

International Week 2023

During this year's International Week, students were able to experience an incredibly wide range of activities run by both teaching staff and external providers. International Week is a celebration and an appreciation of the cultural diversity we have within our school and community. It was exciting to see many students come to school dressed in traditional dress from their own or another culture.



Gold coin donations from this event were an incredible \$1,097.90 from both campuses, with all proceeds going to the Royal Children's Hospital. This diversity was also showcased at the end of the week with an incredible performance of international dance and music by our wonderfully talented students. Students from both campuses came together to share music and dance from their own cultures, creating an amazing festival atmosphere.

I would like to say a huge 'merci' to all the staff who helped manage and supervise events and activities, with a special 'arigatō' to the Music Department for helping with the performances, and of course, 'terima kasih' to the LOTE department.

Mrs Jacinta Davie

Highlights from the Woodlea Campus

To celebrate International Week, the Woodlea Campus presented a rich and diverse program of activities. Students were treated to French karaoke, Batik fabric dyeing and performances from their peers showcasing Bhangra dancing, singing in native languages and even an item on the ukulele!

The Junior Parade provided a fitting end to a colourful and memorable week, with over fifteen countries represented by the Prep to Year Four students in costume.

The Greek Zorba dance was a particular highlight for students as they danced with their peers in circles and enjoyed a thoroughly immersive cultural experience.



Suzanne Kinsella, Head of Music P – Year 9

Physical Education and Health Report

School Sporting Grants – Football (Soccer) Victoria and Bowls Victoria

The Maddingley campus has been fortunate to receive a sporting schools grant for Soccer and Bowls in the recent allocation of sporting grants for schools. This has enabled the school to book a 4-week coach lead session for Soccer during Year 7/8 House Sport this term. These 60-minute sessions will enable students to learn and improve their skills in the sport of Soccer. The Bowls Victoria grant has enabled the school to acquire some new equipment for our Lifelong Physical Activities unit and for some of our recreational options in House sport.

AFL Primary Play Session

AFL Victoria will visit the Maddingley Campus in Term Two to conduct their Primary Play program during Physical Education classes over a 2-week period. These complimentary sessions will be conducted by AFL Vic coaches and further develop our student's knowledge, skills and game play within the sport of AFL.

VCE PE, HHD and OES Afterschool Class

It was great to see a large group of students attend the afterschool VCE class targeting PE, HHD and OES. This class will continue to be offered on a Thursday after school for those students wanting some extra assistance or further development in these subject areas. This class will run from 3:30pm to 4:20pm in room Q1 upstairs in the Gym.

WestVic Academy of Sport

Last Friday saw the initial session held at BMG for our WestVic Academy of Sport Scholarship athletes. They were run through their paces with a fitness test battery consisting of a 20m sprint test, vertical jump test, 505 agility test and the seated medicine ball throw. This testing data will be used as a baseline to their current programs and set some goals for their upcoming training block and competitive seasons.

VSAC Swimming

Congratulations to the nine swimmers that represented the school and competed for the ICCES Association in the Victorian Schools Association Competition (VSAC) Swimming carnival on Monday 8 May at MSAC. All competitors did an amazing job against many of the state's best swimmers in a highly competitive evening of swimming.

- **Nilay Sarman 9WB** – Open Freestyle relay, Open Backstroke relay, Open Breaststroke relay, 14 to 15 Medley relay, 14 to 15 Freestyle relay.
- **Taylor Miller 7I** – Open Backstroke relay, 12 to 13 Medley relay, 12 to 13 Freestyle relay, 50m 12 to 13 Individual Freestyle and 50m 12 to 13 Individual 50m Breaststroke.
- **Tanya Ding 8C** – 12 to 13 Freestyle relay, 12 to 13 Butterfly relay and 12 to 13 Individual 50m Butterfly.
- **Abbey Smith 7A** – 12 to 13 Medley relay, 12 to 13 Freestyle relay, 12 to 13 Individual 100m Freestyle and 12 to 13 Individual 50m Breaststroke.
- **Pravallika Tripurana 11I** – 16 Over Medley relay, 16 Over Freestyle relay, 16 Over Individual 100m Freestyle, 16 Over Individual 50m Backstroke and 16 Over Individual Breaststroke.
- **Benjamin Nolta 11F** – Open Freestyle relay, Open Backstroke relay and 16 Over Medley relay.
- **Thomas Smith 11B** – Open Backstroke relay, 16 Over Medley relay, 16 Over Freestyle relay, 16 Over Individual 50m Backstroke and 16 Over Individual 50m Freestyle.
- **Ethan Bloss 9I** – Open Freestyle relay and Open Backstroke relay.
- **Rodney Tang 9H** – Open Breaststroke relay, 14 to 15 Medley relay, 14 to 15 Freestyle relay and 14 to 15 Individual 50m Backstroke.

Bryce Durham, Head of Faculty: PE and Health

Student Wellbeing

Learning to Live with Change and Loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called *Seasons for Growth* which will commence in Term 3, 2023 at both our Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses.



This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision making, effective communication and support networks. Groups, which will be run each week in class time for eight weeks, are established based on age and are small in number, so places will be limited. Availability of the *Seasons for Growth* program will depend on interest at each Campus. If you think your child would benefit from *Seasons for Growth*, we encourage you to talk to them about participating in the program. More information about the program can be found at Good Grief <https://www.goodgrief.org.au/seasons-for-growth>.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is pleased to be able to offer this important program.

To express interest in your child participating in *Season for Growth*, please contact: Jillian Campey campeyj@bmg.vic.edu.au or Raigan Francis francisr@bmg.vic.edu.au at the Maddingley Campus or Paige Zerafa at the Woodlea Campus zerafap@bmg.vic.edu.au by **19 May 2023**.

Student Wellbeing Team

School Policies

A reminder that Parent and Student School Policies are accessible via the School Policies page in the Junior School and Middle School/Senior School Gateway in Schoolbox. Please contact Kerryn Browne if you require any assistance accessing the policies.

Ms Kerryn Browne, Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager

Middle School News

Global Studies in Action

Year 7 students have been hard at work in Global Studies building their Egyptian artefact replicas. They have spent the week presenting their handiwork to their peers and explaining the historical connection their artefact has to the real object. The students are to be congratulated on their creativity and ingenious use of household items to build such amazing models. I think we currently have more Egyptian artefacts at Bacchus Marsh Grammar than the Egyptian museum in Cairo!

Students in Year 8 are examining how Climate Change impacts communities both locally and internationally. They are currently studying how the subsidence of Jakarta is made worse by rising sea levels and how the Indonesian government is attempting to solve the problem by moving its capital to the island of Borneo. During Week 4, the Year 8 students will learn about how the Victorian Government is hoping to achieve "Net Zero" Carbon emissions by investing in the Carbon Capture and Storage project (CCS).



Richard Macaulay – Global Studies Teacher, Woodlea

Junior School News

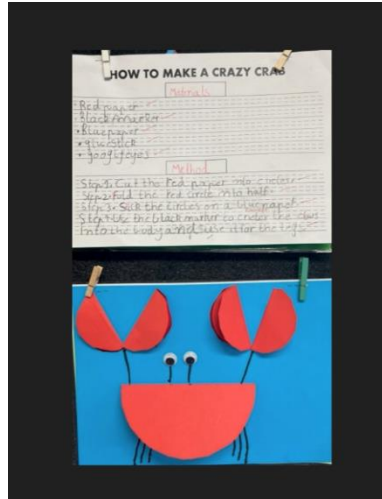
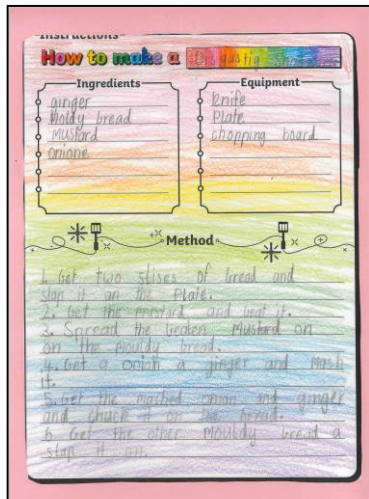
Junior School Writing



The students in Junior School at Woodlea have been exploring the way writing is used to communicate ideas. They have been studying the genre of procedure, identifying its purpose and imperative text structures and features including titles, subheadings, dot points, verbs and adverbs, just to name a few.

Engaged in their immersive experiences, students were able to demonstrate their developing understanding of sentence structures and present their work to exceptionally high standards. They used a variety of mentor texts, reading as writers, and were inspired by other authors.

Please find examples below from our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 writers:



Ms Courtney Williams, Deputy Head of Junior School (Woodlea)

Year 2 Information Technology - Maddingley

Students have been introduced to the computer programming application, 'ScratchJr'. They have been beginning to snap together graphical programming blocks to create short interactive animations. Throughout the rest of the term, they will utilise a variety of the application's features, such as backgrounds and sprites, as well as taking control of direction, speed and sound. Students are also able to access ScratchJr on the Digital Resources section on Schoolbox - [Schoolbox - Digital Resources - Junior School \(bmg.vic.edu.au\)](http://Schoolbox - Digital Resources - Junior School (bmg.vic.edu.au)).

They will also continue to focus on improving their touch-typing skills, using the program Typing Tournament. Please see the student diary for login details. We encourage students to practise the typing drills at home, via the Digital Resources section on Schoolbox.

Ms Melissa Pearson - Teacher

Year 3 Information Technology - Woodlea

This term in IT the Year 3 students have been practicing their touch-typing skills on Typing Tournament and have been experimenting with coding using ScratchJr.

Typing Tournament has allowed the students to become familiar with the home row on the keyboard to help them become faster and more confident typers. Whilst exploring ScratchJr students have created a range of scenarios that include characters doing flips, bouncing a basketball and singing songs.

They are excited for their 'coding challenge' each week and look forward to a term full of typing and coding.

Year 3 IT team



Year 4 Information and Communications Technology - Woodlea

Throughout Term 2 students have been learning about sprites, scripts as well as costumes and libraries within the ScratchJr online coding platform. They have had the opportunity to effectively write their own codes within the program, allowing their creativity to flourish. They have also continued to keep a focus on improving their touch-typing skills using the Typing Club resource during their ICT lessons.

Mr George Delic, Teacher

The Staughton Vale Club



The Staughton Vale Club are collecting Plastic Jars (with lids) for a Geocaching project.

Students and families are invited to donate empty and clean Peanut Butter Jars for the project. The jars can be delivered to the PE Office (in the Maddingley Gym). Thanks for your support.

Mr David Gorton, Head of Staughton Vale Campus

Events Calendar

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

Uniform Shop

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/>.

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](#).

Please note that Maddingley OSHC operates out of X6. They will still be accessing the playgrounds and the Gym, therefore families are encouraged to call on arrival to find out where students are located for pick-up - 0438 154 842.

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