we can assist you in any way that we can.

FUNDRAISING

Hi, my name is Sharlene and I am the new fundraising co-ordinator at Bacchus Marsh Primary School. A new fundraising committee is being formed. If you are interested, please come along to our meeting next Thursday morning at 9am in the staffroom. All welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided. It’s ok to bring your toddlers along. For more information you can call me on 0425 713 696.

KITCHEN NEWS

We have settled back into our routines in the Kitchen. This term we are revising and reinforcing the correct use of knives and other safety considerations.

We have exciting news in that through fundraising events in the Kitchen, such as providing lunches for community groups such as PROBUS, selling aprons and preserves we have purchased a pizza oven and over the next fortnight included in the senior menu are Prociutto and Tomato Pizza and Roasted Vegetable Pizza. The junior school are also making their own individual choices with their own choice of toppings. Thank you to Ian Rich for making a metal removable ramp to allow us to move the pizza oven in and out.

We are lucky to be able to welcome back our wonderful Treasures (Volunteers) who give their time and talents to assist our students in the Kitchen. Because of the increased number of grades across the school we still have a couple of vacancies and if you can’t commit to a weekly or fortnightly session (Seniors 1 ½ hour sessions, Juniors 45min) it would be a huge help if you could put your name down as an emergency Treasure.

The Garden is beginning to recover from all that heat during the Summer holidays. We are harvesting deliciously sweet sun-ripened tomatoes, zucchini, pumpkin, basil and parsley, and these are included in the current menu.

If your child still doesn’t have their own apron we have some great ones for sale for $15 at the moment featuring trucks, animals, fairies, stripes and spots. A big thank you to Val Hodgson and some of her quilting friends for supplying the material and making these up for our students.

We strongly encourage all our students to have their own aprons.
Nightly Reading

Teachers are in the process of assessing student’s current reading levels and using this information to guide students in their choice of ‘Best Fit’ books for each child.

A ‘Best Fit’ book is a book that meets the student’s interests, purpose, reading strategies, vocabulary and comprehension skills and is ‘Just Right’ for that child.

To support children in developing their understanding of books, parents may use the following prompts:

- What happened in the story?
- What were the characters doing?
- What happened next?
- What message was the author saying??
- Tell me some interesting facts.
- Which part did you enjoy in the story?

Under the guidance of the teacher, students may change their book each day or may re-read or continuing reading a book to develop their knowledge of words and understanding.

Above all else we want our children to LOVE reading and ENJOY sharing their books with their families and friends.
PLAYGROUP 28 IS RETURNING FOR 2013!

WHEN: 9.00 am -10.30 am Tuesday mornings
STARTING: Tuesday 5th of March, 2013
WHERE: In the After School Care area
WHO: Parents, Carers and Preschool aged children
COST: Free, BYO snack

Please contact the school office if you have any queries

Yes- we would like to attend Playgroup 28
Adult name: Phone:
Number of children: Ages:

We also need a person/persons willing to take on the role of organising materials/activities where required. If interested please tick the box below!

Yes I am able to help out!
SPORTS UPDATE

SWIMMING

Many thanks to all of the parents who attended our swimming trials on the 15th February at the BM Pool. Your help and support is greatly appreciated. 70 children attended the trials. From this event we have put together our district team who will be swimming in the BMPSSA Swimming event at Melton Waves on Wednesday 27th February. Notices have been sent home with the children.

We require parent assistance in running the event on the day so anyone willing and able to help please let Lisa Hurst know.

LOCAL JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMPETITION

The Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association run a junior competition at the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre. Currently Magic and Lightning clubs are in need of Under 12 girls to join teams now. Contact these clubs directly on the numbers below.

If your child is interested in joining a team or you want information about the competition contact Drew at the leisure centre on 53 67 6650 or contact the clubs directly:

- MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB - Grant Mc Millan 0411 380 093
- LIGHTNING BASKETBALL CLUB - Kevin Hyde 0448 594 015
- DOLPHINS BASKETBALL CLUB - Tina 0415 436 640

Basketball clinics

BASKETBALL CLINICS FOR PREP, GRADE 1 AND 2 STUDENTS BEGIN WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY FROM 4.30 (prep) and 5.00 (grade 1 & 2) AT BMPS GYM RUN BY WAYNE SLACK.

Flyers for the clinic have been emailed. Anyone interested can contact Wayne directly on 0409 078 400 or email:

wayne@basketballclinics.com.au
Moorabool Indigenous Group

Calling on all interested Moorabool Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to meet with other local Indigenous people on a monthly basis.

It is hoped that this group may provide a voice for the Moorabool Indigenous community, provide a forum to meet and share their culture and also have an involvement in NAIDOC week celebrations.

Date: Tuesday March 26, 11 am.
Location: Bacchus Marsh Supper Room
(Next to Lerderderg Library), Main Street, Bacchus Marsh.

Please RSVP to Tonia Dudzik
0407 014 489 or tdudzik@moorabool.vic.gov.au

Lunch provided by: Larry Kanoa, Indigenous Community Development Broker
Department Planning & Community Development, Aboriginal Affairs

Supported by: Nikki Foy, Ballarat and District Aboriginal Cooperative (BADAC)
& Cr. Tonia Dudzik, Moorabool Shire Council.
World 4 kids
Out of School Hours Care

We would like to welcome everyone back to BMPS for 2013.
It is very exciting to now be involved with World 4 Kids. With the change to management
there are also some changes with the enrolment and payment process.

An enrolment form must be completed fully before your child/children attends Before School
Care and After School Care in 2013.

Payment of attendances can only be paid by direct debit or direct credit and this is now
debited from your bank account in advance.

Our January vacation care program ran for 4 weeks for the first time and was very
successful, thank you to all families who supported us.

NOTE...The Before School and After School Programs have a new phone number.
0405 640 148

For all enquiries or information please contact Di Jones on the above phone number.
Thank you, Di, Gill and Niki.
## Important Dates

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Have fun with Buddie and learn about cybersafety

RECYCLING

At BMPS we are working hard to recycle paper and cardboard, mobile phones (keep bringing them into the office) and now we can recycle soft plastics as well. Please bring all soft plastics to the Science Room and place in the special red recycling bin.

What can we recycle?

RED Group is dedicated to recovering and recycling plastic films, bags, and packaging that would otherwise be disposed of in landfills across Australia.

If we bring enough we can have our old plastic recycled into outdoor seating for our school.

Happy recycling!
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13 Grant Street, Bacchus Marsh
Phone 5367 2089

TOYS, TOES & TREASURE
(formerly Gisborne Toy Kingdom)
28A Hamilton Street, Gisborne
Phone 5428 3855

AARON’S AMUSEMENTS
Bacchus Marsh
1300 122 785
Come and join Michael May in a Dads & Kids Storytelling session

Lerderderg Library
215 Main Street
Bacchus Marsh

Saturday 16th March 2013
10.00am to 11.00am

Come along for your chance to win a ride-on toy or a book!

Toddlers, preschoolers and primary school age children welcome.
NetSetGO! is the only introductory program for netball. It has been developed to provide children aged from 5 to 8 years with the best possible introduction to the sport of netball. The program incorporates skill activities, minor games and modified matches in a fun and safe environment. Each participant gets a great pack, including a bag, a netball and other goodies.

**NetSetGO! is finally coming to Bacchus Marsh!!**

**We have limited places available so please register your interest at the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre ASAP, or by the 22nd March.**

**Registration day will be held on Wednesday 10th April, 10am-12pm**

**8 week program beginning the following week**

(1st week of Term 2) Wednesday 17th April 2013.

Location: Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre - Labilliere St
Day: Wednesday afternoon
Time: 4-5pm
Age- 5-8 yr old girls and boys
Cost: $65 - includes: a pack of goodies from Netball Vic, and VNA registration

For more information, please contact:
Eleisha Dennis: 0409147693   Email: eleisha.dennis@bigpond.com

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**BACCHUS MARSH SOCCER CLUB**

**PRE-SEASON TRAINING FEB 20th 6PM.**

**MASON’S LANE RESERVE**

Teams: Under 8, Under 9, Under 11.
Under 13 Boys, Under 13 Girls, Under 15, Under 17

[Website links mentioned]

**ALL WELCOME !!!!!!!**
REGISTRATION DAY
SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2013
11.00 AM TO 1.00 PM

MEET THE COACHES, PURCHASE MERCHANDISE ETC...

2ND REGISTRATION DAY
FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2013 - 6.00 PM to 8.00 PM

FOOTBALL REGISTRATION FEES:
$185 - 1st Player
$100 - 2nd Players
Netball Fees: $120

When Full Payment Is Made For Each Registration,
Players Will Receive A Training Singlet

NETBALL TRYOUTS
We will be recruiting for 12 A/B, U14 A/B, U16 A/B
Sunday 17th February 2013
9am - U12    10am - U14    11am - U16

Netball girls from last year are expected to come to tryouts.

THE NEIGHBOUR’S PLACE INC.
Proudly presents
THE POLICE SHOW BAND
Saturday, 9th March at 2pm
ST BERNARD’S PARISH CENTRE, LERDERDERG STREET, BACCHUS MARSH

TICKETS
Adults $15  Children under 10, $5
Phone The Neighbour’s Place 5367 6222 or Bacchus Marsh Mowers 5367 6699
Calisthenics Victoria Presents – February ‘Come & Try’ Month!

What is Calisthenics we hear you ask? Put simply, it’s the perfect mix of sport and performing arts, combining elements of gymnastics, modern dance, ballet, singing, mime and apparatus technique (clubs and rods). Calisthenics inspires people of all ages to be more confident and work as part of a team, while fostering community spirit and lifelong friendships.

How would you like to try Calisthenics for FREE!? Pentland Calisthenics College invite all new members to ‘Come & Try’ Calisthenics and see what it’s all about. The club is located at St Bernards Primary School, Recreation Centre, Lederderg Street, Bacchus Marsh.

For further information and class times, please contact Jacqui Segrave on 0430 958 758 or admin@pentlandcalisthenics.com.au or visit www.pentlandcalisthenics.com.au

All new participants will go into the draw to win one of 5 Calisthenics Victoria prize packs!

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