



BMG Early Learning Centre - Community Helpers

Our Banksia and Rivergum children (4-5 year old Kindergarten) at the Early Learning Centre have been discussing all the wonderful people who assist us in our community, especially in the current circumstances. We have discussed who these people might be, how they assist us and where they work. The children spoke about a number of different professionals within our communities:

- Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics
- Fire fighters
- Police officers
- Teachers
- Dentists
- Vets
- Garbage collectors
- Road workers
- Chefs

After discussions with the children, they decided that our focus would be on our health care professionals and the police.

The children discussed how we could say thank you and how we might brighten up the day of these wonderful, hard working professionals. We decided to draw a picture of a nurse/doctor and send these to the COVID ward at the Royal Melbourne hospital.

We hope the Health workers at Royal Melbourne Hospital enjoy our drawings and we look forward to learning more about our other community professionals.

Mrs Kerry Osborn - Director of Early Learning Services

REMINDER: MID-TERM BREAK AS PER 2020 TERM DATES – FRIDAY 14 AUGUST – NO SCHOOL

Student Achievement

Rostrum Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Vasish Vasireddy 7WA on his recent involvement in the Rostrum Public Speaking Competition, as well as the Imagination Creation Young Writers Competition, conducted by the Wyndham City Council. Vasish achieved impressive success in both competitions. He was awarded winner of the public speaking competition and will represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar in the State Finals later in the year. Vasish's poem, "Virus" was shortlisted in the finals of the writer's competition. His work will be published in an anthology later in the year. What an amazing effort by Vasish! The Bacchus Marsh Grammar community is incredibly proud of his endeavours and achievements.

Mrs Sarah Hunter – Deputy Head of Woodlea Campus

'Virus' – by Vasish Vasireddy – 7WA

*In a marketplace it rose,
one Micron wide,
Its tendrils spread across the globe,
too far beyond,
Amidst the joy and laughter,
the wretched creature grew,
Came this ravenous plague,
no more than a speck,
To all who came before it,
they felt its talons across their chest,
Some won, some lost,
in the battle with this beast,
And to all who have fallen,
may you Rest in Peace,
Aid us from above,
guide us through this unknown land,
Help us win the war,
help us take a stand,
We will regain our way of life,
we will rejoice in joy,
But till then we must stay vigilant,
let not this monster push us down,
Only then shall the curve be flattened,
Only then shall the empty streets once again bustle with colour,
Only then shall we be immune,
Only then shall we remain victorious.*

Reflection by Vasish Vasireddy 7WA

During these unprecedented times, staying healthy and keeping things as normal as possible are perhaps some of the most critical and challenging things to do. As part of keeping things normal, I wanted to continue to do something that I enjoy – Public Speaking.

In late July 2020, I was fortunate to participate and win the Victorian Western Region Speaking Competition run by "Rostrum Australia". I will now be representing the Western region in the State finals to be conducted later in the year.

For the first time, the competition was conducted online via Zoom. All participants had to present a 6-minute prepared speech and be adjudicated live. Participants had to choose from a variety of interesting topics, such as "Not off the top of my head", "Or else", "Artificial Intelligence" (AI), "Seeds of Greatness", "Out of the blue" and "A Wing and a Prayer". My topic of interest was Artificial Intelligence, and I enlightened the audience about the pros and cons with real-world examples. It left the audience thinking whether AI was indeed a boon or a bane and what we humans can and must do to use it wisely and avoid disastrous consequences.

The online competition was a new and interesting experience, and thankfully, the meeting ran smoothly without any technical interruptions despite having a fair number of individuals. I strongly encourage anyone, especially if they harbour a fear of speaking, to participate in such competitions, as the results are amazing. By results, I do not mean winning a trophy but conquering your fear. It is a success that lasts for a lifetime.

ICAS – Sitting dates postponed to Term 4

Registrations for ICAS have now closed. Please be advised that given the current stage of restrictions and the inability for students to be on site, the school has been offered alternate sitting dates for the ICAS Assessments in Term 4:

- 12 to 23 October.

Those families who have registered will be contacted directly next week.

Mr Kevin Richardson – Senior Deputy Principal

Junior School News

Work Packs

New work packs have been distributed to the relevant year levels to ensure students are organised for the coming weeks as we continue with remote learning. In addition to this pack of work, students and parents are able to access additional resources through schoolbox.bmg.vic.edu.au

Interim Reports

Currently, staff members are completing Interim Reports for all students in Prep to Year 4. These will be posted out in the near future. An Interim report is designed to provide parents/guardians with a snapshot of how their child has been approaching their studies throughout the term. This provides parents/guardians with an opportunity to discuss with the child their approach to learning and support them to make improvements, if required, prior to the end of term.

Wellbeing

During the normal school day, often both classroom teachers and students recognise when they need a short break from the task at hand for a toilet break or to be sent to run a special errand that gives them a quick break and a chance to stretch their legs. You might also find this is the case whilst learning at home. Please feel free to give your child a break during scheduled learning sessions.

Of course, you are the best judge of what your child needs to ensure their continued mental and physical well-being. You may find you need to be flexible as to what your child can manage and we absolutely support this. We encourage you to communicate with your child's classroom teacher if you feel it is in the best interests of your child that you modify their participation during the day in order to accommodate their changing needs as we move through this process together.

It is also important to ensure that you are planning some self-care of your own. If this means that you feel it is more beneficial for your own well-being to enjoy a tea break in the garden or go for a walk after lunch, rather than engage in the afternoon learning session, this will certainly also be of benefit to your child. Again, please make sure you communicate this with your child's classroom teacher.

Looking after yourself as well as your child will assist in being able to sustain positive engagement with the remote learning program as the term progresses.

Junior School Team – Maddingley & Woodlea

Senior School News

On Monday 4 August, current Year 10 students and parents participated in an on-line presentation for VCE 2021. Parents were informed of a number of options students can take throughout their VCE studies. Thank you to Mr Howell, Mrs Erin Thornton and Mrs Wu-Tollis for their time in putting the presentation together and being available, both online and in person, to answer questions.

For any parent who missed the presentation, it is available on the Year 10 Pastoral Care page on Schoolbox. The Subject Handbook has also been added for your reference. Web preferences for Yr 11 2021 subject selections must be submitted by **Friday 7 August**. Students and parents are asked to sign a printed copy of their subject selections and send an electronic copy to their respective Tutor Group teacher.

Mrs Debra Ogston – Head of Senior School

Sport, PE and Health Update

With the continuation of online learning this week, all classes across the school will be engaged in different forms of physical activity within their PE classes. These activities will engage students in different types of fitness based activities so that all our students are “moving” their bodies, “huffing and puffing” and enjoying body movement, free of screen time. As a department, we cannot stress enough how important physical activity is for all of us at this time. It provides amazing body responses that keep us physically, emotionally and mentally healthy. As well as scheduled PE classes, the Department has placed on schoolbox, different activities for students to complete during their scheduled Sports time.

We wish everyone a safe and active time during this remote learning period and be inspired by the feats of Nelson Mandela when he was a prisoner during apartheid. As Prisoner 46664, he would, four times a week in his cell, begin with running on the spot for 45 minutes, followed by 100 fingertip push-ups, 200 sit-ups, 50 deep knee-bends and calisthenics exercises learnt from his gym training (these would include star jumps and ‘burpees’).

So, don’t let this isolation time stop you from being active.

Mr Andrew Perks - Director of Sport, PE & Health

Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge is currently in progress and Bacchus Marsh Grammar is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children, from birth to Year 10, in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition, but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 4 September 2020.

Children from Prep to Year 2 will read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

The Challenge booklist is available online. Listed books are available from our BMG libraries by request, or public libraries and bookshops. Please feel free to contact us at school if you have any queries.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier.

To obtain a username and password for entry into the Challenge for students in Years 3-10 please email Mrs West westf@bmg.vic.edu.au.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

If your child has completed the Challenge, please email westf@bmg.vic.edu.au to advise her of this fact. Currently, students cannot be finalised and verified until this email is received.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently completed the Challenge:

Karas Zakhary - 3WA
Keesha Bhatt - 4C
Danyl Baira - 4C
Aashi Goregaonkar - 6A

Mrs Feona West - Coordinator: Library P-6

Writing Competition – entries close 13 August

BMG Story Writing Competition

The strange house at the end of the blue court.

A competition for students in **Years 2 to 8!**

- No hard copies will be accepted this year.
- You should type up your story, create a Google doc, or scan a handwritten story.
- You may enter more than once.
- Send all entries to westf@bmg.vic.edu.au.



Remember to include your **name** and **class** on each entry, and you must include the theme “**The strange house at the end of the blue court.**”

The due date is **Thursday 13th August**.
Enjoy writing your story!

No late entries accepted.

Poster by Alana 6B (Literacy Captain)

Book Club News

Issue 5 is out now!

Issue 5 catalogue is out now and ready to accept orders until the end of Term 3. Your Scholastic order will be delivered to your home (postage & handling \$5.99). Orders can still be placed with Issue 4 catalogue but will incur another postage and handling charge.

Here is the link to the online catalogues.

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

If you haven't ordered before, you will need to register.

- Create an account - assign either to yourself or one of your children. You are advised to just set up one account and place your orders for all your children under this account. As orders incur a postage & handling fee of \$5.99 this will reduce your overall cost.
- Your child's designated teacher is the Year Level Coordinator as we no longer have separate class teachers listed.

Maddingley:

Prep: Kylie McKerrow/ **Year 1:** Helen Saunders/ **Year 2:** Sian Rawlinson/ **Year 3:** Jodie Taniguchi-Muston/ **Year 4:** Lisa Stephens/ **Year 5:** Trevor Hilton/ **Year 6:** Wes McLaughlin.

Senior School orders can be placed under Diane Dunn as designated teacher.

Woodlea:

Prep – Year 7 orders nominate Feona West as designated teacher.

Your order also generates rewards used for valuable school resources. Thank you for your support

Mrs Diane Dunn (Maddingley Campus) & Mrs Feona West (Woodlea Campus) - Scholastic Book Club Coordinators



BMG Community Contacts

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Uniform

Updates from Noone detailing operations for both the On-Campus Shop and Rushfords are listed on the [school website](#).

On Campus Shop

Both Maddingley and Woodlea parents are welcome to make phone orders and pay with a credit card. Orders will then be delivered at Maddingley through the pigeon hole system to classes or tutor groups, and to the Woodlea Campus Reception on Wednesday afternoons.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat continue to operate Out of School Hours Care. See details via the [school website](#).

Enrolments are now completed online.

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bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au or 0438 154 842

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Location: 111 Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336.

Student Absentees

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