FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

STRANGER DANGER / SAFETY
We have had a report this week about a stranger stopping and talking to children on the way home from school. We would ask all parents to talk to children about ‘Stranger Danger’ and how to stay safe.

Staying safe includes not talking to people you don’t know, not touching syringes or dangerous items, not going in a car you are unsure of, crossing roads safely, wearing a helmet if on a bike or scooter or feeling uncomfortable in a situation.

Please also remind children to tell an adult if they feel unsafe or have something they need to tell someone.

Reinforce who they can talk to at home and school.

Being safe with people children know is also very important.

It is never too young to open communication with children and share these messages.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Nominations have now closed for School Council. Congratulations to new School Council members:

- Narelle Amor
- Jenny Caligari
- Emma James
- Sharlene Gordon
- Marzieh Hussain

Community members:

- Karen Saw
- Sharlene Tarantino

Other School Council members are

- Leigh Bradbury
- Lachlan Hodgeson
- Tim Gallagher

School Council meets twice a term on a Tuesday night. A huge thanks to retiring School Council members, Brad Dawson, Bruce Garner, Sonia Ferry and Meredith Rayner.
Our School Values are:

**RESPECT**

Respect is;

- Caring about people and treating them well
- Valuing ourselves and others
- Speaking and acting with courtesy
- Taking care of people’s belongings
- Following the school rules

**LEARNING**

Learning is;

- Gaining knowledge and skills
- Showing inspiration and creativity
- Doing the best job you can possibly do
- Having goals and a clear focus
- Working with a purpose and reflecting on your practice

**TEAMWORK**

Teamwork is;

- Working together
- Keeping a safe and happy environment
- Co-operating and helping others
- Being a team player and sharing the load
- Respecting others

**INTEGRITY**

Integrity is;

- Standing up for what you believe in
- Doing the right thing when it’s hard
- Being willing to clean up your mistakes
- Living by your values
- Being honest and sincere

**KINDNESS**

Kindness is;

- Showing that you care
- Making life better for others by doing good
- Giving help to someone who is sad
- Accepting others who are different
- Thinking about people’s needs

We promote and learn about our values in all we do at school. Our BMPS motto is ‘Consider Others’. We try to live by our values.
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 ___________________________

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Email address ____________________________________________

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.

SCHOOL DISCO
On March 21st we will hold our first school disco in the gym.
Junior Disco (Prep/1/2) will be from 4pm – 5pm) $4
Senior Disco (3/4/5/6) will be from 5.15pm – 6.45pm $5

ENROLMENTS 2015
We ask all BMPS families to ensure you enrol 2015 Prep children (siblings) here at school by the end of this term. We have restricted enrolments and wish to ensure we cater for all siblings of children already at our school. Places will be limited from Term 2, so please collect and fill in forms.

DAD’S NIGHT
Our first Dad’s Night is on Wednesday 12th March. This is for Dads only, not children.
Men’s Health Clinic
The Plough Hotel, Myrniong
Wednesday 12th March 6.30pm onwards
Theme: How not to have a heart attack
Listen to Cardiologists, a Personal Trainer and Allied Health Professionals
Transport available from Hospital car park leaving at 6.30pm if needed.
FOOD AND MONEY AT SCHOOL
We encourage children to not share food or give other children money at school. Could this message please be shared at home.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – PJ DAY
On March 14\textsuperscript{th} we are having an Out of Uniform Day. Children are able to wear their PJ's for the day. A gold coin donation will support a village project in Morrocco. Miss Lamont and Mr Morris are visiting the village in the April school holidays.

LAST DAY OF TERM – EASTER HAT PARADE
On the last day of term we will be holding our Easter Hat Parade for Prep – 6. All students are encouraged to make and decorate a hat at home. Please bring along a gold coin donation with your hat for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The Parade will be at 9am on Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} April. Official envelopes will also be available if families wish to donate extra funds to the appeal.
Donations and envelopes from this day will be sent to Channel 7 to be read out on Good Friday.

EASTER EGG FUNDRAISING RAFFLE
Our BMPS fundraising team is organizing an Easter Raffle to be drawn on the last day of Term – Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} April at the Hat Parade. Money raised will go towards buying shade sails. To help make this a success we are asking all families to make a small donation of a suitable item such as an egg, chocolates etc. that we can put into our prize hampers. Please send your Easter goodies to school by March 31\textsuperscript{st}. Tickets will be sent home shortly with students.
Thankyou for your support.
The 2014 Fundraising Committee.
READING WITH YOUR CHILD – PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Hints and Tips for creating a love of reading
Monday 3rd March after assembly in the Chinese room.
Join us for a chat and question and answer session about helping your child with reading.

STUDENT ACCIDENT COVER & AMBULANCE & INSURANCE:
Arrangements for schools.

A reminder to all parents / guardians from the Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. BMPS also does not have a whole school accident insurance / ambulance cover in place.
Parents are responsible for paying the cost of any medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport.
Parents can purchase insurance policies to cover these events from commercial insurers.

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
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.
SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 21st March

Prep – Grade 2 $4  4pm – 5pm
Grades 3-6 $5  5.15pm – 6.45pm

Glo Bracelets for sale 4 for $1

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE
Chocolate Bars $1
Icy Poles $1
Soft Drinks $1
Bottled Water $1
Popcorn $1

PARENTS ARE WELCOME

Soft soled shoes only to be worn please due to the delicate floor surface in the Gym

Students must be collected from the Gym at the end of each session

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP

Please fill in and return this form to the office if you can help

Yes I am able to help at the Junior Disco  ☐
Yes I am able to help at the Senior Disco  ☐

Name _________________________________  Contact telephone number ___________________

Name of student ______________________________  Grade _____
Men’s Health Clinic

The Plough Hotel, Myrniong
Free entry with some free beer and nibbles supplied

Wednesday 12th March 2014
6.30pm onwards

The theme for the evening is
“How to NOT have a heart attack”

Come along and listen to local Cardiologists, a Personal
Trainer and Allied Health Professionals
on “how to NOT to have
a heart attack.”

Transport available from the hospital car park
leaving at 6.30pm.
FUNDRAISING TERM 1 2014

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KITCHEN HELPERS

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 REMINDER

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

WANTED

Large ice cream containers are needed for storage of Maths blocks. Your help with this would be much appreciated.

Jan Morahan

CONVEYANCING 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
MOTHER’S DAY LUNCH

Inviting all our Mums, Grandmothers, Aunties and Friends
Bacchus Marsh Golf Club
Links Road

Wednesday 7th May 2014
At 11.30am

Ticket: $40.00 Each, Non Refundable: (Includes)
2 Course Meal & Drink Voucher (Beer/Wine or Soft Drink)

Menu:
Main

❖ Chicken Breast Florentine – Breast Fillet filled with Bacon, Spinach & Cheese, Oven Baked & served with a creamy white wine sauce.

OR

❖ Slow Braised Lamb Shank – Slow Cooked Lamb Shank with Mash & a rich Red Wine & Rosemary

Dessert:

❖ Sticky Date Pudding with Butterscotch Sauce & Cream

OR

❖ Individual Wild berry & French Cream Cheesecake with Red Currant Coulis

Please Note:
ALL MEALS SERVED ON A 50/50 BASIS

All tickets must be pre-purchased by Wednesday 30th April at the office. Please contact the office on ways of payment other than cash if you wish.

If you have any Dietary Requirements or have any questions please contact Sharlene on: 0425713696
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 BACCHUSMARSHIPS

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...
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Kerriann Noack – Artist
0429 020 771
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Handmade soap the old fashioned way
Susannah Iredale
www.thesoapdish.com.au
Email:susannahiredale@hotmail.com

AARON’S AMUSEMENTS
Bacchus Marsh
1300 122 785
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.

HOLIDAY? New Car? Spare Money?

Need One or All?

Compare your Home Loan Rate/Term/Features with the Expert/s at Yellow Brick Road Melton Shop 2/51 Palmerston Street, Melton. MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE! Pick up the phone ask for Wendy 0427 284 333 or email Wendy at wendy.warden@ybr.com.au Quote Reference WJW
CATHOLIC PARISH of BACCHUS MARSH
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2014 for children attending local government and independent schools other than St Bernard’s Parish Primary. Parents interested in their child/children receiving the following sacraments:

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Dates of preparation classes for all sacraments, given on enrolment. **Fee $50 per child per sacrament payable on enrolment. Enquiries: 5367 2069**

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**KIDS CLASSES**

**MUAY THAI AND FITNESS**

**MUAY THAI**

**Tuesday & Thursday**

**4:15 - 5:00PM**

**NOW YEAR ROUND**

**NO HOLIDAY BREAKS!**

**Prices $170 Per Term or $15 Per Week Direct Debit Membership**

**FIT KIDS**

**Wednesday & Fridays**

**4:15 - 5:00PM**

**Prices $170 Per Term or $15 Per Week Direct Debit Membership**

**BOTH CLASS $20 PER WEEK D/D OR $250 PER TERM!**

**No Joining Fee/Cancelation fee or Lock in contracts**

**Join Today: 0411 398 647**

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BLACKWOOD WOODCHOP EASTER CARNIVAL
SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2014
CREATE OR COLOUR COMPETITION

Featuring an exciting new event...

ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL PET SHOW

What’s your favourite animal? Be creative and draw in the space below!

Name: 
Age: 
Suburb: 
Phone Number: 

Create and Colour Competition

Use your imagination to create or draw your favourite animal and colour it in to be in the running for some fantastic prizes.

Gold coin donation required for entry with all funds raised given directly to the Greendale Wildlife Shelter.

Competition winners will be announced at...

ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL PET SHOW

Blackwood Woodchop Easter Carnival on Saturday the 19th of April 2014.

For more information, other inquiries and the downloadable colouring form head to the Bacchus Marsh Veterinary Clinic Facebook Page.

Entries close on Friday 18th April at 5pm

With a small entry fee of $3 for each category involve both yourself and your pet in bundles of fun with great prizes to be won.

All proceeds from the event are donated to Greendale Wildlife Shelter so come along and join in the fun, showcasing your furry friends while supporting a worthy cause!

Greendale Wildlife Shelter is a non-government funded organisation reliant on donations for the care and rehabilitation of native wildlife. Run by dedicated volunteers whose tireless efforts are much appreciated.

Blackwood Woodchop Easter Carnival on Saturday the 19th of April 2014.

Registration at 10am
Judging commences at 11am.

Several innovative categories such as Best Cat Breed, Waggiest Tail, Most Unusual Pet and Greatest Tricks there’s an award for all to be won.

For more information and other queries head to Bacchus Marsh Veterinary Centre Facebook page.
ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL PET SHOW

Bacchus Marsh Veterinary Centre is proudly sponsoring this exciting new charity event for Blackwood Woodchop Easter Carnival held on 19th April 2014.

With innovative categories such as Best Cross Breed, Waggiest Tail, Awesome Tricks and Most Unusual Pet this should prove to be a fun event which promotes responsible pet ownership. All animals need to be on lead or kept in suitable cages on the day.

An entrance fee of $3 applies to each category with wonderful prizes to be won.

Best in Show will be presented by a surprise celebrity presenting a major prize.

The Pet Show is also supported by a creative colouring competition, entry by gold coin donation and judged on the day.

All proceeds from this event go to Greendale Wildlife Shelter. This shelter is a non-government funded emergency rescue centre, offering caring rehabilitation of our native wildlife. Run by dedicated volunteer’s who’s tireless efforts are much appreciated.

So come along and join in the fun showcasing your furry friend and support a worthy cause!

REGISTRATION 10AM . JUDGING COMMENCES 11AM.
All Systems are go!

Hello again and welcome to another update on the progress of the Marsh Food Bus.

We are happy to report that we are now fully operational, and may I say it has been quite rewarding to be able to serve the local community. Since the first shift in early December, we have seen this project grow from serving a few people to a record 200, averaging about 100 customers a night twice a week.

It has been quite a journey that could not have been possible without the help of hard-working volunteers generously offering up their time and skills, the local community for their support, not to forget all those local businesses for their kind donations as well.

As you can see from the attached photos the bus has made a dramatic transformation, that now helps us to serve the needy.

If you would like to help in any way or like to volunteer please give us a call on ph: 0408 330 446

Till next time, once again we thank all for their kind donations and support.