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## Aladdin Jr

With the Woodlea campus only opening this year, it has been a special journey for staff and students preparing for their first ever Middle School Musical.

#### **Report from the Woodlea School Captains**

#### Vasish Vasireddy (Aladdin)

The Year 5 and 6 students from the BMG Woodlea campus performed Disney's Aladdin Jr at the Wyndham Cultural Centre. It is impossible to express in words the enormous effort that each and every cast member and musical staff put in to bring this amazing show to life. Students displayed amazing talents and skill, be it operations backstage, to acting and singing. Without the help of everyone involved, it would have been an impossible task organising the show. I was very impressed at the cooperation and respect conveyed from each cast member and crew. It was truly a memorable event.

#### **Emily Slimmon (lago)**

The Year 5 and 6 musical students have worked exceedingly hard over the school year to produce and perform Disney's Aladdin Jr. Students participated in dancing, singing, acting and even helped with lights and microphones backstage. On the performance nights, the seats were filled with audience members laughing and cheering, and were amazed by the flying magic carpet where Aladdin and Jasmine gracefully sang as it flew through the air. It was truly a magical night and I am very proud to have been part of Woodlea's first Middle School Musical.

We would like to thank the following people:

Producers: Mrs Davey & Miss Underwood	Hair and Makeup Artist: Miss Kyle
Director: Miss Rompel	Lighting Designer: Mrs Davey
Music Director: Mrs Victoria Hewson	Stage Manager: Miss Gloury
Choreographers: Mrs Hussein & Miss Banks	Vocal Director: Ms Kinsella
Set Designers: Mrs Pretty & Miss Gloury	Program: Miss Kyle
Costume Designers: Miss White & Miss Osborn	Promotion: Mrs Allen

We would also like to thank Mr Neal, Mrs O'Day, Mr Richardson, Mrs Copeman and Mr Symes for all of their support throughout the year.

Vasish Vasireddy & Emily Slimmon – Woodlea School Captains

To view more images from the musical, visit the school website.

## **BMG Equestrian Team**

Last Friday, the BMG Equestrian Team hosted and competed in our annual Show Jumping and Dressage Day. This year was even more significant as it was the final Show Jumping round on the interschool calendar.

Olivia Rivette, Madison Robins, Ella Frisch, Chanel Radburn, Sarah Robins, Milly Swan, Kane Radburn and their horses represented BMG on the day, however, the rest of the team were on the ground, volunteering, ensuring the day ran smoothly.

At the conclusion of the event, final scores were tallied and as well as Kane, Sarah and Olivia winning School Team Champions in Show Jumping, BMG as a whole, placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 46 schools this series. Special mention to Sarah Robins who placed overall Champion in her division for the entire series.

We are all very excited and looking forward to the final Dressage Day in early December. Best of luck to those riders who are training hard in preparation.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed, participated, volunteered and supported our riders throughout the year. As the series begins to wind down, we are looking forward to a well earnt break over summer before saddling up and starting again in February.

If you are interesting in joining the Equestrian Team, please see Mrs Georgia Low or contact <a href="mailto:equestrian@bmg.vic.edu.au">equestrian@bmg.vic.edu.au</a>
To view more images from the day, visit the school website.









## **Junior & Middle School Sport Updates**

#### Prep to Year 2 – Cross Country Fun Run

A fun and exciting day was had by all at the Prep to Year 2 Cross Country Fun Run, held at Staughton Vale last Friday. But don't just take my word for it, here's what some of our students had to say:

#### **Charlotte Woods Prep E:**

The best thing about the Fun Run was at the start we got ready to run and I was excited. I went a bit slow at the start and then I ran faster when I got to the grass. I came first out of all of Prep E!

#### Frazer Pluck Prep A:

When we got to Staughton Vale the rocks were really bumpy under the bus. I got really sweaty during the Fun Run from all the running that I did. We got to play with sport equipment after we finished and that was the best bit. It was really fun!

#### Jayde Coady 1B:

At the Fun Run we got to see how fast we could run, and I ran so fast that I came 11<sup>th</sup>. After the Run I played chasey with some of the boys. I've done Cross Country before and I was running with Annie to help her. It doesn't matter what place you come, just if you have fun!

#### Kushmann Sandhu 1C:

People that don't run much have a chance of running with their friends. It was a long run and I ran most of the way without walking much and I was proud of myself. I wanted to come first and I didn't, but I don't really care.

#### Eli Weir 2B:

I enjoy running and I enjoyed the Fun Run. I ran faster than what I thought I would because I came 4<sup>th</sup> when I thought I was going to come 12<sup>th</sup>. When I went around the bush I walked but the last minute of the race I sprinted and I was starving when I finished, lucky I had 2 sandwiches for lunch!

#### **Ruby Westhead 2D:**

The best thing about running is that it helps you get fit and stay healthy and everyone can get involved. I ran most of the way because I got a bit puffed out. I could see Mr Perks out in front and sometimes I ran with him and sometimes I ran behind him. I love running and I can't wait for next year's Cross Country when I'm in Grade 3.

## **Division Finals: Red-Ball Tennis**

On a wet and windy day, our Boys and Girls Red-Ball Tennis teams competed at Melton South. There were some great skills and competition on display, but even more impressive was the sportsmanship shown by our students as they scored and officiated their own games.

The boys just missed out on making the final. Instead they had to settle for playing off for third position, defeating Wedge Park Primary School in a countback on points after drawing on sets. Congratulations to all members of the boys team: Kristian Andjic, Braith Benson, Sankit Bhardwaj, Ruben Gurung, Lucas Harper, Hunter Kavanagh, James Kennedy, Samuel Nell, Jack Oakley and Noah Todorovic.

The girls were out powered in their opening round robin match, not able to win a set against a strong Gisborne South team. However, they were able to bounce back quickly and win some close sets in their second match against Melton Christian College. They finished the day in third place. Congratulations to all members of the girls team: Briony Cattermole, Felicity Gribbin, Anshika Gupta, Imogen Lughermo, Sienna Persico, Ananya Sharma, Mani Shukla and Amelia Wilson.

#### **Division Finals: Basketball**

The Year 6 Boys Basketball team competed strongly in all 3 games of the SSV Divisional Final against Gisborne, Exford and Wedge Park Primary schools. All games were close and played with a high level of skill and good spirit. The boys managed in all three games to pull away at crucial times through solid defence and quick transition to win all three games. They will now play off in the regional final in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all members of the boys team: Kade Hilton, Lachlan Bens, Archie Greenshields, Dallas Handy, Will Coleman, Anton Failla, Jayde Mauriohooho, Riley Williams, Xavier Evans, Dillon Manning and coach Mr Hilton. We wish you all the best in the upcoming round.

It was a tough day on court on Friday for the Year 6 Girls Basketball team, facing some fierce competition. The girls never gave up and fought to the very end, winning their final game of the tournament. It was pleasing to see such a high level of skill, determination and team work from all six players. Congratulations on your efforts Jemima Thomson, Ruby Thomas, Tianna Di Mieri, Addison Wright, Jade DeBoo and Gurdev Kaur.

Mr Nick Sher - Junior School Sport Coordinator

## **Downball Championship**

What is Australia's game? AFL? Cricket? It's certainly not rugby! The survey results are here and Australia's national game is back on the agenda. This term we have kicked off the inaugural Bacchus Marsh Grammar School Downball Championship. Entry for this competition is open to all students in the middle and senior school. Round 1 sees students competing initially

within their houses in a boys and girls competition. The winners of round 1 progress to a final where an overall winner for boys and girls is crowned. Once we have a winner from each of the year groups we will have all of the winners compete to be the school champion.

There was tension and anticipation in the air as our Year 7 and 8 students gathered at 'Downball Alley'. BMG Downball Commissioner Mr Proud briefed all participants and addressed the umpires led by Ryan Squires. Over 50 boys turned out each hoping that they would be dealt a bounce that would see them emerge victorious. Finals for the boys took part on a second day of competition with the house champions taking the opportunity to rest up and work on their game. The girls had less numbers which meant they went straight into a finals round and therefore did not crown house champions.



#### Years 7/8 Results

Girls	Boys	
Overall Girls	Overall Boys	House Champions
1 <sup>st</sup> : Nishita Gupta 7E	1 <sup>st</sup> Rishab Khuttan 8D	Hilton: Jackson Sapurmas 7H
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Maya Karady 7G	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rohan Krishnan 7H	Pentland: Nicholas Cassar 7C
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Suhavi Chhabra 7G	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jamie Rens 7G	Bacchus: Rohan Davey 7G
Umpire: Liam Anthian	4 <sup>th</sup> Alpay Sarman 7H	Braeside: Alpay Sarman 7H
	Umpires: Ryan Squires and Marcus Perilli	

Mr Stuart Proud – PE Department



## **Student Achievements**

#### **Congratulations to Alexia Todorovic**

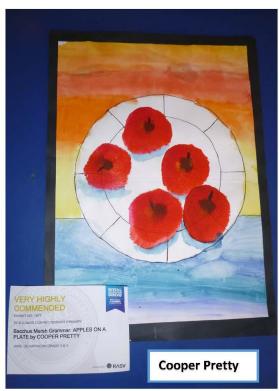
Alexia Todorovic (Year 8) has received the best and fairest trophy from Caroline Springs Football Club Division 2 U/15 Girls. She was also a premiership player for the U/15 Girls Division 1. Well done!

### **Student Achievements continued......**

## Royal Melbourne Show – Woodlea Winners in Prep to Year 4 Art

Congratulations to the following students who received prizes in the recent Royal Melbourne Show, Art competition.

Gurman Randhawa – Year 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Cooper Pretty – Year 4	Very Highly Commended
Heer Singh – Year 4	Highly Commended







#### Student Achievements continued......



#### **The Swannie Awards**

Last Friday evening, Declan Xerri of Year 11 was awarded a Swannie Award to recognise his achievements within the DAV Debating competition this year. He was recognised at the Best Speaker within B-Grade (Year 11), for the Essendon Region. The Swannie Awards are named after Alan Swanwick, one of Victoria's great debaters and adjudicators.

To put things in perspective, over 10,000 students represented 275 schools in 20 regions this year in the DAV debating competition. Under 100 students were awarded these awards on Friday. Due to his high average score, Declan was also nominated as only one of five students for the overall Victorian B-Grade winner, but unfortunately did not win this year.

After being invited to the Winter Debate Camp this year, Declan has been of great assistance in helping our DAV teams refine their skills in debating, and we look forward to seeing how he goes in A-Grade in his final year next year.

Congratulations Declan.

Ms Aine Murphy and Miss Alyce Coyne - Debating & Public Speaking

## **Music News**

#### **Woodlea - Instrumental Concert Series**

On Tuesday 29 October, the Music Department will be hosting its first ever Instrumental Concert Series at the Woodlea Campus.

Date: Tuesday 29 OctoberTime: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

• Venue: The Hall, Woodlea Campus

The event will feature performances from our very talented Prep to Year 6 students and parents and families are invited to attend. Please come along and show your support at what will be a fun-filled afternoon of music-making.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please do not hesitate to contact Troy Westgarth on 03 5366 4800 or at <a href="westgartht@bmg.vic.edu.au">westgartht@bmg.vic.edu.au</a>

#### **Woodlea – CoCurricular Music**

Parents, friends and family members are invited to enjoy a morning of musical entertainment from our Woodlea CoCurricular Music ensembles and choirs, in addition to special guest performances from our Year 11 Music students.

A concert will be held in the Woodlea Gymnasium between 10am - 11am on Friday 8 November and will feature the groups listed below. Please join us to enjoy and celebrate the hard work and talents of our young musicians:

Years 3-6 Choir, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Junior Strings

Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music

## Student Wellbeing

#### Mental Health Week - Years 5 to 12

Last week at Maddingley campus, we celebrated Mental Health Week. The week was aimed at raising the profile of Mental Health in our community and encouraging students to participate in activities which promote wellbeing and conversations about mental health. For Years 5 to 12 students we ran activities such as 'stress ball' making and a free Zumba class on Friday. For Years 9 to 12 students, a stress management drop in space was available every lunchtime throughout the week. The week culminated with a celebration of students' uniqueness and individuality, as we hosted the second annual Dress to Express Day. All students from Years 5 to Year 12 were encouraged to participate in this day which emphasised a celebration of the positive things that our bodies and minds can do. The day reminds us to respect diversity and difference and encourages students to express their inner qualities, strengths and backgrounds. Students were encouraged to wear their sports uniform with a touch of their cultural heritage, favourite hobby/ activity or their favourite colour. Year 8 Leaders organised races and activities on the oval to promote physical and mental wellbeing amongst students and staff.

Mrs Rosalind Pittard – Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing and Pastoral Care

## **School Administration**

#### A reminder of Bacchus Marsh Grammar's Office Hours

#### **Maddingley Campus**

General enquiries between 8:30am and 4:30pm – 5366 4800.

The telephone is monitored from 4:30pm to 6:00pm for late bus enquiries only or any other urgent enquiries.

#### **Woodlea Campus**

General enquiries between 8:30am and 4:30pm - 5366 4900.

Urgent bus enquires to 5366 4800 after 4:30pm.

#### **Parent Contact Details**

The way the School will be communicating with families will be changing to an electronic communication system. Please ensure that your email and mobile telephone details are updated on the MyBMG Portal.

Mrs Michelle Graham - Executive Assistant to the Principal

## **School Bus Information**

#### **Conveyance Allowance**

Families in rural and regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus. This is known as the conveyance allowance.

The conveyance allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport
- private car
- private bus
- or to students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

The conveyance allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

#### Eligibility

The conveyance allowance is available to families who meet certain criteria.

Students attending a school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age at the time of application, and reside in Victoria.

## Please note that a Private Bus or Private Car conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a free school bus or public transport service

Following a recent decision by the Student Transport Unit of the Education Department, it appears that there may be some movement the way the Department makes a judgement on what is the nearest appropriate school. This comes after considerable work by the school on your behalf.

If your decision to send your children to Bacchus Marsh Grammar was because you felt that it was the nearest appropriate school that both respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration; then you may (subject to other Conveyance Allowance rules) be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance. If this statement applies to you, whilst I can make no guarantees, I believe it in your interest to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2019. The application should be <u>accompanied by a simple letter</u> stating the reasons why you believe Bacchus Marsh Grammar is the nearest appropriate school because of its values and its lack of a requirement to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration of any particular faith.

Please contact Kerryn Browne for an application form or for further information.

#### **Late Bus**

Any Year 12 students needing to catch the Late Bus during Term 4 are required to pay \$15.00 per trip to Reception upon signing up for the bus.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

## **BMG Cafe**

BMG Café is our very own, on-site hospitality training centre for students in Years 9-12.

Opening from 7:30am to 8:30am each morning, allows our student baristas to prepare your favourite beverage with friendly and professional service.

Supporting our café provides the hospitality students with an authentic learning experience, mirroring the typical workload and responsibilities of employees in small cafés and restaurants, and allows our students with opportunities to further develop and reinforce the skills learnt in class.

Parents, staff and students are all welcome, so we hope to serve you soon!

Mr Jaike Ludewig - Food Technology

## **BMG Community Contacts**

#### **Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop**

#### **Open times and days**

Monday 12.30pm - 4.30pm Wednesday 8.00am - 12.00noon Friday 12.30pm - 4.30pm

Phone Orders – 5367 4072

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.

#### **Handy Hints**

- If I don't answer the phone, please leave a message and I will call you back.
- Please know the item and size you want.
- Please know your child's tutor group.
- Please have your credit card ready.
- Please expect next day delivery.
- Please put a note in your child's diary to alert their teacher that you are expecting a delivery from the uniform shop.

These tips will make the ordering process run smoothly THANK YOU. Trish Shilton.

#### Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) - YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Enrolment is now completed online. For full information please visit the school website.

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Woodlea Campus: Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336

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## **Regular Contacts**

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