

Blue Mountains Grammar School

Newsletter

Vol 6, 17th March, 2017

Growing up with us... ..means playing your part



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Senior School Summer Sport

Over the course of the past two terms, I have been able to watch a number of games from various sports and have appreciated seeing not only the skills of our students, but more importantly the manner in which they have played their games. Our young people have participated in these activities with a positive spirit, in many cases giving of their best not only for themselves, but also for their team-mates. Several of the teams have not experienced success in terms of the number of games won, but they have earned the respect of the opposing players and spectators for the sportsmanlike manner in which they have played the game.

Congratulations to all teams on their respective seasons in cricket and basketball, especially the Boys' U15 Basketball Team who won their Grand Final last weekend against a very determined team from St Andrew's Cathedral School by two points, 36 to 34, to become ISA Premiers for the third year in a row. It was great to see the number of BMGS students from other years and other sports lending their support to this team on the day, along with the support of parents. This was very much appreciated by the players and terrific to see. It is that spirit of encouragement that helps make BMGS such a special place.

Thank you also to all MICs, Coaches, Managers and Parents for your involvement and support throughout the summer season. Thank you once again to all students for the manner in which you have conducted yourselves in your respective summer sports - you are great ambassadors for BMGS!

Valley Heights Preparatory School *Picnic on the Lawn*

It was great to be able to meet with parents in a most relaxing way at the *Picnic on the Lawn* at the Preparatory School last Friday evening and to hear that your sons and daughters are very much enjoying their time at School.

Thank you to the Staff for all their organisational work undertaken beforehand and on the night. Thank you to the P & F for their support with the barbeque for this event, especially Mrs Kate Klein, Mr Anthony Klein, Mrs Michelle Magill and Mr Michael Magill. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Students' Achievement

Congratulations to Tien Attwater, Emily Colbran, Oliver Drew and Maeve Magner (all in Year 6) on their wonderful performance at the heats of the 2017 Kids' Lit Competition, which has qualified them to contest the national competition this weekend. Best wishes to these talented students in this endeavour.

Congratulations also to William Zakis (Year 6) and Flynn Nicholls (Year 4) who have qualified for the CIS Swimming Carnival – a fantastic achievement.

T. Barman
Headmaster

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

So this is the time of year when everything seems to turn green! People wear green, they put up green decorations, make green coloured food and even dye food (like milk) green. In Chicago they dye the river green! All of this is not due to a particular love of colour, nor to an exercise in colour psychology; it is of course because of St Patrick's Day and the celebration of all things associated with the Emerald Isle.

Leaving aside the fact that at least until the 19th Century, the national colour of Ireland was blue, St Patrick's Day will see Irish foods, drinks, games, pastimes and music promoted with gusto with many people emphasising an Irish heritage which the rest of the year they seldom remember. There will be Hurling (Gaelic football) matches played, Irish Jigs danced, and shamrocks aplenty displayed for all the world to see.

In the midst of this exuberant frivolity, it would be easy to forget that this is actually a Saint's day (and one of British birth at that), but perhaps the liberal use of the shamrock can help us there: for St Patrick, the shamrock provided a way of reminding people of the unity of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit; of the One God who seeks to bring his beloved creation into joyful union with their Creator. Perhaps it is fitting that this day of celebration always occurs in the midst of our Lenten preparations to remember the death and resurrection of Christ.

When the matches are played, the jigs are all danced, the food is consumed and the decorations come down, God's love will still remain. This is the love that drove St Patrick to return to the country that had enslaved him at the age of 16, this is the love that caused him to endure opposition and persecution so that a nation of people could discover the joy that comes from following Jesus, and this is the love that we can share whether we are Irish, Australian or any other nationality.

In Patrick's own words *"it is right to make known the gift of God and His eternal consolation. It is right to spread abroad the name of God faithfully and without fear, so that even after my death I may leave something of value to the many thousands of my brothers and sisters – the children whom I baptised in the Lord."* (Confession, 14).

A. Dane

FROM THE PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

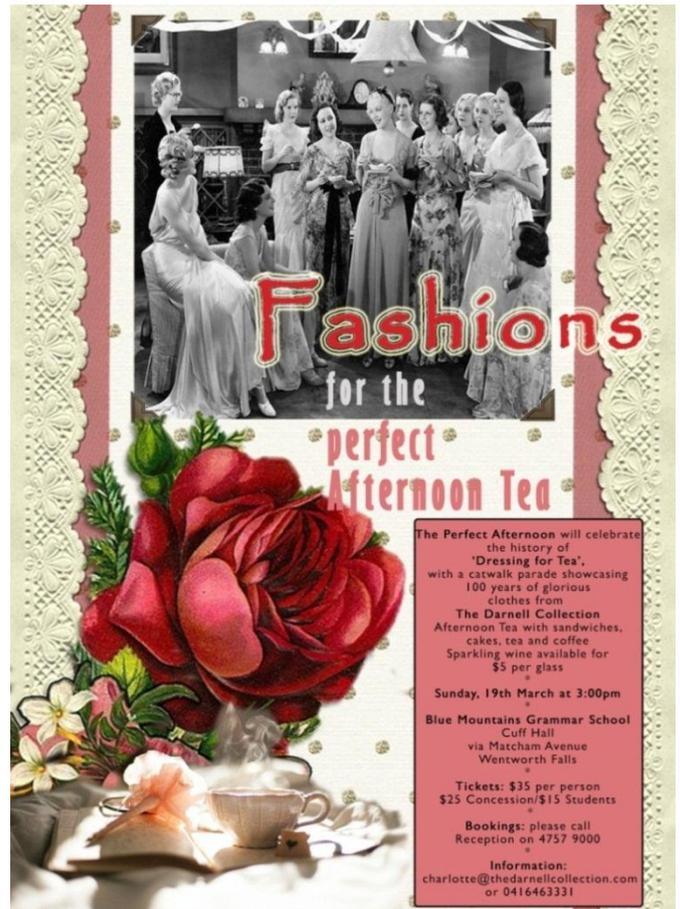
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FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Holding to Tradition.

As BMGS continues to provide cutting edge, innovative and enriched learning for all students from Pre-Kindergarten through to Year 12 our traditions and core values continue to remain as foundations for success and the flourishing of all students. In a society where traditions and values are being eroded at a rapid pace, it is important that we, as a School champion the cause of continuing the traditions that have shaped BMGS for nearly one hundred years.

We value the heritage and inheritance that is clearly seen in our vision: *‘The tradition and vision we strive to upkeep being; consistently strong academic achievements for boys and girls, aiming that each student graduating from BMGS has had every opportunity and encouragement to reach their personal potential and achieve their goals in an excellent learning environment, through superb academic, spiritual and co-curricular programmes’.*

Speaking with many BMGS Alumni over the past two months, the overarching comments have been about the culture and values that BMGS provided students from various cultural, race and faith backgrounds. Being steeped in tradition can be often seen as ‘old’ yet the very values we envisage all students to carry with them whilst at BMGS and into their lives past BMGS empower them to be vibrant contributors to society in many dynamic ways. In a time in history where there is constant change and unrest in different spheres of society, providing our students with a quality Christian inspired and inclusive framework of values gives each student a solid compass to help navigate their way through life. One member of the Alumni spoke about the way the School enabled them, through its longstanding traditions and values, to become a wise and informed decision-maker.

From our professional uniform that students wear, to our House system and through to the cultural experiences our students thrive in, BMGS provides a foundation of truth and service. One such example of our students displaying the qualities that we enrich them with is seen in the way our students champion the cause of others.

Last Friday Jessica Prowse and Rosie G. attended the International Women's Day Lunch in Sydney, proudly presented by the **Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association. This association was founded in 1928.** Jessica said *“It was a very interesting day, attended by over 100 women and men from a variety of organisations and schools, including the Consul Generals of both Samoa and PNG. The guest speaker, Rebecca Barry was very inspiring and her documentary, “I Am a Girl”, told the stories of six girls from around the world. I was also interested to hear about her upcoming documentary, “The Surgery Ship”, which follows the work of the Mercy ships in Africa”.*

The empowerment of young women at BMGS is a goal that the whole School encompasses.

Another example was the richness and empowerment of our students at the Year 6 Captains Induction Ceremony that I was privileged to be part of a few weeks ago. The pride the students carry in their place at BMGS, the way they wear the uniform with perfection and the genuine service they displayed to each other is a testament to Mr. Nigel Cockington and his staff for engendering in students from an early age the culture of the School.

Our mission is and will continue to be: *‘To prepare young people for life in the rapidly changing world that God has given us, equipping them to be courageous, constructive, creative and compassionate citizens with the will to serve’.*

As we continue to encourage learning for all students, our holding to quality and enriching traditions will continue to help our young people grow into outstanding young adults.

A. Osborne

FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD – HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

Important Dates for Term 1:

Year 7 Parent/Teacher Night:	Wednesday, 22 nd March
Year 10 Parent/Teacher Night:	Thursday, 30 th March (<i>Please note change of date</i>)
Year 12 Semester 1 Examinations	Monday 27 th March – Friday 7 th April
Year 11 Leadership Camp	Monday 3 rd - Wednesday 5 th April

Year 12 Students interested in sitting UMAT

A reminder about Medicine Entry Requirements

If you are thinking of applying to study Medicine next year you need to follow the following steps:

1. Register and sit the UMAT. Registrations are open already and close on 2nd June. The test will take place on Wednesday 26th July.
2. Register an interest at the university where you are interested in studying. This varies from university to university. It is best to check their individual websites.
3. Submit a UAC application.
4. Many universities will then require you to attend an interview.

For more information visit <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>

Y12 Examinations – Monday 27th March – Friday 7th April

Year 12 students have received their examination timetables. Please read through the following examination preparation ideas to help get students ready for these major assessment tasks.

Step 1: Fact Finding

Ask your teachers the following questions about the exams. Ideally this should happen a few weeks prior to the exam but some questions may not be able to be answered until closer to the actual exam.

- What topics are being tested?
- What is the structure of the exam i.e. what types of questions and how much are they worth?
- What sort of studying should I be doing for this exam?

If you have a number of exams it is a good idea to collect the information in an examination preparation grid:

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Date/Time</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Approximate Timing</i>
E.g Spanish	Common objects Greetings People places & things	Tue 16/4 1-3 pm	2 Hrs + 10 mins reading time	20 multiple choice 2 sections, each worth 30 marks 80 marks total	20 mins multiple choice 30 mins section 1 30 mins section 2 10 mins checking

Step 2: Getting Organised

Ideally this should have been an on-going process. But, if you haven't been doing this, it is not too late! (But remember for next time.)

To get yourself organised for the exams:

- i. For each subject, get together all the material you need to study for that subject.
- ii. Check that you do not have anything missing.
- iii. Sort through your notes from each subject's topic into 'things to learn' i.e content and 'things to practise' i.e. revision sheets, past tests, question sheets that you could do as revision.
- iv. Check if you have already done any study notes for your subjects.

- v. Brainstorm everything you could do to study for the exam for each subject
 - Are there chapter reviews you should redo?
 - Are there past tests or essays you could redo and resubmit?
 - Can you get a list of sample essay topics that you can do draft essay plans for?
 - Do your textbooks have sample examination papers?
 - Are there particular topics you need to focus on?
 - What is the most worthwhile revision you could do for this subject?
- vi. Decide if you have enough resources to study from and if not borrow or purchase some extra books you can use to study from.
- vii. Find out if you can get past examination papers (and answers) to use as revision sources.
- viii. Decide if you are going to allocate equal time to each subject. Do some subjects need more preparation time than others? Do you need to spend more time on your weaker subjects?

Step 3: Planning your Time

Try this approach to planning your time for exams:

- Draw up a table that shows each week and how much time you have left until the exams.
- Write in each of your exams.
- Write in all your commitments like sport, etc - any time where you won't be able to study so you can see how much time is left.

When planning time for exams, remember the following guidelines:

- Do you need more time for some subjects than for others?
- Try and study each subject at least once a week but preferably twice a week.
- Leave some 'spare' time in the week in case things take longer than expected.
- Spread your study for the subject out as much as possible.
- Take a short break every half hour.
- Study contrasting subjects together.
- Do the hardest subjects when you are most alert.
- Make a decision as to how many hours you will study each night or week.

Step 4: Start Studying

Main things to remember:

- If you didn't do them at the end of each topic, make summaries or study notes as the first stage of your revision.
- You need to spend time learning, understanding and remembering the information and then TESTING yourself to see if you are able to recall this information in a test situation.
- Spend time practising as many different types of questions as possible under exam conditions. Then check and see what you got right and what you need to ask about.
- Do past exam questions to work out what else you still need to revise.
- Keep a list of things you need to ask your teacher.
- In each study period spend some of that time learning and memorising and some of the time practising the skills of the subject.

M. Hastie

FROM THE HEAD OF MUSIC

Assembly

Thank you to the members of the Handbell Ensemble for their musical item, a jubilant performance of the School hymn, at Assembly last week.

Penrith Strings

As a member of the Penrith Strings, Lucas Girardi (Year10) will be performing on Saturday 25th March at 7:30pm in the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre at a concert by violinist Alexandre Da Costa. This concert is part of the Richard Bonyng Fine Music Programme and includes a guest appearance by the Penrith Strings Ensemble.

Harvest Festival

Mrs Cooney would like to thank the following Year 10 music students who sang at the Woodford Academy's Harvest Festival on Saturday: Hayley Clayton, Miriam Cooney, Leila Harris, Ashley Vern-Barnett, Olive Reichel and Emma Simon. They were a credit to the School. After the performance, Mr. Ken Goodlet (past Senior Master of BMGS and School historian), escorted them on a personal tour of the historic Woodford Academy.

Choral Workshop

Paul Jarman - internationally acclaimed teacher, composer and conductor of music for children - will be holding a workshop for students between the ages of 8 and 15 years, on 1st and 2nd of April at the Mid Mountains Community Centre Lawson. This is a wonderful opportunity for students interested in singing and the weekend will conclude with a concert for family and friends on the Sunday afternoon. For further information, please contact www.academysingers.com.au

Flute Spirits and the Four Seasons

The Blue Mountains Concert Society presents Jane Rutter, renowned Australian flautist, at the Hub Springwood on Saturday 18th March. School aged student tickets are available at a significantly reduced price of \$10 and accompanying adult tickets are offered at a reduced price. To book please contact 4723 5050 or Blue Mountains Theatre Box Office and quote promotional code FLUTE17.

Diary Dates

Monday, 20th March: Encore Concert, 7:00pm, Sydney Opera House, (Years 11 and 12 Music Elective students)
Thursday, 23rd March: Soiree No. 1, 7:00pm, PAC Recital Room
Sunday, 30th April: Music Amongst the Autumn Leaves, Springwood Rotary (Stage Band)

D. Smith

CAREERS NEWS

Website

Careers information for students is available on the BMGS Careers FROG Learning Management website. This website is accessible by all students and staff in the Senior School. Here you will find the link to the MHSCareers website, which provides an extensive careers information service.

Library Resource Centre

The 2018 UTS handbooks arrived this week and you may collect your copy in the LRC. You will find handbooks from most NSW universities there and some interstate universities too. We also have a pile of TAFE course guides. Please take whatever material interests you.

In the Mail

If the Police Force is something you would like to consider, we have the opportunity for one student from Year 11 or Year 12 to go on a special in-station work experience day. The University of the Arts, London, has an evening in Sydney for students interested in studying in the largest specialist Art and Design University in Europe in 2018. Curtin University has set up some video tutorials for Maths and Chemistry study in the senior school years. The National Youth Council of Australia has also informed us that students can now apply for membership. Further information regarding these opportunities, and many more, can be found on the BMGS FROG careers page (Wk7 Materials).

Discussing your options – Careers discussions are available in the LRC every Tuesday afternoon between 3:15 and 4:45pm during term time.

J Madgwick

FROM THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT DEPARTMENT

After-school tutoring is held in the Library Resource Centre (LRC) every Thursday afternoon from 3:15pm to 4:45pm.

After-school tutoring can help with completing assessment tasks and doing some extra work in literacy and numeracy. This afterschool assistance can also include help in organising a study plan or just general assistance in organising your workload.

If you are interested in attending, it is a great idea to contact me on email almichielsen@bmg.nsw.edu.au so that I can prepare best for our time spent together.



A. Michielsen

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

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Athletics Singlets that were hired for the Triathlon **need to be returned to the Uniform Shop by 28th April**. A refund of \$5 will be given to each student who returns their singlet by the due date. If singlets are not returned, families will be invoiced for the cost of replacement singlets.

The Uniform Shop hours, during term time, are Monday from 8:15am to 3:15pm and Tuesday from 8:15am to 1:45pm

K. Arrell

FROM THE HEAD OF SPORT

ISA 2017 Winter Sport

Trials are underway in all sports, however, a number of students have still not handed in their winter sports registration forms. With pre-season games on the horizon, these forms must be submitted prior to students attending away games. Please also ensure that all sections of the form are completed.

All forms were sent both to parents and students via email and this form is also available on the School Portal.

Please ensure that if you are training or trialling for sport that you are wearing **School practise gear**. All students playing for hockey and rugby must be wearing the required protective gear. If you are unsure of what is required please see the relevant MIC.

Players wanted

Player numbers are lower than we would like in both Junior Hockey and 13s Rugby. Why not consider learning a new sport and making friends at the same time? If you are interested, please talk to Mr Webb (Rugby) or Mrs Hyslop (Hockey) regarding the requirements of these sports.

Cross Country

The Senior School Cross Country Carnival **has been postponed** until Term 2. Once the new date has been confirmed it will be posted in the Newsletter.

Summer Sport

Last weekend the 15 Years Boys' Basketball team competed in the ISA Grand Finals. Thank you to all those parents and friends of BMGS Basketball who came along to support on the day. It was a nail-biting game with a pleasing result. The team is now '3 for 3' in ISA Grand Finals, which is a fine achievement.

A reminder to all those who have just come off summer sports that you need to be doing some form of training in the off-season to ensure that you maintain your fitness levels and skills for the next summer season.

Presentation Evening

The Cricket Presentation Evening is coming up on the 1st April. Please ensure that you have advised Mr Collins of your attendance, as this will greatly assist with organisation of the catering (*see form below*). Mr. Collins can also be contacted by email on scollins@bmgns.nsw.edu.au

ISA Swimming Carnival

The ISA swimming team has been posted on the sports noticeboard in the Senior School Reception. All students who have made the BMGS Swimming Team are to be congratulated. These students have been sent the permission note via email, which needs to be returned to the School by Monday.

All students who have times from NSW Swimming and who would like to swim in additional events at the CIS Carnival need to see me by Monday so that they can be entered for the CIS Carnival. Please note qualifying times apply.

M. Harris

Match Reports – Saturday, 11th March, 2017

Boys' Basketball - Grand-Final Game

BMGS 15 Years Boys defeated St Andrew's Cathedral School, 36-34

Congratulations to the U15 Years Boys Basketball team, who won their third successive Grand-Final on Saturday.

The boys had a blinder of a game with all players pulling together to secure a nail-biting win in the final minutes of the game. St Andrews were worthy opponents, offering the 15s strong opposition, but the consistently excellent teamwork of the BMGS boys enabled them to hold their own.

Many thanks to the crowd of supporters: staff, friends and family who travelled to Penrith to cheer the team on to victory.

V. Morgan-Hort, MIC Boys' Basketball



FROM THE HEAD OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Congratulations to our Kids' Lit Quiz Team of Year 6 students Tien Attwater, Emily Colbran, Oliver Drew and Maeve Magner who performed magnificently at the regional Kids' Lit Quiz competition in Orange on Monday. Read on further in this Newsletter for a report from Mrs. Roberson.

Congratulations also to all of our Basketballers who completed their regular season last weekend. We have four teams playing in Semi-Finals this weekend and wish them all the best of luck. For further details read on for a full report from Mrs Gerrard. All supporters welcome! To all the coaches, managers and parent supporters over the season I would like to pass on my thanks for supporting the staff and Mrs Gerrard to ensure the basketball season ran smoothly. Thank you especially to Mrs Gerrard for her coordination of basketball.

Congratulations also to William Zakis (6G) who has been selected in the HICES Swimming Team for the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Carnival next Thursday. He will be joining Flynn Nicholls (3/4P) from the Preparatory School and both boys will be swimming 50m Breaststroke for their age group. Best wishes, boys!

Information regarding Parent/Teacher Interviews was distributed earlier this week and the teachers and I look forward to meeting with many of you next Thursday. Be sure to book your interview times online following the instructions given and please contact the Office if you have any queries.

N. Cockington

Student Awards

At this week's Assembly the following awards were presented:

Bronze – Cooper Mackie (4G)

Citizenship – Nicoletta Zito (5/6F)

2017 KIDS' LIT COMPETITION HEATS

On Monday I had the pleasure and privilege of accompanying a team of outstanding Year 6 readers to the Kids' Lit Quiz in Orange. This is the second consecutive year that a Junior School team has participated in this highly enjoyable literary event which celebrates 'the sport of reading.'

Our BMGS team displayed an exceptional knowledge of literature and demonstrated fantastic team work throughout the day. The calibre of the opposition was extremely high as dozens of teams competed for a spot in the National Finals. After nine rounds, BMGS was tied in first place with the 2016 National KLQ Champions, a Year 8 team from Kinross Wallaroi, who had placed third in last year's World Finals.

The last round proved to be a nail-biting decider as our Junior School team secured first place, winning the heat and earning a spot in the National Kids' Lit Quiz Final. Congratulations to Maeve Magner, Emily Colbran, Oliver Drew and Tien Attwater! I am immensely proud of them and we all wish them luck in the National Finals in Sydney this weekend.

D. Roberson

JUNIOR SPORTS NEWS – JUNIOR BASKETBALL

5/6 Boys' Blue played Red Pandas. The boys won 46 to 4.

5/6 Boys' Gold played The Marvels. The boys lost 15 to 23.

5/6 Girls' Red played Storm. The girls lost 20 to 45



5/6 Girls' Gold played Wildfire. The girls won 45 to 18
5/6 Girls' White played Hula Hoops. The girls lost 24 to 12
3/4 Girls' Blue played Super Stars. The girls lost 10 to 19

These games mark the end of the official season for the Junior School Basketball Competition. Four teams have made it through to the Semi-Finals, which will be played tonight at 5:00pm for the 5/6 Boys' White and Blue teams, at 9:30am on Saturday morning for the 3/4 Girls' Blue. Following their game will be the 5/6 Girls' Gold team who will be playing at 10:30am. You are all warmly invited to come along to support these teams in their Semi-Finals games. We wish them all the very best for their games.

Our Basketball Presentation Assembly will be on **Friday, 31st March** in **Coote Hall** from **3:10pm to 4:10pm**. All players are asked to please bring a small plate of supper to share at the conclusion of the presentation.

L. Gerrard

BLUE MOUNTAINS GRAMMAR JUNIOR SCHOOL
Basketball Presentation

When
Friday, 31st March at 3:10pm

Where
Coote Hall, Junior School

Please Bring
A plate of food to share



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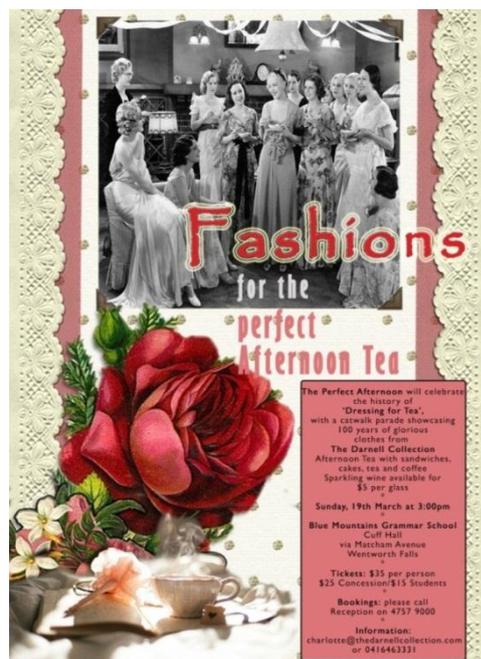
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Fashions
for the
perfect Afternoon Tea

The Perfect Afternoon will celebrate the history of 'Dressing for Tea', with a catwalk parade showcasing 100 years of glorious clothes from The Darnell Collection. Afternoon tea with sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee. Sparkling wine available for \$8 per glass.

Sunday, 19th March at 3:00pm
Blue Mountains Grammar School
Cuff Hall
via Matcham Avenue
Westworth Falls

Tickets: \$35 per person
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FROM THE HEAD OF THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

School Photo Day

Monday 20th March is School Photo Day. Full School uniform, including blazer, will need to be worn on the day.

Those Pre-Kindergarten children who do not normally attend on a Monday are welcome to come to School at 10:45am in their School Uniform. Pre-Kindergarten will be photographed at 11:00am approximately. Students who do not normally attend on Monday will then be free to be taken home. Parents wanting to have their children photographed together can collect a family envelope from the School Office or Before and After School Care.

School Leaders

Year 4 have had many leadership responsibilities during Term 1. In addition to their role as our senior students at Valley Heights, two students will be selected to be School Leaders for the remainder of the year.

Year 4 students, who are interested in the position of School Leader, are required to prepare a short speech introducing themselves to the younger students, talking about their contribution to the School and why they would enjoy the position as School Leader. Students from Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will then vote for their preferred candidate.

Parent/Teachers Interviews

Preparatory School Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from **3:15pm – 8:00pm on Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017**. You can now book interviews at times that suit **YOUR FAMILY BEST**.

Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code> and follow the simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CLOSE Wednesday 22nd March at 9.00am.

Picnic on the Lawn

Friday evening's weather was the perfect backdrop for such a successful evening. So many families were able to attend this year and catch up with friends, both new and old, while the children could play safely within the grounds.

Sincere thanks to the Preparatory School Parents' and Friends' Association for the catering on the night. Kate Klein and Mick Magill gave many hours of organisation and the fantastic food was enjoyed by us all. Teams Burgess, Davidsen, Geikie, Klein, Lowe, Nicholls and Magill ably provided assistance on the night.

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Student Awards:

Pre-Kindergarten - Harry Parsons

Kindergarten - Eva Tilley

Stage 1 – Tara Sataka and Angus Magill

Stage 2 – Flynn Nicholls and Lachlan Burgess

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – MARCH 2017

Friday, 17th March – Junior School St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser

Saturday, 18th March – 2007 Alumni 10-Year Reunion

Sunday, 19th March – Fashions for the Perfect Afternoon Tea

Sunday, 19th March – Year 9 Wilderness Education (Class 1) Canoe Expedition

Monday, 20th March – Preparatory School Photo Day

Monday, 20th March – Year 11 and Year 12 Music students to 2016 HSC Encore Concert

Tuesday, 21st March – Parents' and Friends' Assoc AGM and Term 1 General Meeting

Wednesday, 22nd March – French Film Festival

Wednesday, 22nd March – Year 7 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening

Thursday, 23rd March – HICES Debating

Thursday, 23rd March – Junior School Parent/Teacher Interviews