



## Staughton Vale



This week, the Maddingley Year 1s and Year 4s had their first opportunity in 2023 to explore and participate in outdoor learning activities at Staughton Vale.

The weather was perfect and students were excited to go and explore the magnificent Staughton Vale property.

The Year 1 and Year 4 students were able to connect and extend their knowledge outside of the general classroom, and develop their practical skills in all learning areas such as Art, Science, Physical Education and History and Geography.

The Year 1s immersed themselves in the different practical hands-on activities. They enjoyed looking at the seasonal produce on the property and made healthy lemon balls from the fresh lemons they harvested from the lemon trees in the orchards. Students eagerly participated in a Scavenger Hunt around the property using their senses to find and collect items.

The highlight for the Year 4 experience was the Sunflower Analysis study. The Year 4 students demonstrated their artistic talents by creating masterpieces of sunflowers grown on the property. They did this by adding different shades of colours and implied texture to replicate Sunflowers by the artist Van Gogh.

It was a fantastic week to observe our Year 1 and 4 students engaging and embracing the learning opportunities at the Staughton Vale Farm. Students made positive connections beyond the classroom and created links with concepts taught at school which supported their deeper understanding of the environment in which they live.

To view photos from the Year 1 and Year 4 Staughton Vale day experiences, please access the year level Family Engagement page on Schoolbox to view the photo gallery. [Schoolbox News link](#)

We look forward to when the Year 2s and 3s have their day program In Term Two.

**Mrs Melanie Morton - Deputy Head of Junior School (Operations)**





## BMG Easter Raffle 2023



The BMG SRC (Student Representative Council) is holding the annual Easter Raffle as their fundraiser for Term 1. Money raised from this activity will be donated to **The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal** by the SRC groups.

The SRC is seeking the support of families with the donation of Easter eggs for the Easter Raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter hampers for the raffle prizes. Eggs marked SRC Raffle should be sent to the Main Administration Office by Monday 27 March 2023.

A booklet of 10 tickets will be sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by Monday 27 March 2023.

Ticket butts must include the purchasers' full name and a contact number or student's full name and Tutor Group.

The raffle will be drawn at school on **Thursday 30 March 2023** and winners will be notified in Week 10 to collect their prize before the Term Break.

The prizes being raffled are: **Hampers of Easter Eggs**

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

SRC Committee

## Photography Competition Semester One 2023

We are pleased to announce that the BMG Photography Competition will be running again this year. The theme for Semester One is 'Nature', following on from the huge success of this theme in Semester One of last year. This competition is open to all students and all staff from both Maddingley and Woodlea campuses.

**Due Date for Photographs – 28 April**  
**(Friday of Week 1, Term 2)**

### Requirements:

- Images are to be inspired by 'Nature', please do not include people.
- Photographs are to be taken between the launch date and submission date (please don't submit any photographs that you submitted last year).
- Photographs to be printed on A4 Sized paper - for exhibition purposes, this size only please.
- **Please trim your photograph to have a small, even white border or no border (so it is ready to exhibit).**
- If you can, please print on thicker paper, if possible, photographic paper (photographs on normal printing paper are not strong enough to exhibit).
- Photographs are due at the front office (Woodlea and Maddingley) by the end of the day – **Friday 28 April**.

Please forward any questions to: [heywoodn@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:heywoodn@bmg.vic.edu.au)



Mrs Nicole Heywood

### Last Day of Term 1 is Thursday 6 April

#### MADDINGLEY CAMPUS

Normal dismissal time of 3.20pm. There will be **NO Late Bus** available on the afternoon of 6 April 2023.

#### WOODLEA CAMPUS

Dismissal will be 1 hour earlier at 2.20pm – All private buses will depart accordingly.

There will be **NO Late Bus** available on the afternoon of 6 April 2023.

## Host Families

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Bacchus Marsh Grammar has a long standing exchange with a sister school, Lycée Sainte-Marie Lyon, in France. After a three year pause due to Covid, we are pleased to announce that the exchange will resume this year. Bacchus Marsh Grammar will welcome a group of twenty French students, 12 girls and 8 boys, in 2023.

The group will be accompanied by two of their teachers; one of whom is very experienced with trips and has accompanied this trip on a number of previous occasions. We are looking for families who are willing to host a French student aged between 14 and 16 years during their stay here in Australia. Each host family will be provided with information about the student who they will host.

Our French friends will arrive at Melbourne airport on the evening of the 14 July 2023 and will depart for Sydney on the 2 August 2023. During their time here, our French guests will attend selected lessons at Bacchus Marsh Grammar with their host brother or sister, and will also be taking part in organised activities (some overnight) to areas of local interest such as the Ballarat Wildlife Park and the Great Ocean Road.

We are looking for families who are able to offer our guests an individual bedroom and to welcome these young people to be one of the family for the duration of the stay. Whilst guests within the families, there will be a clearly outlined code of conduct to which the students will need to adhere. The vast majority of our visitors are reasonably proficient in English but, as always, both Bacchus Marsh Grammar and the two accompanying teachers from Lyon will be on hand to ensure that the experience leaves positive memories for all! Our French guests will be part of your family and, as such, know that they will need to follow "house rules" both with their host families and whilst here at school.

The main objective of their stay is to focus upon speaking English with native speakers, to integrate into the Australian way of life and to be treated as part of the family. We have always found that both students and families gain an immense amount from this cultural visit, with some friendships continuing to last many years after the initial visit.

Please be aware that in the interests of child protection, we will require all members of the host families aged over 18 to be willing to apply for a Volunteer Working with Children Check. There is NO cost for this national check but it will require each person to make an online application and provide the school with sight of the card which will be issued. We will also need to ask questions about family composition, pets and dietary requirements etc.

In order to make this home stay the best for all, the teachers at Bacchus Marsh Grammar will try to link each student with a host brother or sister who is close in age and, where possible, share some similar interests.

If you believe that you could offer a place, please contact Mr Malcolm for an informal chat or send an email to [malcolmd@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:malcolmd@bmg.vic.edu.au) to arrange a call back.

**Mr Duncan Malcolm**

## MPSSA Lightning Premiership - Summer Sport Results

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Well done to the Woodlea Year 5 and 6 students who represented BMG at the Summer Sports Lightning Premiership Day last Friday.

All students played with great sportsmanship, respect, and camaraderie.

The overall results for each team are as follows:

- **Tennis - Girls (1st Place)**
- **Tennis - Boys (2nd Place)**
- **Cricket - Girls (3rd Place)**
- **Cricket - Boys (4th Place)**
- **Volleyball - Mixed (4th Place)**

The Girls' Tennis team will represent BMG in the Divisional Competition later in the year in Term 4.

A great effort by all involved!

**Mr Evan Long - Head of PE (Woodlea) P - 9**

## Sport News

### Inter-school Swimming

Congratulations to all our BMG swimmers who have competed in various competitions over the last 3 weeks. The initial House Swimming Carnivals saw great participation and wonderful competitive swimming at the 50m outdoor pool at Melton Waves. In addition to the competitive events, there were several recreational activities for the students to participate in such as water polo and novelty relays. These activities provided a fun and exciting way for students to enjoy the pool and develop their swimming skills.

Students who won their events were selected to represent BMG at the inter-school swimming carnivals across both Primary and Secondary competitions. The BMPSSA District Carnival was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March and saw 32 students from Years 3 to 6 qualify to represent the school. With a wonderful day of competition, BMG had 22 students qualify for the Western Ranges Primary Swimming Carnival held last Tuesday on 7 March. Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the upcoming Western Metropolitan Primary Swimming Finals taking place at Kardinia Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 28 March.

• Isabella Bao (6A)	Girls 12/13 Freestyle, Breaststroke and Butterfly
• Akikat Brar (5B)	Girls 11 Breaststroke
• Jack Soley (6D)	Boys 12/13 Breaststroke
• Chace Hildebrand-Brown (4C)	Boys 9/10 Butterfly
• Jack Coy (6D)	Boys 12/13 Butterfly

The ICCES 7 to 12 Swimming Carnival was also held on 7 March and saw some fierce competition, with each participant demonstrating their skills and abilities in the water. The event was a close one, with some races being decided by mere seconds. BMG finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> position, a wonderful result for the school. Congratulations to Tanya Ding (8C) who set a new ICCES record of 30.06 for the Year 8 Girls 50m Butterfly. Well done to Ballarat Grammar on their overall victory and for coordinating a well-run event.

The overall results were as follows;

OVERALL RESULTS	SCHOOL	POINTS
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Ballarat Grammar	1169
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Gippsland Grammar	1017
3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>Bacchus Marsh Grammar</b>	<b>925</b>
4 <sup>TH</sup>	Goulburn Valley Grammar	880
5 <sup>TH</sup>	Braemar College	875
6 <sup>TH</sup>	Girton Grammar	853
7 <sup>TH</sup>	Hamilton & Alexandra College	642
8 <sup>TH</sup>	Highview College	138

The best performers from the ICCES competition will be selected for the upcoming VSAC Championships and represent the combined ICCES swimming team.

### ICCES Badminton and Table Tennis

In conjunction with the swimming carnival, the MSAC indoor courts also played host to the ICCES Badminton and Table Tennis Tournament. Lots of laughs were heard amongst teammates and a wonderful spirit was observed between the schools. It was great to see full courts and a high level of competition return to this aspect of the ICCES sporting calendar. BMG competed well overall, finishing a close 2nd in the Badminton and 4th in Table Tennis. A big congratulations to our Year 7 to 9 Boys Table Tennis Team who won their division.

**Bemin Hennes 9F,**

**Micah So 9F**

**Akhil Kanneganti 8I**

**Tavnoor Singh 9H**

## Badminton and Table Tennis Overall Results

OVERALL TABLE TENNIS RESULTS	SCHOOL	OVERALL BADMINTON RESULTS	SCHOOL
1 <sup>ST</sup>	Gippsland Grammar	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Goulburn Valley Grammar School
2 <sup>ND</sup>	Goulburn Valley Grammar School	2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>Bacchus Marsh Grammar</b>
3 <sup>RD</sup>	Girton Grammar	3 <sup>RD</sup>	Gippsland Grammar
4 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>Bacchus Marsh Grammar</b>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	Braemar College
5 <sup>TH</sup>	Braemar College	5 <sup>TH</sup>	Girton Grammar
6 <sup>TH</sup>	Highview College	6 <sup>TH</sup>	Highview College
7 <sup>TH</sup>	Hamilton and Alexandra College	7 <sup>th</sup>	Hamilton and Alexandra College

## WestVic Academy of Sport

The partnership between the FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport and Bacchus Marsh Grammar will continue again in 2023. In consultation with the Academy of Sport, Bacchus Marsh Grammar has once again been able to select 10 athletes who will receive scholarships to the Academy of Sport. This will provide a range of benefits and services to assist with their sporting pursuits and consist of:

- Coaching and support within the specific structure of the FedUni WestVic Academy of Sports e.g. the ACE Program, musculoskeletal screening, nutritional advice etc.
- Specific Strength and Conditioning coaching by the Academy staff.
- Professional workshops based around the notion of being an elite athlete e.g. career advice, managing finances, social media, sponsorship etc.
- Fitness testing sessions conducted at BMG.
- A high-performance experience at FedUni.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships into the program by Mr. Neal and the Executive Officer of the WestVic Academy of Sport Shenae Keleher.

Athlete Name	Year Level	Sport
Ruby Gorton	9	Hockey
Justin Robins	9	Karate
Tayla Wray	9	DH Skiing
Ethan Bloss	9	Athletics/Cross Country
Joanne Joseph	10	Squash
Kaylee Wray	10	DH Skiing
Jai Copland	11	BMX
Devin Leahy	11	Baseball
Summer Wray	11	DH Skiing
Amy O'Brien	11	Basketball

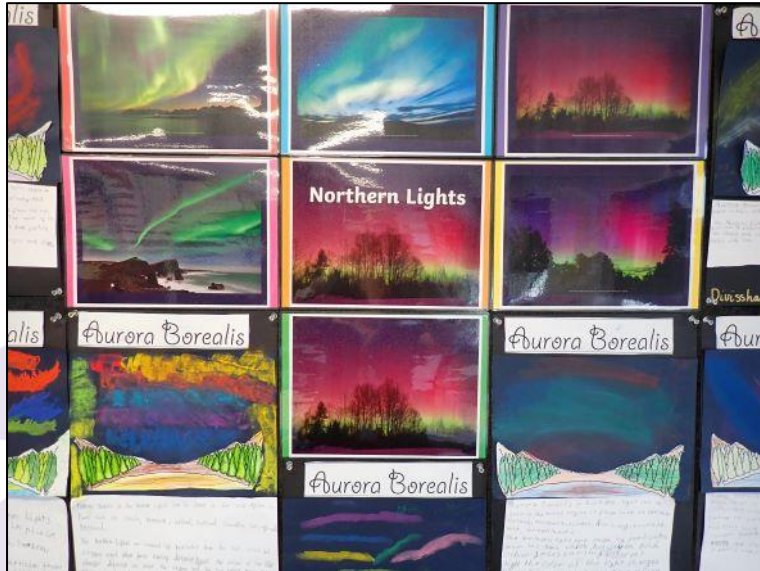
Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE and Health



## Junior School News

### Spotlight on Woodlea Year 3 Global Studies and Science

In Global Studies, students have explored natural, managed and constructed features. Students have focused on the world's natural wonders and specifically investigated the Northern Lights, Grand Canyon, Mount Everest and the Galapagos Islands. They have enjoyed using their newfound knowledge and creativity to construct a visual display in our classroom depicting each of these wonders of the world.

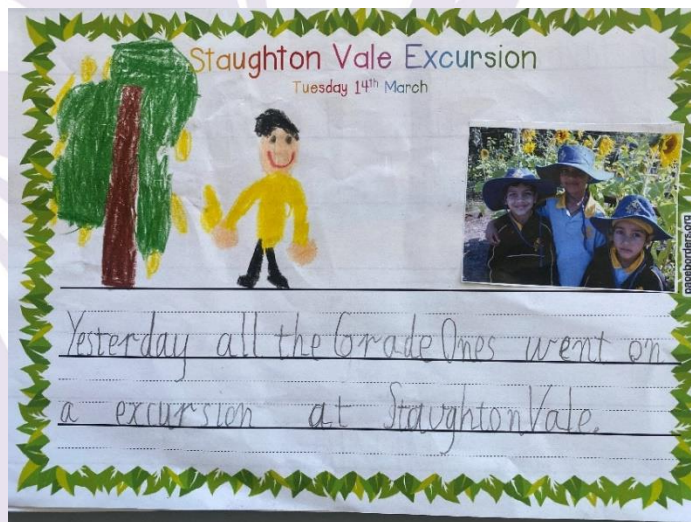


During Science lessons, students have been investigating the needs of living things. A highlight has been students growing their own radish. They have enjoyed watching their plants grow in the classroom and have been engaged in the concept of living things through this process. The students are eagerly awaiting the arrival of a chrysalis during Week 8. They will have the opportunity to witness the metamorphic life cycle of a butterfly and understand how it goes through a drastic change to reach the next stage of its life.

**Woodlea Year 3 Team**

### Spotlight on Maddingley Year 1

This week, Year 1 students travelled to Staughton Vale for their day program. Throughout the day students had the opportunity to participate in a series of different activities to explore all things outdoors. These activities included landscape watercolour painting, five senses scavenger hunt, a living thing profile and healthy cooking. Students were eager to taste their creations but not all enjoyed the taste or lemon flavour. When they returned to school, students were excited to share their experiences and write a retell highlighting their favourite parts of the day.



***"I liked making the lemon and coconut balls. I didn't think they were sour, they were delicious."***  
**Anweshi 1A**

***"I found a pretty rock on the scavenger hunt. It was light blue and felt rough."***  
**Ivy 1B**

***"I liked making the lemon balls. They were tangy, but they were really good."***  
**Zara 1C**

***"I liked squeezing the lemons when we were cooking."***  
**Tex 1D**

Look on the Year 1 Family Engagement page for photos and student recounts of the day.

In English, students have enjoyed reading and learning about a series of Fables. They have focused on the moral of the fable along with the characters, setting and plot. Students have been exposed to new vocabulary words and engaged in a variety of activities to demonstrate their knowledge. When reading Dog In The Manger, students had the opportunity to put themselves in the story and become one of the characters. They demonstrated their understanding of their focus word personification by creating dialogue that the animals could have used within the fable. They also compared what animals do in real life and what they do in a fiction story. The moral of this fable was, 'You should be nice and share, especially when someone else needs something more than you do,' which aligns with our Bacchus Marsh Grammar Values.

**Maddingley Year 1 Team**

## Middle School News

### Maddingley Year 6 Science Day at Staughton Vale

On a beautiful autumn day in Week 6, Year 6 Science students attended Staughton Vale where they participated in a range of activities for their unit of Biological Sciences.

The students rotated through a series of activities demonstrating classification by investigating the flora and fauna.

The activities included:

- *Leaf Critters* - students took their trowels, colanders, buckets and magnified bug catchers and explored around the creatures' homes mulch and leaf litter and discovered some small macroinvertebrates living there. They identified some of them by carefully looking at their characteristics and used microscopes for more detailed viewing. These were compared to identification charts. The animals were returned safely home afterwards.
- *Dichotomous keys* - students walked around the property and selected 7-8 different leaves. They used these to create a key by observation of the characteristics of each leaf.
- *Ash Germination* - Landcare donated native seeds for our students to germinate, with the intention of having them planted at Staughton Vale. Students observed fire in the pit where ash was collected and they learnt how fire can be used in a controlled way for plants to grow. The cooled ash was used on the seeds for germination. Students prepared seeds with and without ash to take back to the classroom to investigate how ash affects germination of seeds. As students return to the classroom, they will continue to watch their seeds germinate and, in the future, they will be able to see them growing back at Staughton Vale.

**Mrs Li Richardson - Head of Faculty: Science & Year 6 Science Team**



### Woodlea – Success without Stress

We know that students achieve well if they have effective time-management skills, are properly organised and prepared and give all the tasks they must do the appropriate priority. Many parents experience frustration when encouraging their children to organise their time effectively in order to keep their study, leisure, sport, and other activities in balance. Students need to acquire good time management skills to achieve their goals and once acquired, the benefits remain with them as they undertake tertiary studies and enter their adult lives.



## Middle School news continued...

To assist in developing these skills and finding balance, Darren Pereira, from Success Integrated presented his '*Success without Stress*' program to all Year 7 Woodlea students on March 16. Darren introduced the students to resources and shared examples of best practice in developing study and organisational skills and achieving life-long success.

In addition, the Year 6 & 8 Leaders participated in session two of their Leadership Program: Speaking Strategies for Success. It was a wonderful day for all involved!

**Mrs Sarah Hunter- Head of Middle Schooling**

## Maddingley

Although we are all back from a refreshing long weekend break, the Middle School has had to "hit the ground running" with some Year 8 classes off on camp, while Years 5 and 7 prepare for NAPLAN tests that start this week and go on into the following week. NAPLAN is an important assessment for our children and we have been telling them to ensure that they are fully prepared mentally and physically for these tests. Advice from our Deputy Principal responsible for Teaching & Learning is that our children should make sure they have a filling breakfast, their equipment, especially their Chromebooks are fully charged and they mentally prepared to try their best, even if they feel a little nervous. We have all been there! We ask that parents and guardians also help out our children this week by ensuring they get to school on time, that they calmly talk through the need for these tests so students, who may be anxious, realise that these tests help us understand their strengths and needs. I am sure that if we all support our children this week, they will benefit from our calm, kind and reassuring words of encouragement.

**Mr Scott Bayne – Head of Middle School: Maddingley**



## Bus News

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### Road Closure – Woodlea Campus

Due to the road closure of Elmhurst Ave AINTREE, ALL Bacchus Marsh Grammar Woodlea Private buses will be departing the Woodlea Campus up to 10 minutes after their current scheduled departure times. This is to assist with the increased traffic flow, child safety and the safety of the whole community.

This time change will be effective as of PM Tuesday 14 MARCH.

The AM times for pick up will NOT change.

This DOES NOT affect the times of the Woodlea Late Bus.

Please monitor Roll Call for the PM arrival times of your child's bus.

We apologise for this inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

**Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator**

## Events Calendar

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

## Term Dates 2023

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Access the term dates on the [school's website](#).



## Uniform Shops

Uniform information and shop business hours for both the Maddingley Campus Shop and Rushfords in Werribee are listed on the [school's website](#). Please note that uniforms can also be purchased online via <https://www.noone.com.au/>.

### Term Break Maddingley Campus Shop Hours

- Friday 7 April Closed Public Holiday Good Friday
- Monday 10 April Closed Public Holiday Easter Monday
- Wednesday 12 April Closed
- Friday 14 April Closed
- Monday 17 April 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Wednesday 19 April 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Friday 21 April 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Monday 24 April 10.00am to 2.00pm
- Start of Term 2 Wednesday 26 April - Normal trade resumes 8.00am to 12.00pm

## Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – The Y Ballarat



The Y Ballarat operates the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the [school's website](#).

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## Community News

### Moorabool Shire Council Notification: Gaynor Street, Maddingley

Gaynor Street, Maddingley is scheduled to be closed West of Mitchem St from Monday 20 March due to drainage works.

Please see below traffic management plan for days and nights.

Road will be closed for approximately 10 days, re-opening on 31 March (weather depending). More info [here](#).

## TPS - Gaynor Street, Maddingley





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PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

**'UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND  
TEENS WITH DISTRESS 'CHALLENGING' BEHAVIORS'**

PRESENTER:  
EMMA-ROSE PARSONS  
PSYCHOLOGIST |  
DIRECTOR | SPEAKER



VENUE: BACCHUS MARSH PUBLIC HALL,  
THE SUPPER ROOM  
207 MAIN STREET BACCHUS MARSH

TIME: 10AM - 12PM  
'FOR PARENTS OR CARERS OF PRIMARY  
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN'

12:30PM - 2:30PM  
'FOR PARENTS OR CARERS OF HIGH SCHOOL  
AGE YOUNG PEOPLE'

FRIDAY | 31 | MARCH

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Shire Council



## Community News

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### Blackwood Woodchop & Easter Carnival

#### Proud Winner of Moorabool Shire's Community Event of the Year 2023

Easter Saturday is a special day in Blackwood, a beautiful town in the Wombat State Forest, Victoria. Each year, the town hosts the famous Blackwood Woodchop & Easter Carnival. This event is now in its 121<sup>st</sup> year, and is the second oldest festival in Australia. The Blackwood Woodchop & Easter Carnival was recently awarded the title of Moorabool Shire's Community Event of the Year 2023.

The much-loved Street Parade featuring striking costumes and floats is a highlight of the morning's events. Accompanied by a brass band, the parade makes its way from the town centre down to the Lerderderg River and the Recreation Reserve - rightfully known as "the prettiest sportsground in Victoria" – where the Carnival and Woodchop take place.

The Blackwood Woodchop is one of the oldest woodchopping competitions in Victoria, with axemen and women travelling from across the state to compete for the coveted titles and prize money. The Carnival is action-packed, with tug-o-war, gumboot throwing, and a pet show amongst the many popular activities happening throughout the day. And of course, to honour Blackwood's gold-mining history, there is the chance to try your hand at gold-panning. A family-friendly event, there is loads of other fun stuff for kids too – the treasure hunt, novelty games and races, face-painting and more. With fabulous live music, market stalls, delicious eats and licenced bars, the Blackwood Woodchop & Easter Carnival truly offers something for everyone.

The event is organised by the Blackwood Progress Association with proceeds from ticket sales going to support numerous community groups. Discounted Earlybird tickets can be bought online in advance or you can purchase tickets at the gate on the day. See you in Blackwood on Easter Saturday - April 8<sup>th</sup>!

For more information visit:

<http://theblackwoodtimes.com.au/2023-blackwood-woodchop-easter-carnival/>

To book tickets:

<http://www.trybooking.com/CFPDV>

