

From the Principal

I would like to thank staff and students for a productive first term. It has been pleasing to see students working hard and school activities in full swing. It has been wonderful to be open, running as normal with a full range of activities.

At Maddingley and Woodlea campuses there are significant building works in progress. The Southern Sport Precinct, Library / Middle School Facility and Maddingley Fields Car Park are all moving along quickly. While at Woodlea, the Library / Senior School Facility is close to breaking ground and we look forward to seeing site works next term.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal



Easter Bonnet Parade



There was great excitement in Prep and Year 1 when our students demonstrated confidence as they paraded their colourful and creative Easter bonnets to teachers, parents and friends. We wish all families a safe and restful Easter break.

Junior School Team – Maddingley and Woodlea



Reminder: Term 2 commences on Wednesday 26 April 2023

Office Hours during the School Holidays

MADDINGLEY CAMPUS

Closed for the Public Holidays and reopening to reduced hours (9.30am to 3.30am) from Wednesday 12 April to 24 April.

WOODLEA CAMPUS

Closed over the school holidays and reopening on Wednesday 26 April.

Senior School News

Leadership Workshop



Last week saw some of Year 12 Captains and Perfects attend the Woodlea Campus for a Leaders' meeting with students in the Woodlea Junior and Middle School. This was a fantastic opportunity for both campuses to focus on what it means to be a leader at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, and is work we will continue to develop to ensure a consistent approach to leadership at both campuses. The Year 12 students thoroughly enjoyed their time at Woodlea and thrived when working with the younger students, answering their questions about what Year 12 is like and how they became leaders. It was a wonderful to see the Year 12

Leaders working with Junior and Middle School students. One of the highlights was the tour of the Woodlea campus hosted by some Year 4 students. We look forward to many more opportunities to collaborate with the leaders and staff at Woodlea.

See more images on [Schoolbox](#).

John Leaver Award – Ryan Dutson



We would also like to acknowledge Ryan Dutson who attended the John Leaver Award Ceremony in the city last week. Ryan was the 2022 winner of the Bacchus Marsh Grammar John Leaver Award and thus was invited to attend and deliver a speech at this prestigious event. Congratulations to Ryan on the wonderful delivery of his speech and the way he conducted himself on the day; it clearly highlighted why Ryan received this award.

Picture: Ryan with Mrs Leaver at the Award Ceremony.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and families a good term break.

**Mrs Erin Thornton – Head of Senior School : Maddingley &
Mrs Natalie Desira – Deputy Head of Senior School : Maddingley**

School Policies

The School's Complaints Handling Policy has been reviewed and updated. This document is available to view on the School Policies page in Schoolbox and on the School's website.

Ms Kerry Browne - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager

Camps and Experiences – Term 1

Year 5 Camp

The Year 5 camp is the first journey-based camp of our Middle Years' program. The students participate in:

- one day at the STV farm where they are engaged in a paddock to plate cooking session using fresh farm produce, yabbing in the dam and identifying and investigating macroinvertebrates.
- one day at the You Yangs regional park - mountain biking and hiking to the Big Rock, and
- one day at Anglesea enjoying a beach carnival.

Students spend one night in cabins and their first night in a tent. A thoroughly enjoyable action-packed adventure, where students spend time making new friends, building resilience and enjoying our beautiful outdoor environment we are so lucky to live near.

See more images on [Schoolbox](#).

Ms Rachel McMahon



Year 8 Camp

Recently, our Year 8 students had an opportunity to be part of an unique 3 day and 2-night recreational camp beginning in the Brisbane Ranges and ending at the Staughton Vale Outdoor Educational Centre.

The camp was a wonderful experience for our students, especially for those who experienced sleeping in tents and cooking dinner on a Trangia for the first time.

All students showed resilience when faced with challenges and worked cooperatively towards common goals. Students encouraged and supported one another to conquer tasks that were unfamiliar or challenging. Students can reflect on their Year 8 camp experience as another example of giving of their best effort, an important element of our theme – The Best of Us.

See more images on [Schoolbox](#).

Mrs Samantha Grant



House Activities

Woodlea House Athletics Years 7 to 9



On Friday 31 March, Woodlea students from Years 7-9 attended the Melton Recreation Athletics Track to compete in the Woodlea Athletics Carnival. The atmosphere was incredible, with House colours on full display and the competition close throughout the entire day.

Congratulations to Bacchus House which was victorious on the day and a further congratulations to the Year Level Champions on their efforts.

Thank you to all staff who attended and ran events, looked after a House, recorded results and marshalled students.

See more images from the event on [Schoolbox](#).

House Results

1st - 2377 points



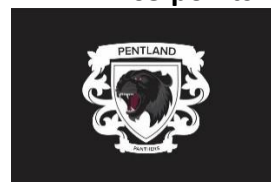
2nd - 2250 points



3rd - 2231 points



4th - 2205 points



Year Level Champions

YEAR LEVEL	MALE	FEMALE
7	Varoon Ravichandar – BA & Nathi Chote - HI	Inaya Khan - BA
8	William Zaccaria - BA	Abigail Pellow - BR
9	Aerone Tabotabo - BA	Jessalyn Kha - BR

Mr Evan Long – Coordinator: Head of Woodlea P to 9

Maddingley Junior School House Athletics – Years 3 & 4

On Wednesday 29 March, Year 3 and 4 students and staff had a wonderful day at the Junior School Athletics Carnival.

House spirit was a strong feature of the day, and students created and showcased House chants during the lunchtime break. This sense of team spirit carried over to all track and field events as students cheered on and supported one another in a great show of sportsmanship. During these events, students had the opportunity to perform the throwing, jumping and running skills that they have been learning in Physical Education classes throughout Term 1.

Year 6 House Captains should be commended for their leadership, help and support of students, as well as helping staff run events. Thank you, House Captains!

Students who threw, ran and jumped exceptionally well will have the opportunity to represent BMG at the BMPSSA District Athletics Carnival early in Term 2.

Well done to all staff and students who made this day such a success.

Year Level Champions and more images can be viewed on [Schoolbox](#).

Mrs Erin Bullen - Junior School Sports : Maddingley Campus



Maddingley Middle School House Athletics

Our Middle School Athletics Carnival was held on Wednesday 22 March at VU Sporting Complex in Hoppers Crossing. The weather was fantastic and set the scene nicely for a fantastic day. Students supported their House in relevant colours and costumes, creating a fabulous display of House spirit around the ground.

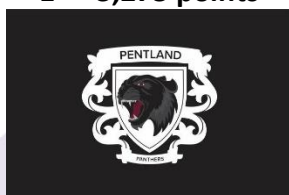
Congratulations to all students who attended, whether they competed in an event or cheered on their House. Congratulations also to Pentland House for winning this year's Carnival in a very close contest. A special mention to our Year Level Champions and record holders; **Leila Stegehuis** broke a long standing record (19 years) in the 400m event.

Mrs Debra Ogston – Deputy Principal

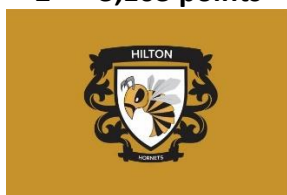
View more images from the event via [Schoolbox](#).

House Results

1st - 3,275 points



2nd - 3,103 points



3rd - 3,024 points



4th - 3,020 points



Age Group Champion

YEAR LEVEL	MALE	FEMALE
5	Harrison Lovett	Ava Bens
6	Jack Coy	Ruby Westhead
7	Patrick Lovett	Anika Tran
8	Aaryan Pandey	Mikayla Tito

Records

YEAR LEVEL	NAME	HOUSE	EVENT	RESULT
5	Harrison Lovett	Braeside	100m	13.66
			200m	30.92
6	Layla Mauriohoo	Hilton	100m	14.22
7	Eden Haymes	Pentland	1500m	5:22.25
8	Leila Stegehuis	Braeside	100m	12.76
			200m	26.79
			400m	1:07.57
	Tylar Forsyth	Braeside	100m	12.22



Maddingley Senior School House Athletics

Our Senior School Athletics Carnival was held on Monday 27 March at VU Sporting Complex in Hoppers Crossing. Whilst the weather was not ideal early in the day, we were fortunate that the rain held off for most of the afternoon. The atmosphere was electric, and students' behaviour and participation was positive.

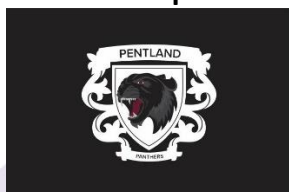
Congratulations to Pentland House for their narrow win over Braeside. A huge congratulations to all the Year Level Champions and record holders also.

Mrs Debra Ogston – Deputy Principal

View more images from the event via [Schoolbox](#).

House Results

1st - 3493 points



2nd - 3396 points



3rd - 3098 points



4th - 2659 points



Age Group Champion

YEAR LEVEL	MALE	FEMALE
9	Ethan Bloss	Mackenzie Estlick
10	Ethan Stegehuis	Emma Stewart
11	Kobe Shirra-Gibb	Amy De Wit
12	Thomas Bens	Indi Stanley

Records

YEAR LEVEL	NAME	HOUSE	EVENT	RESULT
9	Ethan Bloss Mackenzie Estlick	Hilton Hilton	1500m 400m Long jump	4:36.40 1:09.04 5.37m
10	Ethan Stegehuis Emma Stewart Keisha Tau	Braeside Bacchus Braeside	400m Long Jump Discus	55:90 4.72 25.78m
11	Tansy Seymour Nicholas Cassar Amy De Wit Pravallika Tripurana Ella Closter Katrina Tau Saoirse Aykens	Braeside Pentland Bacchus Braeside Pentland Braeside Braeside	1500m 1500m 100m 800m 400m Triple Jump Discus High jump	6:07.05 4:48.84 14.40 2:47.46 1:13.92 8.90m 29.02m 1.45m



Physical Education, Health and Sport

ICCES Athletics – Monday 1 May at Lakeside Stadium

Congratulations to all the students who have made the ICCES Athletics Team and will now represent BMG. The ICCES Athletics Carnival will take place on Monday 1 May and be held at the Lakeside Stadium at Albert Park. All students will be transported to the venue by bus which will leave Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Maddingley Campus at 9:45am and return to school at approximately 6:15pm. A permission slip will be emailed via Edsmart, with a team meeting to be held early next term. Please note: Year 9 High jump event will be finalised this week. The full list of competitors is accessible on [Schoolbox](#).

Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to **Justin Robins (9E)** on his selection for the Australian team to compete at the Oceania Karate Championships in Sydney on 5 May. Congratulations to **Mackenzie Estlick (9I)** who has been selected to compete for Victoria in the Australian Combined Athletics Championships to be held at Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne from April 21 – 23. Justin and Mackenzie are both athletes within our BMG Elite Sport program which has supplemented the training they are completing outside of school in their individual sports. We wish Justin and Mackenzie all the best for their upcoming competitions.

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

Middle School News

Congratulations to all Middle School students for their hard work throughout Term One. Our Year 5 students have transitioned well into a different sub-school and have embraced the new challenges of Middle School learning. Our Year 6 students continue to develop their knowledge, as well as their leadership skills and understanding of the School Values. We welcomed many new Year 7 students into the school in 2023. Students have now settled into the new routines and high expectations of the school and are ready to produce amazing work in Term Two. Our Year 8 students have also excelled in areas of leadership and role modelling for younger students, as well as upholding the School Values. Overall, Term One has been wonderfully successful and we wish to thank all students for their contributions to the community. We would like to wish all families a safe and happy Easter break. We look forward to the return of all students in Term Two.

Mrs Sarah Hunter – Deputy Principal & Head of Middle Schooling

Maddingley Leadership Seminar

Recently, the BMG leaders all attended an immensely enriching seminar as part of their leadership training. The seminar focused on teaching students about genuine leadership. These qualities included being the change you want to see in the world, speaking up for others, and not simply being a leader merely because you have a badge or title. We shared our own personal experiences with small examples of leadership and kindness, and included how important a simple smile or act of kindness can be. In this way, the seminar truly educated us on how small experiences shape leaders and how we can act similarly to others. We discovered that every individual's thoughts matter and that even the most seemingly insignificant forms of leadership matter. Our leaders then divided into two groups and engaged in a game that taught us that if everyone works together, things can be accomplished swiftly and easily - which was a successful approach for demonstrating how important teamwork is. We enjoyed the way the meeting was held by our mentor who was friendly and encouraged us to be the same towards others and only be the true version of ourselves. In the end, the meeting was advantageous and we all enjoyed and greatly benefitted from it.

Olivia Barwick & Wareesha Haq – Year 8 Literacy Captains

National Young Leaders Day

Maddingley students attended the 187th National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. We all had a great time listening to the inspirational speakers. All five speakers taught us to never give up on our dreams.

One of our favourite speakers was Candy Hertz, an international sports commentator who introduced us to the idea of Portfolio Careers (a way of inventing your career). She also told us some very important quotes, "Don't ever compare yourself to others" and "Be your own cheerleader."

Another great speaker was an entrepreneur named Amanda Johnstone. She won the Startup-Executive of the Year Award in 2019. She is the CEO of the website Transhuman.Inc, which helps kids get through hard times. After her talk, a funny author and comedian Nazeem Hussain came to the stage. He talked about how sometimes you can easily get distracted and how to deal with distraction, but most importantly he told us about how we need to stand up for what's right. He has even written a book called Hy-larious Hyena!

The last speaker was Robert "Dipper" Dipierdomenico, a very famous AFL player for Hawthorn. He talked about how you can never be hard on yourself and most importantly "Respect everyone's position in life." He told us a very major quote "Success is nothing, if you arrive at the finish line alone." Overall, it was a great day and the whole leadership team enjoyed the experience.

The National Young Leaders Day taught us a lot about leadership, thinking critically and perseverance. It was an amazing day and we can't wait to motivate other leaders in the school and bring back what we've learnt to the Maddingley Middle School Leadership Team.

Thank you to Mr McLaughlin and Miss Merry for the inspiring day.

Vivaan Ogale & Trisha Kapur – Year 6 Leaders



Year 7 Geography at Staughton Vale

The Year 7 geographers enjoyed a productive and rewarding day out at our Staughton Vale campus last week and both staff and students agreed it helped bring their geography course to life. Students were able to hone their skills with field sketches that took in the incredible landscape visible from the Staughton Vale observation deck, and data collection of potential bushfire risk in the surrounding Brisbane Ranges National Park. Year 7 students were also able to use their knowledge of 'place' to construct maps that imagined what the campus could look like in the future - although Mr Neal might have some questions about one student's idea for a helipad! The Year 7 cohort were our first geographers to go out to Staughton Vale this year and they will be followed by Year 8 who will be studying the landscape and topography of this ancient volcanic region, and Year 11 who will be examining the management of bushfire hazards.

Mr Richard Murgatroyd

Equestrian News



We are very excited to give students of Bacchus Marsh Grammar the opportunity to participate in the Victorian Interschool Equestrian Series throughout the year. Over the last few years, our team has grown significantly and our riders have been very successful in our Northern Zone and throughout the Victorian Equestrian Interschool School series. Equestrian is a sport with a lot to offer, with many opportunities for character building experiences, the opportunity to represent our school with pride and of course, a lot of fun with like-minded friends. Students of all ages will have the opportunity to compete against competitors from other schools throughout the year, in all disciplines, subject to the Interschool Equestrian calendar.

To join the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Equestrian Team, students must fulfil the following criteria.

- Have their own horse or pony.
- Parents must transport their child and horse to events, and supervise them throughout the duration of the event.
- Contribute throughout the year in helping the team run an event as our main fundraiser.
- Agree to abide by the Equestrian Team Code of Conduct.

If you meet the above criteria and would like more information, please contact Mrs Georgia Low at the Maddingley campus, email equestrian@bmg.vic.edu.au or visit [Schoolbox - Equestrian Team \(bmg.vic.edu.au\)](http://Schoolbox - Equestrian Team (bmg.vic.edu.au)).

Mrs Georgia Low – Equestrian Team Coordinator

Student Wellbeing

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar we are committed to providing parents and carers with information and tools to help support your children and young people to thrive. We would like to share with you relevant, trustworthy and resourceful organisations who may be able to support you on a range of issues impacting your child or young person.

Kidshelpline offers parents information on an extensive range of topics to help you support your child or young person. Topics covered include family, relationships, mental health, school, growing up, eSafety and more. To explore topics in more detail, please visit kidshelpline at <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents>.

Parentline offers confidential phone counselling and support for parents and carers of children from birth to 18 years. To learn more about Parentline, please visit <https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/parentline> or call 13 22 89 between 8am and midnight, every day.

Reach Out offers parents and carers information and support to help you and your teen feel better. Reach Out can help parents and carers connect with others in online forums, free and confidential one-on-one support with a professional family parent coach as well as provide self-help resources in the form of articles, videos and quizzes. To find out more, please visit Reach Out at <https://parents.au.reachout.com/>.

Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation which helps thousands of young people aged between 12 and 25 years, and their families access support. Headspace offers online and phone counselling services as well as access to Headspace centres which are located across Victoria and Nationally. To learn more about Headspace, please visit <https://headspace.org.au/>.

eSafety Commissioner offers parents tools and resources to help your children be safe when learning or playing online. The eSafety Commission provides short videos for parents as well as webinars, covering topics that include social media, online bullying and safe online gaming. They also offer information on parental controls and have downloadable resources. To find out more, please visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>.

Butterfly Foundation offers information and support to families impacted by eating disorders and body image issues. Butterfly operates a national helpline that includes support over the phone, via email or online by trained counsellors. Butterfly also offers parent webinars throughout the year. To find out more about the Butterfly Foundation, please visit <https://butterfly.org.au/>.

Student Support Team

Junior School News

What a wonderful first term we have had in Junior School!

Term 1 has been filled with many events. It was lovely to see many of our parent community attend information sessions, workshops and events provided throughout the term to help better understand how to support their child at home. Parent teacher interviews were an excellent opportunity for parents to gauge how their child is coping both socially and academically. Assemblies, incursions, excursions, sporting events and Staughton Vale trips have assisted our students in making genuine connections to their learning and developing a sense of pride in being a Bacchus Marsh Grammar student.

We thank the students for their hard work and commitment to our school values, to our teachers for their dedication and care in ensuring our students continue learning to the best of their ability, and finally to the parents, for fostering an enthusiasm and love of learning.

During the holiday break, we encourage all students to continue to engage in revising concepts that have been introduced throughout Term 1. The Family Engagement pages are an excellent source of ideas to continue the learning at home.

We also encourage you to assist your child with the holiday reading pack to practise the skills and strategies they have learnt throughout the term. Reading together with your child presents valuable and exciting experiences for all.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School : Woodlea & Mrs Lisa Foster – Head of Junior School : Maddingley

RESPECT

DISCIPLINE

CONFIDENCE

AMBITION

LEADERSHIP

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Tree Planting Tradition – Staughton Vale



The Woodlea 2023 Preps have begun a new tradition that will see both campuses plant a new tree at Staughton Vale each year. Each tree will have a plaque stating the year and which campus planted it. Each time they visit Staughton Vale, they will have an opportunity to go to their Lemon-Scented Gum tree and observe its changes. We are very fortunate to have a campus where students can take part in such activities. The

tree symbolises how the students will grow over the course of their time at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Each student had the opportunity to put dirt into the hole that was dug for our tree. We discussed what will happen to the tree now and how the tree may change. Students reflected on our theme in Global Studies and how they themselves have changed. They were each very excited to begin this new Bacchus Marsh Grammar tradition for years to come. We thank all the staff members involved in beginning this new tradition.

Woodlea Prep Team

Woodlea Music and Performing Arts News



During Term One at the Woodlea Campus, Junior School students were treated to an array of performance and learning opportunities in Music and the Performing Arts. Students were invited to participate in the Harmony Day Songwriting Competition, embraced performance opportunities at the Junior School assemblies and signed up to join one of our amazing ensembles. In our final Junior School Assembly the entire Year 4 cohort presented 'Rip up the Recipe' from Lyle, Lyle Crocodile, to enthusiastic applause!

Ms Suzanne Kinsella - Head of Music P - Y9



School Photos

School photos will be occurring in early Term 2 at both the Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses. All students from Prep Reception to Year 12 will have official school photographs taken throughout the scheduled school photo days. The photos will include individual student and school class group photographs. Unique student ordering codes and the school photo timetables will be emailed to families prior to the end of term.

Key Notes for 2023

- It is important for parents/guardians to note that you must register (or reregister) each year with Arthur Reed Photography when you receive your **UNIQUE STUDENT ORDERING CODE** for each of your children.
- BMG sibling photos will be coordinated by Arthur Reed Photography. Parents/guardians will be sent a BMG sibling photo registration link in their school photo information. This registration link will close the day prior to school photos commencing at each campus.
- BMG sibling photos will be limited to one session at each campus this year as per the dates below.

School photos are scheduled for the following dates:

Woodlea Campus	Maddingley Campus
1, 2 & 4 May – Woodlea Prep-Year 9 Leadership Photos & BMG Sibling Photos during Periods 1 & 2 ONLY – Thursday 4 May 2023	8 to 12 May – Maddingley Prep Reception to Year 12 Leadership Photos & BMG Sibling Photos during Periods 1 & 2 ONLY – Monday 8 May 2023

Uniform

Students are required to wear their **full winter school uniform**. The **full winter uniform** includes jumpers, blazers and ties for students in Years 5 to 12, and jumpers and ties for students in Prep Reception to Year 4. It is important that students are well groomed and neatly presented, including hairstyles, to be in line with the school's uniform policy as outlined in the student diary. A timetable for school photo dates will be placed on Schoolbox when information is sent to parents. **Please note the timetable is subject to change.**

Mrs Cathy Perconte – Events and Community Development Coordinator

Bus News

Maddingley Late Bus – Term 2

As of the start of Term 2 both Late bus 1 & Late bus 2 will not operate out of the Maddingley campus on a Tuesday afternoon. Late bus 1 & Late bus 2 will operate Monday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons only.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Events Calendar

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

Term Dates 2023

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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