Dear Parents,

We wish everyone a safe and happy Easter and holiday time. We look forward to coming back to school on Tuesday April 22nd. Monday April 21st is Easter Monday holiday and Friday April 25th is Anzac Day holiday.

EASTER HAT PARADE
Our annual Easter Hat Parade is on Friday at 8.50am in the gym – Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing lots of great hats that the children have made. Please bring a gold coin donation for the Royal Childrens Hospital. Our Easter Raffle will also be drawn at this time.

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

ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL
We are asking for a gold coin donation to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital. Our School Captains will present a cheque for the hospital on television at around 10.30am – 11.00am on Good Friday.

FACILITIES
Our facilities committee from School Council are compiling a list of priorities for our grounds this year. If you have ideas for the school please let us know.

WORKING BEE
Our first working bee will be on May 24th from 9am – 12pm.

TERM 2 PLANNER
A Term 2 Planner will be coming home shortly.
HEALTH ALERT
We have a student recently diagnosed with School Sores (Impetago). They are being treated by a doctor and will return to school once treated. Further information about this condition can be obtained from your own doctor or the Royal Childrens Hospital fact sheets (via Google).

18TH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET
At assembly we have been talking about the letter ‘R’. We have talked about Rudolph the Red nosed reindeer and how he was bullied. Last week we talked about a Jack Johnson song called ‘Radiate’. We have been asking children to talk about how they radiate – in maths, reading and art! Ask your children when they radiate! Next week we will talk about the three R’s – reduce, reuse and recycle. If children google Jack Johnson – Rudolph or Radiate or Three R’s they can see film clips and hear songs to go with their themes.

INTRODUCING OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Laradoc
Jessica Smith
Taylah Jackson
Jack Gillard
Bevan Reid

Manor
Corey Williams
Nicholas Kelsall
Keely Rich
Clare Fox

Pentland
Josh Wallace
Mitchell Winch
Emily Karp
Maja Zdero

Merrimu
Tylah Wright
Alicia Lane
Ethan Gray Millson
Lachlan Garner
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.

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 ____________________________________________

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.

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.
Thankyou for your support.
The 2014 Fundraising Committee.
C.A.R.E.S. is about helping the environment and helping animals and humans. C.A.R.E.S. is also about being environmentally friendly and if we don’t do this we might not have a very nice future. The grade fours from Bacchus Marsh Primary School are planning to make a better and brighter future. We have put people from grade four into groups to help the environment and make a better future. These are the groups that we have - helping the homeless, composting, recycling, animal shelters, bush tucker garden, the ozone layer and bat boxes. C.A.R.E.S. is important because it means that we care for the environment and if we don’t, there may not be any more living things. Rubbish on the ground can harm animals but it does not just affect animals, it also affects humans. It affects humans because if a metal can is thrown on the ground and someone picks it up they might get very sick and even die. It also affects humans because if there is broken glass on the ground someone might pick it up and cut themselves really badly.

by Joel from 4P

C.A.R.E.S. is a program we have been learning about in class. All students in grade four have been working hard to find solutions to some of the biggest problems our generation is facing today such as the ozone, rubbish pollution and much more. Our aim is to make the world a better place for all living things. A better, brighter future awaits us if we start changing our way of life, so please help us save the environment because the way we are going it won’t be around much longer! In C.A.R.E.S. we have split into groups, all of which cover different things that relate back to each other, such as ways to help the homeless and much more. I am in the Recyclers and we are working on recycling more of the waste we produce. We hope that the things we do today will help the future of tomorrow. I hope that tomorrow will be better than today! So please help us if you care for the generation of tomorrow!

by Phoenix from 4P

C.A.R.E.S. is where we are trying to help the environment and animal habitats. In C.A.R.E.S. we are in groups like the composting group, the homeless group, the ozone group and many more so please help the grade 4s at BMPS to help make a better future. C.A.R.E.S. is important because if we don’t make a change our earth will be gone, so please help us save the world. My group is trying to help the homeless people by donating food, drinks, clothes and warm blankets to help them stay healthy. I hope that I can tell people how to save the world because the world needs to be healthy so everyone can have a good life.

by Logan from 4P

C.A.R.E.S. is about the grade 4s helping the environment and helping you and me for a better, cleaner and brighter place in the future. Right now our future does not look sustainable and if we do not do something about our way of life it could have catastrophic results. C.A.R.E.S. is trying to prevent this from happening so we can improve our way of life. We are putting together groups of children who are all helping the environment in different ways, but are all working towards the same goal: To help the environment. Some of these include a compost group, animal shelters, bat boxes, helping the homeless, bush tucker garden, a recycling group and the ozone group. I am in the compost group and our main goal is to successfully have a worm farm that we will build and run. C.A.R.E.S. is also about raising awareness of the environment and it’s unstable condition. C.A.R.E.S. is important because it teaches younger generations about the environment and that even though they are kids they can still take action and make a difference!

by Max from 4P
**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.

Will it cost me anything?
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).

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**WANTED**

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

Jan Morahan

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL – FRIDAY MAY 9TH - $5 PER GIFT**

Our Annual Mother’s Day Stall will be held on May 9th. Please send along a plastic bag for the gift to go in.

A big thank you to all of the Mums who helped with wrapping the gifts.

**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 8.30am every Tuesday and Friday during school terms. 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!
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.

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
Every Friday during the school term 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
Wednesday 7th May

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. Contact the office
to book a table.

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

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.
Adding multiple payment cards & keeping your payments safe

QkR™ will accept payment using any scheme credit/debit card accepted by the school, and you can add up to five different cards to your QkR account.

At checkout, you can easily select from any of your registered cards by simply tapping the ‘Payment’ option near the top of the checkout screen.

QkR is provided by MasterCard so you know your payments are secure. No information will be stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network.

Adding or deleting payment cards:

1. Open QkR
2. Tap on the three horizontal lines icon at the top left of the screen
3. Tap on the word ‘Settings’. This will open the settings page and present you with a number of options to personalize the way QkR works for you
4. Tap ‘Manage Payment Cards’
5. To delete a card: Tap and hold
6. To edit details of an existing card: Tap quickly to enter ‘Edit Card’ screen
7. To add a new card, tap the icon on the top right of your screen (an image of a card with a ‘+’ symbol on Android devices or the word ‘Add’ on Apple devices)

To add another card from the check out screen:
1. Tap on your registered card
2. Tap ‘Add Card’ option
3. Provide card details
4. Tap the ‘Done’ button (Apple devices) or ‘tick’ icon (Android devices) on the top right of your screen to save changes
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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.

EMBRACE ASD
AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

with
INCognito Costume Hire

presents
EASTER PARTY in the PARK
~ AT ~
Hannah Watts Park, High Street Melton
Sunday 13th April
All proceeds go to EMBRACE ASD

Easter Egg Hunt
Meet Easter Bunny & Friends
Easter Egg & Spoon Races
Gold Coin BBQ @ 12 noon
Balloon Release @ 1:30pm

For more information please contact
0430343473 or 0431048632

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Sat / Sun: April 12 / 13
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+A extra fun for the kids
Trolley Rides
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Animal Farm
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Sausage Sizzle
Horse Cart Rides
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www.vgr.com.au

Bullengarook Rangers FC
Come along this Friday and join our Pro Soccer Player for a FREE Training Session at Bullengarook Reserve, Bullengarook.
Friday 28th March 5.30pm
See you there!
For players keen to register please visit our website
www.rangerssoccer.com.au

Boys and Girls 5-12 years, Training Sessions Tues and Fri 5.30 - 7pm.
YOURS, MINE, OURS:
LIVING IN A BLENDED FAMILY

CFS Men and Family Relationship Service in collaboration with Centacare will be running a two week program aimed at parents and individuals living in a blended family situation.

The program aims to:
- support the co-parenting bond
- reduce awareness of the needs of children who are brought up in blended families
- encourage the strengths and optimism of parents in blended families
- broaden the family's ability to understand and work with children
- provide information and assistance to individuals and blended families

Dates: Tuesday April 19th and Monday May 16th
Times: 6:30-8:30pm
Women to be continued

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Wellbeing, respect and safety for all children and families...

KIDS CLASSES

MUAY THAI AND FITNESS

MUAY THAI	Tuesday & Thursday
4:15 - 5:00PM
Now Year Round
No Holiday Breaks!
Prices $70 Per Team or $15 Per week Direct Debit Membership

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**HOOPSMART**

**BASKETBALL CAMP**

April Holidays 2014

**Damien Ryan**

Former NBL, European and Australian Boomer player will be conducting an innovative and fun HOOPSMART basketball camp.

**EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP**

- Team building
- Life Skills
- Leadership
- Goal Setting

**PLAYERS:** All levels - Boys/Girls 6-14 years

**COST:** $110 *Early Bird Special* Registered & Paid before 27th March ONLY

***FREE NBA ball & Prizes***

Registration closes Tues 8th April 2014

Special Guests & Coaches!!!

Where: Lutteral Den Centre - 315 Coburn Rd, Horsham - Wed 9th & Thurs 10th April 2014 - 9am - 4pm

Register at: hoopsmart.com.au

Enquiries: 0408 488 313

admin@hoopsmart.com.au

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**Autism Awareness Expo**

Saturday 3rd May 2014

**Over 30 Information Exhibits**

Disability agencies, Autism therapists, autism resources, books for sale, cartoon workshops, hula hoop displays, local artists' exhibitions, stalls for autism, information for early intervention, school age and post school options, social skills programs, autism merchandise, visual arts and many more presentations throughout the day, individual consults with behaviour therapists available.

**Entry:** Gold coin donation

**Venue:** Mixed Exchange, Lydiard & Deloraine

**Fees:** 10am - 4pm

**Timetable**

10.30 / Official opening

11.00 / Comic workshop

Land O’Lake Comic artist

Speaker presentations

11.00 / Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder

- Tracy Shepherd

11.45 / Autism and MOD

- Annabel Cartwright - Melbourne Boy's Choir

12.30 / Behaviour and ASD

- Bettina von Behren, Behaviour Therapist

1.15 / Living on the Spectrum - Daniel Gills

2.00 / A Sensory Day

- Sarah Hall & Sheryl Vorhansen - Sensory

2.35 / Autism intervention therapy

- Christine Chauke / Norton

3.30 / Uncovering the diagnosis

- Amanda Curtis

4.00 / Close

For further information contact

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