FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

We have some exciting weeks ahead until the end of term.

ART ROOM
Our new art room will start soon. We have been waiting on permits and quotes. We are now ready to begin the building process.

CHINESE CHILDRENS VISIT
We are again hosting children from China at our school. The children are from Nanjing and from Year 5. What is exciting about the visit is that all schools in our town will host students which total 70. It is a great opportunity for us as a community. The ABC and SBS have shown an interest in filming a segment about the visit.

We are looking for host families to look after the children. We pair children up to help them with the stay. The children arrive on Sunday 20th July at 3.30pm and leave the following Sunday at 10.00am. The children attend school here during the week.

If you are able to assist in hosting 2 students please contact the office. Families who have done this in the past find it a rewarding and wonderful experience.

ARTS WEEK
Next week is ‘Arts Week’ – There are some exciting activities happening during the week. Please come along and look at all the art work on display, especially in the undercover area.

SCIENCE CURTAINS NEEDED!
We are looking for old curtains, material scraps etc. to make curtains for the Science room. If you are able to donate any items please leave them at the office.

If you sew, could you please let Jane McWhinney or the office staff know. Thanks. Jane needs curtains to block out light when doing Science activities.

WORKING BEE/GARDEN HELP
A huge thanks to all the parents and children who came to the Working Bee. We completed lots of jobs around the school.

Michael May is always looking for a hand in the garden on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday if you would like to assist.
PARKING/SAFETY

Last week we met with members from Moorabool Shire to discuss parking issues and concerns.

Please be careful when driving around the school before and after school times. Parking inspectors have been here booking people who are doing the wrong thing.

Also please be careful when entering or leaving the drop off zone as we have had reports of cars driving fast when leaving the area and nearly knocking people off their bikes.

COMMUNITY BANK

My name is Paula McMillan. I have two sons at BMPS and want to encourage all of our families to get behind a fantastic community endeavour.

I am a board member of the Bacchus Marsh Community Bank. We are currently in the share offer phase which is our last step to becoming a reality. Our team have been working on this project for the past 3½ years engaging the community, working with the Bendigo Bank, developing business plans and everything else that goes towards opening your very own bank.

For our bank to open its doors we must sell approximately $800,000 in shares. We are over the halfway mark but still need lots of small investors to become part of the Community Bank. Shares cost $1 each and the minimum purchase is 500 shares ($500) up to a maximum of 80,000.

We appreciate that not everyone can purchase shares and if this is not possible, maybe you would consider banking with us? We already have a BSB and an agency at the Newsagents in the Main Street. The Bendigo Bank offers all the products and services of other banks, the difference being that the profits go back to local shareholders and local community groups by way of grants.

You may not think that these can benefit you but imagine the difference funding in our town could make. We have so many schools and community groups that could prosper as a result of grants, seed funding and support from the Community Bank. We want this Bank to enrich our community – you, your children and grandchildren would benefit for many years to come.

We need the support of the community at large and I ask you to consider supporting our endeavours either by becoming a shareholder or by moving your banking business. We have a strict time limit and if you are interested in purchasing shares this needs to happen as soon as possible.

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Ian, Leanne, Melinda and Pam
BMPS HISTORY
FIRST PADDY’S MARKET – 28TH MAY 1943
- Organized by teachers of SS No. 28 to raise money for the Schools’ Patriotic Fund. For (at least) 1960’s, 1970’s and 1980’s there were two per year – famous for produce and cake stalls.

DO YOU HAVE ANY BOTTLE TOPS?
The Science room would appreciate any donations of clean, non-toxic plastic bottle tops that have not been in contact with nuts eg. milk or softdrink bottle tops.

FRIDAY COMMUNITY ART FUN AFTERNOON AT BMPS
Every Friday during this 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 to, creating and fixing up Art in the kitchen garden.
Please see Megan if you would like to be involved in this fun group.

THE ART ROOM WOULD LOVE: Old towels, tea towels and washers please

GRADE 2 MSO EXCURSION
Grade 2’s had a wonderful time in Melbourne yesterday and did a great job representing our school! We learned about each of the four instrument families, heard some music by Australian composers and participated in a piece with the rest of the audience and orchestra by singing and doing body percussion for a song composed by Aboriginal composer, Eric Avery.
Special thanks to the parents that chaperoned our trip.
You made your music teachers proud, Grade 2!
-Ms. Curtis and Mrs. Bellette
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.

LABELLING
A reminder to please label any items that might get misplaced at school ie. Jumpers, Lunch Containers, Drink Bottles, Balls, Wallets, Toys etc.. This helps us to return items to their owners.

SPORTS REPORT
CROSS COUNTRY
Last Tuesday, 16 students from BMPS represented the BMPSSA in the division cross country at President’s Park. All students put in a fantastic effort over the 2km and 3km courses. Ashton, Tim and Jessica were successful in making it through to the next level which is the Western Metropolitan Championships to be held at Brimbank Park on Thursday 12th June. We wish them all the best for this event.

WINTER SPORTS DAY
All of our grade 6 students will be involved in the BMPSSA district winter sports round robin day to be held on Friday 20th June. The sports include: Netball (Leisure Centre), Newcombe (BMPS), Soccer (Grammar), Tee-ball (Masons Lane) and Football (Maddingley Park). This is an all day event where our students play against all of the other local schools in our district.

KILOMETRE CLUB
Just a reminder that every Tuesday and Friday from 8.30am we run a kilometre club. Students, teachers and parents are invited to walk or run the short course. We meet on the back oval at the gate to Masons Lane. It is a great way to start the day and clear the head. Hope to see you there.
WEEK OF THE ARTS  2-6 JUNE

DAY OF THE ARTS
Please ensure that your child’s $5 for our special Day of the Arts incursion is paid to allow for their full participation in this day. Day of the Arts is on Wednesday 4 June.

STUDENT PERFORMANCES
Family and friends are welcomed and encouraged to attend our Week of the Arts lunch time performances. Performances are held in the Gym and begin around 1:10pm.

MONDAY
- *BMPS Orff Ensemble* Morning Assembly *
  - Sienna and Jorja, 3B
  - Asha and Ebony, 3B
  - Jess, 1L
- Celeste and Lily, 3H and Charlotte, 3T
  - Jye, 3T

TUESDAY
- Tahlia, 4J
- Lucy, 2B
- Latoya, 5H
- Eliza Rose, 4T

WEDNESDAY
Day of the Arts- no student performances

THURSDAY
- Jesse, 4S
- Teacher Band

FRIDAY
- Jennifer, 5H
- Savannah, Kaley, Zoe and Jasmine, 5H
- Olivia and Zali, 6D
- Kasey, 6J
- Connor, 6M, Accompanied by his Dad
DAY OF THE ARTS INCURSION

Grade Prep - Grade 6

Wednesday 4th June, 2014

Cost of incursion - $5.00

Included in the day’s activities are:

* A performance by Afro Beat (afrobeat.com.au)
* Cross-aged Art Project
* Activities with visiting Artists.

The Day of the Arts will start at 9:00am and finish at lunch time

*Payment is due by Friday 30th May, 2014
*Please send money in a named, sealed envelope to your classroom teacher
*Payments may also be made by Cheque, EFT, BPAY or QkR

Carrie Curtis, Ainsley Bellette & Megan Fromholtz

DAY OF THE ARTS INCURSION
WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE, 2014

I give permission for my child: _________________________ Grade: _____

to attend the Day of the Arts incursion at Bacchus Marsh Primary School

Name of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________ Date: __________

Signed: ___________________________________________________________________
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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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Monday June 16th
10.30-12.30
Darley Primary School
Nelson St, Darley, Bacchus Marsh.
A free, friendly support group for parents and carers of children with a disability or chronic medical illness.

Calling all Girls!!!!!!

The Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association is looking to run an ALL GIRLS Under 10 basketball competition next season, commencing July 2014.

The competition will be run initially as a pilot program to try and attract as many girls as possible into our fantastic game.

We will need a minimum of 4 teams to make the competition viable (approximately 28 girls). At present we have around 14 girls who have registered their interest.

How will it work?

The competition will initially be run on a non-Club affiliated basis. This means that we will find a team for whoever is interested. If your daughter already plays with a team, but there are not enough girls to make a whole team, we will combine teams across various clubs to make it work.

Once we have an indication of interested kids, we will then publish some training times with various clubs & coaches which your daughter is welcome to attend.

Games are played each Saturday morning at the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre.

What will it cost?

This will depend on where and which club your daughter ends up training with. As a general rule, registration for the season costs $25, plus training costs which are set by each club depending on where the training venue is located. Games fees are around $7 per game.

What if my daughter has never played before?

We welcome all new beginners – no experience is required to play basketball!

The Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association is also currently running an After School Basketball program on Wednesday evenings. Details are on the BMMBA website.

What if my daughter has a friend she would like to play with?

Fantastic! The more the merrier. We are happy to cater for friends who would like to play together.

What do I need to do?

If you are already affiliated with a Club, please let your Club president know.

Alternatively you can call Dionne MacNeil on 0416 084 884 or Leonie Hogan on 0423 802 864 or email admin@bacchusmarsh.basketball.net.au

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