



End of Year Arrangements

A reminder that the last day of Term 4 is Friday 9 December, with normal dismissal time across both campuses.

Maddingley Campus End of Year Awards – Friday 9 December

Middle School Awards

The Maddingley Middle School Presentation (Years 5 to 8) will be held between **11:30am and 1:00pm** in the John Leaver Gymnasium.

Senior School Awards

The Maddingley Senior School Presentation (Years 9 to 11) will be held between **9:30am and 11:00am** in the John Leaver Gymnasium.

Once all exam/assessment data is collated, students who are receiving an award will be notified directly (via email) by the relevant Head of School by Wednesday 7 December.

Parents are welcome to attend and celebrate their child's achievements for the year. We request that only two guests per family attend. The event will also be livestreamed, and the relevant links will be circulated to all Middle and Senior School families early next week via EdSmart notification.

Mr Scott Bayne – Head of Middle School and Mrs Erin Thornton – Head of Senior School: Maddingley

Woodlea Campus End of Year Awards – Thursday 8 December

The Woodlea Awards Day ceremony will be conducted in the Woodlea gymnasium on Thursday 8 December at the following times:

Year 5 & 6: 9.30am - 10.30am

Year 7 & 8: 11.30am - 12.30pm

Parents/ carers are welcome to attend. There will be a limit of two guests per student. Please note that parents will be notified prior to the event if their child/ren is to receive an award on this day. This event will also be livestreamed.

More details regarding the ceremony will be sent via Edsmart notification next week.

Mrs Sarah Hunter – Deputy Head of Campus: Woodlea

2023 Annual Acknowledgement

BMG families were emailed on 4 November 2022 advising them of the 2023 School Fee Schedule and release of the 2023 Business Notice.

All parents/guardians associated with a student of the School are required to complete the Annual Acknowledgement that has now been emailed via Edsmart. The Annual Acknowledgement needs to be signed and submitted by Friday 9 December 2022.

If you require any assistance completing the Annual Acknowledgement, please contact Administration on (03) 5366 4800.

BMG Netball Win



Recently, a group of Year 9 and 10 Bacchus Marsh Grammar students were fortunate enough to compete in an International Netball Tournament held in Singapore. Although this tour did present some challenges, I think it is important that we, as a school community, celebrate the wonderful achievement and performance of the

majority of girls on this Tour. Throughout the week, two Netball Teams played a series of matches against the Singapore Sports School and the Tanglin International School of Singapore. All of these girls participated with great enthusiasm and integrity and represented the school with pride. The Firsts Netball Team played Singapore Sports School in the Grand Final and won the tournament with a brilliant display. The team was wonderfully supported and coached by Emma Gill who, along with Olivia Ogston (Coaching Assistant), gave these girls a fantastic experience.

The netballers had a fabulous time and trained extremely hard in challenging conditions, with temperatures being between 29 and 34 degrees celsius every day. However, this certainly was a welcome relief to the cold and frosty conditions athletes left behind in Melbourne. Students also had the opportunity to enjoy the sights of Singapore, Universal Studios, the Night Zoo, Merlion, Bughis Market and the Gardens by the Bay. Personally, I would like to thank both Mrs Ogston and Mrs Gill for their professionalism and fellowship throughout the camp and our Coaching Assistant Olivia Ogston, for her wonderful support of the athletes and staff. Finally, a big thank you to Mr. Neal who continues to support and encourage the sporting programs at Bacchus Marsh Grammar and the Singapore Sports School and, in particular, Mrs Min Li and School Principal, Mr Ong for their continued help and support with this program. We certainly look forward to further International Competitions in Singapore in the future.

Netball Team		
Stella Blaikie	Ava Conroy	Paige Rayner
Meagan Clark	Ava Densley	Alexandra Smith
Scarlett Clayton	Chelsea Farmer	Kyla Stainton
Ella Closter	Alyssa Normington	Addison Wright

Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal: Optimal Performance Learning



Senior School News

It has been pleasing to see students focussing hard on completing examinations, with Year 11 having finished their examinations and Years 9/10 finishing on Thursday this week. Year 11 students have commenced their HeadStart Programs and have started to work on their 2023 Units 3 & 4 curriculum.

Senior School Presentation Day will be held on Friday 9 December from 9.30am to 11am. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate the success of our students in 2022. Parents will be able to attend on-site or watch from home, with a link being sent out next week. Students will be advised via email early next week if they will be receiving an award via.

Mrs Erin Thornton – Head of Senior School: Maddingley

Music Department Updates

Student Success

Congratulations to the following student for their recent examination success:

Student Name	Section	Result
Aanya Prasad	AMEB Piano Repertoire Grade 2	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

Woodlea and Maddingley Campuses – 2023 Instrumental Program

Re-enrolment for existing instrumental students is currently being finalised. Offers for new places in the program and wait list updates are due to be sent out over the December/January period.

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

Woodlea Junior School Assembly



On Thursday 24 November, the Junior School value of 'confidence' was once again on display as three courageous performers took to the stage. Namneer from 2WC made her debut performance on the violin playing 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little, Star', and Year Four students, Amelia and Sarrinah, lifted the energy of students with their vocal performance of 'Alone, Part Two' by Alan Walker and Ava Max. With one final assembly in 2022, it is safe to say the gift of music will continue to uplift and inspire our students in 2023!

Ms Suzanne Kinsella - Instrumental Teacher

PE & Health News

WestVic Academy of Sport

This year, in consultation with the WestVic Academy of Sport, Bacchus Marsh Grammar selected 11 athletes who undertook scholarships to the WestVic Academy of Sport. Being involved in this program, the athletes have received a variety of support and services throughout the year.

Each athlete undertook an individualised musculoskeletal screening to assist in developing a prehab program to prevent injuries. An online webinar series was available that covered a range of topics which included sessions for injury prevention, sleep management, sports psychology, nutrition, strength and conditioning, hosted by various professional specialists. Scholarship holders have access to the athlete support fund from which individual funding is made available to meet a range of costs associated with their sporting pursuits.

As an added extra this year, scholarship holders were treated to a high-performance day at the Health & Sports Precinct at Federation University. This consisted of a tour of the facilities and specialised laboratory fitness testing. Athletes were taken through a VO2 max test, 20m sprint test and the isometric mid-thigh pull test which provided them with accurate data and an understanding of their force velocity profiling, strength and aerobic power measures. The athletes were then fortunate to participate in an S&C session at the RAD Centre under the guidance of director Chris Radford.

Congratulations to our 2022 WestVic Academy of Sport Athletes.

Student	Year Level
Joanne Joseph	9
Kaylee Wray	9
Ella Birk	10
Jai Copland	10
Devin Leahy	10
Summer Wray	10
Zak Spiteri	12
Amy O'Hara	12
Olivia Ogston	12
Rye Penny	12
Aseka Ratnayake	12

Bacchus Marsh Grammar looks forward to the continued partnership with the WestVic Academy of Sport, and scholarships for 2023 will again be awarded to student athletes in Term 1 next year.

Many thanks must go to Shenae Keleher, Executive Officer and Tahlee Van Roosmalen, Athlete Services & Program Coordinator for their continual drive in supporting our athletes and for providing growing sporting opportunities in Regional Victoria. A special thank you must also go to our Principal, Mr. Andrew Neal, who has provided wonderful support and encouragement for this program to operate within the BMG environment.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to WestVic and Elite sport athlete **Jai Copland** on his recent performance at the BMX Nationals in Tasmania. Jai capped off a tremendous year with the following results:

- 2nd in Australia 16 Boys
- 3rd in National Cup
- 3rd in Australia in 15-16 Boys Cruiser

Well done Jai on a fantastic year!



Congratulations to **Nikolas Lazos** of 5A who has been selected in the Oceania Junior Superbike Cup Team. Nikolas is now part of the Australian Superbikes Junior Development Program and is a member of the BluCrew. Nikolas will be competing in the Oceania Junior Cup with competitors riding Yamaha YZF-R15 race bikes. Racing events will be held in all states of Australia, including competing at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit in Victoria. Nikolas aims to use these opportunities to open up a pathway to become a Moto GP rider. Well done Nikolas!



Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE and Health

BMG Triathlon Club News



Elwood Beach

On Sunday 27 November, Bacchus Marsh Grammar Triathlon Club competed in the Victorian Triathlon Championships season-opening race in Elwood. Students have been participating in weekly training sessions after school as well as completing their own training outside of school to prepare for the racing season.

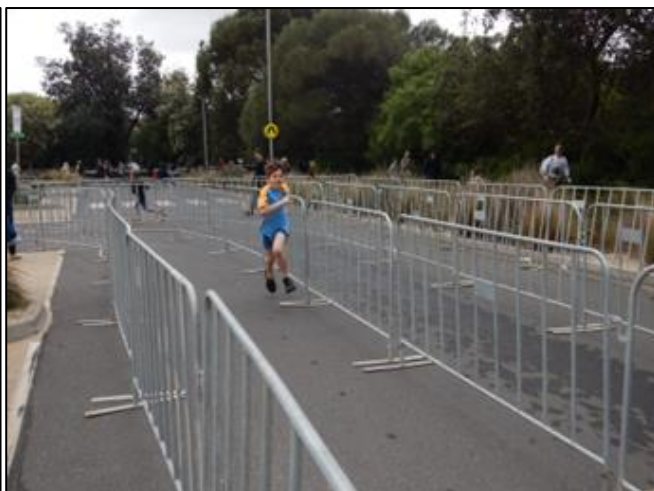
BMGTC was represented by Xavier Stirrat (5A), Abbey Smith (6E) Rylan Mills (7F), Leon Earnshaw (9F), Uday Chaudhary (9F) and Benjamin Bowler (9G).

The conditions provided a challenging swimming leg with choppy water and poor visibility, but near perfect conditions for cycling and running with overcast conditions and almost no wind. Whilst our students showed great resilience by pushing through the swim leg, they quickly pushed through the field during the bike and run legs of the race.

Benjamin and Abbey received some reward for the hard work they put into training throughout winter, with a particularly strong race placing them 3rd and 2nd respectively in their categories.

BMGTC looks forward to Race 2 of the Victorian Triathlon Series in which we hope to be represented by an even stronger team of students. If students would like to be involved in the BMG Triathlon Club and the Victorian Schools Triathlon Championship, please express your interest to Mr. Armstrong at armstrongn@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Mr Nicholas Armstrong



Junior School News

Woodlea Update

As the 2023 academic year draws to a close, staff and students are focussed on ending the year on a positive note. Students have begun to reflect on their highlights and things they may like to change for next year. Teachers have organised tasks to ensure students are remaining engaged and can consolidate skills they have learnt throughout the year. At home, there may be opportunities for you to discuss the goals your child has achieved and what they are looking forward to in 2023. We look forward to the school community coming together in the final week to celebrate a successful 2022.

The final week of school for students is from Monday 5 until Friday 9 December.

Throughout this week, students will be involved in a variety of activities, including a Christmas Dress Up Day and Concert. On this day, students can wear a Christmas t-shirt with their Bacchus Marsh Grammar sports uniform shorts and runners. Special hair decorations will be allowed; however, no hair colouring or face paint.

A Meet the Teacher afternoon will also be held, giving students an opportunity to connect with their 2023 classroom teachers.

Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 7 December (Woodlea Campus)

Christmas Dress Up Day, Christmas Craft Session and Concert - Friday 9 December (Woodlea Campus)

Parents are welcome to attend the craft session and concert. Please refer to the information sent via Edsmart notification.

Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School: Woodlea

Reminder: Maddingley - Christmas Dress Up Day, Christmas Craft Session and Concert

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**Mrs Melanie Morton and Ms Sian Rawlinson
Joint Acting Heads of Junior School (Maddingley Campus)**

Spotlight on Woodlea Visual Art

During Term Four, the students in P-4 have continued to be imaginative and creative. Students in Prep have enjoyed a term full of art activities related to different fairy tale books which linked in well with their literacy theme. The students in Prep were each able to design a rock, based on a fairy tale, which will become a part of our community artwork within the Woodlea campus.

The students in Year 1 have been creating artworks linked to their Global Studies topic. Each week in Art there has been a different continent theme and an artwork has been made to link to each of the seven continents. The students enjoyed making a felt hanging bird decoration and they also enjoyed using their blending skills when using oil pastels to create a flower based on the work of the artist Georgia O'Keeffe.



Woodlea Junior School Art Continued.....

The Year 2 students have been creating a variety of artworks relating to Japanese culture which has linked into their Global Studies topic for this term. When the students in Year 2WB were asked what their favourite artwork for Semester Two was, most students agreed that creating The Great Wave was their favourite. Students used warm and cool water colours to create their drawing of The Great Wave.

The Year 3 students have enjoyed making lots of artworks this term. They have enjoyed creating their winter silhouettes and their animal foam prints. They used water colours to create this. They are currently working on drawing and painting a boab tree to then decorate using Posa pens.

Finally, the Year 4 students have enjoyed creating their paper mache' giraffes and they have extended their sewing skills by creating a felt creature.

It has been amazing to see the fantastic artworks that have been created throughout this semester. We look forward to seeing many more artworks being created in 2023!

Junior School Art Team – Woodlea

Spotlight on Maddingley Art

During Term 4 at Maddingley, students have enjoyed experimenting with a range of adhering techniques to create a variety of different collages.

The Prep students have enjoyed reading the story The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle and using different techniques to create a collage sunflower inspired by the story.

In Year 1, students experimented with a variety of different materials including printed papers, corrugated cardboard and poly balls, to make a Space themed collage.

The students in Year 2 enjoyed creating a range of artworks, including an Under the Sea themed collage; they were able to use different printing techniques to create their own printed papers to use for their work.

In Year 3, students enjoyed experimenting with textiles and worked hard to master the technique of circle weaving in order to create a beautiful woven flower.

The Year 4 students enjoyed learning about and discussing artist Roy Lichtenstein and created a Still Life Portrait collage inspired by his work.

Students across the Junior School have begun taking their Art folios home. These Art folios contain all the wonderful work they have completed over the year. The students are very proud of the work they have created and are very excited to be able to take it home to share with their families!

Junior School Art Team - Maddingley



Middle School News

Woodlea Year 6 Camp

In Week 8 of Term 4, the Year 6 students and teachers headed off to Lake Dewar Discovery Camp. The camp consisted of two nights in a tent along with three days of fundamental activities. Year 6 students took part in an Amazing Race Survivor Challenge that the YMCA staff put together. There were 18 tasks which were designed to test our ability to work as a team and problem solve simultaneously. To begin the journey, we were split into eight groups. Each group was provided with a coloured bandana and tribal face paint. After completing an activity, you would earn points for your group. Some of the survivor challenges included rowing a giant stand-up paddle board, jumping into the river from a jetty and facing our fears across a 1 km flying fox. Our resilience was put to the test when we hiked 8 km through the Werribee Gorge. Students were brave enough to walk through the mud and endure the rain as well. Another part of the camp experience was cooking our own food and sleeping in tents. This brought out our self-reliance and allowed us to think more critically. Everyone had to cook meat or beans in a trangia and combine it with a meal of nachos. We went through the process of setting up tents and dismantling them for two nights. We were offered a variety of food and snacks throughout all three days of our camp. Other recreations undertaken were toasting marshmallows, performing spiritual yoga and going on a night walk. Overall, this camp experience taught us to overcome challenges while adapting to the circumstances we were put in.

Written by Aarya Avinash & Kashvi Patel of 6WC



Woodlea Global Studies

Year 5 Excursion

In Global Studies this semester, the Year 5 students are currently learning about Ancient China, focusing on the Ancient Chinese Dynasties and paying particular attention to the Han Dynasty. Whilst learning about the Han Dynasty, we have focused on its geographic features, social structure and belief systems. On Thursday 17 November, students and their teachers were lucky enough to visit the Chinese Museum, Chinatown Plaza and the Tianjin Garden in Melbourne. There, students rotated between different experiences and learnt new information while consolidating previous learning. Students enjoyed learning about landmarks in Chinatown and also the significance of statues, trees, water, lanterns and important people in China's history. It was fantastic to see the students engrossed in the guided tours, led by teachers and historians, which resulted in a great learning experience!

Ancient China Expo

On Wednesday 9 November, the Year 5 students presented information, detailed artefacts and questions relating to their Global Studies unit 'Ancient China'.

The information was around the following:

The Han Dynasty:

- Social structures
- Geographic features
- Belief systems
- Significant achievements

They presented their information in the Gym for their peers from other year levels and family and friends. There was a large turnout of students, teachers and local community members who supported the Year 5s in their first Expo!

Thank you to the following staff; Mrs Hunter, Ms Maitland-Smith, Mr Last, Mrs Hussein, Mrs Funston and Ms Rompel who also supported the students in either sourcing resources or the planning for the Expo.

To view more images, visit [Schoolbox](#).



Medieval Expo

The Year 8 students hosted an incredible Medieval Expo at Woodlea on Thursday 10 November.

The students created detailed artefacts and presentations about aspects of The Middle Ages studied throughout the semester. A range of classes and teachers from other year levels came to support Year 8, and family and friends were encouraged to join after school.

The atmosphere during the Expo was lively and energetic with students discussing information relating to their artefact and incorporating learnt specific vocabulary coherently.

Students were thrilled that all their knowledge and hard work was used in a way to inform teachers and peers.

Thank you to Ms Maitland-Smith, Mr Millard and Mrs Letten who prepared the students for this incredible celebration of learning!

To view more images, visit [Schoolbox](#).

Ms Simone Kyle



Update to the Australian Fire Danger Rating System

A new Fire Danger Rating system was recently introduced across Australia which now consists of four levels of danger (Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic). As a result of this new rating system, the Maddingley and Staughton Vale campuses are required to close on all days declared **CATASTROPHIC** for its fire weather district:

In addition to this, the School will also close the Staughton Vale campus on days declared **Total Fire Ban** and **Extreme** fire danger rating.

The decision to close will be confirmed by the School no later than 1:00pm the day prior to the closure and communicated to parents via email. Once a CATASTROPHIC fire day rating has been determined, this decision will not change regardless of any changes in the weather forecast.

Ms Kerry Browne - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager

Bus Information

2023 Private Bus Allocations

Private Bus allocations for 2023 were emailed to parents via EdSmart last week. Acceptances are due back **today** Friday 2 December. If you **DO** require your child/ren to travel via private bus in 2023, you must submit your EdSmart slip by COB today. If your child/ren **DO NOT** require a seat on a private bus in 2023 please ensure you **DECLINE** your seat/s within the EdSmart Slip.

2022 End of Term Bus Departure Times

On Friday 9 December, dismissal times for the last day of Term 4 will be normal school dismissal times. All buses – (Private, Public and Country) will depart as per normal timetabled departure times.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Uniform information and shop business hours are listed on the [school's website](#). Please note that uniform can also be purchased online via <https://www.noone.com.au/>.

On Campus phone number – 5367 4072

Last day of trade on campus Friday 9 December 2022

January 2023

- Monday 16 January 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Wednesday 18 January 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Friday 20 January 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Monday 23 January 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Wednesday 25 January 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Friday 27 January 8.00am to 4.30pm
- Monday 30 January 8.30am to 4.30pm
- Tuesday 31 January 8.00am to 11.00am

Normal trade resumes from Wednesday 1 February

