Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2014. We are looking forward to sharing an exciting happy year at BMPS.

**EARLY DISMISSAL – FEBRUARY 20TH**

Just a reminder that children will finish school at 1.00pm on February 20th for Parent/Teacher Interviews. World 4 Kids will be operating on this day.

**NEWSLETTERS**

Newsletters are sent out once a fortnight. We email newsletters (along with notices). We therefore need your up to date email address. We also provide a copy of the newsletter on our web page- www.bacchusmarshps.vic.edu.au and there are paper copies of the newsletter ready for collection at the office. If we don’t have your email address please fill in the form below and send it back to school.

**BMPS EMAILS**

Name of Parent/Guardian ________________________________

Student Name ________________________________________ Grade ___
Student Name ________________________________________ Grade ___
Student Name ________________________________________ Grade ___
Student Name ________________________________________ Grade ___

Email address __________________________________________

**NEW PORTABLE**

Our new portable has finally been finished and our Year 4 children have now moved in. The portable has been painted, had new carpet and new air conditioners installed. New chairs and tables were ordered before Christmas and should arrive very soon. The portable will be painted on the outside next weekend and we will work on the garden area to integrate the building into our school. Thank you to Year 4 parents for being patient while the building was finished.
At the start of the year we gained much from meeting 1-1 with each child building relationships and gaining a clear understanding of your child’s learning. The Parent/Teacher getting to know you interviews are another opportunity to develop relationships, assist the teacher to gather further information about the child and parents are able to hear about the year ahead of us. We endeavor to work as a team and would love every parent to attend.

Students will not be required to attend these interviews.

Online booking details are attached, if you have any problems contact the office.

Parents are very welcome to make an interview time to meet with the classroom teacher at any time during the year if you want feedback about your child’s progress. We encourage you to do this 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.

ART ROOM
We are very excited this year with the building of a new Art room. The Art room will be purpose built for our Art program and will be built next to our house and Kitchen Garden. The plans are currently being developed.

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.

We really appreciate the support of parents in making this happen.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
School Council elections will take place from Friday 14th February until Friday 21st February. If you would like to nominate for School Council please collect a nomination form from the office.

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.
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. 2014 forms will be sent home to those students on our register.

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.

WELLBEING
Anne Phyland is our Wellbeing staff member. Anne is available on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday to work with children and parents. Anne will focus on student welfare and wellbeing. Please feel very welcome to meet Anne at any time if you would like to discuss your child’s needs. Pam Whitten is also continuing in the role of student welfare and is available for advice, assistance and help if needed.

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 at any time during the year to meet with the classroom teacher or 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.

SWIMMING TRIALS
Swimming trials that were planned to go ahead today have been postponed until next Friday 21st February due to a pump malfunction at the local pool. We will go ahead with the same plans next week. We apologise for any inconvenience.
## 2014 STAFF

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Dear Parents,

Please book a 10 minute Parent/Teacher ‘getting to know you’ interview on **Thursday 20th February 2014**

Children are not required at this interview

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.

1 [Enter your details](#)
2 [Choose teachers](#)
3 [Choose times](#)

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.

- At any time throughout the year you are encouraged to make an appointment to talk with your child’s classroom teacher should you wish. 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-visiting 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.
PREP GRADE NAMES

A reminder to new parents that all grades have a specific letter attached to their grade to help with the correct identification and labelling of items such as lunch orders, notes, equipment, etc. This letter is based on the initials of your child’s teacher.

To help avoid any confusion we ask you to write this letter on any items such as lunch orders to help avoid sending them to the wrong grade or child!

These are the correct letters for your Prep child’s grade-

Prep K- Kylee Roberts  Prep R- Bec Conroy
Prep C – Dave Champness  Prep H- Jan Hookey/Adele Johnson
Prep N- Renee Newton  Prep SG- Jonelle Siedel Davies/ Alli Grant

KITCHEN HELPERS 2014

Dear Parents,

Our Kitchen program is a great part of our curriculum at BMPS and to be a success for our students we need helpers! We are looking for volunteers who don’t need to be great cooks. You only need to be able to read a simple recipe and give up some of your time on a regular basis. You also need to hold a current Working With Children Check and we are happy to help you in this process. We would love any Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandads, Aunts, Uncles or anyone else that can help. Please contact Mrs Robyn Zanon in the Kitchen or call 5367 2745.

KITCHEN

A reminder for all students to bring an apron to Kitchen lessons.

ART

I have really enjoyed getting to know everyone. What a wonderful community you have.

- Wanted please small blocks of wood off cuts for bases for grade 5/6 sculptures
- Sewers who would like to assist in sewing in a working bee to create art class sets of art smocks.
- If you are interested in joining a Community art group meeting monthly or helping and assisting in organising community art projects please leave your name at the office.

Happy art making.

Megan Fromholtz – Art Teacher
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
(EMA)
Parents/Guardians who hold a current Centrelink Benefit Card which was valid on TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY, 2014 are eligible to claim the first instalment of the EMA. Applications close on FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY, 2014.

LATE CLAIMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED
Please contact Anita or Sue if you have any queries.

CONVEYENCING ALLOWANCE
FIRST INSTALMENT
If you live more than 4.8kms from the nearest school, you may be eligible to apply for your child/children. Application forms are available from the school office.
Applications for Terms 1 & 2 must be submitted by FRIDAY 14TH MARCH, 2014.

LATE CLAIMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

PLAYGROUP 28 IS RETURNING IN 2014!
Do you have pre-school children, toddlers or babies?
Then come along to our relaxed playgroup sessions held at Bacchus Marsh Primary School every Tuesday morning 9am – 10.30am.
Place: Chinese Gallery
Cost: Free
First session: Tuesday 25th February, 2014
Have a chat, meet some other BMPS community mums, grandmas, dads and carers. Enjoy a tea or coffee. We are registered with Playgroup Victoria and are part of their Victorian network. Leave your details at the office or contact Leanne Fitzsimons with any queries on 5367 2745.
PLAYGROUP 28 IS RETURNING FOR 2014!

WHEN: 9.00 am -10.30 am Tuesday mornings

STARTING: Tuesday 25th of February, 2014

WHERE: In the After School Care area

WHO: Parents, Carers and Preschool aged children

COST: Free, tea/coffee provided, BYO snack

Please contact the school office if you have any queries

Yes- we would like to attend Playgroup 28 for 2014

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!
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
Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

Scan QR code provided
Or type text label BACCHUSMARSHS
If within 4 kms of the school, you can select from "Locations Nearby"

✅ Step 3 Find our school

✅ Step 4 Register your children
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...
### Important Dates

#### 2014

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#### PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

For parents of children with a disability and/or chronic medical illness.
Darley Neighbourhood House & Learning Centre
10.30am – 12.30pm – 4th Monday each month during school term
Guest Speakers

#### ST ANDREWS UNITING CHURCH ANNUAL FETE AND ROSE SHOW

FRIDAY APRIL 5, 2014
Rose Show includes:
Best Single Rose Categories
Best arrangements
Best Art – including Drawing of a rose/roses or a flower ‘Juniors under 15
Best Floral Saucer – Children under 10 or under 15
Best Rose China
Children may enter any other sections if so interested.
Entries can be brought to the church 7.30am – 3pm Friday April 4, 2014
Entrants must please write their name and age on their work.
Entries may be collected from 2pm after the Fete.
No entry fee. Rose display holders provided by the Fete.
For more information phone Mavis Blackie 5367 3023
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.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

COLOUR FX
Face Painting
Kerriann Noack – Artist
0429 020 771
info@colourfx.com.au

THE SOAP DISH
Handmade soap the old fashioned way
Susannah Iredale
www.thesoapdish.com.au
Email:susannahiredale@hotmail.com

BACCHUS MARSH NURSERY & FLORIST
Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
Phone 5367 2070

WILSONS HARDWARE
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
JOIN OUR CLUB!

Bacchus Marsh Soccer Club Inc.
Soccer Players Needed for 2014
All skill levels and all ages
Girls and Boys all Welcome
Girl’s Teams, Open teams and Senior teams available
Training Wednesday and Friday nights
Registrations Wednesday 19th February 5.30pm
Mason Lane Bacchus Marsh
Pre-season Enquiries:
bacchusmarshsoccer@hotmail.com.au
Chris Wallace 0425859300
Karen Yates 0425 070 251
http://bacchusmarshsoccer.org.au/

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?
Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lunches
- music tuition and instrument hire.
You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 8 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or studying.

Contact Sue Ogilvie, your local Saver Plus Worker:
(03) 5333 1707/ 0401 144 089
or sue@bgt.org.au

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Bacchus Marsh Donor Mobile
Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre Car park

Monday 17 February 1.30pm to 8.30pm
Tuesday 18 February 2.00pm to 8.30pm
Wednesday 19 February 1.30pm to 8.30pm
Thursday 20 February 10.30am to 4.00pm

For appointments please call 13 14 95 & new donors are welcome!!

To make an appointment call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au

Bullengarook Rangers FC

Bring your boots and join us at Bullengarook Reserve for 2014 Winter Season
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE NOW OPEN
contact us at info@rangerssoccer.com.au
or on 0411 364 773

www.rangerssoccer.com.au
Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association
After School Basketball Clinic Program -
Term 1 - 2014

In 2014 the Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association program 'Taking It To The Schools' program will continue on a Wednesday night and again we give thanks to all the Bacchus Marsh Primary Schools who get involved in this FUN program.

Please note the following location and times:

- Location: Lion’s Den, Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre
- Age Group: Preps – 4.30pm
  40 min sessions consisting of a 40 minute skill program
- Age Group: Grade 1 & Grade 2’s – 5.15pm
  40 min sessions consisting of a 20 minute skill program and then 20 minute game experience.

All of the above sessions will be organised for fun each week whilst also ensuring the kids learn the basic skills required to play basketball – All coaches in attendance will all have ‘Working with Children’ cards.

So this is a great opportunity for your child to learn the basics and begin to play and enjoy a well run and organised basketball clinic for young children.

We are now taking registrations for TERM (1) 2014.
The program will commence on Wednesday the 19th of Feb 2014.
You can also register on the night!
COST is $4.00 per session

So if your child is interested - please complete the following registration form & hand it in on the first night or e-mail the same information direct to pr-bmba@bigpond.com

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All enquiries call Peter – 0430 811 919