Welcome back to Term 4, it is always an exciting time, busy and full of fun, but very quick! Some important dates to put on the Calendar are:

- Celebration of Learning – December 12 - Children will be able to share and celebrate their learning for this semester on this week.
- Christmas Concert – (The date has changed) – Monday December 16, the back up date will be Tuesday December 17

**NEW BMPS WEBSITE**
BMPS is proud to launch it’s new school website!
If you’ve visited our website recently you’ll notice there have been some major changes.

New pages, information and photos can all be seen at the same website address:
www.bacchusmarshps.vic.edu.au

The new school website is smart phone friendly – which means it will look slightly different from your computer but is much easier to use and see. You can also create a shortcut for the new website on your smart phone – meaning a simple click on your phone will take you straight there. Details for how to do this are available on the website.

All school newsletters are available for viewing or download, and an events calendar will keep you up to date with what is happening in the school community.
Keep your eye out for regular updates!

**QKR**
You may have read about QKR and our school in the Herald/Sun last Wednesday. QKR is available to order lunches from the canteen or to pay for excursions, camps and soon booklists.

**CHRISTMAS TREE CHALLENGE**
Jackson Molenkamp has come up with a great idea. He has suggested a Christmas Tree Challenge. So we are asking children to make their own Christmas Tree. We would love any type of materials to be used. Be as creative as you can! All trees will need to be delivered to school by December 1st to be displayed.
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPION
Huge congratulations to Teak Grogan who is in Canada and has been competing in an International Karate competition. Teak is bringing home a Bronze medal that he won for his age group in Canada! We are very proud of you Teak!
CONGRATULATIONS

DAD’S NIGHT
Our final Dad’s Night for the year will be held on November 28th at the Maddingley Park from 6.30pm. BYO Picnic!

SCHOOL CHINA TRIP
We leave on Friday October 25th for our 5/6 student/family trip to China and our Sister School. We will be visiting Beijing, Xian, Nanjing and Shanghai. There are 29 travellers all together.

SALLY – CHINESE TEACHING ASSISTANT
This year we have been hosting Sally at our school who has come to us from China. She has worked hard, working with our children in many areas of the school including Music, Production, Kitchen & classrooms.

CHINESE CULTURE AT BMPS
Yanxu Liu (Sally), a Chinese teacher volunteer from China, is a Chinese teaching assistant at Bacchus Marsh Primary School. She is teaching for the first time Chinese songs, Chinese dances and language using a variety of visual and auditory resources.

She is a graduate student from northern China and has completed teaching tasks for the last 3 semesters at BMPS. This will be her last semester in Australia, during this time she has helped students in classes in the Kitchen program and taught Chinese Dance. She has also introduced paper cutting activities to parents, children and staff. Miss Liu has helped the teachers and students develop their enthusiasm to learn Chinese and understand the culture of China. Sally has noted that our Principal Mr Wren has created a good learning environment for our children and that he also loves Chinese culture. Bacchus Marsh PS supports the Chinese program with a special Chinese Garden, Chinese Classroom and a Specialist Chinese Language Program. Sally says that our school is one of the best in Victoria which has made her want to work with our children. She says she loves all of the teachers and students in the school, her host families and the many people who have been kind to her this year.

She says thank you to everyone who helped her in Australia.

PARKING
The Shire was out again this week booking people in cars doing the wrong thing. Please be careful where you park. We also had a complaint from the St Bernard’s Church about cars being parked near the ramp of the hall and blocking cars in.
PADDY’S MARKET
Friday November 15th  1pm – 3pm
The first recorded Paddy’s’ market took place on May 28th, 1943 when “the children of Bacchus Marsh State School invited mothers and friends to a patriotic Paddy’s Market at the school. Although preparation had been limited to a few days the efforts exceeded all expectations and a profit of £45-0-0 was realised”. A second Paddy’s Market was held in October that same year.

DAY OF THE ARTS- Calling all artists and craftspeople!
On Thursday 12 December BMPS will hold its first Day of the Arts as part of our larger Week of the Arts. This event is designed to expose children to art in the real world and let them experience what real artists experience. We’re looking to host 16 volunteer artists for the morning until 1:00pm. If you are a professional or amateur artist, craftsperson or hobbyist and enjoy working with children (or know someone who is!) please contact Carrie Curtis at the school to leave a message with your contact details and art/craft specialty. We are very much looking forward to this event and need the community’s help to make it a success!

WEEK OF THE ARTS- Calling all student performers!
Has your child been studying music privately? Do they have a hidden talent that they’d like to share with their friends? Encourage them to put an act together to perform during our Week of the Arts, 9-13 December. Singing, dancing, juggling, magic, instruments, etc. – ANY performance act will be considered, you just need to practice at home and audition your act for Ms. Curtis. Spaces are limited so only those acts that are polished and ready for a live audience will be accepted. Please keep an eye open for further information regarding auditioning dates in future Newsletters. If you have any questions please contact Carrie Curtis at school. Let the creative juices flow!

AVENUE OF HONOUR BOOK
Our published book, full of our student’s work is available at the office for $10.

YARN BOMBING
We would still like any donations of knitted or crocheted 30cm squares in any colour, design or pattern (the brighter the better). We would like them by November 1st, so please get your fingers busy. Also, if you have any unwanted wool or old woollen jumpers to use for further pieces around the school we would love to use them for this project. Any donations can be left at the office.

PREP SWIMMING
A reminder to all Prep parents that swimming for all Prep students starts on Friday 25th October. It is $85.00 for the seven week program.

GOLF
Golf lessons for grades five and six will commence in the second week of term four. Grade Six will be $15.00 for lessons, lunch and a golf tournament. Grade Five will be $5.00 for two lessons. Payments can be made using the QKR App or at the office.
QKR NO. 28 KINDNESS AWARDS

We are delighted to announce a new recognition program for students, in partnership with QkR by MasterCard. By now, most parents have probably heard about QkR: the easy-to-use phone app and preferred payment method for Bacchus Marsh Primary School. QkR simplifies school administration & canteen management by enabling parents to order & pay for school items for their children directly from their smartphone. And now children can benefit from QkR too …

In addition to our existing school award programs, we will be introducing a new weekly student award for the duration of Term 4: the No. 28 Kindness Award. The new award expands the use of QkR into our recognition program for students. Each week throughout term four, one child per year level will:

- Be awarded a certificate in recognition of their kind behavior
- Receive a QkR Reward Voucher for free canteen lunch up to the value of $5.00

Parents of winning students can claim their QkR canteen lunch voucher by scanning the code which appears on their child’s award certificate with their smartphone or mobile device. Please note that each code can only be scanned once.

So if you have not already joined the QkR revolution, now is the time to try. Getting started is easy:

1. Step 1: Download QkR by MasterCard for FREE from the Apple App or Google Play store;
2. Step 2: Register: Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register;
3. Step 3: Find our School: Type Bacchus Marsh Primary School or if you are within 4kms of the school, you can select from “Locations Nearby”;
4. Step 4: Register your children: When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make purchases on their behalf.

If you have any more questions about QkR, please drop by the school office for assistance. You can also pick up the QkR ‘How To’ guide from the office.

Simply download QkR for FREE from the Apple App or Google Play store. You can pick up a ‘How To’ Guide for QkR from the school office.

If you have recently upgraded your iPhone to iOS7 and you are having problems using our program please try the following steps.

Issue:
When starting QKR the first time; It Pops-up and asks the User to allow it to capture its location, If the User choose to say NO it will Pop-up again and ask the same question, however if the User choose to say NO again it then goes in an infinite loop (So responding twice with NO for the location Pop-up is causing the QKR app to hang). Likewise, if the user selects OK, it still may hang when opening the QkR app the second time.

Workaround:
The workaround is to go to Privacy|Location Services under the Settings on your iPhone and change it to ON for the QKR app. Note, even though it may say ON at the top screen, you will need to scroll down and ensure it says ON next to QkR. After this the user can go back and start QkR again and it should work and allow them to see the login page. In rare cases turning the phone on and off may be required before restarting the QkR app, but by changing these setting we have managed to eliminate the infinite spinning wheel on the opening screen that some users were seeing.
Bravehearts Education Program
Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure for Grade Prep 1 and 2
On Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} and Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} November Bravehearts will visit our school. Bravehearts is Australia’s leading child protection advocate specific to child sexual assault.

The live school based program is designed for Prep to Grade 2 students and aims to empower them with the tools to keep safe and develop strategies that will enable them to become more resilient, while building confidence and awareness.

This program will add further value to our classroom based PATHs lessons.

Information has gone home with all Grade Prep 1 and 2 children.

A parent information session will take place at 2.45pm on Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} November.

HAVE FUN WITH BUDDIE AND LEARN ABOUT CYBERSAFETY

A pair of reading glasses in a case, have been found in our school ground.
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

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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.

MYGOLF NATIONAL SKILLS CHALLENGE PROGRAM
Bacchus Marsh West Golf Club
4.30pm
Friday 25 October, Friday 1st November, Friday 8th November, Friday 15th November & Friday 22nd November
Cost: $44
Contact Tony Collier 0408 519 628 for more information

Imagination Magic
Imagination Magic is a Moorabool Shire Council program for babies, toddlers and preschool children and their parents and carers. For your free ticket or for more information please contact Customer Service.

OCTOBER
Phil Splitter
Fun with Music
October 8
Bacchus Marsh
Studio 22
Civic & Community Hub
102 Hallett Way
Morna and 11.15am

Anthony Verity’s
Variety Show
October 22
Ballarat
Mechanics Hall Support Room,
St George St Entrance
Morna

NOVEMBER
Anthony Verity’s
Variety Show
November 12
Bacchus Marsh
Studio 22
Civic & Community Hub
102 Hallett Way
10am and 11.15am

Paul Jameson
the Music Man
November 26
Ballarat
Mechanics Hall Support Room,
St George St Entrance
10am and 11.15am

Tickets available October 23

Tickets are available by contacting Customer Service
Ph: 5396 1100
Entry is by costs and gold coin donation
Do you have ...?

**TOYS** your children have outgrown

**BOOKS** you or your children have already read

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** you no longer need

BUT ... you don't want the hassle of conducting your own Garage Sale

BE part of the nation-wide Garage Sale Trail by participating in a CAR BOOT SALE organised by the

**Darley Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre**

When? **October 26, 10am-2pm**

Where? **33 Jonathan Drive Darley**

Cost: **$10 per car**

Inquiries: **5367 4390 or 0402 153 648**
Djerriwarrh Health Services Trivia Night
26th October @ BM Shire Hall
6.30 for 7pm start
Drinks @ Bar Prices (BYO Supper only)
$20 per ticket / Tables of 10
Call Nadine 0431 444 920 to book your table.
All funds raised to purchase medical equipment.

FAMILY FUN DAY

crafts ~ jumping castle ~ silent auction
~ face painting ~ sausage sizzle ~
prizes and more!

Sunday 27th October 2013 | 11.00am - 3.00pm

In the Montessori Children’s Garden
176 Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

CHILDRENS PERFORMANCE AT 11.30AM
SPARKLES THE FAIRY AT 12.00PM

Children FREE!
Adults $10
Mums' Program

Only $25 for the first week of group tennis coaching.

Tennis Victoria's Mums' Program is run by a Tennis Australia qualified coach which means you will be in good hands to develop your tennis skills. In addition, save time and money on childcare by enrolling your children in the Tiny Tots program for just $15 for the same five weeks. Offered to beginners and those who would like to re-engage playing tennis, the Mums' Program allows you to take some time out for yourself and get fit and active whilst socialising with other mums in your area.

Benefits of the Mums' Program:
- Improve your health, have fun and get fit
- No need to find or pay for childcare to participate
- Receive expert tennis coaching
- Save money as you don't have to purchase any equipment to participate
- Get a great taste of Cardio Tennis and get involved with your local tennis club for a minimal cost

Tiny Tots Program

Enrol your child in our Tiny Tots Program!

The Tiny Tots Program is targeted at children aged 3-5 and helps them develop fundamental motor skills whilst allowing you to participate in tennis, without the burden of having to find childcare.

Program Registration

To register for the Mums' Program and the Tiny Tots Program**, please contact your nearest venue. Places are limited so please register early.

For further information please contact Tennis Victoria on (03) 9420 8420 or visit tennis.com.au/vic/play/tennis/getting-started.

*This program is open to new participants only.
**Subject to coach availability and venue participating in the Mums’ Program for the week. All participants in the Tiny Tots Program will receive a Certificate of Participation.

The program was fun and social, helped us all increase our skills and meet other mums. That was a bonus.” Susan Burke, Selby.

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Tennis Victoria
Mum's Program

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Keep saving to win more Dollarmites' treasure.

Simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you'll be automatically entered into the competition.

Treasure Chest Prizes:
- Just by saving, you could win one of these great prizes:
  - 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB
  - 100 x Adventura DVD Packs
  - Including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & MCP

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Talking About Childhood Asthma
Live From The Airways

Presented by The Asthma Foundation of Victoria and Royal Children’s Hospital

Sunday 27th October 2013
4pm - 6pm
FREE!
Ella Latham Auditorium, Ground Floor, Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne

Ask questions, gain advice on: medications, diagnosis and asthma management from top Respiratory Specialists:
A/Prof Sarath Ranganathan
Prof Colin Robertson
Dr Jo Harrison

Light refreshments will be served and tickets are limited, therefore registrations are essential.
Attend the event at the Royal Children’s Hospital OR watch the LIVE Webcast online
Register at www.asthma.org.au or call 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)

Air Pollution and Asthma

School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:

Outdoors – smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.

Indoors – formaldehydes/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors
- Make sure you have a bush-fire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit www.asthma.org.au.