

Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grant : Nature Corridor



Bacchus Marsh Grammar received \$5000 from the State Government under the Junior Landcare Biodiversity Grant program to revegetate cleared farmland at the back of our Staughton Vale campus, which borders the Brisbane Ranges National Park. A variety of 500 local indigenous seedlings were planted by Year 9/10 Environmental Science students to create a nature corridor, providing habitat for vulnerable species such as the brush tailed phascogale and powerful owl. The broader benefits include improving soil structure, moisture retention and buffering the impacts of climate change - creating more 'cool' areas in an increasingly hot and dry climate, and protecting previously cleared farmland from erosion during more frequent and intense storm events.

The planting forms part of a broader plan to extend habitat from the National Park border and restore a threatened ecosystem at our Staughton Vale campus. Moorabool Landcare Network Facilitator, Roger MacRaidl, provided support with the planning, growing of seedlings and guiding students on the day of planting. Students were very excited to have the opportunity to gain hands-on revegetation experience.

Through revegetation of threatened habitat and ongoing ecological monitoring, the project hopes to foster an appreciation of biodiversity and the important role it plays in supporting healthy ecosystems. The project leaves an important legacy for the property, ecosystem and student learning into the future.

Ms Kimone Stacey-Missen



End of Term 3 – Friday 16 September

Maddingley & Woodlea both finish at 2.15pm.

Please refer to full bus information in the newsletter/Schoolbox.

Student Wellbeing



RUOK? Day – wear a yellow accessory!

Thursday 8 September is RUOK? Day, a day when we're reminded to ask, "Are you ok?" and to remember that on every day of the year we can support people who may be struggling with life's ups and downs. This year, the key message is, 'Ask RUOK. No qualifications needed'.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we know that regular, meaningful conversation can make a difference. You don't have to be an expert to ask how someone is going - just a good friend and a good listener.

This year, the RUOK? Initiative continues to shine a light on the times we should be asking our friends and loved ones this important question. We want everyone in our school community to know that if something is up with someone you know, there's something going on in their life or you notice a change in what they're doing or saying, it's time to trust your instincts and ask them, "Are you OK?". To help people keep the conversation going when someone says they're not OK, we encourage everyone to learn what to say after R U OK?

We continue to foster and facilitate activities that promote these supportive connections within our school community with students and staff from Prep right through to Year 12.

RUOK? Is a national charity dedicated to inspiring all of us to have regular, meaningful conversations to support someone who may be struggling.

On RUOK? Day, we invite all students in Prep to Year 12 to show their support and share the important messages around RUOK? Day by wearing yellow accessories (hair ribbons, hat, scarf, socks, scrunchie, headband etc) with either their full school uniform or their Sport uniform if they have PE/ Sport on this day. No coloured hairspray or face paint please.

You can learn more about the signs and how to ask RUOK? at www.ruok.org.au.

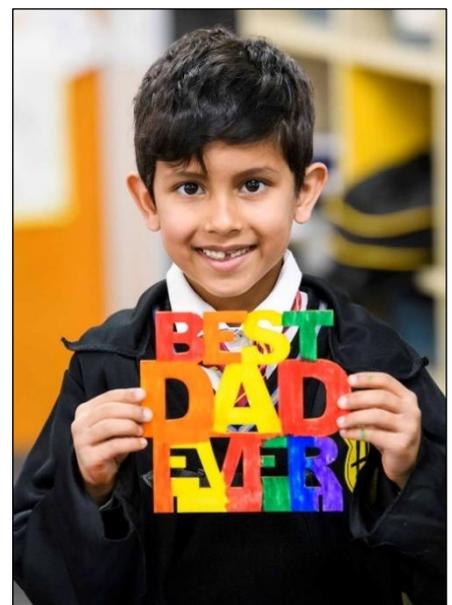
We look forward to seeing a sea of yellow in the school on Thursday 8 September.

Student Wellbeing Team

Father's Day

We trust that all our Prep and Year 1 students enjoyed Friday afternoon with their father/grandfather/uncle or significant other for an afternoon to celebrate how much we love our male role models.

A special thank you to BMG Teachers' Assistants who implemented the Father's Day Stall for students in Prep to Year 6 this year. It is a big undertaking, which is greatly appreciated. It was a joy to watch students visit campus stalls this week and thoughtfully consider a special gift. Thank you.



Junior School News

Literacy Week

This week, the Junior School has been immersed in celebrating Literacy Week. We started the week with students enjoying a picture story book reading by Mr. Neal. Throughout the week, Senior School students have visited classrooms during STAR reading and engaged Junior School students by sharing and reading a variety of picture story books with them.

Students have been inspired by a variety of author guest speakers including Claire Saxby, Mark Carthew, Mark Wilson and Lucinda Gifford.

- *Heath Mifsud 3C: "I had fun, I liked the drawing techniques"*
- *Binal Kohli 2C: "It takes Claire 5 years, a long time to write a book. I was surprised."*

As always, the highlight of Literacy Week was our Dress Up Day when many students chose to dress up as their favourite book character or book. Students thoroughly enjoyed parading their outfits and sharing with their peers and teachers who or what they had dressed up as

A huge thank you to Mrs West, Mrs Dilges, Mr Neal and Senior School students whose contributions made this week an extraordinary experience for all. Thank you also to our amazing parents for helping students with their outfits.

Mrs Kim Blundell – Acting Head of Junior School: Maddingley & Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School: Woodlea



Spotlight on Woodlea Year 4

As part of the Year 4 curriculum, the students are given key roles of responsibility, building upon their leadership skills in preparation for their move into Middle School next year. One of these responsibilities is our Buddy Program. The Year 4 students are role models for our youngest students and provide a sense of security and safety within the school.

As part of our Literacy Week celebrations, the Year 4 Woodlea students visited their buddies and engaged in a shared reading experience. This gave them a platform to practise their fluency skills and share their love of reading with their buddy. The students were



thrilled to read about new characters and explore the lands of fantasy and mystery. We are extremely proud of the way the students conducted themselves and wholeheartedly embodied our school values. Great Job Year 4!

Woodlea Year 4 Team

Spotlight on Maddingley Prep



This term in Literacy we have been focusing on Fairy Tales. We read various fairy tales such as Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Three Little Pigs. We learnt that fairy tales all have characters, settings, problems and solutions. We also learnt how to sequence fairy tales into the beginning, middle and end. We have also participated in an author study of Mem Fox. We studied her life and read some of her books such as Koala Lou and Possum Magic. While reading her books, we increased our vocabulary and learnt about the different types of words such as nouns, verbs and adjectives.

This week we have been celebrating Literacy Week! During the week the students had a wonderful time engaging with different books and developing their love of reading. From creating our own chicken divas and designing a super vegetable, the week was jam packed with fun. We also had a special visit from author and illustrator Lucinda Gifford. She told us all about how she creates her books and shared some of her drawing techniques. We then got to draw our own imaginary animals by combining different animals together. We even dressed up as our favourite book characters on Thursday! There were many fabulous costumes, and the students had a wonderful time parading their outfits.

Maddingley Prep Team

Victorian Interschools Snowsport Championships



It was great to get back to the **Victorian Interschools Snowsport Championships** at Mt Buller for the first time since 2019 and the **Bacchus Marsh Grammar Snowsports Team** were back on the podium again for all 3 disciplines in 2022!

Our amazing Snowsports team consists of Summer Wray, Kaylee Wray and Montana Green. Unfortunately, due to injury, Tayla Wray was unable to compete this year.

Moguls / Thursday 25 August – Summer Wray and Kaylee Wray showed their technical skills on the Chamois moguls course, both making it through to the finals.

Summer placed 3rd and Kaylee placed 10th. The girls won the Team Event for BMG bringing home the GOLD.

Alpine Giant Slalom / Friday 26 August – Summer Wray, Kaylee Wray and Montana Green had an early morning start on Little Buller Spur for the Alpine GS. It was firm and it was fast.

Summer brought home the GOLD for BMG and Kaylee placed 4th and Montana had an amazing first time on a GS course.

Ski Cross / Saturday 27 August – Summer, Kaylee and Montana took to the Ski Cross track on Skyline. Made the 32 flip and into the finals. Their amazing efforts resulted in another GOLD for BMG.

Summer placed 1st, Kaylee placed 6th and Montana 136th.

The girls will be representing BMG in Moguls and Ski Cross at the **Australian National Interschools Snowsports Championships** to be held at Perisher on the 10 & 11 September. We wish them all the very best.

Mr Nick Sher - BMG Snowsports Coordinator

House Dodgeball Tournament

A great lunchtime was had by all at the final event for 2022 – the Year 12s inaugural House Dodgeball Tournament.

The Bacchus Broncos dominated through the group stage and qualified for the grand final play off with three convincing wins.

The battle for second spot in the play-off was tightly contested by the three other Houses, with the Hilton Hornets just outpointing the Pentland Panthers and Braeside Bears who placed 3rd and 4th respectively.

The grand final was a blow-by-blow event for the hectic two-minute stanza with Hilton acquiring a two person swing late in the match to get the edge over Bacchus and winning the tournament overall.

Thank you to the four House Prefects, Ellie Ierodionou, Micah Toms, Sarah McInerney and Chloe Oughtred who assisted with the make-up of their teams and to all the students who volunteered to either participate, referee or both.

We are certainly looking to making this event a mainstay of the House event calendar for years to come!

Congratulations to the Hilton Hornets!



Mr Evan Long – Head of Houses

Middle School News

Woodlea Year 5

On the 12 August, the Year 5 students at Woodlea spent an exciting day at Staughton Vale engaging in Art related activities. In Semester Two Middle School Art classes, the focus is on drawing and creativity. The activities students completed on the day were aimed at helping them understand different contexts and backgrounds.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we believe that a culture of excellence can be cultivated by growth and development so our focus is to encourage students to strive to do their individual best. Staughton Vale provides a great avenue for students to enhance and develop these skills in an alternative context.

The Year 5s were split into groups and engaged in three enjoyable and challenging activities throughout the day.

As a part of the first activity, inspired by original Aboriginal Art, the students participated in exploring, understanding and applying the knowledge gained by creating Aboriginal inspired artwork on rocks.



In the second activity, students searched and collected natural materials such as leaves, rocks, twigs and pebbles and using creative ideas, produced some excellent artwork in the natural environment, keeping the eco-friendly theme in mind.

For the last activity, students gathered some living and non-living items, placed them in jars and then, in small groups, created an up-close drawing from their perspective.

It was certainly an entertaining and productive day for all students involved as they buzzed with enthusiasm while they spoke about their day on the journey back to school.

Thank you to all the staff involved and for their contribution to the smooth running of this event.

Mrs Sharmeen Hussein – Year 5 Teacher

Woodlea Global Studies - National History Challenge

This term, Shaan Bath, Mayson Olguin, Saharsh Baddam, Shesh Priyan Selvakumar, Rhythm Singh and Daksh Patel from Year 8 Woodlea, participated in a National History Challenge. It is a research-based competition for Australian students and gives them a chance to be historians, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating their community or exploring their own roots. The theme for 2022 is "Causes and Consequences". They were to consider events, periods, decisions, individuals or groups in various fields, for example, fashion, medicine or social movements in different eras. Students also needed to consider the five historical concepts learnt in class which supports them to investigate and understand the past:

- Chronology
- Cause and effect
- Continuity and change
- Evidence
- Significance

We await the results of this competition and would like to congratulate these students for their participation and efforts.

Ms Simone Kyle

Middle School Productions – Tickets on Sale

Disney Beauty and the Beast Jr

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is excited to present the Maddingley Middle School Production of *Beauty and the Beast Jr*.

Visit the link - <https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bacchus-marsh-grammar-presents-beauty-the-beast-jr/>

See the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

- **Venue:** The Clocktower Centre Moonee Ponds
- **Date:** Sunday 11 September @1pm and @5pm

Miss Elyse Zahra

Disney The Lion King Jr

Come and see Woodlea Campus present Disney's "The Lion King Jr."

Step into The Clocktower to be transported to the Pride Lands of the African Savannah where you will meet Simba, Nala, Mufasa, Scar, Timone, Pumbaa and many of the other treasured African animals. Follow the journey of a young cub that grows into a wise and brave young lion that overcomes fear to reclaim his throne, and listen to classic melodies which come to life on stage. The theatrical talents of the Middle School students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar truly capture this story which has carried on for more than 25 years.

- **Dates:** Thursday 6 and Friday 7 October at 7pm
- **Venue:** The Clocktower Centre Moonee Ponds

Tickets available this Friday 2 September from 10am at: <https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bacchus-marsh-grammar-presents-the-lion-king-jr-early/>

Ms Amanda Middleditch

PE & Sport Update

Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to **Adi Sanders 4B** who played in School Sports Australia 12 and Under Hockey Championships held in Canberra. Adi was the goalkeeper for Team Victoria in the national competition held at the National Hockey Centre from 22-26 August. It was a wonderful effort to be selected for this team and represent her state.



Well done to **Kaylee Wray 9I** and **Summer Wray 10H** on their recent performances in the Interschool Snowsports Competition held at Mt Buller. Both girls have been training hard at Mt Buller during Term 3 and have achieved some wonderful results. Kaylee and Summer are scholarship holders within our WestVic Academy of Sport program and the Elite Sport program here at BMG. See Mr Sher's report for specific competition results.

ICCES Summer Trials

Although the weather wasn't kind this week, students in Years 7 and 8 from both the Woodlea and Maddingley Campuses were able to play off in some friendly competition on Tuesday afternoon in the sports of Cricket, Softball, Tennis, Table Tennis and Badminton. This was a wonderful experience for all students and a great sporting opportunity for both campuses. Students who performed well will have the option of being selected for teams to represent BMG at the ICCES Summer Tour in Term 4.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: Physical Education and Health

Chess News

On Monday 29 August, a Chess team from Maddingley campus went to Alice Miller College for a tournament.

Several strong individual performances led to the following results:

Shanaya Guha (1D) won 3.5 matches, achieved a Certificate of Participation and won a Gold medal

Advay Joshi (7E) won 5.5 matches, achieved a Certificate of Distinction and won a Bronze medal

Sahil Framewala (8D) won 5.5 matches, achieved a Certificate of Distinction and won a Bronze medal

Sreejith Shaji (9K) won 5 matches and achieved a Certificate of Distinction

Gian Abriam (8H) won 5 matches and achieved a Certificate of Distinction

Cherish Veginati (7I) won 5 matches and achieved a Certificate of Distinction

Credits were achieved by Kareem Adam, Phoenix Stevens, Abhijot Sidhu and Matthew Mamouney.

The team finished 2nd overall with a total score of 21 out of 28, edging out Alice Miller and Braemar College.

Well done to all those who participated in chess on the day.

Mr Cameron McGregor

Music Department

Student Success

Congratulations to the following student for their recent examination success:

Student Name	Section	Result
Riley Peldys	AMEB Repertoire Grade 3	Credit

Students who participate in instrument/voice lessons or other performing arts programs outside of Bacchus Marsh Grammar are also encouraged to forward any examination or competition results for acknowledgement in future newsletters: music@bmg.vic.edu.au.

2023 Instrumental Music Re-Enrolment

Parents will soon be receiving EdSmart correspondence regarding the Instrumental Music Program and the re-enrolment process for existing students.

Please note that if a response to the EdSmart slip is not received, students will be automatically re-enrolled into the 2023 Instrumental Music Program with the same lesson format/s and/or Instrument Hire.

A new enrolment form should be completed for additional enrolment (e.g. a second instrument or additional AMEB Theory tuition) or, to add instrument hire.

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

Mr Steven Bell - Head of Faculty: Music & Performing Arts

Bus Information

End of Term 3 Finish Times – Friday 16 September

Maddingley campus will finish Term 3 at 2.15pm. All Private buses will depart 1 hour earlier than their scheduled timetabled times to coincide with the earlier finish time. All Country and PTV school buses will depart 30 minutes earlier than their scheduled timetabled times and the Town Service Student Transport Services will run as per normal timetabled times.

Woodlea Campus will finish Term 3 at 2.15pm. All Private buses will depart 1 hour earlier than their scheduled timetabled times to coincide with the earlier finish times.

Trial Exams – Monday 3 October

With Year 12 trial exams taking place on Monday 3 October 2022, there will be no buses available on this day, students are required to make their own way to and from school.

Private Bus Travel – 2023

We are currently rolling students over from 2022 private bus travel to 2023 private bus travel.

If your child/ren's current bus travel arrangements are going to change or require to be changed (eg. Moving house, new address will no longer require a private bus) in 2023 please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email to discuss. If your child/ren do not require a private bus service in 2023 and parents do not advise, your child/ren will be allocated to a private bus and fees will apply.

Stop Allocations

If you have changed your child's stop that they board or disembark from a permanent change, please advise the School Bus Service Administrator on 5366 4800 for this information to be updated on Roll Call and assist in the planning for the 2023 timetables.

Country Bus Travel 2023 – Eligible & Fare Paying for Maddingley Campus

Permission to Travel application forms were sent to families last week via Edsmart notification, for children who are eligible to travel on a Country bus to Bacchus Marsh Grammar Maddingley Campus in 2023. Application forms are due back by Friday 2 September 2022. Please note that failure to submit this form to the office by the due date may result in your child/ren not being eligible to travel on a Government operated Bus Service in 2023.

Mrs Leanne Robertson – School Bus Services Administrator

School Administration News

Notifications for change of pick-up arrangements or appointments during the school day

Please ensure that any changes to your child's pick-up arrangements or notifications for collection to attend appointments during the school day are communicated through the school diary. It is important that for Maddingley campus collection, parents specify either the 'Main Office' or 'Gatehouse' as the collection point. A reminder to parents that the Main Office is on South Maddingley Road and the Gatehouse is within the Main Car Park entered via Gate 1.

For last minute or urgent changes to pick-up arrangements please notify the relevant campus prior to 2.15pm.

Maddingley: 03 5366 4800 or Woodlea: 03 5366 4900

Y Ballarat – OSHC Notification

The Y Ballarat OSHC Management team wish to advise the **closure of all OSHC programs on Friday 14 October.**

This will include all Before School Care and Afterschool Care programs. All our OSHC educators will be attending a full day of Professional Development training.

Normal Before School Care and After School Care sessions will resume on Monday 17 October 2022.

We thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

OSHC Management Team

Events Calendar

Dates for upcoming events/excursions and day camps can be viewed via the events calendar on the [school's website](#).

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Phone Orders – 5367 4072

Uniform information and shop business hours are listed on the [school's website](#).

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

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

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The Bacchus Marsh Grammar
Production of



Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by
Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by
Robert Jess Roth

Originally Produced by
Disney Theatrical Productions

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

WHEN:

Sunday, 11 September 2022 at 1.00pm & 5.00pm

WHERE:

Clocktower Centre - 750 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

TICKETS:

Please book via the Clocktower

<https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bacchus-marsh-grammar-presents-beauty-the-beast-jr/>



Bacchus Marsh Grammar Woodlea's
Production of



Disney
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Music and Lyrics by
Elton John and Tim Rice

Additional Music and Lyrics by
**Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin
and Hans Zimmer**

Book by **Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi**

Based on the Broadway production directed by
Julie Taymor

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and
"Lulu Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**

"It's a Small World" written by **Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman**

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Thursday 6th & Friday 7th October, 2022
7:00 - 8:15 pm
Clocktower Centre - 750 Mount Alexander Road,
Moonee Ponds, VIC 3039

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RU OK DAY

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No face paint or coloured hairsprays allowed.

THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER (WEEK 9)