



Legally Blonde the Musical

The curtains have closed, the applause has echoed but the vibrant energy of Bacchus Marsh Grammar's rendition of "Legally Blonde" still lingers in the air. This weekend's performance was a resounding success that left the audience captivated and inspired.

From the very first scene to the final bow, it was evident that the students poured their hearts and souls into each character. Their commitment and dedication to the roles they portrayed were nothing short of remarkable. The stage lit up with a burst of colours, catchy tunes and an infectious enthusiasm that kept the audience engaged throughout.

Behind the scenes, the collaborative efforts of the band, cast, crew and volunteers seamlessly came together to create a polished and professional production. The synergy among everyone involved was palpable, resulting in a seamless flow of scenes, impeccable costume changes and stunning set designs.

Several standout moments stole the spotlight, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of the audience. Whether it was the lead's powerful solos, the perfectly choreographed dance numbers or the witty dialogue that elicited uproarious laughter, each element contributed to the overall magic of the performance.

Beyond the dazzling lights and well-rehearsed performances, this production showcased the power of community support. Friends, families and members of the local community came together to cheer for the young talent; forging connections and creating cherished memories in the process.

The success of "Legally Blonde" by Bacchus Marsh Grammar students isn't just a triumph for the present; it's an inspiration for the future. It sets the bar high for upcoming performances, encouraging students to continue exploring their artistic passions and honing their skills.

As the curtains drew to a close on this remarkable chapter, the echoes of applause continue to resonate. Bacchus Marsh Grammar's rendition of "Legally Blonde" will be remembered, not only for its entertainment value, but also for its ability to bring people together, celebrate talent and ignite a passion for the performing arts.

To view more images from the production, please visit [Schoolbox](#).



Mrs Narelle Pritchard - Senior School Production Director

Legally Blonde the Musical 2023 – Cast and Crew



The Podium

Achieving Optimal Academic Performance – Learning conversations with your children

At present Bacchus Marsh Grammar School is conducting Middle and Senior School parent/teacher interviews both remotely and in person and recently our Junior School concluded their interviews with parents and students. But where to now?

Ongoing conversations about learning have the potential to help your child maximise their learning and success. Reflection on learning is essential for producing better outcomes for all and, to put it simply, “reflective practice” is a check in to make improvements.

Conversations about learning are important because:

- Time committed to conversations about learning indicates the value you place on learning.
- They enrich student learning and wellbeing.
- Parents are the first educators of their children.
- Learning is lifelong and occurs in many settings beyond school.
- Parent engagement shares the responsibility for learning.

Four Suggested Learning Conversations:

1. Learning focus

Understand what the topics, tasks and key focus areas are for your child. Rather than asking, “How was your day” be more specific, for example, “What were you learning about in English today?”.

2. Focus on growth

Prioritise talking about what went well, what was challenging, the strategies your child used, and what they learnt and will do differently next time. Try to focus on growth.

3. Support for learning

Have conversations with your child about how you, as parents, can support their learning. Is it about providing a study space, routine, reading the same novel or discussing politics? What would they like you to do to support their learning?

4. Successes and failures

Describe your strengths in learning, what you found challenging and how you resolved the challenge. Don’t ever say, “I hated Mathematics, or I hated PE”. We want our students to have confidence and to believe in their abilities. It is better to say, “I found PE challenging, but I always asked for help”. Share your stories of how you showed resilience when you were disappointed or how you celebrated your achievements.

Conversations about your child’s learning can happen at anytime and anywhere, however, the most important thing is that they do occur. Learning conversations are about sharing information and strategies rather than just giving information. They are about understanding students’ strengths and weaknesses, setting goals, and seeking a team approach - teachers, parents and students, to build learning success.

Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal Optimal Performance Learning

History Team Excels

In the spirit of celebrating academic excellence and the pursuit of knowledge, we are thrilled to share the remarkable achievements of our very own team of historians. Our talented students from Years 9 and 10 recently took part in the largest history competition held in Australia: The Australian History Competition. This annual competition allows students to measure their skills against peers from various corners of the country. The students represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar with distinction, achieving results well above both state and national average. Congratulations to all!

Year 9

**Madhav Sanjeev
Sharanya Damera**

Year 10

**Davesh Kalron
James Farren
Jessica Fisher
Kristian Andjic
Lillian Guerin
Lucas Harper**

Miss Agata Kula



Interzonal Chess Tournament

On Monday 28 August, a group of thirty-five students headed off to Macedon to participate in The Alice Miller Interzonal Chess Tournament. There were both primary and secondary competitors in the competition. All students engaged in playing seven matches across the course of the day.

At the end of a difficult day of competition, the secondary team finished fourth and the primary team finished second; missing out on first place by a single point.

Students were awarded a distinction if they won five or more matches out of seven matches. Distinction award winners on the day were: **Ethan Mendoza, Akshay Satish, Mahtab Singh, Shaurya Kaur and Jayson Dhanjal.**

Students were awarded a credit if they won four or more matches out of seven. Credit award winners were: **Arnav Sharma, Palaash Shah, Aayan Qazi and Arthav Jindal.**

Medallists on the day were: **Ethan Mendoza (Silver), Akshay Satish (Bronze) and Rakshita Vij (Bronze).**

Several students also placed so well that they qualified for the state finals. These students included: **Ethan Mendoza, Akshay Satish, Mahtab Singh, Shaurya Kaushal, Arnav Sharma, Palaash Shah and Aayan Qazi.**

Well done to all competitors on the day for an excellent performance.

Mr Cameron McGregor

PE, Health and Sport News

FV & SSAV Premier Schools Soccer Cup

Congratulations to our Senior Boys' team that took part in the Premier Schools Cup competition on Monday. The competition was held at Darebin International Sports Centre with a host of schools from around Victoria competing. BMG qualified by winning the ICCES Winter Tour and competed gallantly all day in a very high-level competition. The team finished with 1 win and 4 losses in some extremely close games within their pool. Thank you to Mr Castrignano for his work coaching and managing the team.



- Game 1 - St Francis Xavier Beaconsfield defeated BMG 1-0
- Game 2 - BMG defeated St Patricks College 2-1
- Game 3 - St Monica's College defeated BMG 1-0
- Game 4 - Marcellin College defeated BMG 3-0
- Game 5 - Xavier College defeated BMG 2-1

Hearld Sun Shield Div 2 AFL – Senior Girls

For the second year in a row the BMG Senior Girls' AFL team has qualified for the HSS Div 2 competition. This comes off the back of their undefeated run at the ICCES AFL carnival. The girls enjoyed playing at Highgate Reserve in Craigieburn and wearing the BMG Indigenous Jumper throughout the competition. BMG played 3 matches in their pool against Sacred Heart College, Salesian College and Penleigh and Essendon Grammar. They had two very close matches, however, they just couldn't get over the line for a win. They will gain an enormous amount of experience from the day and know that they are highly competitive with many schools around the state. Well done girls and thank you to Mrs Grinter and Mr Castrignano who coached the team.

Individual Sporting Performances

The 2023 Australian National Karate Championships were held in Perth from the 25-27 August. Three BMG students were part of the team representing Victoria, as well as one staff member, and all brought home medals with great results. *(Students pictured left to right below)*

- **Emilia Feketa** of Year 5 won bronze in her U12 Girls Kumite individual event.
- **Peyton Maier** of Year 8 won a silver medal in the U14 Girls Kumite Teams event for Victoria
- **Justin Robins** of Year 9 won gold (and National Champion title) in his Cadet Kumite individual division and a silver as part of the Cadet Male Kumite team for Victoria.
- **Mr Ben DeBortoli** also competed, winning bronze in his individual senior Kumite division, and gold as part of Victoria's Senior Male Kumite team.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE & Health



MPSSA Results

Congratulations to all competitors.

MPSSA Athletics – Overall Results – 17 September 2023

1. Arnolds Creek - 86 pts
2. Melton Christian College – 80 pts
3. Strathtulloh – 63 pts
4. Bacchus Marsh Grammar – 41 pts
5. Rockbank – 30 pts
6. Thornhill Park – 29 pts
7. Aintree PS – 26 pts
8. Toolern Vale 20 pts
9. St. Dominic's PS – 16 pts
10. Exford PS – 13 pts

Western Region Divisional Athletics Qualifying Students

	Student Name	TG	Age Group	Event(s) Qualified
1	Aarna Yada	4WC	9/10 Girls	Shot Put & 100m
2	Riaan Sachdeva	4WC	9/10 Boys	High Jump
3	Arshaan Kumar	6WC	11 Boys	High Jump
4	Zoravar Gahir	4WA	9/10 Boys	Shot Put
5	Imaanpreet Toor	6WB	12/13 Girls	Long Jump
6	Amanat Dhillon	6WA	11 Girls	Shot Put
7	Kaylah Patamisi	6WC	11 Girls	Discus
8	Amber Screen	6WA	11 Girls	800m
9	Anhad Rathore	6WA	11 Boys	200m

Western Region Divisional Athletics Relay Podium Places

9/10 Boys - 3 rd Place	11 Girls - 2 nd Place	9/10 Girls - 3 rd Place
Jaydrien Chand Yadish Prasanna Oscar Sismanovic Arjun Vashishta	Amber Screen Francesca Catipon Irene Kaur Armannjot Sidhu	Aarna Yada Sehaj Kaur Parini Modi Jasmine Jayasinghe

Mr Evan Long – Coordinator: Head of Houses/Head of PE (Woodlea)

Snow Australia Interschools - Victorian Championships

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is very fortunate to have three very talented athletes who have represented our school for the past eight years in the Snow Australia Interschools Victorian Championships at Mt Buller.

Summer Wray (11H), Kaylee Wray (10I) and Tayla Wray (9J) have not only competed against some of the best skiers in Victoria and Australia, but have experienced much success and brought back many individual and team trophies for our school.

This year, however, the girls have achieved unprecedented success. After an amazing few days racing, the girls are bringing Bacchus Marsh Grammar one perpetual team trophy and three individual trophies, as well as an array of medals. Congratulations to Summer, Kaylee and Tayla Wray – a just reward for all of their hard work and dedication to the sport.

Results are as follows:

ALPINE GS

Summer, Division 1 - 3rd Place

Kaylee, Division 2 - 2nd Place

Tayla, Division 2 - 1st Place

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Summer, Division 1 - 3rd Place

Kaylee, Division 2 - 5th Place

Tayla, Division 2 - 1st Place

Team Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Division 2 - 1st Place

MOGULS

Summer, Division 1 - 5th Place

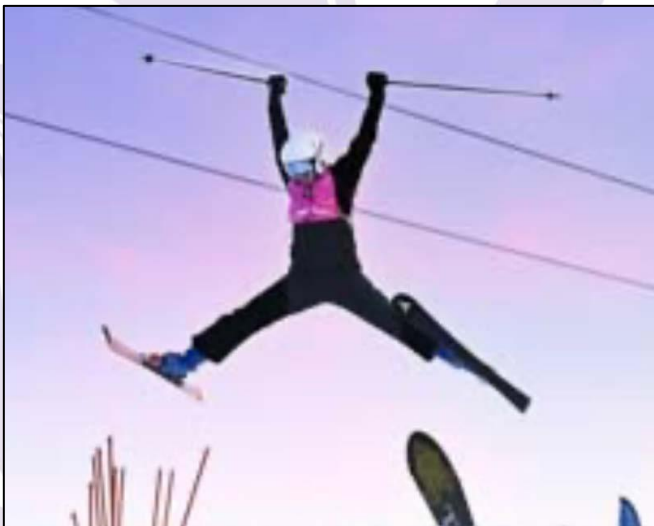
Kaylee, Division 2 - 18th Place

Tayla, Division 2 - 6th Place

Team Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Division 2 - 5th Place

And a huge congratulations to **Tayla Wray**, who won the Overall Victorian Female Champion of Senior School.

Mr Nick Sher - Snowsports Coordinator



Music News – Student Success

Throughout this year, **Stefania Robu** of Year 6 has participated in various Piano competitions across Victoria in Ballarat, Bendigo, Warrnambool and Melbourne. Stefania received 14 x 1st place, 2 x 2nd place, 4 x 3rd place and an honorable mention. Congratulations to Stefania for this outstanding achievement!

Mr Dean Thomas – Music Teacher



Woodlea ELC News



Literacy Week

Our theme for Literacy Week at BMG ELC was "Read, Grow, Inspire." This special week was filled with adventures, storytelling and laughter as our three Kindergarten programs immersed themselves as we focused on three captivating tales. Let's take a look at the wonderful activities that made this week so memorable for our children:

Rivergum Group - "The Paper Bag Princess"

Through the story of "The Paper Bag Princess" by Robert Munsch, our children discovered the power of bravery, kindness and resilience. They engaged in interactive storytelling sessions, wearing paper crowns and re-enacting the book's scenes. The children's creativity flourished as they designed their own Paper Bag princess outfits and shared their dreams of becoming courageous heroes.

Banksia Group - "What Will You Make Today"

In "What Will You Make Today" by Maura Pierlot, our children embarked on a journey, as the text aims to show children how their choices can effect change and make an impact in their own lives, in the lives of others and in the world. Together, the children shared and reflected on what they would "Make Today".

Wattle Group - "Bundjil Creation Story"

Our children were privileged to learn about Indigenous culture through the beautifully illustrated book "Bundjil Creation Story" by Carolyn Briggs Parbin-ata. This story encouraged our children to appreciate the land and respect its resources. We discussed the different animals and performed the dreamtime story and thereby bringing it to life.

Finally, our Kindergarten groups created costumes to represent each story and wore them proudly as they participated in the Woodlea Campus Book Parade. At BMG ELC, we believe that literacy is not merely the ability to read and write but also the ability to connect, imagine and understand the world around us. We witnessed the children's enthusiasm as they eagerly delved into each story, fostering a lifelong love for reading.

We want to thank the Year 4 leaders at Woodlea Campus who generously volunteered their time to participate in our kindergarten programs. They actively supported our Literacy Week by reading stories, watching our children retell the tales, and sharing our passion for literacy.

Mrs Ashlee Gero – Educational Leader/Kindergarten Teacher



Junior School – Literacy Week



This week, the Junior School, across both campuses, have been immersed in a variety of experiences to celebrate Literacy Week. This integral week, celebrated by the Children's Book Council of Australia, highlights the importance of reading and encourages our youngest readers to develop a lifelong love of literature.

Literacy Week gives us the opportunity to promote and explore the talented authors and illustrators here in Australia. Throughout the week, our students spent time immersing themselves in many of the shortlisted texts celebrating the success of Australian writers.

In all Junior School classrooms, students were inspired by our guest speakers who came to share their personal journeys as authors and illustrators.

Prep: Lucinda Gifford

Year 1: Mark Carthew

Year 2: Claire Saxby

Year 3: Mark Wilson

Year 4: 100 Story Building Experience

Through these visits our students demonstrated our school values with pride, attentively listening and participating enthusiastically in all activities. They became their own authors and illustrators, brainstorming ideas and allowing themselves to be creatively adventurous.

During lunchtimes, students attended the many co-curricular experiences on offer that highlighted this year's theme **READ, GROW, INSPIRE.**

They made glass dream jars and origami bookmarks. They also engaged in readers' theatre experiences, showcasing their fluency and adding dramatization to familiar stories. Students learnt about the process authors and illustrators cycle through when making quality literature, and built a deep understanding of author's craft. A highlight of the week was our STAR program, in which some students listened to the familiar story 'Where the Wild Things Are' read in French. This experience allowed students to cement their understanding that reading is universal and that all over the world, children everywhere enjoy books.

We look forward to sharing in next week's newsletter each campus celebration of Literacy Week Dress Ups.

Spotlight on Woodlea Year 3

The Year 3 students revelled in all the exciting Literacy Week activities this week. A major highlight was undoubtedly the spectacular Literacy Week Parade in which students ranging from Prep to Year 4 delighted in flaunting their remarkable costumes and imaginative portrayals of characters from a diverse array of literary genres.

Inside the classroom, students engaged in a variety of educational activities designed to capture the essence of reading and the sheer joy that stems from immersing oneself in the world of literature. Numerous students enthusiastically participated in Co-curricular classes, engaging in activities that deepened their love for reading and expanded their literary interests.

The students had the privilege of engaging in an interactive session with the esteemed author, Mark Wilson. This session beautifully complemented the ongoing author study that the students are currently immersed in and further exposing them to the captivating works of Mark Wilson.



Junior School Teams – Maddingley & Woodlea

Upcoming Musicals - Ticket Sales

Annie Jr the Musical

Get ready to experience the heartwarming tale of "Annie Jr." as Bacchus Marsh Grammar Middle School proudly presents this beloved musical. Join us on a journey filled with hope, resilience, and the power of friendship.

Set in the vibrant world of New York City during the Great Depression, this production will transport you to a time when dreams were everything and love could change lives. Through unforgettable songs, vibrant choreography, and heartwarming storytelling, this production will leave you

believing in the power of dreams, the strength of friendship, and the unwavering spirit of optimism. Join us as we celebrate the indomitable Annie and the extraordinary journey, she undertakes to find love, family, and a place to call home.

Let the magic of "Annie Jr." inspire your heart and leave you with a lasting smile.



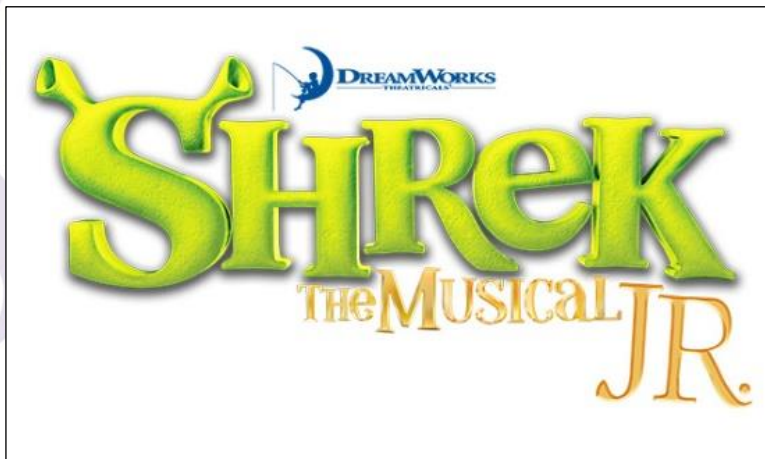
When: 14 and 15 September 2023 at 7.00pm

Where: The Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

Tickets: <https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bacchus-marsh-grammar-presents-annie-jr/>

Shrek Jr the Musical

We are thrilled to present DreamWorks 'Shrek the Musical JR!' Step into the Clocktower to be transported to a fairytale adventure where you will see Shrek, Princess Fiona, Donkey and many of the other beloved characters come to life on stage. Follow the journey of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey as he attempts to deliver Princess Fiona back to Lord Farquaad before sunset, with the unwelcomed companionship of Donkey. The theatrical talents of the students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar truly capture this well-known narrative which has endured for more than 20 years, capturing more hearts along the way.



When: 5 and 6 October 2023 at 7.00pm

Where: The Clocktower Centre, 750 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

Tickets: <https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bmg-shrek-jr/>

Note: Children's Policy: Children under the age of 18 months may sit on someone's lap, without requiring a ticket. All children under the age of 18 years old need to be accompanied by an adult guardian or parent. Anyone under 15 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult seated next to or near them.

Co-Curricular

Indoor Plant Propagation

These plants are just some of the indoor varieties that students have propagated at a Monday lunchtime co-curricular activity. So far, we have propagated new plants by stem cutting and dividing. We would be delighted to take donations of cuttings of indoor plants from anyone who can spare them. Students could bring donations to my office in the U-Block.

Ms Celia Patterson – Head of Faculty: Humanities



2023 ICAS Assessments

All ICAS Assessments for 2023 have been completed.

ICAS will send student certificates to the school for distribution, which contain a log in code for parents to access their child's results portal.

Once the school receives the ICAS certificates, we will provide an update on their distribution via Schoolbox and BMG eNews. It is not likely that the certificates will arrive this term.

For past ICAS participants, you may be able to access the results portal using your 2022 certificate log in code.

Mrs Casey Ryder – Executive Assistant: Maddingley

The Premier's Reading Challenge is open to all students: Prep to Year 12

The Challenge ends on September 8 2023 – which is next Friday!

Students who complete the Challenge must advise Mrs West either via an email from a parent or a signed printout of their completed Challenge list. The entry will then be verified.

Students who have recently completed the Challenge: Aqeil Mohamed Shahul Hameed 3WA, Arjun Chatter 3D, Avyan Mathur 3D, Snigdha Mannem 5C, Vaishnavi Poduri 8WB, Arabella Riepsamen 8G, Avyaan Kansal 3WD, William Cusmano 7A.

Mrs Feona West: Teacher-Librarian

Bus News

Hillside Private Bus Service

A broadcast was sent to parents (Wednesday 30 August) of students who travel on the HILLSIDE bus with an updated Timetable. The new times will be effective as of **Monday 4 September 2023**. Parents and students, please make yourself aware of the new times on this route.

Private Bus Travel 2024

We are currently rolling over students from 2023 private bus travel to 2024 private bus travel.

If your child/ren's current bus travel arrangements are going to change or require to be changed (eg moving house, will not require private bus travel) for 2024, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au to discuss this change. If your child/ren do not require a private bus service in 2024 and parents do not advise us, your child/ren will be allocated to private buses and fees will apply.

Allocated Roll Call Stops

If you have changed your child/ren's stop where they board or disembark as a permanent change, and have not notified the school, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au. This information needs to be up to date on roll call for emergency services and will assist in the planning for 2024 routes/timetables.

Country Bus Travel 2024 – Eligible and fare paying for Maddingley Campus

Applications for Permission to Travel forms have been sent to families, via Edsmart notification to parents of children who are eligible to travel on a country bus to the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Maddingley Campus in 2024. Application forms are due back by Friday 1 September 2023. 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 2024.

Late Bus Service

A reminder that students who require transport home via a late bus service **MUST** sign up for the late bus before the end of lunch on the day of travel. Failing to sign up before the end of lunch may result in children not being able to travel. If students sign up for the late bus, then decide they **DO NOT need to** travel home but do not advise main reception to remove their names from the late bus list, they will be charged a fee of \$15.00.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

2024 Term Dates

The 2024 Term Dates have been published on the [school's website](#).

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 Onsite 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](#).

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SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10

9am with the walk beginning at 10am
Woodend Children's Park

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

Walking to Raise Awareness

REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN

Creating Hope Through Action

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY



to pre-register please email suicidepreventionwalk@mrspag.com.au
with registrations open on the day from 8:30am
for more details visit www.mrspag.com.au or 