

Staughton Vale News

Returning to the farm

It was a wonderful return to face-to-face learning this week and a welcome return to the Staughton Vale farm campus. Many students have missed the opportunity to be with their friends and experience the natural environment over the last few months. Staughton Vale offers them the chance to regain these experiences and continue their learning in an outdoor setting.

This week, students were able to rediscover the outdoor environment through a virtual tour of the You Yangs. Clear links were made to the history and geography of the area by observing Flinders Peak and the You Yangs from the observation centre on the farm. Walking around the property, students were encouraged to conduct a flora and fauna audit to see which species they could identify and thereby determine the biodiversity level of the farm. With the return of spring and a few more sunny days, the vegetable garden has started to take off. Students were able to get their hands dirty and connect with nature by preparing some of the garden beds, planting seedlings and enhancing the soil by adding compost.



Jack Gladys – 8C

Picasso Cow Program

In wonderful news received this week, the school has been awarded a Special Mention Award by Dairy Australia, for the outstanding learning journal that was collated from the various works completed by the Year 6 students in the Picasso Cow program. This is an amazing achievement and shows the determination of many students to complete each week the different tasks relating to the theme of sustainable farming. Many of these ideas will be transferred onto the artwork of our resident cow 'Bessie Vale' and thereby promote the wonderful ideas and creativity for years to come.

We look forward to all the Year 6 and 8 students returning to the farm this term and undertaking lots of hands-on experiences and opportunities to learn in this wonderful farming environment.

Mr Bryce Durham - Staughton Vale Coordinator



Jaeden Cabato 8C



Students painting 'Bessie Vale' – Art and vision developed by Ms Lou Callow.

Reminder: Public Holiday on Friday 23 October – No School

School Administration Information

Grammarian – Issue 3, 2020

The latest issue of the Grammarian is available [online](#). It features a snapshot of the school's history and introduces an opportunity to reach out to past students to register with the [BMG Alumni](#).

Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Extended Eligibility Due Dates

This is applicable to families who hold a valid Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Card number (CRN).

In recognition of the impact of COVID-19 on schools and families, the Department of Education and Training (Vic DET) has extended the cut off date to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) in 2020.

Further information and the CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [School's website](#).

If you have yet to return your CSEF application form, please ensure this is returned to the Administration Office no later than 27 November 2020.

Please contact Kerry Brown for further information via brownk@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Bus Information

Conditions of Bus Travel Term 4

- Students travelling on a bus are required to have their temperatures taken by a parent or guardian before they board the bus. Any student with a high temperature is not to board the bus.
- All students will have their temperatures taken by a thermal imaging camera or by a handheld device; students' hands will be sanitised when they alight from the bus.
- If a student's temperature is high, they will be taken to the Health Centre where their temperature will be again checked.
- Parents are reminded that bandanas and scarves are no longer regarded by the State Government as appropriate masks. A fitted face mask must be worn by all secondary students unless they have a medical exemption.

Bus Travel 2021

If your child/ren's current private bus travel arrangements in 2020 are going to change or are required to change for 2021, (eg moving home, updated address, no longer require a private bus service) please contact the School Bus Service Administrator on 5366 4800 or email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au to discuss options and availability.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Student Wellbeing

Getting back into life during the COVID-19 pandemic

Life has changed for all of us due to the restrictions that have been put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst some people have enjoyed aspects of these changes, they have been very challenging for others. Some common responses amongst young people facing these challenges have been that they have found it hard to maintain a routine, they lack motivation and feel worried about the future and they may be struggling to keep up their physical activity. For some families, spending more time at home might have put additional pressure on already strained relationships.

Whilst many people are thinking about how life will be as restrictions ease, it may not be an easy transition for some as it raises new uncertainties. Children and young people may be thinking about how their friendships may have changed, they may be concerned about catching the virus, or feel overwhelmed about returning to school on-site, as well as some pre-COVID-19 activities.

[Headspace](#) has produced two very helpful resources to support [young people](#) and [families](#) as they manage this next period of change. We recommend reviewing these publications and having conversations around any concerns your child has and explore the strategies provided that may help you to manage these.

Student Wellbeing Team

Art Department News

Welcome back to Term 4 and enjoying Art! Year 2 have been able to get creative and hands-on making ceramic creatures. While our VCE Studio Art and Art students have enjoyed being back in the art room and working on their folios and final artworks.

Art Department



Hailey Baugh 2A



Anabelle Tollis & Jayde Coady 2A



Ella Hindle 11E



Jack Perry-Eppingstall 10B



Brianna Robinson 12C
– Unit 4 Studio Art - final piece
- oil on canvas self-portrait.

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020 is now finished. Congratulations to Evan Bradford (4A) who completed the Challenge.

Mrs Feona West - Coordinator: Library P-6

Book Club News – Issue 7 now available

Issue 7 is out with bonus Christmas titles inside!

Now is a great time to get an early start and order for your Christmas shopping.

Issue 7 catalogue is now out and ready to accept orders until the end of Term 4. Your Scholastic order will be delivered to your home (postage & handling \$5.99). 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](#).

Uniform Shopping

To streamline procedures and make uniform shopping consistent for ALL Parents, Staff and Students, the following procedures are in place at the Werribee Store and the On Campus Store.

- Online Click and collect - noone.com.au
- You may collect at the door of either store.
- We will ring you when your order is ready.

Phone Orders

Werribee: 9741 3211

On Campus: 5367 4072

Please leave a message and we will call you back.

You may collect at the door of either store or stock can be posted or delivered to Tutor Group Pigeon Holes at the Maddingley or Woodlea Campus.

No entry to either store.

No trying on at either store.

No tap and pay purchase at either store.

As we implement these procedures there may be some delays.

We really appreciate your understanding and patience at this time.

Trish Shilton

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.

Email: chrisshie.ashmore@ymca.org.au Phone: 0490 178 638 W: www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

Maddingley:

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

Location: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

Woodlea:

woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au or 0490 490 362

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

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 or Absentee Email – maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

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General School Email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au

School Website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au

Community News – Maddingley Campus

Update from Western Water

Western Water is advising that Parwan Road, between East Maddingley Road and South Maddingley Road, will have a single lane open to traffic due to sewer and water pipeline works in the area.

The single lane will be in operation weekdays from 15 October until 2 December from 7.30am to 5.30pm.

Traffic management will be in place during this time and priority will be given to school buses accessing the school. Parents can avoid delays on Parwan Road by accessing the school via either South Maddingley Road or East Maddingley Road.

For more information: <https://www.westernwater.com.au/Network-Upgrades/Bacchus-Marsh-and-surrounds/Maddingley-Sewer-and-Water-Project>

