Dear Parents,

There are three weeks left until the end of term! The year is going way too fast!

READING
We hope that reading routines are well set by now and that all children are reading each night. We hope reading is an enjoyable experience for all.

TEACHING AND LEARNING...THE NEED TO READ
Reading is a skill that is vital to success. From an early age we need to read books to our children. In our classrooms we provide a variety of ways to interact with books.

During ‘Read to Someone’ we make each other accountable about what we are reading and how we are reading by asking questions and coaching one another. Each student needs to summarise texts and manipulate information read in some way to show understanding gained from their reading. When you listen to your children read, please ask them questions. Try to ask questions that do not just have yes or no answers. Ask questions like how do you know that the characters get along, how do you know the story is set in a city?

INTRODUCING OUR STUDENT LEADERS

Joel Bradley
Sophie Hine
Alex Dellar
Zane Kawana
PJ DAY AT BMPS

DRINKING TAP TROUBLES
In recent weeks we have had a lot of trouble with the drink taps near the Prep building being blocked with sand. We have spoken to all the Prep students about appropriate use of the drink taps. We would appreciate it if parents with pre-school age children supervise their use of these taps as well. Thank you.

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
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A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL WILL DISMISS AT 2.30PM ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM – APRIL 4TH
**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.

**CENTREPAY**
What is Centrepay?
Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service offered to customers receiving Centrelink payments. Through Centrepay you can choose to have regular money for education expenses e.g. excursions, camps, booklists etc. deducted from your payment.

Why use Centrepay?
Educational expenses can be paid in manageable amounts from your payment, making it easier for you to budget. You won’t have to worry about remembering to pay your expenses.

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No, Centrepay does not charge you to transfer the money from your payment.

Can I cancel or change my Centrepay deduction?
Yes, the service is voluntary and you can stop or vary the deduction at any time by calling Centrelink directly.

How do I apply for Centrepay?
You can call in to see our Office Manager, or call or visit your nearest Centrelink Office and ask for a Centrepay deductions form (SA325. 1102).

**WANTED**
Large ice cream containers are needed for storage of Maths blocks. Your help with this would be much appreciated.
Jan Morahan
ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
Envelopes have been sent home for the Good Friday Appeal, we are also collecting gold coin donations on the last day of term.

COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER – THANK YOU
We raised $1,600.00. Thank you to all of our families who supported our Cookie Dough Fundraiser.
Congratulations to the Lewis and Magill-Izzard families who have each won a $200 Accommodation Voucher from Ashmore Palms Holiday Village on the Gold Coast for selling the most cookie dough.

LAST DAY OF TERM – EASTER HAT PARADE
GOLD COIN DONATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL
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.
The Parade will be at 9am on Friday 4th April.
Please bring along a gold coin donation with your hat for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. 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 4th 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 31st.
Tickets will be sent home shortly with students.
Thankyou for your support.
The 2014 Fundraising Committee.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL – FRIDAY MAY 9TH - $5 PER GIFT
CAN YOU HELP WITH WRAPPING? FRIDAY MARCH 28TH
Our Annual Mother’s Day Stall will be held on May 9th. Please send along a plastic bag for the gift to go in. If you can help with wrapping the gifts on March 28th, please contact Sharlene on 0425 713 696
SPORTS DAYS
It has been a big term so far in P.E. and sport. Congratulations to our swimmers who swam in the division Swimming Carnival at Werribee last Thursday. We are proud of all the BMPS students who competed for our district. A special mention to Jarvis Miles, Hannah Bullock and Jack Gillard who will now compete at the next level in their respective events. Well done. Thank you once again to the parents who supported our team.

Last Wednesday was the Senior House Athletic Sports at Mason's Lane. Well done to all the students for their efforts on the day. It was a fantastic event organised by Mrs Hurst. Thank you once again for your time and effort in running another successful sports day. Congratulations to Manor for winning the shield for 2014!

MORNING KILOMETRE CLUB
As part of our initiative to get children and families to move more, we are running a morning run/walk session at 8.30. We will meet at the back gate where staff, students and their families can run or walk around Mason's Lane before the start of the school day.

There is overwhelming evidence that children who move more cope better with their learning. We would like to encourage all families to spend at least half an hour a day engaging in some form of physical activity together. It is a lot of fun and you will be surprised at how well you feel after exercising!

KILOMETRE CLUB STARTS NEXT TUESDAY 25th March AT 8.30 at THE BACK GATE.

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 HAS RETURNED
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 _____
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.

2014 Choir/Orff Ensemble

Instead of a traditional choir, this year BMPS has started an Orff Ensemble. The ensemble incorporates singing, instrument playing (xylophones, percussion and maybe some recorder) and movement. Students that participated in choir last year or enjoyed learning recorder last year are encouraged to participate in the Orff Ensemble this year. Orff Ensemble is open to any student in grades 3-6. We rehearse Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school in the music room. Rehearsal begins promptly at 8:30am. Hope to see you there! Should you have any inquiries, please contact Ms. Curtis.

Arts Week

Any community members interested in running a visual or performing arts activity for our special arts day please leave your name with Megan (visual arts) or Carrie (performing arts).

Community Art Show: If you know someone or are a member of the school community who enjoys creating art and would like to display something in our community art exhibition next term please see Megan in the art room.

Friday Community Art Fun Afternoon

Starting this Friday a group of interested members of the school community parents, grandparents other interested family members will meet in the art room at 2:10 till the end of the school day to start adding too, creating and fixing up Art in the kitchen garden.

Please see Megan if you would like to be involved in this fun group.

WANTED:
The Art room is collecting Styrofoam boxes to use in a mosaic project.

Styrofoam needs to be relatively thick and have a large flat area.

Thank you. Happy Art Making.
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
Attention All Residents

Over the past month there has been a recent spate of thefts from vehicles and burglaries around Bacchus Marsh. Having your home or vehicle broken into can be a distressing experience. For thieves, it is an opportunity to steal cash, credit cards, small electronics, jewellery, and easily sold valuables. Police urge you to be on guard and take all necessary precautions to safeguard your property.

We ask that you:

- Lock your vehicle – even if parked on private property
- Don’t leave valuables in your car and
- Ensure that you properly secure your home with adequate locks and security devices.

Strangers and / or strange vehicles should be noted when observed in the area and reported to police. As always remember - If you see something, say something and contact ‘000’ or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333000.

Important Dates

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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

- **Step 3** Find our school
  Scan QR code provided
  Or type text label BACCHUSMARSHPS
  If within 4 kms of the school, you can select from “Locations Nearby”

- **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...
**Cancelling lunch orders that have already been paid for**

To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:
1. Sign into your QkR account and scroll down to 'My Receipts' section.
2. Select eReceipt for order you wish to cancel.
3. You will see a red circle containing the 'minus' symbol beside your child's photo. Tap this. A pop-up box will appear asking if you wish to proceed. Tap 'yes'.

If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

To cancel a food order from the calendar view:
1. Sign into your QkR account and go to calendar view for food orders.
2. Select date for which you wish to cancel order.
3. Tap 'Cancel Items' on the pop-up box which appears.
4. Another pop-up box will appear asking if you wish to proceed. Tap 'yes'.

To reduce school costs, orders that you cancel are converted to a credit note that is automatically applied to your next QkR food order. A 'Refunded' stamp will now appear on your eReceipt confirming that the order has been cancelled and a credit note for food orders has been applied to your account.

*Note that you will need to contact the school office directly to cancel any other school payments.*

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**Remove items from your shopping cart prior to payment**

It is easy to remove items from your shopping cart prior to checkout. Simply:

1. Tap on the 'cart' icon at the bottom of your screen.
2. Tap on the item you wish to remove from your cart.
3. A pop-up box will appear. Tap the 'Remove' button.

In this example, removing a Netbook Term Payment is as simple as tapping on "Netbook Term Payment" on the checkout screen and then selecting "Remove" from the pop-up that appears.
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1st Tuesday of the month 9.30am - 11.30am
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Supporting mothers at all stages of their breastfeeding journey.
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For more information contact MCH Admin on 53667100 or abawyndhamgroup@yahoo.com.au

"Multiple Birth Awareness Week, 9-16 March 2014, aims to raise awareness of the important work done by the Australian Multiple Birth Association (AMBA) and local clubs around Australia in supporting families and the community. In 2014 our theme is “You’re not alone”. Many people are unaware of the wellbeing benefits of joining a support group; support groups can be a great place to find services, practical tips, resources and social events with like-minded people. We invite you to contact us, your local AMBA club: bacchusmarsh.mba@gmail.com or you can find us on Facebook: Bacchus Marsh Multiple Birth Association. For more information call Kylie on 0408 549 887 or visit www.amba.org.au."

BADMINTON AT BACCHUS MARSH LEISURE CENTRE
Have a fun, social hit on Sundays between 2.30pm & 4.30pm. Every week including school holidays.
We play rain, hail or shine.
Badminton is fun, non-contact, suitable for people of all ages.
It helps improve your fitness and reflexes while also having fun.
Mixed games available
Phone 0422 412 964 or email bmbadminton@bigpond.com for more information.
BACCHUS MARSH
BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Registration Night

Bacchus Marsh Baseball Club
Masons Lane Reserve, Bacchus Marsh

Thursday 27th March, 2014

4.30pm – 6pm

We are looking for anyone interested in playing Baseball
In the following age groups – Seniors, U18’s, U15’s and U13’s

We are a Fun, Friendly, Welcoming, Inclusive and Family Orientated Club

Past Players – We’d love to see you again, come and see the significant changes we’ve made and hear about the exciting major changes to come!

Our coaches are accredited and hold Working with Children’s Cards

Contact: Paul Wilson – President Ph: 0419 538 867
Michelle Dugdale – Junior Coordinator Ph: 0415 415 119

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Autism Awareness Expo

Saturday
3rd May
2014

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Disability agencies, Autism therapies, autism resources, books for sale, cartoon workshop, lego display, local artists exhibitions, Dogs for autism, information for early intervention, school age and post school options, social skills programs, autism merchandise, visual aids and many more! Presentations throughout the day, individual consults with behaviour therapist available.

Timetable

10.30 : Official opening
11.00 : Comic workshop
   - Dillon Naylor Comic artist
   - Speaker presentations
11.00 : Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder
   - Stacy Shepherd
11.45 : Communication and ASD
   - Robyn Garnet Clear Messages
12.30 : Behaviour and ASD
   - Bobbi Cook Behaviour therapist
1.15 : Living on the Spectrum Daniel Giles
2.00 : A Sensory Day
   - Sarah Elford & Steph VanVelsen Pinarc
2.45 : Autism intervention therapy
   - Christine Chambers-Morton
3.30 : Disclosing the diagnosis
   - Amanda Curtis
4.00 : Close

For further information contact
Tricia Murphy  e: triciamurphy@live.com.au
Kris Schmidt  e: kks@netconnect.com.au

Entry : Gold coin donation
Venue : Mining Exchange,
        Lydiard St Ballarat
Time : 10am - 4pm
OPEN DAY

Making the decision about your child’s education is one of the most important responsibilities you have as a parent. Take some time to reflect, ask questions about your child’s education, and explore your options. Come meet with us and visit our preschool and learn more about our program.

Early Learners
18 months-2.5 years
Toddlers
2.5-3 years
Cycle 1
3-6 years

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