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Bacchus Marsh College
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All items will be donated to the Neighbours Place and Helen District Health and Care
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

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Where: SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

Cost: Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

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tiqbiz

We’re using an app to communicate with you.
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Log in – Open tiqbiz and register/log-in
Find – Inside the menu, click on ‘Find & Tick’.
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Select us from the results.
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Don’t have a smartphone or tablet? Download tiqbiz on your PC or Mac at www.tiqbiz.com/register
Food for Fines
November 7 – December 2

Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
$2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballan or Londeriug Library.
(Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)
Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact
Moorabool Shire Libraries on 5366 7100
**OshClub News**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

**Program Update**

**Public Holiday**

This Friday, the 24th of December is Santa’s Birthday. This week we will be baking various treats to sell at our stall including chocolate balls, fruit cake, rice bubble slice, cupcakes and ginger tree cake. We will have our stall in the undercover area near the office so please come and say hi and enjoy our delicious treats!

**Christmas**

Christmas is only 8 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas activities in the next few weeks and the children will continue through to the end of the term. If you have any traditional recipes or craft ideas that you would like to share with us to make at OshClub please provide us with a copy.

**Turn 3 & 4 Calendar**

As it is Term 4, the weather is now heating up and all children need to be wearing hats while playing outside. If children need to leave their school bags in the classroom we ask families to please have a spare hat in their child’s bag so that they can wear it at OshClub.

**This Week’s Activities**

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OshClub program phone: 0418 330 254

Coordinator: Emily Spiker

Assistant: Amy Mast and Karina Lowentritt

OshClub Head Office: 04 9264 5800

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free! Please create an account on our website or phone the office for more details. For our day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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**BacchChat**

Create a Village Spirit

Karen Ellis - Rude Record

Make a Gift for Family/Friends or donate it to your library.

See more on Facebook Bacchus Marsh: Bacchus Marsh or Bacchus Marsh Facebook

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm

James Young Room @ Lederderg Library

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**SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh**

Christmas Tree Sale

This year buy your freshly-cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh - Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:** Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

**Where:** SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:** Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**HOME DELIVERY:** $10* **HOME PICK-UP:** $55**

**Same day home delivery approximate times will be given at purchase.**

**Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2023 place tree curb-side prior to 11am.**

**Stands:** Small: $7.00 (suit 3’ to 6’ trees) Large: $10.00 (suit 6’ to 10’ trees)

**Pre-orders:** Peter 0415 668 545

**www.bacchusmarshroty.org.au**
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

GARDEN GROUP
Our garden group will meet again on
Wednesday 7th December 9am – 12pm
Saturday 10th December 9am – 12pm
If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping
please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from
9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.
• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
  • Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
  • Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.
10:15am - Preps and Year 1's (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students, our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylee, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

• The ins and outs of cancer
• Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
• Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmates who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
• That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
• The importance of positivity and recognizing our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too.” - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner” - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns.
While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylee@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 9-12 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Our celebration of learning will take place on Thursday December 8th and children will be dismissed at 1.00pm.

This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to 'Learn how to learn'.

We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings

Online Bookings are open as per the attached details for Thursday December 8th.

*Please note interviews for the following grades are on different dates

Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)
Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)
Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)

Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.

Grade Prep-6 Celebration of Learning - December 2016

Dear Parents,

Celebration of learning opportunities are now open for booking.
Please book a 15 minute slot for your child on
Thursday 8th December 2016

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Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teacher
3. Choose times

School event code
GWX94

Go to...


Enter the school event code to the left and follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews - until bookings close.

No internet access? don’t worry....

If you don’t have access to the internet please phone the school on 5367 2745 and a time will be arranged for you.

- At any time throughout the year you are encouraged to make an appointment to talk with your child’s classroom teacher should you wish to
- Don’t delay on anything that could be addressed straight away.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 5367 2745.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback.
- Anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
PADDY’S MARKET

Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents for a magnificent Paddy’s Market on Friday. Our creative, thoughtful planning and hard work certainly paid off and we all had a great time. Special thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Ms Penney for their organization of the day and another special mention to our fundraising team and parent and grandparent helpers who did a sensational job cooking and serving well over 1,000 sausages.

Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance.
A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week beginning Monday January 30th.
This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

PREP TRANSITION EVENING
This Wednesday November 30th at 6.30pm an information session will be held for parents of 2017 Prep students. The 2017 Prep staff will outline the program and important information regarding the practical side of starting school. We’re very much enjoying getting to know our new Preps as they visit and their families as they become familiar with our school.

LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST
A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOL...
COME ALONG AND JOIN THE GARDENING GROUP

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OUR TO DO LIST
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out.
Thank you very much for your support

NAME ________________________________

CHILDREN’S NAMES or connection to school

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Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)
PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.
You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT
The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:
- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!
So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.
Thank you!
By Elsie

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2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
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PREP TRANSITION EVENING
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LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
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SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
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DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST
A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
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Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school...

Come along and join the gardening group

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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out. Thank you very much for your support

______________________________________________________

BMPG GARDEN GROUP

NAME ____________________________________________

CHILDREN’S NAMES or connection to school
________________________________________________

Please tick dates that will work for you

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Contact Number _____________________________________
PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.

Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.

You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water! So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.

Thank you!

By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome 😊
1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

3. Wednesday 30th November, 2016
   6.30pm
   An Information Evening for parents of 2017 Prep children will be held at BMPS at 6.30pm

4. Tuesday 13th December, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to meet their new class and teacher for 2017
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**OSHClub News**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

**Program Update**

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**Children's Activity**

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Coordinator: Emily Spiller
Assistant: Ali Harris and Katie Lewand
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Thursday 8th December 2016

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Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teacher
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

No Internet access! don’t worry....

If you don’t have access to the internet please phone the school on 5367 2746 and a time will be arranged for you.

- At any time throughout the year you are encouraged to make an appointment to talk with your child’s classroom teacher should you wish to.
- Don’t delay on anything that could be addressed straight away.

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Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening
The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College.
Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiero on (03) 5367 2955.
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Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
$2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballan or Landersterg library.
(Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)
Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact
Moorabool Shire Libraries
on 5366 7100

All items will be donated to the Neighbours Place and Hepburn District Health and Care
**OshClub News**

Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

**Public Holiday**
This Friday, the 25th of November is Freedom Day. This week we will be hanging various signs to nail at our club including chocolate balls, bottle top shots, rice bubble slice, cupcakes and paper tree cake. We will have our stall in the undercover area near the office so please come and say hi and enjoy our delicious treats!

**Children’s**
Christmas is only 4 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas cards this week! We will be making Christamas cards and wrapping presents. We will continue through to the end of the term. If you have any traditional xmas songs you would like to share with us to make a video - please provide us with a copy.

**Turn 4 in a Circle**
As it is Term 4 the weather is nice heading up and all children need to be wearing hats while playing outside. If children need to leave their school hoes in their classroom we ask families to please have a spare hat in your child’s bag so they can wear it in OshClub.

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OshClub program phone: 0408 330 254
Coordinator: Emily Sprott
Assistant: Ash Marshall and Katie Lawrence
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All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free! Please enrol an account online at www.oshclub.com.au or bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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**Baby Bounce**

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

LERDERBERG LIBRARY

Tuesdays

2:30 pm

Please Note: Sessions are held during school terms only.

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**Bacchus Marsh Rotary**

**SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh**

**Christmas Tree Sale**

This year buy your free-deck Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh - Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:**
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December
(8.30am to 4.00pm unless sold out)

**Where:**
SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:**
Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**Home Delivery:** $10* HOME PICK-UP $5**

* Same day home delivery - approximate times will be given at purchase.
** Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2023 – place tree curb-side prior to 7am.

**Stands:**
Small: $50.00 (suit 4’ to 6’ trees)
Large: $50.00 (suit 6’ to 10’ trees)

**Pre-Orders:**
Peter 0415 668 545

**www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au**
Our garden group will meet again on
Wednesday 7th December 9am – 12pm
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If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping
please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from
9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.
• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
• Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
• Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.
10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We're writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child's school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students - our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it's important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn't contagious, so it's ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too.″ - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner.″ - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You're also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
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Grade Prep-6 Celebration of Learning - December 2016

Dear Parents,

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Parent Information

OSHClub program phone: 0438 330 254
Coordinator: Emily Spry
Assistant: Agi Marsh and Sarah Lawton
OSHClub Head Office: 04 9564 6900

All families must be enrolled to attend the program. Remember this is Free! Please enrol and attend at www.oshclub.org.au. Attendances and cancellations can be managed via your online account.

For all bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

Baby Bounce

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

LERDERBERG LIBRARY

Tuesdays

2.30 pm

Note: Sessions are held during school terms only.

Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh Christmas Tree Sale

This year buy your freshly-cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

When: Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

Where: SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

Cost: Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

HOME DELIVERY: $10* HOME PICK-UP: $5**

* Some days home delivery approximate times will be given at purchase.
** Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2023 – place tree curb side prior to 1pm.

Stands: Small: $30.00 (suit 6’ to 6’6” trees) Large: $50.00 (suit 6’ to 10’ trees)

Pre-orders: Peter 0415 668 545

SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh

Create a Village Spirit

Karen Ellis - Rude Record

Make a gift for family/friends or donate it to your library.

See more at Bacchus__Facebook.com/janderson/185850351047924

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm

James Young Room @ Ledererberg Library

www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

GARDEN GROUP
Our garden group will meet again on
Wednesday 7th December 9am – 12pm
Saturday 10th December 9am – 12pm
If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from 9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.
• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
  • Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
  • Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.
10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students: our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmates who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner." - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 9-12 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age-appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Our celebration of learning will take place on Thursday December 8th and children will be dismissed at 1.00pm.

This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.

We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings

Online Bookings are open as per the attached details for Thursday December 8th.

*Please note interviews for the following grades are on different dates

Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)
Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)
Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)

Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.
PADDY’S MARKET

Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents for a magnificent Paddy’s Market on Friday. Our creative, thoughtful planning and hard work certainly paid off and we all had a great time. Special thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Ms Penney for their organization of the day and another special mention to our fundraising team and parent and grandparent helpers who did a sensational job cooking and serving well over 1,000 sausages.

Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance. A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week beginning Monday January 30th. This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

PREP TRANSITION EVENING
This Wednesday November 30th at 6.30pm an information session will be held for parents of 2017 Prep students. The 2017 Prep staff will outline the program and important information regarding the practical side of starting school. We’re very much enjoying getting to know our new Preps as they visit and their families as they become familiar with our school.

LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER

Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST

A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
BMPS GARDEN GROUP

Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school... 
Come along and join the gardening group

Wednesday 9th November 9am - 12.00 
Saturday 12th November 9am-12.00 
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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out. 
Thank you very much for your support

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PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.

Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.
You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!
So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.

Thank you!
By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome ☺️
PREP 2017 TRANSITION PROGRAM

1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

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   6.30pm
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OshClub program - 0438 330 254
Coordinator: Cindy Spiteri
Assistant: Ros Marshall and Jason Lowndes
OshClub Head Office: 04 814 949 00

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Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

(8.30am to 4.00pm unless sold out)

**Where:** SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:** Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

*HOME DELIVERY: $10*  *HOME PICK-UP: $5**

*Same day home delivery-approximate times will be given at purchase.

**Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2023-place tree curb-side prior to 2pm.

**Stands:** Small: $20.00 (suit 5′ to 7′ trees)  Large: $30.00 (suit 6′ to 10′ trees)

**Pre-orders:** Peter 0415 668 545

[www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au](http://www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au)
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

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2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
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PREP TRANSITION EVENING
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LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER

Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST

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Melinda, Leanne and Pam
Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school... Come along and join the gardening group

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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out. Thank you very much for your support

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BMPS GARDEN GROUP

NAME ________________________________________________

CHILDREN'S NAMES or connection to school

________________________________________________________________________

Please tick dates that will work for you

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Contact Number ________________________________________
PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.

Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO:  9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP:               11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.
You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT
The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!
So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.
Thank you!
By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB
Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome ☺☺ ☺☺
PREP 2017 TRANSITION PROGRAM

1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
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   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

3. Wednesday 30th November, 2016
   6.30pm
   An Information Evening for parents of 2017 Prep children will be held at BMPS at 6.30pm

4. Tuesday 13th December, 2016
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   Your child is invited to meet their new class and teacher for 2017
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Wide Open Road Optometrists

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Bacchus Marsh College
Year 7 Orientation for 2017

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Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening
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Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiero on (03) 5367 2955.
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Food for Fines
November 7 - December 2

Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
$2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballan or Lendersteyn library.
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A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

**Lerderderg Library**

Tuesdays
2.30 pm

**Note:** Sessions are held during school terms only

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**Create a Village Spirit**

**Karen Ellis - Rude Record**

Make a gift for family/friend or donate it to your library.

[See more at Bacchus Marsh Facebook.com/leanderderger or Bacchus Marshal Club](http://facebook.com/leanderderger)

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm

James Young Room @ Lerderderg Library

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**Program Update**

**Public Holidays**

This week we will be making various treats to sell at our stall including chocolate balls, baking stick rice bubble rice, cupcakes and pepper tree cake. We will have our stall in the undercover area near the office so please come and say hi and enjoy our delicious treats!

**Christmas**

Christmas is only 6 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas crafts this week. Make sure you get along to the program to see what we have planned.

**Turn 4 into Reading**

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- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognizing our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner." - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children aged 8-12 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
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Bacchus Marsh College

Year 7 Orientation for 2017

On Monday 5th December, 2016, Bacchus Marsh College will be conducting a Pre-Orientation Day Information session for Grade 6 students and their families at 6:30pm in the College Drama Hall. The session will cover the necessary information to assist with preparation for Orientation Day and other general information to prepare students for Year 7 in 2017. The Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 6th December. Students will meet for an assembly in the College Drama Hall at 8:50am for a 9.00am start (parents are most welcome to attend this assembly). Students will then complete a full day program with their Home Group, and will be dismissed at 3.05pm.

Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening

The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College. Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiero on (03) 5367 2955.
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**Food for Fines**

November 7 - December 2

Help us spread the joy of the festive season!

$2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballan or Lenderstorp Library.

(Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)

Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact

Moorabool Shire Libraries
on 5366 7100
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Public holiday
This Friday, the 29th of November is Father’s Day. This week we will be helping various parents to sell at our stall including chocolate balls, baking goods, rice bubble slice, cupcakes and pepper tree cake. We will have our stall in the undercover area next to the office so please come and say hi and enjoy our delicious treats!

Christmas
Christmas is only 4 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! This will be starting Christmas jumpers and cookies on the agenda and we are going to continue through to the end of the term. If you have any traditional recipes or craft stuff when you would like to share with us to make at OSHClub please provide us with a copy.

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Parent Information
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Coordinator: Emily Spath
Assistant: Ash Marshall and Katie Lewis
OSHClub Head Office: 03 816 649 00
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au, all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For all the up-coming please contact the Coordinator directly at the program.

Baby Bounce

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

LERDERBERG LIBRARY

Tuesdays

2.30 pm

Please Note: Sessions held during school terms only

BacchChat

Create a Village Spirit
Karen Ellis - Rude Record

Make a gift for family/friends or donate it to your library.
See menu of Bacchus Marsh Facebook.com/lesders on the Facebook event page.

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm
James Young Room @ Lederberg Library

SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh

Christmas Tree Sale

This year buy your freshly cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh - Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

When: Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December
(8.30am to 4.00pm unless sold out)

Where: SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

Cost: Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

HOME DELIVERY: $10* HOME PICK-UP: $5**
*Same day home delivery approximate times will be given at purchase.
**Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2017 - place tree curb-side prior to 9am.

Stands: Small: $30.00 (suit 4’ to 6’ trees) Large: $50.00 (suit 6’ to 10’ trees)

Pre-orders: Peter 0415 668 545

www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

GARDEN GROUP
Our garden group will meet again on
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If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from 9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.

• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
• Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
• Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.

10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students; our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

“It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too.” - Primary school principal

“The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner” - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns.

While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@camppquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 8-12 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age-appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
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This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.

We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

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Grade Prep-6 Celebration of Learning - December 2016

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3. Choose times

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No Internet access! Don’t worry....

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**Tuesdays**

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- Term 1: 29th January
- Term 2: 26th March
- Term 3: 28th June
- Term 4: 23rd August

**Meeting Location:**
- Session 1: Library Meeting Room
- Session 2: Library Meeting Room

**Cost:** Free

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**Contact:**
- Library: 03 5864 9090
- Email: library@oylv.org.au

**Bookings:**
- No bookings required.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

GARDEN GROUP
Our garden group will meet again on
Wednesday 7th December 9am – 12pm
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If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be.

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from 9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.

• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
  • Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
  • Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.
10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students- our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

“The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner.” - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 8-12 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
Our celebration of learning will take place on Thursday December 8th and children will be dismissed at 1.00pm.
This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.
We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings
Online Bookings are open as per the attached details for Thursday December 8th.
*Please note interviews for the following grades are on different dates
   Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)
   Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)
   Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)
Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.
PADDY’S MARKET

Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents for a magnificent Paddy’s Market on Friday. Our creative, thoughtful planning and hard work certainly paid off and we all had a great time. Special thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Ms Penney for their organization of the day and another special mention to our fundraising team and parent and grandparent helpers who did a sensational job cooking and serving well over 1,000 sausages.

Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance.
A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week beginning Monday January 30th.
This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

PREP TRANSITION EVENING
This Wednesday November 30th at 6.30pm an information session will be held for parents of 2017 Prep students. The 2017 Prep staff will outline the program and important information regarding the practical side of starting school. We’re very much enjoying getting to know our new Preps as they visit and their families as they become familiar with our school.

LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST
A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
BMPS GARDEN GROUP

Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school...
Come along and join the gardening group

Wednesday 9th November 9am - 12.00
Saturday 12th November 9am-12.00
Wednesday 7th December 9am-12.00
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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out.
Thank you very much for your support

BMPS GARDEN GROUP

NAME__________________________________________

CHILDREN NAMES or connection to school
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Please tick dates that will work for you

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Contact Number_________________________________
PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.
Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)
PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.
You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:
- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!
So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.
Thank you!
By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome ☺
1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

3. Wednesday 30th November, 2016
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   An Information Evening for parents of 2017 Prep children will be held at BMPS at 6.30pm

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O SHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

Public holiday

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Christmas

Christmas is only 4 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas crafts in the next week so be sure to get your Christmas wish list ready. If you have any traditional recipes or craft skills you would like to share with us and take at OSHClub please provide us with a copy.

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Parent Information

O SHClub program phones: 0408 630 254
Coordinator: Emily Spiteri
Assistant: Ali Smith and Marie Lever
O SHClub Head Office: 01 8144900
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free! Please contact or email at www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed on your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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Make it fun for family/friends or donate it to your library.

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm

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LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST
A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
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Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school... Come along and join the gardening group

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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out.

Thank you very much for your support

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CHILDRENS NAMES or connection to school
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Please tick dates that will work for you

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PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.

Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.

You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!

So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.

Thank you!

By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome ☺☺ ☺☺
1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
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   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

3. Wednesday 30th November, 2016
   6.30pm
   An Information Evening for parents of 2017 Prep children will be held at BMPS at 6.30pm

4. Tuesday 13th December, 2016
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   Your child is invited to meet their new class and teacher for 2017
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Bacchus Marsh College
Year 7 Orientation for 2017

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Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening
The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College.
Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

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November 7 - December 2

Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
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Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

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Mooroobool Shire Libraries
on 5366 7100

[Image of books and food cans]
**OSHClub News**  
Before School / After School Care Program

**Program Update**

**Public Holiday**

This Friday, the 27th of November is Freddy’s Party. We will be the best petting farm to visit at our yard including chocolate bath, bumper boat ride, bubble show, cupcake and gingerbread man.

**Christmas**

Christmas is less than 4 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas events early, which means we are about to start the advent calendar. We will continue through to the end of the term. If you have any traditional xmas songs that you would like to share with us to make at OSHClub please provide us with a copy.

**Turn 4 tides consider**

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**When:** Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December  
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(8.30am to 4.00pm unless sold out)

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**Cost:** Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**HOME DELIVERY:** $10+ **HOME PICK-UP:** $5**

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**Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2023–place tree curb-side prior to 10am.

**Stands:**

- Small: $30.00 (suit 1’ to 6’ trees)
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Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening
The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College. Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiero on (03) 5367 2955.
We’re using an app to communicate with you. You’ll be notified of our news, messages, events and other communications. Simply download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet.

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Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
$2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballan or Learmonth Library.
(Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)
Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact Moorabool Shire Libraries on 5366 7100

All items will be donated to the Neighbours Place and Helen Street Health and Care
**Baby Bounce**

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

**LERDERBERG LIBRARY**

**Tuesdays**

2.30 pm

*Please Note: Sessions are held during school terms only*

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**BacchChat**

Create a Village Spirit

Karen Ellis - Rude Record

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**SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh**

Christmas Tree Sale

This year buy your freshly-cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh - Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:** Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

(10.30am to 4.00pm unless sold out)

**Where:** SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:** Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**Home Delivery:** $10* HOME PICK-UP $5**

*Same day home delivery - approximate times will be given at purchase.
**Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2023 place trees curb-side prior to 8am.

**Stands:** Small - $30.00 (suit 6” to 8” trees) Large - $40.00 (suit 8” to 10” trees)

**Pre-orders:** Peter 0415 668 545

www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

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Our garden group will meet again on
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If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from 9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.

• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
• Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
• Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.
10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students- our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it's important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulated the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner." - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussions. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children 9-13 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguide tocancer
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This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.

We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings

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Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.

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Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter your details
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When you click ‘finish’, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
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No Internet access! Don’t worry....

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**Before School / After School Care Program**

**Program Update**

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**Christmas**

Christmas is only 4 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas preparations the week before Christmas so your child will continue through to the end of the term. If you have any traditional recipes or craft ideas you would like to share with us to make at Club please provide us with a copy.

**This Week’s Activities**

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OSHClub program phone: 0418 330 254

Coordinator: Emily Hepburn

Assistant: Kai and Kaitlin Stewart

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All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.org.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For any day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au
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LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER

Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST

A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
BMPS GARDEN GROUP

Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school... Come along and join the gardening group

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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds  
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area  
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden  
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden  
general tidying  
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings  
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out.  
Thank you very much for your support

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NAME _______________________________________

CHILDRENS NAMES or connection to school _____________________________________________

Please tick dates that will work for you

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PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.

Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO:    9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)
PREP:                             11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.
You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!

So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.

Thank you!

By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome ☺️
1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

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We are experienced Optometrists who offer a mobile service to primary schools. The eye examinations are bulk billed to medicare. All children are encouraged to have an eye examination at least 3 yearly, or more often if there are problems. Early detection of vision problems can help children with their education, coordination and general well being. Please contact your school office to express interest or call with any queries. Budget and health fund spectacles also offered for those children who need them. From 2017 we will have a mobile Digital Retinal camera.

Bacchus Marsh College
Year 7 Orientation for 2017

On Monday 5th December, 2016, Bacchus Marsh College will be conducting a Pre-Orientation Day Information session for Grade 6 students and their families at 6.30pm in the College Drama Hall. The session will cover the necessary information to assist with preparation for Orientation Day and other general information to prepare students for Year 7 in 2017. The Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 6th December. Students will meet for an assembly in the College Drama Hall at 8:50am for a 9.00am start (parents are most welcome to attend this assembly). Students will then complete a full day program with their Home Group, and will be dismissed at 3.05pm.

Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening
The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College. Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiers on (03) 5367 2955.
We’re using an app to communicate with you. You’ll be notified of our news, messages, events and other communications. Simply download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet.

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Download for phone and tablet
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November 7 - December 2

Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
$2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballard or Sanderborg library.
(Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)
Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact
Moorabool Shire Libraries on 5366 7100

All food will be donated to the Neighbours Place and Hepburn District Health and Care
**Childrens**

Christmas is only 4 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas in full swing on the 13th of November. We will be having a few special activities throughout the end of the term. If you have any traditional recipes or songs that you would like to share with us to make at OOSHclub please provide us with a copy.

**Turn 40 calendar**

As it is Turn 40 the weather is nice heating up and all children need to be wearing hats while playing outside. If children need to leave their school hats in their classrooms we ask families to please bring a spare hat in your child's bag so that they can wear it at OOSHclub.

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Coordinator: Emily O'Callaghan
Assistant: Ali Nohren and Karen Lowery
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*All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free! Please create an account online at www.ooshclub.asn.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed on your account. For day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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**Baby Bounce**

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

**Lerderderg Library**

Tuesdays

2.30 pm

Please Note: Sessions are held during school terms only

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**BacchChat**

Create a Village Spirit

Karen Ellis - Rude Record

Make a gift for family/friends or donate it to your library.

See more at Rude Record Facebook.com/Johnpapaor WordPress at Rude Record

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm

James Young Room @ Lerderderg Library

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**SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh**

Christmas Tree Sale

This year buy your freshly-cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh - Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:** Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

(8.30am to 4.00pm unless sold out)

**Where:** SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:** Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**HOME DELIVERY:** $10* HOME PICK-UP:**$5**

* Same day home delivery - approximate times will be given at purchase.

** Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2023 - place tree curbside prior to 9am.

**Pre-orders:** Peter 0415 668 545

See more at Bacchusmarshrotary.org.au
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

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Our garden group will meet again on
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If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from 9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.
• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
• Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
• Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.

10:15am - Preps and Year 1's (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
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Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students: our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

• The ins and outs of cancer
• Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
• Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
• That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
• The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly communicating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner. - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 9-12 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age-appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
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We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

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**Parent Information**

OSHClub program phone: 0438 230 254
Coordinator: Emily O’Sullivan
OSHClub Head Office: 01 81449230

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free! Please contact the Coordinator at 01 81449230 or email us at info@reshool.com.au for bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account.

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**Baby Bounce**

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

**LERDERBERG LIBRARY**

**Tuesdays**

2:30 pm

Please Note: Sessions are held during school terms only

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**BacchChat**

**Create a Village Spirit**

Karen Ellis - Rude Record

Make a gift for family/friends or donate it to your library.

See more of Bacch Chat Facebook.com/jdorongan or Wordpress at Love Record

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm

James Young Room @ Lederland Library

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**SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh**

**Christmas Tree Sale**

This year buy your freshly-cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh - Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:** Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

**Where:** SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:** Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

HOME DELIVERY: $10* HOME PICK-UP $5**

* Same day home delivery approximate times will be given at purchase.
** Pick-up on Monday 27th Dec. 2022 place tree curb-side prior to 7am

**Stands:** Small: $30.00 (suit 4’ to 6’ tress) Large: $50.00 (suit 6’ to 10’ tress)

**Pre-orders:** Peter 0415 668 545

[www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au](http://www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au)
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

GARDEN GROUP
Our garden group will meet again on
Wednesday 7th December 9am – 12pm
Saturday 10th December 9am – 12pm

If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from 9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.

• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
• Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
• Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.

10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students- our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner." - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids' Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 9-13 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age-appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING
Our celebration of learning will take place on Thursday December 8th and children will be dismissed at 1.00pm.
This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.
We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings
Online Bookings are open as per the attached details for Thursday December 8th.
*Please note interviews for the following grades are on different dates
Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)
Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)
Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)
Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.
Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents for a magnificent Paddy’s Market on Friday. Our creative, thoughtful planning and hard work certainly paid off and we all had a great time. Special thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Ms Penney for their organization of the day and another special mention to our fundraising team and parent and grandparent helpers who did a sensational job cooking and serving well over 1,000 sausages.

Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all
enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and
potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance.
A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week
beginning Monday January 30th.
This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

PREP TRANSITION EVENING
This Wednesday November 30th at 6.30pm an information session will be held for parents
of 2017 Prep students. The 2017 Prep staff will outline the program and important
information regarding the practical side of starting school. We’re very much enjoying
getting to know our new Preps as they visit and their families as they become familiar
with our school.

LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th
December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards.
We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to
attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your
earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members.
To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday
December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by
Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th,
Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to
the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once
paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of
payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can
also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the
Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST
A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school...  
Come along and join the gardening group

Wednesday 9th November 9am - 12.00  
Saturday 12th November 9am-12.00  
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Our TO DO List  
McFarland Street entrance garden beds  
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area  
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden  
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden  
general tidying  
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings  
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out.  
Thank you very much for your support

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BMPS GARDEN GROUP

NAME_____________________________________________________________________

CHILDREN’S NAMES or connection to school  
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Please tick dates that will work for you

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PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.

Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.

You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!

So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.

Thank you!

By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am

All welcome 😊
PREP 2017 TRANSITION PROGRAM

1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
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3. Wednesday 30th November, 2016
   6.30pm
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Grade Prep-6 Celebration of Learning - December 2016

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Please book a 15 minute slot for your child on
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Go to...
Enter the school event code to the left and follow the 3 simple steps.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teacher
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
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No Internet access! don’t worry....
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We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback.
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Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance. A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week beginning Monday January 30th. This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

PREP TRANSITION EVENING
This Wednesday November 30th at 6.30pm an information session will be held for parents of 2017 Prep students. The 2017 Prep staff will outline the program and important information regarding the practical side of starting school. We’re very much enjoying getting to know our new Preps as they visit and their families as they become familiar with our school.

LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
**DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER**

Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

**SPORTFIRST**

A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
BMPS GARDEN GROUP

Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school... Come along and join the gardening group

Wednesday 9th November 9am - 12.00
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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out. Thank you very much for your support.

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BMPS GARDEN GROUP

NAME ________________________________________

CHILDREN'S NAMES or connection to school
___________________________________________

Please tick dates that will work for you

Wednesday 9th November 9am - 12.00
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Contact Number ________________________________
PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.
Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.
You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!
So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.
Thank you!
By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome 😊
1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

3. Wednesday 30th November, 2016
   6.30pm
   An Information Evening for parents of 2017 Prep children will be held at BMPS at 6.30pm

4. Tuesday 13th December, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to meet their new class and teacher for 2017
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Bacchus Marsh College

Year 7 Orientation for 2017

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**Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening**
The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on **Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm**, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College. Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiers on (03) 5367 2955.
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Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
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on 5366 7100
**Program Update**

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This Friday the 25th of November is Public Holiday week. This week we will be making various treats to sell at our stall including chocolate balls, chocolate slice, rice bubble slice, cupcakes and ginger tree cake. We will have our stall in the undercover area near the office so please come and say hi and enjoy our delicious treats!

**Christmas**
Christmas is only 4 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas crafts and activities on Monday 6th of December.

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OSHClub program phone: 0415 330 204
Coordinator: Emily Spiteri
Assistant: Anna Arriga and Katie Loward
OSHClub Head Office: 03 81649990
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Create a Village Spirit
Karen Ellis - Rude Record

Create a gift for family/friends or donate it to your library.

See more of Bacchus Marsh facebook.com/bacchusmarsh rotary and Bacchus Marsh Rude Record

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm
James Young Room, LERDERBERG LIBRARY

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GWX94
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Bacchus Marsh College
Year 7 Orientation for 2017

On Monday 5th December, 2016, Bacchus Marsh College will be conducting a Pre-Orientation Day Information session for Grade 6 students and their families at 6.30pm in the College Drama Hall. The session will cover the necessary information to assist with preparation for Orientation Day and other general information to prepare students for Year 7 in 2017. The Orientation Day will be held on Tuesday 6th December. Students will meet for an assembly in the College Drama Hall at 8:50am for a 9.00am start (parents are most welcome to attend this assembly). Students will then complete a full day program with their Home Group, and will be dismissed at 3.05pm.

Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening
The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College. Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiro on (03) 5367 2955.
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We’re using an app to communicate with you. You’ll be notified of our news, messages, events and other communications. Simply download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet.

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Download for phone and tablet
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Select us from the results.
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Food for Fines
November 7 - December 2

Help us spread the joy of the festive season! $2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballan or Landerdeng Library.

(Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)

Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact Moorabool Shire Libraries on 5366 7100
**OSHClub News**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

**Program Update**

**Public holiday**
This Friday the 29th of November is Father’s Day. This week we will be busy making various snacks to sell at our stalls including chocolate balls, budgie cake, rice bubble slice, cupcakes and guinea pig treats. We will have our stall in the garden area near the office so please come and say hi and enjoy our delicious treats!

**Children**
Christmas is only 4 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas music this week. Please feel free to bring in your Christmas music CD if you have any traditional music you would like to share with us to make at OSHClub, please provide us with a copy.

**Turn 4 U reader**
As it is Term 4 the weather is now heating up and all children need to be wearing hats while playing outside. If children need to leave their school hats in their classroom we ask families to please make sure they are in a clear bag in their child’s bag so that they can wear it at OSHClub.

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**Parent Information**

OSHClub program phone: 0438 330 254
Coordinator: Emily Spiteri
Assistant: Amy Marshall and Karen Cowdrey
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All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free! Please enrol an account online at: www.oshclub.com.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For any day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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**Baby Bounce**

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

**LERDERBERG LIBRARY**

**Tuesdays**

2.30 pm

**Please Note:** Sessions held during school terms only

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**Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh Christmas Tree Sale**

This year buy your freshly cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh- Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:**
Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

**Where:**
SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:**
Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**HOME DELIVERY:** $10* **HOME PICK-UP:** $5**

*Same day home delivery approximate times will be given at purchase.
**Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan. 2023-place tree car-side prior to 7am.

**Stands:**
Small: $30.00 (suit 4” to 6” trees) Large: $50.00 (suit 6” to 10” trees)

**Pre-orders:** Peter 0415 668 545

**www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au**

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**Bacch Chat**

**Create a Village Spirit**

Karen Ellis-Rude Record

Make a gift for family/friends or donate it to your library.

See more of Bacchus Marsh Facebook.com/Joinbac on Wordpress or Twitter

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm
James Young Room @ Lederderg Library
NEWSLETTER
Newsletter 15
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

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Our garden group will meet again on
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If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping
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OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from
9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.

• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
• Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
• Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.
10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students- our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it help the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner" - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 9-13 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved ones. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
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This year buy your freshly-cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh - Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:** Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December  
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December  
(8.30am to 4.00pm unless sold out)

**Where:** SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:** Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**HOME DELIVERY:** $10* | **HOME PICK-UP:** $55**

*Same day home delivery—approximate times will be given at purchase.
**Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2023. Place tree curb-side prior to 10am.

**Stands:** Small: $20.00 (suit 6' to 7' trees) | Large: $30.00 (suit 6' to 10' trees)

**Pre-orders:** Peter 0415 668 545

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**Create a Village Spirit**

Karen Ellis - Rude Record

Make a gift for family/friends or donate it to your library.

See more at Bacchus Marsh Facebook, Bacchus Marsh Rotary, and Bacchus Marsh Rude Record

Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm  
James Young Room @ Lederderg Library

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**Parent Information**

OSHClub program phone: 0418 530 254  
Coordinator: Emily Spiller  
Assistant: Amy Marshall and Karen Léonard  
OSHClub Head Office: 01 8544900

All families must be enrolled to attend the program. Remember this is free! Please email an enrolment form at www.oshclub.org.au. All bookings and cancellations can also be managed on your online account. For all day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

GARDEN GROUP
Our garden group will meet again on
Wednesday 7th December 9am – 12pm
Saturday 10th December 9am – 12pm

If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from 9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.
• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
  • Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
  • Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.

10:15am - Preps and Year 1's (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We're writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child's school.

Camp Quality is Australia's most trusted children's charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students, our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it's important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn't contagious, so it's ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly communicating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner." - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and aid classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You're also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids' Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 9-12 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age-appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Our celebration of learning will take place on Thursday December 8th and children will be dismissed at 1.00pm.
This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.
We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings

Online Bookings are open as per the attached details for Thursday December 8th.
*Please note interviews for the following grades are on different dates

Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)
Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)
Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)

Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.

Grade Prep-6 Celebration of Learning - December 2016

Dear Parents,

‘Celebration of learning’ opportunities are now open for booking. Please book a 15 minute slot for your child on
Thursday 8th December 2016
Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)
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Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Go to...


Enter the school event code to the left and follow the 3 simple steps.

School event code

GWX94

When you click finish your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

No Internet access! don’t worry....

If you don’t have access to the internet please phone the school on 5367 2745 and a time will be arranged for you.

- At any time throughout the year you are encouraged to make an appointment to talk with your child’s classroom teacher should you wish to
- Don’t tell on anything that could be addressed straight away.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 5367 2745.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback.
- anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
PADDY’S MARKET

Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents for a magnificent Paddy’s Market on Friday. Our creative, thoughtful planning and hard work certainly paid off and we all had a great time. Special thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Ms Penney for their organization of the day and another special mention to our fundraising team and parent and grandparent helpers who did a sensational job cooking and serving well over 1,000 sausages.

Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance.
A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week beginning Monday January 30th.
This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

PREP TRANSITION EVENING
This Wednesday November 30th at 6.30pm an information session will be held for parents of 2017 Prep students. The 2017 Prep staff will outline the program and important information regarding the practical side of starting school. We’re very much enjoying getting to know our new Preps as they visit and their families as they become familiar with our school.

LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST
A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
BMPS GARDEN GROUP

Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school... Come along and join the gardening group

Wednesday 9th November 9am - 12.00
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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out. Thank you very much for your support

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NAME______________________________________

CHILDREN'S NAMES or connection to school
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PE & SPORT UPDATE

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Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.

You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!

So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.

Thank you!

By Elsie

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**Parent Information**

OSHClub program phones: 0415 330 254
Coordinator: Emily Sipkert
Assistant: Karen Ellis and Karenhocaw
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8544900

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free! Please ensure an account online at www.oshclub.ac.au or bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For any drop bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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**Home Delivery:**
$10* (Home Pick-up $5)**

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**Stands:**
Small: $30.00 (suit 6” to 9” trees)
Large: $50.00 (suit 6” to 10” trees)

**Pre-orders:**
Peter 0415 668 545

Visit www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au for more details.

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### Bacch Chat

**Create a Village Spirit**

Karen Ellis - Rude Record

Make a gift for family/friends or donate it to your library.

See more on Karen Ellis’ Facebook (facebook.com/karen Ells) or Workplace at Rude Record

**Saturday 3 December, 1 – 3pm**

James Young Room @ Lerderberg Library
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- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too." - Primary school principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly communicating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner." - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids' Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 9-13 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Our celebration of learning will take place on Thursday December 8th and children will be dismissed at 1.00pm.

This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.

We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings

Online Bookings are open as per the attached details for Thursday December 8th.

*Please note interviews for the following grades are on different dates

Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)
Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)
Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)

Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.

Grade Prep-8 Celebration of Learning - December 2016

Dear Parents,

Celebration of learning opportunities are now open for booking.

Please book a 15 minute slot for your child on

Thursday 8th December 2016

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Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

School event code

GWX94

Go to...


Enter the school event code to the left and follow the 3 simple steps.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teacher
3. Choose times

When you click finish your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

No Internet access? don’t worry....

If you don’t have access to the internet please phone the school on 5367 2745 and a time will be arranged for you.

- At any time throughout the year you are encouraged to make an appointment to talk with your child’s classroom teacher should you wish to.
- Don’t be daunted by anything that could be addressed straight away.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the school code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 5367 2745.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback. - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
PADDY’S MARKET

Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents for a magnificent Paddy’s Market on Friday. Our creative, thoughtful planning and hard work certainly paid off and we all had a great time. Special thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Ms Penney for their organization of the day and another special mention to our fundraising team and parent and grandparent helpers who did a sensational job cooking and serving well over 1,000 sausages.

Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance. A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week beginning Monday January 30th. This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

PREP TRANSITION EVENING
This Wednesday November 30th at 6.30pm an information session will be held for parents of 2017 Prep students. The 2017 Prep staff will outline the program and important information regarding the practical side of starting school. We’re very much enjoying getting to know our new Preps as they visit and their families as they become familiar with our school.

LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST
A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school…
Come along and join the gardening group

Wednesday 9th November 9am - 12.00
Saturday 12th November 9am-12.00
Wednesday 7th December 9am-12.00
Saturday 10th December 9am-12.00

Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out.
Thank you very much for your support

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BMPS GARDEN GROUP

NAME ____________________________________

CHILDREN’S NAMES or connection to school
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Please tick dates that will work for you

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PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.

Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.
You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.

Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!
So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.
Thank you!
By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome 😊
PREF 2017 TRANSITION PROGRAM

1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

3. Wednesday 30th November, 2016
   6.30pm
   An Information Evening for parents of 2017 Prep children will be held at BMPS at 6.30pm

4. Tuesday 13th December, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to meet their new class and teacher for 2017
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Bacchus Marsh College

Year 7 Orientation for 2017

On **Monday 5th December, 2016**, Bacchus Marsh College will be conducting a Pre-Orientation Day Information session for Grade 6 students and their families at 6.30pm in the College Drama Hall. The session will cover the necessary information to assist with preparation for Orientation Day and other general information to prepare students for Year 7 in 2017. The Orientation Day will be held on **Tuesday 6th December**. Students will meet for an assembly in the College Drama Hall at 8:50am for a 9.00am start (parents are most welcome to attend this assembly). Students will then complete a full day program with their Home Group, and will be dismissed at 3.05pm.

**Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening**
The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on **Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm**, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College.
Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – **Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiero** on **(03) 5367 2955**.
We’re using an app to communicate with you. You’ll be notified of our news, messages, events and other communications. Simply download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet.

### Step 1
**Download for phone and tablet**
Search tiqbiz in your app store.

### Step 2
**Log in** – Open tiqbiz and register/log-in
**Find** – Inside the menu, click on ‘Find & Tick’.
Type our name into the search bar.
Select us from the results.
**Tick** – Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you.
When the tick turns green, you’re connected.
**Inbox** – Click on the Inbox icon.
This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

Don’t have a smartphone or tablet? Download tiqbiz on your PC or Mac at www.tiqbiz.com/register

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**QkR by MasterCard**

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

1. **Step 1** Download QkR by MasterCard
   on your Android phone or iPhone.
   iPad users can download QkR app

2. **Step 2** Register
   Select your Country of Residence as Australia and follow the steps to register

3. **Step 3** Find our school
   Scan QR code provided

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 school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order and pay for meals and other items.
SUMMER READING CLUB

Be the Hero.
Be the Villain.

Food for Fines
November 7 - December 2

Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
$2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballan or Laverdsterg Library.
(Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)
Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact
Moorabool Shire Libraries on 5366 7100

All items will be donated to the Neighbours Place and Hepburn District Health and Care
**Program Update**

**Public holiday**

This Friday, the 23rd of December, is Father’s Day. We will be having various activities to suit all ages, including chocolate balls, bagel, bread rolls, cookies, cupcakes and fruit cake. We will have our stall in the undercover area near the office so please come and say hi and enjoy our delicious treats!

**Children**

Christmas is only 6 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas preparations next week and making some wonderful decorations to enjoy throughout the rest of the term. If you have any traditional Christmas crafts that you would like to share with us, to make at Club, please provide us with a copy.

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- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
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- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!

So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.

Thank you!

By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am

All welcome ☺️
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Year 7 Orientation for 2017

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Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening
The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College.
Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiero on (03) 5367 2955.
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Step 3 Find our school
Scan the code provided

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 selections on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order and pay for meals and other items...
Food for Fines
November 7 - December 2

Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
$2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballan or Lenderstang Library.
(Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)
Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact Moorabool Shire Libraries on 5366 7100
**Program Update**

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This Friday the 29th of November is Public Holiday. This week we will be busy making various treats to sell at our stall including chocolate balls, banana bread, rice bubbles slice, cupcakes and ginger bread. We will have our stall in the undercover area near the office so please come and say hi and enjoy our delicious treats.

**Christmas**
Christmas is only 8 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas countdown activities in Week 17. Please check out our Facebook page for more information.

**This Week's Activities**

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**Baby Bounce**

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

**LERDERBERG LIBRARY**

**Tuesday**

2.30 pm

**Please Note**: Sessions are held during school terms only.

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This year buy your freshly-cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh - Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

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Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December
(10.30am to 4.00pm unless sold out)

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**Cost**: Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**HOME DELIVERY**: $10* HOME PICK-UP: $5**

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** Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan, 2023 - place tree curb-side prior to am.

**Stands**: Small $30.00 (suit l’b’ to 6’ trees) Large: $50.00 (suit 6’ to 10’ trees)

**Pre-orders**: Peter 0415 668 545

www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

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• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
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November 7 - December 2

Help us spread the joy of the festive season!
$2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Bollom or Landersteg Library.
(Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)
Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact
Mooroobool Shire Libraries on 5366 7100

All items will be donated to the Neighbours Place and Helen District Health and Care
**O SHClub News**

Before School / After School Care Program

**Program Update**

**Family Christmas**

This Friday, the 23rd of December is Father's Day. This week we will be having various events to celebrate our children's creativity and skills. We will have a Christmas-themed activity where children can make and decorate their own Christmas tree cards.

**Children's Activities**

Christmas is only a few weeks away and we are all getting very excited! This week we will be starting Christmas theme activities. We will be making Christmas cards, garlands, and decorating our classroom with festive decorations.

**This Week's Activities**

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**Parent Information**

O SHClub program leader: 0408 330 254
Coordinator: Emily Spiller
Assistant: Rob Elworthy and Karen Lowther
O SHClub Head Office: 03 8144 0900

All families must be enrolled to attend the program. Remember your free program! Please enquire on enrolment or www.oshclub.sqg.org.au. All bookings and cancellations can be managed via your online account. For any drop-ins, please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

GARDEN GROUP
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If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping
please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from
9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.
• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
  • Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
  • Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.
10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students- our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

“It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too.” - Primary school principal

“The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly communicating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner” - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and act classroom discussion. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children 9-13 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Our celebration of learning will take place on Thursday December 8th and children will be dismissed at 1.00pm.

This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.

We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings

Online Bookings are open as per the attached details for Thursday December 8th.

*Please note interviews for the following grades are on different dates

Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)
Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)
Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)

Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.
PADDY’S MARKET

Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents for a magnificent Paddy’s Market on Friday. Our creative, thoughtful planning and hard work certainly paid off and we all had a great time. Special thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Ms Penney for their organization of the day and another special mention to our fundraising team and parent and grandparent helpers who did a sensational job cooking and serving well over 1,000 sausages.

Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance. A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week beginning Monday January 30th. This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

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LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm.

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

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soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

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Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out.
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Thank you

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OSH Club program phone: 0415 330 234
Coordinator: Emily Sipkert
Assistant: Alya Finn and Marie Lowder
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Need help talking about cancer at home?
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CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

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This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.

We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings

Online Bookings are open as per the attached details for Thursday December 8th.

*Please note interviews for the following grades are on different dates

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Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)
Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)

Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.

Grade Prep-6 Celebration of Learning - December 2016

Dear Parents,

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Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teacher
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately. You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

No Internet access? Don’t worry...

If you don’t have access to the internet please phone the school on 5367 2745 and a time will be arranged for you.

- At any time throughout the year you are encouraged to make an appointment to talk with your child’s classroom teacher should you wish to.
- Don’t hold on to anything that could be addressed straight away.

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We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback.
- Anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
PADDY’S MARKET

Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents for a magnificent Paddy’s Market on Friday. Our creative, thoughtful planning and hard work certainly paid off and we all had a great time. Special thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Ms Penney for their organization of the day and another special mention to our fundraising team and parent and grandparent helpers who did a sensational job cooking and serving well over 1,000 sausages.

Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance. A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week beginning Monday January 30th. This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

PREP TRANSITION EVENING
This Wednesday November 30th at 6.30pm an information session will be held for parents of 2017 Prep students. The 2017 Prep staff will outline the program and important information regarding the practical side of starting school. We’re very much enjoying getting to know our new Preps as they visit and their families as they become familiar with our school.

LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST
A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
BMPS GARDEN GROUP

Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school...
Come along and join the gardening group

Wednesday 9th November 9am - 12.00
Saturday 12th November 9am-12.00
Wednesday 7th December 9am-12.00
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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out.
Thank you very much for your support

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BMPS GARDEN GROUP

NAME____________________________________

CHILDRENS NAMES or connection to school
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Please tick dates that will work for you

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Contact Number________________________________________
PE & SPORT UPDATE

With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.

Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.
You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT

The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:

- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!
So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.
Thank you!

By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB

Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome 😊
PREP 2017 TRANSITION PROGRAM

1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

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   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

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   6.30pm
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Bacchus Marsh College
Year 7 Orientation for 2017

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Bacchus Marsh College
Year 7 Orientation for 2017

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Second Hand Book and Uniform Swap/Sales Evening
The second hand book and uniform sales evening will occur on Monday 5th December, from 5.30pm-6.15pm, in the canteen / cafeteria area. A gold coin donation from all sellers will be collected at the door, which goes towards the welfare support program for students at the College.

Parents selling / swapping items at this time are responsible for their own float and organising of change.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Orientation Day or future enrolments to our Transition Coordinators – Karen Kick or Leighanne de Zoete-Spiero on (03) 5367 2955.
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Help us spread the joy of the festive season! $2.00 off fines for every non-perishable, unexpired food item brought to the Ballan or Lenderstern library. (Does not include lost materials or borrowing costs)

Feel free to contribute even if you don’t have a library fine!

For more information please contact Moorabool Shire Libraries on 5366 7100

All items will be donated to the Neighbours Place and Helen District Health and Care
**Baby Bounce**

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

**LERDERBERG LIBRARY**

**Tuesdays**

2:30 pm

Please Note: Sessions are held during school terms only

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This year buy your freshly-cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh-Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:**
- Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
- Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

Open from 9 am to 4 pm (unless sold out)

**Where:** SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:** Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**Home Delivery:** $10* Home Pick-Up: $5**

*Same day home delivery approximate times will be given at purchase.

**Pick-up on Monday 20 Jan, 2024, place tree curb-side prior to 7am.

**Stands:**
- Small: $30.00 (suit 0’ to 6’ trees)
- Large: $80.00 (suit 6’ to 10’ trees)

**Pre-orders:** Peter 0415 668 545

**www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au**

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**OArrays News**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

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**Public Holidays**

This Friday the 25th of November is Pacific’s Markets. This week we will be having various events to sell at our stall including chocolate balls, budgeting slice, rice bubble slice, cupcakes and paper tree cake. We will have our stall in the underwear area near the office so please come and say hi and enjoy our delicious treats!

**Christmas**

Christmas is only 4 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas jumpers soon and also will be looking for any volunteers to help bring the children’s presents from Santa on Christmas Day. Don’t forget to complete the order form for the Christmas jumpers due to the last order this week. If you have any traditional recipes or games that you would like to share with us to make at OSHClub, please provide us with a copy.

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OSHClub program phone: 0439 330 254
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

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OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from 9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.
• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
  • Sweeping
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  • Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
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Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.
10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
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- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
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- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

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**OSHCNews**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

**Program Update**

**Public Holiday**

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**Christmas**

Christmas is only 6 weeks away and we are all getting very excited! We will be starting Christmas JumpStart next week. Many families have already registered their interest for the program, which will continue through to the end of the term. If you have any friends or family who you would like to share this with, please let us know and we will provide you with a copy.

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**Parent Information**

OSHC program hours: 0410 530 254
Coordinator: Emily Soper
Assistant: Asia Bash and Kitty Bevan
OSHC Club Head Office: 04 5649 5990

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free! Please contact the Coordinator for more information.

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**Baby Bounce**

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

**LERDERDERG LIBRARY**

2.30 pm

Please note: Sessions held during school terms only

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**SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh**

**Christmas Tree Sale**

This year buy your freshly-cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh-Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:** Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

**Where:** SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:** Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**Home Delivery:** $10*  HOME PICK-UP:$5**

* Same day home delivery-approximate times will be given at purchase.
** Pick-up on Monday 2nd Jan. 2023-place tree curb-side prior to 7am.

**Stands:**
Small: $30.00 (suit 2’ to 6’ trees) Large: $50.00 (suit 6’ to 10’ trees)

**Pre-orders:** Peter 0415 668 545

www.bacchusmarshrotary.org.au
FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

GARDEN GROUP
Our garden group will meet again on
Wednesday 7th December 9am – 12pm
Saturday 10th December 9am – 12pm
If you’ve noticed anything in our yard that needs weeding, tidying, raking or sweeping
please come along and support us to ensure our school environment is the best it can be..

OUR TERM 4 WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE will share the December 10th date from
9am – 12pm.
Looking forward to seeing you for however much time you can spare.
• Cleaning up of sticks and branches
• Sweeping
• Raking mulch back into playgrounds
• Weeding

Thanks in advance for your support.

Jeannette, Briony & Marina helping in our garden.
CAMP QUALITY PUPPET VISIT

Tomorrow - Tuesday 29th November Camp Quality will visit to present a show that dispels myths and misconceptions commonly associated with Cancer and supports members of our school community currently undergoing treatment.

Our students will attend the shows at the following times.

10:15am - Preps and Year 1’s (approx. 25 minute show)
11:40am – Year 2 – 3 (except 3T) (approx. 55 minute show)
1:55pm – Year 4 - 6 and 3T (approx. 55 minute show)

Hi parents and carers!

We’re writing from Camp Quality to let you know that our Primary School Education program has been invited to perform at your child’s school.

Camp Quality is Australia’s most trusted children’s charity. Our purpose is to create the best quality of life for kids living with cancer and their families. At no cost to schools, parents or students - our vivacious and loveable puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa visit schools to help support children affected by cancer. The puppets dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with the illness. Since 1988 our program has visited schools across Australia, sharing an interactive, engaging narrative that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why their peer who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of chemotherapy)
- Why it’s important to be supportive of their classmate who is either living with cancer or has a diagnosed parent or sibling
- That cancer isn’t contagious, so it’s ok to play
- The importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths

“It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased the empathy in the other children too.” - Primary school principal

“The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly communicating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner.” - Primary school teacher

Following the performance, students are encouraged to ask questions and share their concerns. While we are able to answer most of their questions and concerns, we provide teachers with resources to supplement the performance and set classroom discussions. If any concerns arise after the performance, please feel free to contact us.

If you would like more information about the program or would like to see a clip of our puppets in action, please visit www.campquality.org.au/for-teachers. You’re also welcome to contact our puppet team by emailing us at kylie@campquality.org.au or by calling 1300 662 267.

As a not-for-profit charity, all services come at no financial cost to the families we support. Thus, we rely heavily on the generosity of everyday Australians to keep our programs running. To donate, please visit our website.

Need help talking about cancer at home?
The Kids’ Guide to Cancer app has been developed to support children age 9-12 who have a parent, sibling, friend or loved one with cancer. Providing them with age-appropriate information, the app answers some of the big questions kids have about cancer and gives them ideas on how they might be able to support their loved one. www.campquality.org.au/kidsguidetocancer
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Our celebration of learning will take place on Thursday December 8th and children will be dismissed at 1.00pm.

This is a really important component of our commitment to ensuring that students are placed at the centre of learning conversations and are being supported to ‘Learn how to learn’.

We again remind parents that should you wish to speak with your child’s teacher outside this time you are always welcome to make contact and set up a mutually convenient appointment.

Online Bookings

Online Bookings are open as per the attached details for Thursday December 8th.

*Please note interviews for the following grades are on different dates

**Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)**

**Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)**

**Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)**

Paper copies are also available from the office and if you are unable to access the online system an interview time can be organised through the office.

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**Grade Prep-6 Celebration of Learning - December 2016**

Dear Parents,

Celebration of learning opportunities are now open for booking.

Please book a 15 minute slot for your child on

- Thursday 8th December 2016
- Wednesday 7th December (GRADES 2D & 2W)
- Tuesday 6th December (GRADE 6NB)
- Thursday 1st December (GRADE 1S)

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions.

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teacher
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

No Internet access? Don’t worry....

If you don’t have access to the internet please phone the school on 5367 2745 and a time will be arranged for you.

- At any time throughout the year you are encouraged to make an appointment to talk with your child’s classroom teacher should you wish to.
- Don’t feel bad if anything that could be addressed straight away.

Parents can change their interview bookings any time prior to the closing date, by revisiting [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 5367 2745.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the ‘contact us’ button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback.

- Anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
PADDY’S MARKET

Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents for a magnificent Paddy’s Market on Friday. Our creative, thoughtful planning and hard work certainly paid off and we all had a great time. Special thank you to Mrs Fitzsimons and Ms Penney for their organization of the day and another special mention to our fundraising team and parent and grandparent helpers who did a sensational job cooking and serving well over 1,000 sausages.

Thank you also to our wonderful sponsors, Meat At The Marsh, Darley Bakehouse, Aaron’s Amusements and Bacchus Marsh Lions Club.
COLES – “HELPING HANDS” PROGRAM
A big thank you to the Coles – Helping Hands Program. Last Monday our students all enjoyed beautiful fresh fruit supplied by Coles. They have also donated half barrels and potting mix which will be planted out in our refurbished drop off zone entrance.
A very generous community project. THANK YOU Coles.

2017 ‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
Every student will have a half hour opportunity to get to know their teacher in the week beginning Monday January 30th.
This booking opportunity will open online on December 12.

PREP TRANSITION EVENING
This Wednesday November 30th at 6.30pm an information session will be held for parents of 2017 Prep students. The 2017 Prep staff will outline the program and important information regarding the practical side of starting school. We’re very much enjoying getting to know our new Preps as they visit and their families as they become familiar with our school.

LAST DAY FOR 2016
Our last day of school is Monday December 19th. School will dismiss at 3.15pm

GRADE 6 FINAL ASSEMBLY
The final school assembly to farewell our Year 6 students will happen on Monday 19th December at 8.50am. Parents are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL AWARDS ASSEMBLY
On Monday December 12th we will have a special assembly to present our school awards. We will also present the 2017 School and House Captains. All parents are welcome to attend.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
If your child is not returning to BMPS in 2017 could you please let the office know at your earliest convenience? This assists us in planning for 2017.

2017 GRADES
Students will visit their new classes on Wednesday December 14.

HELPERS MORNING TEA
At BMPS we appreciate the assistance we receive from our school community members. To show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a special morning tea on Monday December 12th from 10.45am – 11.30am.

BOOKLISTS
The booklists for 2017 will be sent home on Friday 9th December. Booklists need to be paid for by Friday 2nd February 2017. Payment days in 2017 are Friday January 27th, Monday January 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February. Payment will be accepted at the office up to the last day of school in 2016 if required. In 2017, book packs will be available for collection once paid for and can be taken home for items to be named and covered. Our preferred method of payment is Qkr which will be open to receive payments from Monday 2nd January. Payments can also be made via Bpay, EFTPos, cash or cheque. If paying by Bpay, please contact the school for the Biller Code and Reference Number. CENTREPAY forms are also available from the office.
DRESS UP DAY FUNDRAISER
Our Student Voice representatives are finalising plans for our Term 4 dress up day fundraiser. Keep your eye on Tiqbiz for the date and details.

SPORTFIRST
A reminder that BMPS families buying items from SPORTFIRST receive a 5% discount off all non-sale items and SPORTFIRST will give 5% of every purchase back to BMPS to use to purchase new equipment for our school. To take advantage of your discount and at the same time accrue points for your school just mention in store that you are a member of Bacchus Marsh Primary School. It’s as easy as that.

Melinda, Leanne and Pam
Looking for an opportunity to make a difference in our school…
Come along and join the gardening group

Wednesday 9th November 9am - 12.00
Saturday 12th November 9am-12.00
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Our TO DO List
McFarland Street entrance garden beds
weeding & tidying

Kitchen Garden area
weeding between the seedlings

Frog Bag & Science Garden
weeding, pruning and general tidying

Chinese Garden
general tidying
soil rejuvenation

Garden beds in front of grade 1 and grade 3 buildings
weeding & preparation for replanting of grasses

Raking of mulch and return to play grounds

Please return the slip below to indicate your interest and availability to help out.

Thank you very much for your support

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BMPS GARDEN GROUP

NAME _______________________________________

CHILDRENS NAMES or connection to school
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PE & SPORT UPDATE
With the weather heating up, students are being reminded to ensure they bring a drink bottle to school on PE and sports days. These drink bottles are sent with them to the gym to ensure students remain hydrated without the interruption of having to leave the gym to go to a drink tap.
Thank you

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER is our Junior Sports Day. It is held on our school grounds at the following times.

GRADE ONE and TWO: 9.00 to 11.25 (Recess)

PREP: 11.30 to 12.50 (Lunchtime)

Children can dress up in their house colours.
You are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there.

PE TEAM – Lisa, Yvonne and Alli.

GRADE 3 INQUIRY UNIT
The Grade 3’s have been learning about how humans affect the environment for their Inquiry Unit this term. This article is about how to save water and here are some ways you can do it:
- Don’t leave the tap on when you are brushing your teeth.
- Try to have a bath more often or have a three to four minute shower.
- Use water out of the water tank (if you have one).
- Don’t use full flush if you don’t need to.
- Don’t fill your drink bottle up to full if you know you won’t drink that much.
- Put a trigger nozzle on your hose.
- Try to use a car wash.

These are only some of the ways you can save water!
So please try to save water, you’ll be helping the environment a lot.
Thank you!
By Elsie

BREAKFAST CLUB
Monday and Wednesday 8am to 8.40am
All welcome 😊
1. Wednesday 12th October, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in our exciting Specialist programs offered at school

2. Wednesday 2nd November, 2016
   9.30am – 10.30am
   Your child is invited to participate in Prep classroom activities

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We are experienced Optometrists who offer a mobile service to primary schools. The eye examinations are bulk billed to medicare. All children are encouraged to have an eye examination at least 3 yearly, or more often if there are problems. Early detection of vision problems can help children with their education, coordination and general well being. Please contact your school office to express interest or call with any queries. Budget and health fund spectacles also offered for those children who need them. From 2017 we will have a mobile Digital Retinal camera.

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**Parent Information**

OSHClub program phone: 0415 330 254
Coord.: Emily Spirti
Assistant: Katy Marshall and Karen Downard

**Baby Bounce**

A pre-literacy program that encourages parents to sing songs and rhymes to their babies. For parents with children aged 0 to 12 months.

**LERDERBERG LIBRARY**

Tuesdays 2.30 pm

Please Note: Sessions are held during school terms only.

**Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh Christmas Tree Sale**

This year buy your freshly cut Christmas Tree from SES Bacchus Marsh-Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

**When:**
- Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th December
- Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December

**Where:**
SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

**Cost:**
Freshly cut local trees from $50.00

**Home Delivery:** $10*; Home Pick-up: $55**

*Same day home delivery—approximate times will be given at purchase.
**Pick-up on Monday 25th Dec, 2017—place tree curbside prior to 9am.

**Stands:**
- Small: $30.00 (suit 6’ to 7’ trees)
- Large: $60.00 (suit 6’ to 10’ trees)

**Pre-order:**
Peter 0415 668 545

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