

# BMG NEWS

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## From the Principal

It has been a year out of the box! In February we thought the only things we had to worry about were fires and the looming issue of contaminated soil.

As COVID-19 hit we started to make plans to prepare the school to protect the health and wellbeing of our families.

Throughout this our students have shown what fine young people they are. They have dealt with change that we have not seen before, loss of activities they love or were looking forward to, with both determination and aplomb.

As a community we have coped with the various crises with a maturity and determination that should make us proud.

I wish all families a restful break and the possibility to spend time with family and friends. I look forward to 2021 being a better year in which a number of the negatives start falling away.

Thank you to all for your unfailing support and good wishes during the year. It has made my job in a difficult year so much easier.

**Mr Andrew A. Neal**

Please be advised that the School will close for the Christmas Holidays on  
Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 4:00 pm.

**Maddingley Administration Office** will re-open Monday 11 January 2021 to Monday 25 January 2021  
between 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

**Woodlea Administration Office** will re-open on Wednesday 27 January 2021.

**2021 Term Dates are available on the [school website](#).**

## 2021 Year 12 Leaders

As the 2020 school year draws to a close, we now start preparing for 2021. It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce our Year 12 School Captains and Prefects for 2021.

The roles of School Captains and Prefects will be most significant next year – engaging with students across both campuses from Prep to Year 12 will be a key focus. Emphasis on modelling the school rules and expectations, as well as engagement in learning, will be significant moving forward in 2021. With student numbers across both campuses next year, our Captains and Prefects will be working in supporting the school community in many ways.

Congratulations to all our 2021 Year 12 Leaders.

To the families of the BMG community, thank you for supporting your child throughout this most challenging of years. We wish you a very safe and restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all back in 2021.

<b>School Captain</b>	Zoltan Earnshaw	<b>Academic Captain</b>	Ella Noorman
<b>School Captain</b>	Samara Peel	<b>Academic Captain</b>	Luke Phelan
<b>School Captain</b>	Zali Ward	<b>SRC Captain</b>	Imtiaz Ahmed
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Lachlan Beard	<b>SCR Captain</b>	Emily Powell
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Ella Beazley	<b>House - Bacchus</b>	Abbey Knight
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Cole Healy	<b>House - Braeside</b>	Hayley Dangerfield
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Megan Llana	<b>House - Hilton</b>	Jacob Attard
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Victoria Ly	<b>House - Pentland</b>	Milla Rice
<b>Vice Captain</b>	Mia White		
<b>Prefects</b>			
Alexia Azzopardi	Ella Grahek	Aaliyah Moosajee	Abby Taylor
Pelle Casteljin	Emma Heaphy	Tyler O'Hehir	Lily Thomson
Maddy Chincarini	Ella Hindle	Sophie Parton	Lily Trethowan
Narelle Collins	Jessica Jagos	Liam Richardson	Toby Turnham
Sam Davey	Michaela Karakyriakos	Justin Runge	Sophie Wall
Solomon Erhardt	Teodora Karlica	Clare Shankland	Jaz Ward
Avalee Gauci	Simren Kherhra	Eloise Shirra-Gibb	
Molly Gibson	Jessica Lillie	Stephanie Tannous	

**Mrs Debra Ogston – Head of Senior School & Mrs Erin Thornton – Deputy Head of Senior School**

## 2021 Maddingley Middle School Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their respective faculties and or areas to begin their Service Leadership journey within the Middle School. Throughout the selection process there were many outstanding candidates and all staff involved would like to thank every student who applied and went through the interview process.

NAME	LEADERSHIP POSITION
Joanne Joseph	MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAIN
Sonix Aiga	MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAIN
Alyssa Walton	YEAR 6 CAPTAIN
Olivia Karcoushkas	YEAR 6 CAPTAIN
Roshyna Kaur Attwal	MIDDLE SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN
Emily Slimmon	MIDDLE SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN

NAME	LEADERSHIP POSITION	NAME	LEADERSHIP POSITION
Meha Modi	LITERACY CAPTAIN	Alexa Georgievski	SRC CAPTAIN
Alisha Rizvi	LITERACY CAPTAIN	Janethri Koralagama	SRC CAPTAIN
Abbie Sadler	LITERACY CAPTAIN	Yash Gaiind	SRC CAPTAIN
Taksh Kapur	LITERACY CAPTAIN	Savannah Yu	SRC CAPTAIN
Emma Stewart	BACCHUS CAPTAIN	Sam Lillie	HILTON CAPTAIN
Alana Durovic	BACCHUS CAPTAIN	Alyssa Normington	HILTON CAPTAIN
Xavier Johnston	BACCHUS CAPTAIN	Lewis McDaid	HILTON CAPTAIN
Montana Green	BACCHUS VICE CAPTAIN	Lily Normington	HILTON CAPTAIN
Isabella Te Paa	BACCHUS VICE CAPTAIN	Thomas Fowler	HILTON VICE CAPTAIN
Scout Sliwa	BACCHUS VICE CAPTAIN	Meg Waller	HILTON VICE CAPTAIN
Tejas Hari	BRAESIDE CAPTAIN	Ben Bowler	PENTLAND CAPTAIN
Coco Burt	BRAESIDE CAPTAIN	Kaylee Wray	PENTLAND CAPTAIN
Tylar Forsyth	BRAESIDE CAPTAIN	Imogen Lidgett-Egan	PENTLAND CAPTAIN
Madelyn Hunter	BRAESIDE CAPTAIN	Rylan Fragapane	PENTLAND CAPTAIN
Jaxon Russell	BRAESIDE VICE CAPTAIN	Dakota Micallef	PENTLAND VICE CAPTAIN
Jamasyn Maier	BRAESIDE VICE CAPTAIN	Tahlia Srbnovski	PENTLAND VICE CAPTAIN
Thomas Carroll	STEM CAPTAIN	Portia Fragapane	WELLBEING CAPTAIN
Rudhra Khandewal	STEM CAPTAIN	Aikam Brar	WELLBEING CAPTAIN
Luke Berry	STEM CAPTAIN	Ashlee Rees	WELLBEING CAPTAIN
Alisha Chaudhary	STEM CAPTAIN	Ruby O'Mahoney	WELLBEING CAPTAIN
Ruby-June Fowler	PERFORMING ARTS VICE CAPTAIN	Lohith Atluru	VISUAL ARTS CAPTAIN
Imogen Davie	PERFORMING ARTS CAPTAIN	Luca Butler-Nguyen	VISUAL ARTS CAPTAIN
Alara Fragapane	PERFORMING ARTS VICE CAPTAIN	Juliet Strang	VISUAL ARTS CAPTAIN
Isaac Conza	PERFORMING ARTS CAPTAIN	Sienna Mas	VISUAL ARTS CAPTAIN
Awande Masuku	PERFORMING ARTS CAPTAIN		
Alessia Riepsamen	PERFORMING ARTS VICE CAPTAIN		

Mr Dean Peppinkhouse – Head of Middle School & Mrs Kelly Dilges – Deputy Head of Middle School

## 2021 Woodlea Student Service Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as Service Leaders for the Woodlea Campus in 2021. Bacchus Marsh Grammar values the philosophy and teaching behind the Service Leadership Model and all students are educated based on this leadership style.

The calibre of applicants was outstanding and made the decision making process very difficult for all staff involved. Well done to all students who participated and undertook the rigorous leadership process. We look forward to working with the Service Leaders next year.

Year 4 Service Leadership Team		
Junior Service Leaders	Samaira Walia	Calvin Badhan
	Samarah Hussein	Kaela Funston
	Elsie Peldys	Aarav Jalpota
	Josheen Goraya	Anhad Rathore
	Vihaan Sundriyal	Amber Screen
	Sophia Kalra	Sapphire Patel

Year 6 Service Leadership Team		
SRC Leaders	Kayura Thimmaraju	Nehchal Bhullar
Language & Literacy Leaders	Haylie Witt	Rakshita Vij
Performing & Visual Arts Leaders	Amahle Masuku	Riddhee Sharma
STEM Leaders	William Zaccaria Kaavya Niranjana	Surya Sureshkumar Arnav Thorat
Sport Leaders	Gurinder Singh	Simrat Brar

Year 8 Service Leadership Team		
School Captains	Vasish Vasireddy	Sai Chenna
SRC Leaders	Saumya Bansal (Vice Captain)	Lalit Bandaru
Language & Literacy Leaders	Arnesh Pradhan	Krishna Mendiratta
Performing & Visual Arts Leaders	Stefan Rados	Neharika Punugupati
STEM Leaders	Armaandeep Singh	Shyamak Padala
Wellbeing Leaders	Reet Rupana (Vice Captain)	Davesh Kalron
Bacchus House Captains	Melissa Rademeyer	Sid Bijinipally
Braeside House Captains	Stefan Sikman	Jasreet Kaur Aujla
Hilton House Captains	Rhys Todevski	Ganeev Kaur
Pentland House Captains	Kirra Courtice	Ethan Rayner

Mrs Sarah Hunter – Deputy Head of Woodlea Campus

## Student Wellbeing

While school holidays bring a welcome break for many, some young people need additional support over this period as they may feel disconnected and have difficulty managing yet another change in routine.

[Headspace](#), a resource for people aged 12 to 25 years, offers tips for [young people](#), [families and friends](#) to help manage this holiday period. Additionally, they have produced a [resource](#) outlining six steps to take to support your young person's mental health and wellbeing over the holidays, as well as listing signs that may suggest your child is in need of additional support.

[Healthy Families](#), a [Beyond Blue](#) initiative, is also a great resource aimed at supporting families with children from new babies right through the teenage years. They have a range of information and advice around topics such as developing communication skills, encouraging independence and managing emotions. The [Healthy Homes](#) aspect explores issues around establishing boundaries, resolving family conflict and supporting healthy habits.

We hope that some of these resources may be of use to you and your family as you navigate the holiday period with your children. We wish you all the very best for a healthy and safe summer holiday.

Student Wellbeing Team

## Hospitality & Food Studies News



With the spirit of Christmas in the air, BMG Café has been occupied by a mischievous intruder. “Bella Elf” as she has been fondly named, has been running amok throughout the café, spreading Christmas cheer and cheekiness wherever she goes. Over the past week, staff members within the Hospitality Department have found Bella Elf swinging from Christmas decorations, drinking espresso, making snow-angels in cocoa powder, replacing artworks with “elfies” and inspecting the wine list of our practice menus. This cheeky elf has brought joy to several of our student and staff customers each morning as they enter the café to

find what adventures she has been up to overnight!

The Christmas spirit has also spread into our kitchens, with students preparing a range of shortbread and gingerbread treats this week. Our 2021 Headstart classes have all commenced in excellent fashion, with students demonstrating focus and enthusiasm toward next year’s subjects. We commend all students for their attitude and approach toward their Headstart classes and look forward resuming normal operations next year.

We wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday period filled with family and good food! We look forward to seeing images and hearing stories from our budding foodies upon their return to school next year.

Merry Christmas!

**Mr Jaike Ludwig - Learning Area Coordinator: Food Technology**

## Student Achievement

### Mathspace Transformative 20 - National Awards Program

Students from Years 5 to 8 at Bacchus Marsh Grammar utilise Mathspace as a resource at school and at home to complement the Mathematics curriculum.

Mathspace has ‘The Mathspace Transformative 20’ as a national awards program designed to celebrate exceptional teachers and students. This year, student candidates consisted of a mix of high achieving students, those who demonstrated continuous improvement through commitment to their own Maths learning and those who demonstrated selflessness in helping others.

Excitingly, one of our Maddingley Year 5 students, Alisha Chaudhary, was selected as one of the twenty finalists out of more than 200,000 students nationally. This amazing achievement is recognised by her being awarded a trophy, certificate and her profile being put up on their website - <https://mathspace.co/au/transformative20>.

Congratulations to Alisha on all her hard work in Maths this year and being recognised in the Mathspace Transformative 20 National Awards Program.

**Mr Brendan McLoughlin**

## Equestrian



On Saturday 5 December, the Interschool State Championships were held at the Werribee Equestrian Centre. I was riding my coach's beautiful 6 year old German Riding Pony 'Hugo' (Knock Out 0). We arrived and it was pretty windy but it was so exciting to see some familiar faces after such a long time of not being able to get out and compete for Bacchus Marsh Grammar. The BMG team included Chloe Oughtred, Chanel Radburn and me. Hugo and I warmed up on the grass paddock where the showing is usually run. Hugo was extremely excited to be out and wanted to check out all of his new horsey friends that were also warming up. Once he got in the zone, he was very confident and he was very sure of his job. This really shows how much he has matured in the



last six months and how we have developed as a team; this is such a great feeling.

Once we went into the test, we were both very focused despite the fact that it was so windy and the row of flowering agapanthus at the judges' boxes were a little bit scary. We came out of it all smiles and with a very happy pony.

The second test was about two hours after the first one so we were able to put Hugo in a yard, get him some lunch and feed ourselves. Then we watched other people compete, including a lovely test ridden by Chanel riding Bella.

It was then time for our second test. Everyone was a bit tired and by this time the weather was getting worse and worse. We pushed on and Hugo was pretty brave. We were again happy with the outcome and it was a great relief to have pulled out two mistake free tests in a row. In the Novice 2B we were placed 1st with a score of 74.41%, and in the Novice 2C we were placed 1st with a score of 73.28%, resulting in being overall Champion for the Senior Novice.

It was such an amazing day which finished on a rather hurried note with us bundling our horses into the float so we could travel home safely in wild winds and dust storms.

Thank you so much to BMG for the ongoing support of our Equestrian Team. We are so fortunate that our school values this sport. Thank you to Mrs Low who also continues to support our team. Well done to Chloe and Chanel - it was great seeing you out there representing our school again.

**Grace Riddell**

## Semester Two Reports

Please be advised that Semester Two reports will be posted next week. Additionally, any student who participated in ICAS this year will receive their certificate in this same package of information. Note that the ICAS certificates include relevant TAP codes and PIN to access your child's result data.

## Year 5 Japanese: End of Term Activity

On Thursday 3 December, the Year 5 Japanese classes at Maddingley participated in a kimono experience.

### Reflection – Madeleine O’Day 5C

Wearing a kimono was extremely fun and exciting. Many photos were taken with happy smiles all around the room. We learned about how to put on a kimono and how much they cost. They can be very expensive - up to \$10,000. We spent time wearing the kimonos and learning about the origins of kimonos. We were also able to design our own and colour it in on paper with a 2D kimono printed on it. I thought it was a fun activity and would happily do it again.

### Reflection by Gaia Elwell-West 5A

When I first saw the kimono I thought it was cool that they were real Japanese kimonos made of silk straight from silk worms. Miss McAllister then showed us how to put on the kimono correctly, starting with the white skirt and then the plain blouse with an opaque, thick collar that goes over the kimono. Next she put on thongs (over socks) that had a small heel; where your toes go they are meant to hang off the edge a little. Then Miss McAllister put on a kimono with a green background with what looked to have pink cherry blossoms. Then she put on a yellow obi. Although the colour combinations I thought were a little bit unusual they worked really well as a kimono outfit. Then it was our turn to put on the kimono. I chose a purple one with darker purple along the bottom and sleeves. The dark purple looked like a river and I also chose a silver obi to go with it. I thought the activity was fun. I am really looking forward to going to Japan with my family.



Ms Aine Murphy

## Book Club News

It certainly has been a very different year in the life of BMG Book Club.

Sadly, due to COVID-19 we had to cancel our Annual Book Fair and many school activities that bring joy and excitement to our students. Hopefully, in 2021, we will see it return.

The Book Club Coordinators wish all our BMG families a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year.

See you in 2021!

**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](#). When holiday operating hours are confirmed, this information will be added to the website.

### 2021 New Student Uniform Fittings

As official school uniform supplier, Noone will be conducting new student uniform fittings for Bacchus Marsh Grammar commencing Wednesday 4 November, 2020. For further details – [click here](#).

The uniform store is located at: Bacchus Marsh Grammar, South Maddingley Road, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340.

## 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.

### SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Programs will commence from Monday 14 December to Wednesday 16 December at Maddingley campus.

It will then close over Christmas, reopening on Monday 11 January 2021 at Woodlea campus only.

Bookings are being accepted now. [YMCA Bacchus Marsh Grammar Summer Vacation Care](#)

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## Student Absentees

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## Community News

### Woodlea Soccer Academy (WSA), working with BMG for the children in Woodlea!

WSA is a not-for-profit project of WOODLEA and is the only one of its kind in Australia, providing professional coaching by renowned international soccer stars. The clinics are for all levels of participation. Our hope is that through soccer, we can build a vibrant and physically healthy community here in Woodlea, investing in the children. We look forward to forging a strong partnership with BMG, to that end.

Upcoming Woodlea Soccer Academy coaching clinics will be held at the Bacchus Marsh Grammar – Woodlea Campus oval on the following dates and times:

- Saturday December 5th: 3pm to 6pm
- Saturday December 12th: 3pm to 6pm
- Saturday December 19th: 3pm to 6pm

#### Age group breakdown:

- 5 to 7 year old : 3.00pm to 4.00pm
- 8 to 11 year old : 4.00pm to 5.00pm
- 12 to 15 year old : 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Registration details: <https://bit.ly/wsa5Dec>

#### Coaching Staff Profiles:

- Carlos Luciano da Silva (Mineiro) is a former Brazil National Team soccer player who played professionally for some of the top clubs in the world including Chelsea (England), Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Hertha Berlin (Germany). Mineiro represented Brazil in the 2006 FIFA World Cup, and in 2018 he was inducted into the Sao Paulo FC Hall of Fame, career highlights include scoring the winning goal against Liverpool FC in the FIFA Club World Club Finals in 2005.
- Gabriela Garton (Gaby) is the current Argentinian National Team goalkeeper. Gaby played in the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2019 and will be involved in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup to be hosted by Australia and New Zealand.

