

BMG NEWS



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Leaders' Day



Leaders' Day is traditionally a day for our current Year 11 students seeking School Captain or Prefect roles in Year 12. This week, the students participated in a range of activities, both independently and collaboratively, to achieve an end goal as well as having an opportunity to seek clarification of the various roles our Prefects play within the school. They also received mentor feedback on how to find the balance between the academic pressures and the duties associated with being a leader within the school community.

We would like to congratulate all the Year 11 applicants on their involvement in the leadership process to date, as well as thank the current School Captains and Prefects for their support, guidance and willingness to share their insights regarding leadership and Year 12 in general. Whilst the program may have looked a little different in its delivery this year, the end goal was still achieved.

Senior School Team



Reminder: Public Holiday on Friday 23 October – No School

School Administration Information

Maddingley Car Park

The school provides a significant car park for parents and others. The carpark is staffed and controlled at a level that is not seen at many schools. The car park still, however, requires the common sense and cooperation of all users if it is to operate efficiently.

There are dedicated zones designed for quick drop off or pick up and is not to be used for extended parking. There are special arrangements in place between 2.45pm and 3.05pm for Prep to Year 2. We also remind parents that there is no drop off or pick up on South Maddingley Road.

The parking conditions which are not onerous are designed for the safety of students and ease of access for all. We ask parents to be mindful of their behaviours in the car park and be patient.

Woodlea Drop Off/Pick Up Arrangements

Firstly, thank you for your patience throughout the trial period of drop offs and pick ups on Timbertop Avenue. The process is constantly under review and alterations will be made if and when necessary.

Morning drop off:

Frontier Avenue

A number of you have used the Frontier Avenue area as a drop off area. This has worked very smoothly and has reduced the amount of traffic on Timbertop Avenue; we will continue to use and staff this as drop off area each morning.

Timbertop Avenue

This zone has become more fluid with each day and there has been a noticeable reduction in the level of congestion over the past week. For reasons of safety, to further increase the flow of traffic and reduce the time spent dropping off your child, we would encourage parents/guardians to:

- Refrain from completing a 'U-Turn' on Timbertop Avenue;
- Direct their children to cross at the temporary crossing when dropped off on the oval side of the road; and
- Work towards your child being the only one who gets out of the car at drop off so you are not parked in the fluid zones. Students should be getting out of the car on the gutter/footpath side of the car and should have their bags with them when exiting the car.

End of day pick up:

As of **Monday 26 October**, we will return to a 3:05pm finishing time for the *whole school* thus doing away with the staggered finishing times. Due to the number of parents/guardians parking and congregating at the gate in the afternoon, the staggered finishing time is of no benefit as it is not allowing for a fluid pick up arrangement. Students in Prep to Year 2 will be walked to the following designated areas:

- **Prep:** Collection will be on the school side of Timbertop Avenue travelling SOUTH;
- **Years 1 and 2:** Collection will be on the oval side of Timbertop Avenue travelling NORTH;
- Staff will arrange for siblings to be with students in Years Prep to Year 2;
- Could we ask that parents/guardians please wait at the designated areas for each given year level and ensure they observe social distancing expectations, if you have made other arrangements in regards to a meeting point with your child please alert you child's Classroom/TG teacher.

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 brownek@bmg.vic.edu.au.

A message from the Health Centre - Hay Fever Season

Now that the hay fever season is upon us, I would like to remind parents to ensure they give their children Antihistamine at the start of the day. Even if they do not have symptoms when they wake, if they suffer from hay fever, you will find that once they get to school the symptoms will develop.

Please ensure your child's medication consent is up to date. This can be done via the myBMG Parent Portal and will then ensure we can administer antihistamine if necessary.

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF UNWELL.

This is a reminder to parents that gone are the days when you could send your children to school and see how they fared. If students are unwell, please keep them home - especially if they have any of the symptoms listed for COVID-19.

If you need to discuss your child's health or medical needs, please contact the Health Centre.

Mrs Jo Stanley - School Nurse (RN Div 1)

Bus Information

Students sitting a Unit 3 / 4 Exam

Public/Private buses are not recommended for students sitting Unit 3/4 exams which begin at 9.00am.

Students should always aim to arrive thirty minutes before the commencement of their examinations. The VCAA states that students arriving late will not be given allowance for reading time, and students arriving 30 minutes after the commencement of writing time may not have their responses accepted by the VCAA.

Student ID Cards

Many students are travelling on private buses without their student ID cards to tap on and off the bus. All students were given their Student ID cards at the start of the year. If your child/ren has/have misplaced their Student ID cards, students from Prep to Year 6 can have their parents write a note in their diaries advising their class teacher and a replacement will be printed by the ICT Department. Students in Years 7 to 12 can go to the ICT Department and ask for a replacement. Students who continually travel without their student ID cards will be sent to their Year Level Coordinator.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Year 3 – 3D models

Last term, the students in 3WA took on the challenge of creating 3D models of some of Australia's natural wonders. They investigated each site to make sure that they included key elements of each natural wonder. All showed amazing creativity and put a lot of effort and attention to detail into their pieces. Congratulations to Calvin Badhan (Uluru), Gurkirat Singh (MacKenzie Falls) and Jasleen Dhaliwal (Great Barrier Reef) for their amazing work.

Ms Samantha Bowden – Teacher 3WA



Music Department – Woodlea and Maddingley

2021 Instrumental Music Enrolments

Parents will soon be receiving correspondence regarding the Instrumental Music Program and the re-enrolment process for existing students. This will be communicated via the school email notification system – Edsmart. Please find a summary of key dates below:

Re-enrolment: closing date to withdraw from the 2021 program – **Friday 6 November**.

Please note that students will be automatically re-enrolled into the 2021 Instrumental Music Program with the same lesson format/s and/or instrument hire. Parents/guardians are not required to complete a new enrolment form if no changes are required.

A new enrolment should, however, be completed for additional enrolments or instrument hire.

Please contact music@bmg.vic.edu.au with any queries.

Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music

Student Achievement

Olivia Karcoushkas (5A)

Congratulations to Olivia for her fundraising efforts for her tie-dye creations. She was recently acknowledged by The Royal Melbourne Hospital as part of their philanthropist spotlight for contributing proceeds from her creations directly to the hospital.

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School



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.

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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

Woodlea Campus

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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>

