

## From the Principal

Please be advised that there are expected disruptions to the Main Car Park at Maddingley Campus through the School Term Break and into Term 4, as the Library/Middle School building and the Southern Sports Precinct enters into their final stages of work.

The East Maddingley Road entrance to the car park and some car spaces in this area will be impacted to allow contractor access.

I apologise for the disruption and thank families for their patience on the completion of these projects.

I am very happy to inform Woodlea families that temporary fencing has been erected and construction has commenced on the Library/Senior School building.

I would like to thank all students and staff for their work this term. May you all enjoy the term break and come back refreshed ready for Term 4.

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal



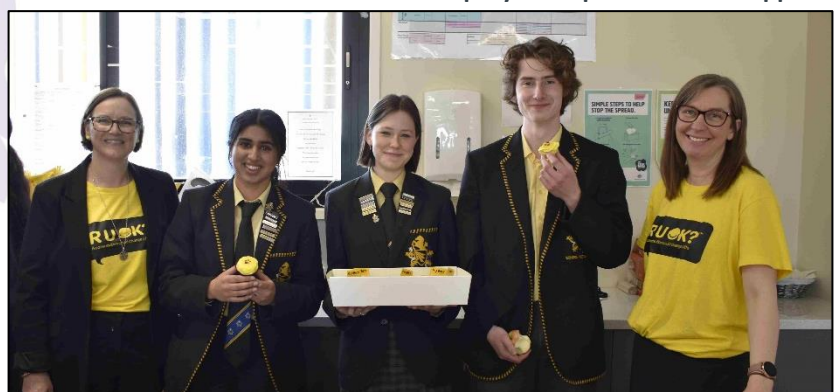
## RUOK? Day

RUOK? Day (14 September) was created by an Australian non-profit organisation focused on suicide prevention initiatives. The focus of the day is to promote support systems via conversations, ensuring those we care about, work with and teach know they are valued and that we all know it can be hard to manage life's ups and downs.

Of course, the message of RUOK? Day extends to any day as an opportunity to check in with someone. RUOK? Day does, however, point a spotlight on the strategies and resources available toward building skills to ask the question, RUOK? There are great resources to promote this message for both students and staff [here](#).

We thank you all for embracing the message of this day and wearing and sharing the colour yellow as part of its recognition.

Mrs Rosalind Pittard – Deputy Principal – Student Support



## Administration News

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### Term Break - Office Hours and Start of Term 4

As per the 2023 [Term Dates](#), all BMG students commence Term 4 on Tuesday 3 October.

#### Maddingley Campus Office Hours

Please be advised that during the Term Break from Monday 18 September to Thursday 28 September, the Main Administration Office hours will be from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Note: Friday 29 September is a public holiday. Normal office hours resume on Monday 2 October.

#### Woodlea Campus Office Closure

The Woodlea Administration Office will be closed to the public from Monday 18 September to Friday 29 September. It will reopen on Monday 2 October.

## Exams & Academic Week

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At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, internal exams are completed semesterly by students in Years 7-11. Exams are only one of the assessment types used to measure the students' academic achievements, but they are an important one. Among their many benefits, they provide a fair assessment, prepare students for VCE, and indeed prepare them for the many rigours of life after school, such as tertiary education, entrance exams for many career paths, etc.

As such, **it is the School's expectation that students participate in the semesterly exams**. So that families can be prepared and avoid holidays during exam times, please find below the dates of the 2023 and 2024 exam blocks.

To ensure fairness for all, please note that if your child misses an exam without sufficient reason, they may be awarded a 'not submitted' for the missed exam which will impact their overall grade. In addition, if a child misses both the Semester One and Semester Two exams, they will not be eligible for academic awards.

When students are unavoidably absent for days within the exam block, the School has systems in place to support students to complete catch-up exams upon their return. If a student is absent for the entire exam block due to unavoidable reasons such as illness, discretion will be applied to ensure there is no unfair academic penalty.

#### Exam Dates

Semester Two, 2023: Wednesday 15 – Friday 23 November

Semester One, 2024: Thursday 6 – Friday 14 June

Semester Two, 2024: Wednesday 13 – Thursday 21 November

#### Academic Week

Students are also compulsorily expected to attend school for Academic Week which will occur between 29 July – 2 August, 2024. During this week, the school takes important measures to ensure all students are receiving appropriate support to achieve their full potential, including academic testing and review of intervention programs.

If parents are planning a family holiday during Academic Week, they are requested to please contact [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au) to ensure appropriate arrangements are put in place.

**Mrs Emma Kannar: Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning**

## Reports

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At the conclusion of each semester, we provide parents with a formal report that provides important information about each student's academic performance, their approach to studies and attendance. In addition, teacher comments on the reports provide information about each child's involvement in the school community, strengths, improvement areas and, importantly, strategies to support the identified next steps for improvement.

The semesterly reports supplement the range of other ways that the School communicates with parents about their child, including parent-teacher interviews, contact with teachers, Schoolbox and celebrations of learning in the weekly BMG newsletter.

Previously, reports have been provided in both digital and hardcopy formats. **As a result of community feedback, we will be providing reports in digital format only, as the default.** If parents still wish to receive a paper copy, they may request this by emailing: [reports@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:reports@bmg.vic.edu.au).

We trust that families will appreciate this more convenient format which has the added bonus of reducing our environmental footprint.

**Mrs Emma Kannar: Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning**

## Senior School News

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As Term 3 draws to a close, it is a good chance to reflect on the last week of term. The last week of Term 3 is always a busy one with much to complete before the holidays, and the change in weather has certainly got us all thinking about holidays. This week, our Year 9 and 10 students have been completing activities from our Development Program.

Year 9 students have alternated between being on camp on the Surf Coast and completing interview skills and work-ready learning at school. Our Year 9 students have really had the weather on their side for camping and walking along the coast.

Year 10 students have been involved in a four-day work development course that was conducted by Maxme. This course focused on preparing students for life beyond school, but also skills they will need to navigate the next few years of their lives.

Year 11 and 12 students have been completing SACs and assessment tasks, with the end of Term 3 notoriously busy in an academic sense. Students who are completing a Unit 3/4 subject will have been sent a holiday revision class timetable and, for Year 12 students, additional information about the practice exams that will be conducted on Monday 2 October (staff day).



A reminder that no buses will run on the first Monday of Term 4 and that Year 12 students will be responsible for getting themselves to and from school on this day. Year 12 students should be using these holidays to really make a strong start in examination revision and ensuring they are ready and organised to tackle their examinations.

I would encourage all students to get their summer uniform out over the holiday break to ensure it fits and is ready for Term 4. We wish all students and families an enjoyable break.

**Mrs Erin Thornton and Mrs. Natalie Desira.**

## Metaphysics Incursion Woodlea

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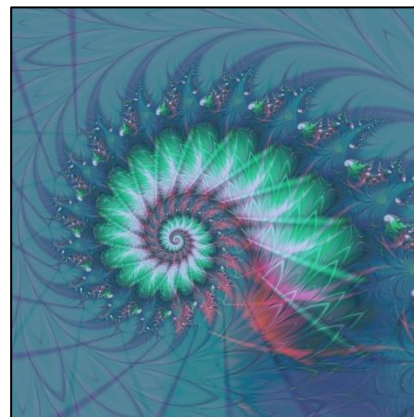
On 6 September, an abundance of students from Year 8 were selected to participate in a Metaphysics incursion to enhance their knowledge on the philosophical branch of Metaphysics. This session aimed to give students an opportunity to understand both personal and religious perspectives of Metaphysics, which is the next topic the Year 8 students will be learning about.

For the incursion, the school invited a Jewish faith leader and a Muslim faith leader to come to our school to talk to and educate the Year 8 students about how Metaphysics relates to religion and how religion can change an individual's perspective of Metaphysics.

Metaphysics is a concept of what is beyond our world and beyond our senses and perception. This branch of philosophy discusses how the world first came about, what our purpose really is and what conscientious really is.

During this session, students were split up into three groups and rotated through three different stations with each station having a faith leader or a teacher to lead the group. In each station, students asked questions about the concept of metaphysics and the faith leader or teacher answered them through both a religious and personal perspective. In addition to this, students took notes so they can present their knowledge to their CCT (critical and creative thinking) class, as they are now ambassadors of the study of metaphysics at BMG.

I would like to thank the faith leaders who took time out of their schedule to make this incursion possible and I would also like to thank all staff who were involved in arranging this wonderful incursion.



Aarya Sahu 8WE

## Spotlight on Junior School Maddingley Science

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Term 3 in Junior School Science at the Maddingley Campus has been busy! From classroom laboratories, National Science Week activities to Co-Curricular, our junior scientists have been busy exploring and making sense of the world around them. Here's a breakdown of what we have been studying this term:

Our youngest, little geniuses in Prep A have been learning about the organs of the human body, including the lungs, heart, brain, liver, intestines and stomach. They have discovered the location, function and capabilities of our most vital organs for survival such as the Respiratory, Digestive and Circulatory Systems. Prep A has loved learning about how the lungs take oxygen from the air we breathe, how the liver cleanses the blood, and how nutrients from our food are absorbed into the bloodstream through the walls of the small intestine.

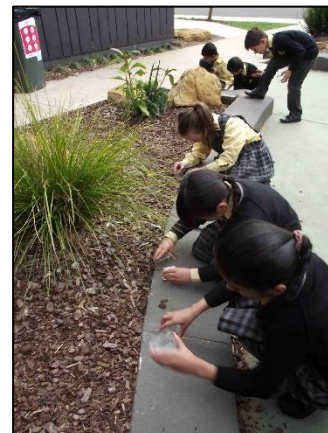
### Prep

This term our little Prep scientists have been discovering the world of materials. We have spent time exploring our school and environment looking at what objects are made from and the words we can use to describe them. All the Preps loved our excursion to Staughton Vale, where the focus was to compare things that were natural to those that were man-made. A highlight in the classroom was the challenge to build a house that was strong enough to withstand the huffing and puffing from the teacher! This lesson was based on the story of The Three Little Pigs. The groups that were given the Lego knew that they had the advantage over the groups that were given cotton balls! The children all enjoyed discovering the world around them this term.



## Year 1

The Year 1s are halfway through our Biological Sciences unit and have now completed our Schoolyard Safari in which we explored the types of living creatures in our schoolyard, mapped the location of their habitats, learnt about their external features, and recorded a detailed investigation record of their experience. A highlight of the unit was looking at the unique anatomy of the worm and comparing the external features of ants and worms.



## Year 2



Wow what a term it has been for Year 2 Science! Students have participated in an experiment nearly every week. We have been focusing on soundwaves, pitch and sound vibrations. Students have observed sugar crystals dancing from the vibrations created by our voice, rulers vibrating to create different pitch sounds and coloured



water making different pitch sounds based on how much water was in each glass. Students had a great time making telephone cups to talk to their friends and take home to test with their family. We have had a wonderful term and look forward to Term 4.

## Year 3



Year 3 students have been focusing on Chemical Science. They have explored the concept that everything around them is composed of matter which can exist in three primary forms: solid, liquid and gas. Interestingly, some unique substances like Oobleck can exhibit properties of both a solid and a liquid simultaneously. Throughout this period, there were several highlights including experiments involving the application of heat to induce changes in the state of matter among these forms. Additionally, they delved into the distinction that certain alterations in matter can either be reversed or be permanent.



## Junior School Maddingley Science continued...

### Year 4

The Year 4 students have been exploring the properties of materials that we use in our daily lives to create items such as clothing, gloves, bags and packaging materials. We completed numerous experiments to test the tensile strength, absorbency, decomposition, and the importance of

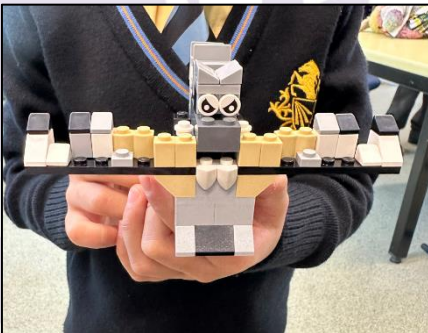


maintaining consistent variables to ensure a test or investigation is fair and accurate. We have now completed the unit by combining our knowledge of materials and their properties to design, create,



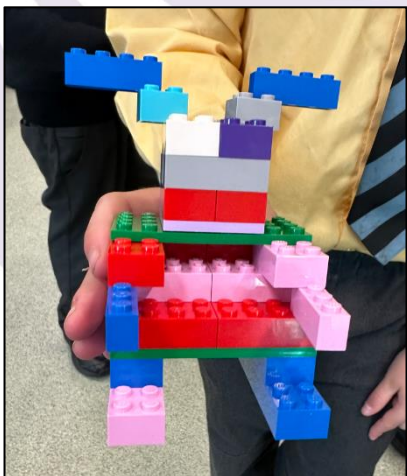
test and evaluate a packaging product to post a choc chip cookie interstate without damaging the biscuit inside. A highlight was testing the impact of a rock dropped from varying heights when it collided with a biscuit with different materials to protect the biscuit.

### STEMastic Co-Curricula:



STEMastic Co-Curricula: Our STEMastic students have been working on a range of different challenges during Term 2 and 3 on a Wednesday lunch time (this has now been moved to Monday lunch time). STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and we discussed and went through each of these. Students then had the opportunity to create a design brief and they needed to design and plan to build a boat using different equipment in the art room - then they had to waterproof it so that it would float in a tub of water. This was amazing to watch and to see their ideas and imaginations come to life. We have also completed some Lego

challenges: students had to build a robot using the smallest amount of Lego, they had to make their initials in block letters with Lego and also had to build a house using only three pieces of paper. Their engagement, enthusiasm, trial and error and problem-solving skills have been amazing to watch.



## Junior School Maddingley Science continued...

### Little Einsteins Co-Curricula:

Little Einstein's Co-Curricula: Little Einstein's scientists have been meeting every Wednesday lunchtime throughout Term 2 and 3 to learn about the celestial bodies in our Solar System. We have explored the first four planets of our solar system and completed an in-depth profile on each. They have expressed their artistic side to represent the galaxy, create a 3D model of our Earth, and built a model of a black hole.



Junior School Team – Maddingley

## PE, Health and Sport News

### Ultimate Frisbee High School Championships

On Wednesday 6th September, 23 senior students, representing two teams, competed against some of the best schools in Victoria at the Ultimate Frisbee High School Championships held at Royal Park. After pool rounds, with 3 wins and 1 loss for the girls team, and 1 win and 2 losses for the boys team, both teams qualified for the bronze medal matches.

Unfortunately, it wasn't our day, with the boys going down by 4 points to a strong Caulfield Grammar and the girls narrowly going down to Elwood Secondary by 1 point. Both teams should be congratulated on their exemplary representation of the school's values of discipline, ambition, respect and kindness, in a sport that is self-umpired by those on the field, and on a day that could only be described as the worst conditions for ultimate frisbee as the prevailing wind was relentless all day. A big thank you to Mr Castrignano, Mr Oldaker and Mrs Garner for training and coaching the teams.



Mr Bryce Durham – Head of Faculty: PE & Health

## Woodlea – Term Three Review

### MPSSA District Athletics – 17 August – Bridge Road Athletics Track

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 MPSSA Athletics Team who came home with a respectable 4th place result at the District Athletics. Each student should be ecstatic with their individual performances that contributed to the team's overall result. Congratulations to the individuals who were selected to represent BMG Woodlea at the Western Ranges Divisional Athletics after finishing in the top 2 places for their events.

#### Overall Results

1. Arnolds Creek - 86 pts
2. Melton Christian College – 80 pts
3. Strathulloh – 63 pts
4. BMG Woodlea – 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 Ranges 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	Zora 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 <sup>rd</sup> Place	11 Girls - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	9/10 Girls - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Jaydrien Chand	Amber Screen	Aarna Yada
Yadish Prasanna	Francesca Catipon	Sehaj Kaur
Oscar Sismanovic	Irene Kaur	Parini Modi
Arjun Vashishta	Armaanot Sidhu	Jasmine Jayasinghe

#### Western Ranges Divisional Athletics 7 June – Bridge Rd Athletic Track

Below are the results of the athletes who represented BMG Woodlea at the Western Ranges Divisional Athletics meet. They should be incredibly proud of their efforts as the competition was at a high level. Below are the individual results.



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

### MPSSA Year 5&6 Basketball Wednesday 30 August - Cobblebank Stadium

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 BMG Woodlea Basketball Teams who represented the school with great pride at the MPSSA Basketball Tournament.

Both teams were competitive in every match; falling short in a couple of games but winning the others with close score lines throughout the day.

Thank you to the coaches, Miss Stanley, Niamh McCallum and Deanna Rubino who assisted on the day.

Boys – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Girls – 4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Andile Mahwendepi – 6WC	Gurmehar Mahar – 6WB
Ayden Gauci-Burns – 6WA	Kaela Funston – 6WC
Guramanat Bhullar – 6WA	Mackenzie Sharp – 6WC
Harjap Singh – 5WC	Ishmeet Kaur – 5WA
Hrishaan Upneja – 6WC	Sehaj Kaur – 5WC
Joseph Stephens – 5WA	Sharan Kaur – 6WA
Niket Shiva – 6WC	Anahita Anand – 6WA
Shreyas Tallavajhala – 5WA	

### Basketball Year 3/4 Gala – 8 September – Cobblebank Stadium

The Year 3/4 teams for Boys & Girls both finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their pool and just missed out on the semifinals. The games were played with a great spirit of sportsmanship and friendly competition. Both teams walked away with 2 wins and 2 losses.

Thank you to Mr. Delic and Niamh McCallum who coached throughout the day.

GIRLS	GIRLS	BOYS	BOYS
Shyla Adhikari (3WA)	Inaya Blouria (4WA)	Ethan Hughes (3WC)	Adi Singla (3WD)
Ahana Dali (4WA)	Ruby Amatya (4WD)	Riaan Sachdeva (4WC)	Nuv Mehta (4WB)
Lathika Unnikrishnan	Alisha Ahmed (4WD)	Soni Sharma (4WB)	Japvir Nijjar (4WD)
Addison Corso (3WA)	Srihitha Nadipalli (3WB)	Zora Gahir (4WA)	

## Woodlea – Term Three Review Continued...

### Futsal Tournament

On 22 August, students from Years 4-6 were privileged to represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar in the State Qualifier Futsal Competition held at the Whitten Oval Sporting Complex.

Wearing the brand new Woodlea Sports uniforms and playing a variety of schools from around the region, both teams came away with great results and high-quality individual efforts. The 5/6 teams both fell short of the final by placing third in their respective pool, but should be incredibly proud of their efforts on the day.

Both teams in the Years 3/4 tournament came away with tremendous victories in their respective Grand Finals. The boys won 3-1 after being dominant throughout the group stage games and the girls fought back from losing their first game to defeat the same team in the final in a tight 1-0 tussle. Both teams now go on to the State Futsal tournament to be held in Term 4. Congratulations once again.

Thank you to Mr. Taravillo, Miss Espino, Mr Delic and Mr. Long who trained and coached the teams.

Grade 4 Boys	Grade 5/6 Boys
1. Evan Lin (4WA)	1. Joseph Stephens (5WA)
2. Sidak Dhillon (4WA)	2. Arnav Avinash (5WA)
3. Oscar Sismanovic (4WA)	3. Ciaran Grieve (5WB)
4. Nuv Mehta (4WB)	4. Akshay Satish (6WB)
5. Arjun Vashishta (4WC)	5. Vihaan Sundriyal (6WB)
6. Mason Jankulovski (4WD)	6. Karas Zakhary (6WB)
7. Jared Simm (4WD)	7. Adit Baddam (5WC)
	8. Karos Ghobros (5WA)
	9. Shashank Bijinipally (5WA)
Grade 4 Girls	Grade 5/6 Girls
1. Hayley Patel (4WA)	1. Mehreen Gill (5WB)
2. Lathika Unnikrishnan (4WB)	2. Amanat Goraya (5WC)
3. Harliv Kaur (4WB)	3. Ekamjot Kaur (6WC)
4. Ridhima Jaju (4WB)	4. Irene Kaur (5WC)
5. Sajjal Dhillon (4WB)	5. Pari Sharma (5WA)
6. Aarna Yada (4WC)	6. Mackenzie Sharp (6WC)
7. Shanuki Kuruppu (4WC)	8. Grace Sidhu (5WB)



## Clay Shooting

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Hayley Carlesso and Nicholas Cassar are the first BMG students to qualify for the Victorian Clay Target Association Schools State Final. Both students are to be commended for their efforts at the final held on 4 September. The forecast high wind gusts were a concern, but Echuca turned on its charm and produced ideal competition conditions. Hayley's excellent form resulted in her achieving second place. A stellar result!

The journey that led Hayley and Nicholas to the state final began on Tuesday 1 August when the Bacchus Marsh Grammar clay target shooting team participated in the South East Zone School Clay Target Championship.

The efforts of the BMG team produced our strongest South East Zone competition results in nine years.

Congratulations to:

Nicholas Cassar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Senior Boys
Hayley Carlesso	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Senior Girls

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place School Team</b>
Thomas Morton
Blake Elcoat
Blair Copeman
Hayley Carlesso
Nicholas Cassar

Next year, all team members, except for Harry Peterken, will be in their final year of schooling at BMG. For the team to continue beyond 2024, it is essential that we attract new and junior members to the BMG clay target shooting team. The team welcomes all students between the ages of 12 and 18 years.

The BMG clay target shooting team would like to thank all those who helped us participate in shooting events - the event sponsors, hosts and teams of volunteers.

A huge thank you to Ian Urch and the Werribee Victorian Clay Target Club. Every year, Ian offers our team training and goes "above and beyond" to assist all students who have little or no prior experience to prepare for the competition.

The biggest thank you goes to our parents who selflessly take a day off work to drive our team and their equipment to the Frankston clay target club.

**Mr Rohan Bryan – E-Learning Coordinator**

## RMIT Young Astronaut Program

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In Week 9 of Term 3, five Year 7 and 8 students from Maddingley and Woodlea; Aaban Ahmed (7E), Vidushi Nandal (7B), Akashdeep Singh Dhillon (7I), Arshveer Singh Kumar (8B) and Surya Sureshkumar (8WC) took part in the prestigious RMIT Young Astronaut Program. These young, aspiring students were given insights into the future of Space. Their participation in this program is a testament to their dedication, passion for science and commitment to exploring the wonders of Space.

Throughout the week, our students engaged in a series of activities that challenged their knowledge and skills. They had the opportunity to use a program developed by a real-life astronaut to construct their very own planets and thereby showcase their creative abilities and scientific curiosity. The spacecraft builder activity allowed them to delve into the world of spacecraft design, where they sharpened their engineering talents. Additional activities encouraged our students to think critically and analyse data. The habitat construction activity enabled our students to simulate life on distant planets and fostered teamwork and problem-solving skills.

The RMIT Young Astronaut Program has provided these five students with a unique and enriching experience. Their enthusiasm for space exploration and scientific discovery is praiseworthy, and we are proud of their achievements.

We extend our congratulations to our students for their accomplishments in the RMIT Young Astronaut Program. As a community, we offer our continued support and encouragement to these students as they reach for the stars and pursue their dreams.

**Mrs Samantha Grant – Head of Year 8 (Woodlea)**

## School Photos

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School photos were held in Term 2 and are available to view and purchase. Please visit the [Arthur Reed Photos](#) website and look for the “[Order your photos](#)” button located at the top right corner of the screen to order.

Unique student ordering codes were sent to Parents/guardians via an Edsmart notification on Friday 31 March. It is important for parents/guardians to note that you must register (or reregister) each year with [Arthur Reed Photos](#) when you receive your **UNIQUE STUDENT ORDERING CODE** for each of your children. This process ensures the privacy and protection of your child/ren’s images.

**Mrs Cathy Perconte – Events and Community Development Coordinator**

## Maddingley Absentee Notification

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Just a reminder that if your child will be absent from school or late, please either telephone the Student Absentee line on **5366 4888** or email Student Absentee at: [maddingley\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au)

*Where an absence of a student has not been explained by 9.20am, the school will send an SMS to the parent/guardian requesting them to contact the school absence line.*

**If your child will be absent from school for an extended period (family holidays etc.) please notify the school prior to this absence via the Student Absentee email at: [maddingley\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au)**

**Mrs Kim Blundell – Deputy Head of Junior School (Maddingley)**

## The Premier’s Reading Challenge is now finished

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Students in Years 5-12 can use the Challenge on their School Colours points. Certificates will be sent out at the end of the year. Students who have recently completed the Challenge:

Leo Snell 3B, Dhanush Chokshi 3WB, Anhad Singh Guraya 3WB, Elodie McMillan 3D, Eleanor Gilford 3WD, Reyan Handa 4A, Jap Singh 4A, Avyuyukt Mehta 4WA, Lorelei Westphal 4C, Shourya Malhotra 6A, Annika McMillan 5A, Antonia Frisina 6B, Angel Baghe 6C, Kushpreet Kaur 8WB, Arjun Sridhar Ramasamy Sridhar 9K

**Mrs Feona West - Teacher-Librarian**

## 2024 Instrumental Music Re-Enrolment

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Parents will soon be receiving EdSmart correspondence regarding the Instrumental Music Program and the re-enrolment process for existing students.

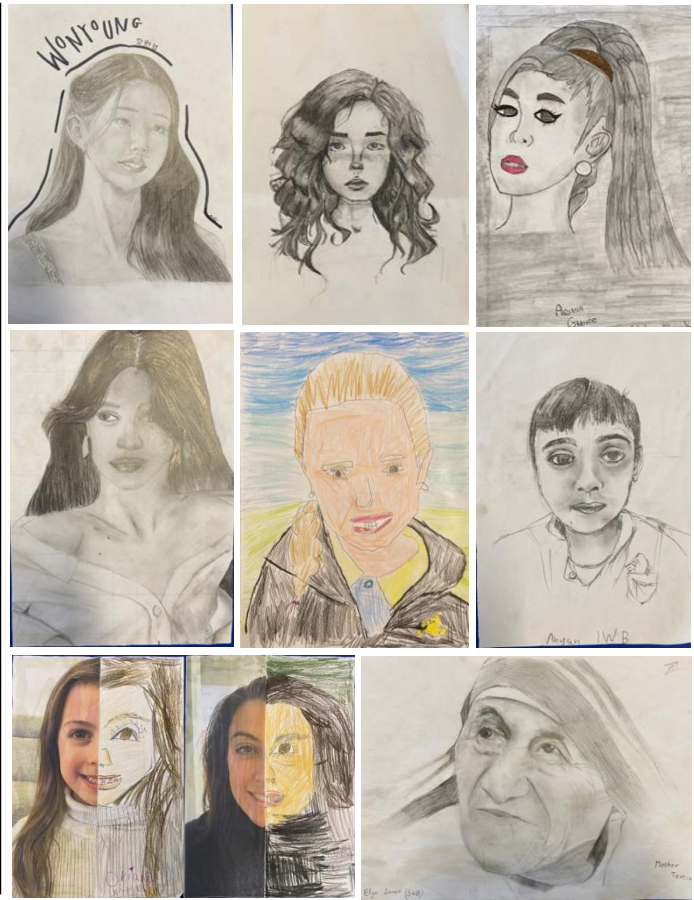
Please note that if a response to the EdSmart slip is not received, students will be automatically re-enrolled into the 2024 Instrumental Music Program with the same lesson format/s and/or Instrument Hire.

A new enrolment form should be completed for additional enrolment (e.g. a second instrument or additional AMEB Theory tuition) or to add instrument hire. Please contact [music@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@bmg.vic.edu.au) with any queries in the meantime.

## Woodlea Portrait Competition

Well done to all students who participated in the Woodlea Portrait Competition 2023. Please see below the winners and their amazing artworks.

<b>Prep</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Nicholas Zeolla PWD</b>
<b>Prep</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Oriana Kurilic PWB</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Ahyan Mansuri 1WB
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Mehreen Sandhu 1WB
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Srishti Poduri 2WD</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Alina Chopra 2WC</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Julian Zeolla 3WC
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Nirgun Bhullar 3WD
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Aashvi Kale 4WA</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Ishka Nayak 4WC</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Eliza Zaman 5WB
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Tara Rados 5WA
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Samarah Hussein 6WA</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Hardeep Kaur Khangura 6WC</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Maddie De Vera 7WD
<b>Year 7</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Chashan Rai 7WC
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Vaishnavi Poduri 8WB</b>
<b>Year 8</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Aleaseya Shahul Hameed 8WB</b>
<b>Teacher Choice Award</b>		Muskaan Mann 8WE



## Junior School News

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### Term 3 Wrap Up

Term 3 has been a remarkable showcase of our junior school students consistently embodying our school values.

Throughout the term, our students showed confidence and ambition in their classes, eagerly exploring new concepts, and expanding their knowledge. This dedication to learning was complemented by their respect and kindness, not only within the schoolyard but also when welcoming peers and visitors into their classrooms. During excursions and camps, they proudly represented BMG with discipline and demonstrated strong leadership skills.

Our recent Literacy Week was a celebration of the genuine love junior school students have for reading and literature. As we approach the holiday break, we encourage all students to continue their engagement in learning by making use of the holiday reading pack prepared. This resource will enable them to practice and reinforce the skills and strategies they have acquired throughout the term.

We extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for a wonderful holiday break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school for the commencement of our final term in 2023.

**Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School (Woodlea) & Mrs Lisa Foster – Head of Junior School (Maddingley)**

### Woodlea Year 3 Recycled Instruments Unit

During Term 3, Year Three Music Performance students were asked to bring a few items of recycled rubbish from home to create musical instruments in class. Students constructed woodwind, string and percussion instruments and decorated them in style! Once completed, students created song words using a lyric web, added their own unique sounds to the piece with their recycled instrument, and finally performed their song in front of their Tutor Group teachers. It was an exciting unit combining many cross-disciplinary elements such as physics, and literacy. Congratulations to all students! **Ms Suzanne Kinsella – Head of Music (Woodlea)**



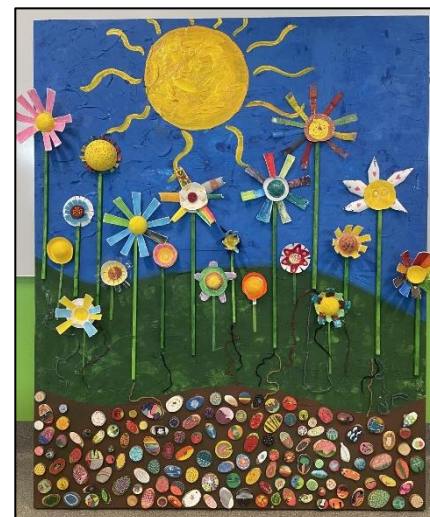
## Junior School Art

### Darley Community Gardens Artwork Sustainability Fair 2023

Some of our Junior School students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar have been learning about sustainability in their Science studies this year.

This collaborative artwork has been created by our lunchtime Art Club, along with some of our Year 4 students. All materials in this artwork have previously been used and have now been reused and repurposed to create 'Our Community Sprouts from Unique Seeds'.

Each student (seed) is unique and, with an enriched environment (soil), they will develop core values (roots). Along the way, being guided with care, knowledge and a nurturing environment (water, nutrients and sun), a hardworking and resilient student emerges creating our community at Bacchus Marsh Grammar (flowers, stems and leaves).



Junior School Art Team

## BMG Woodlea Year 6 Maths Games Day

On Friday the 8 of September, eight Year 6 students left Bacchus Marsh Grammar (Woodlea) for Lumen Christi primary school to compete in a day of Mathematics competitions. Two teams of four students each competed fiercely with other schools from across the Western suburbs of Melbourne and teams from as far away as Geelong.

Team One consisted of Akshay Satish, Sapphire Patel, Sehaj Mata and Atharv Jindal. Team Two consisted of Nirvi Ananya Praharaju, Hrishaan Upneja, Navdeesh Bains and Guramanat Bhullar.

The two teams competed in games of problem-solving, geometry skills, speed mathematics and mental calculations.

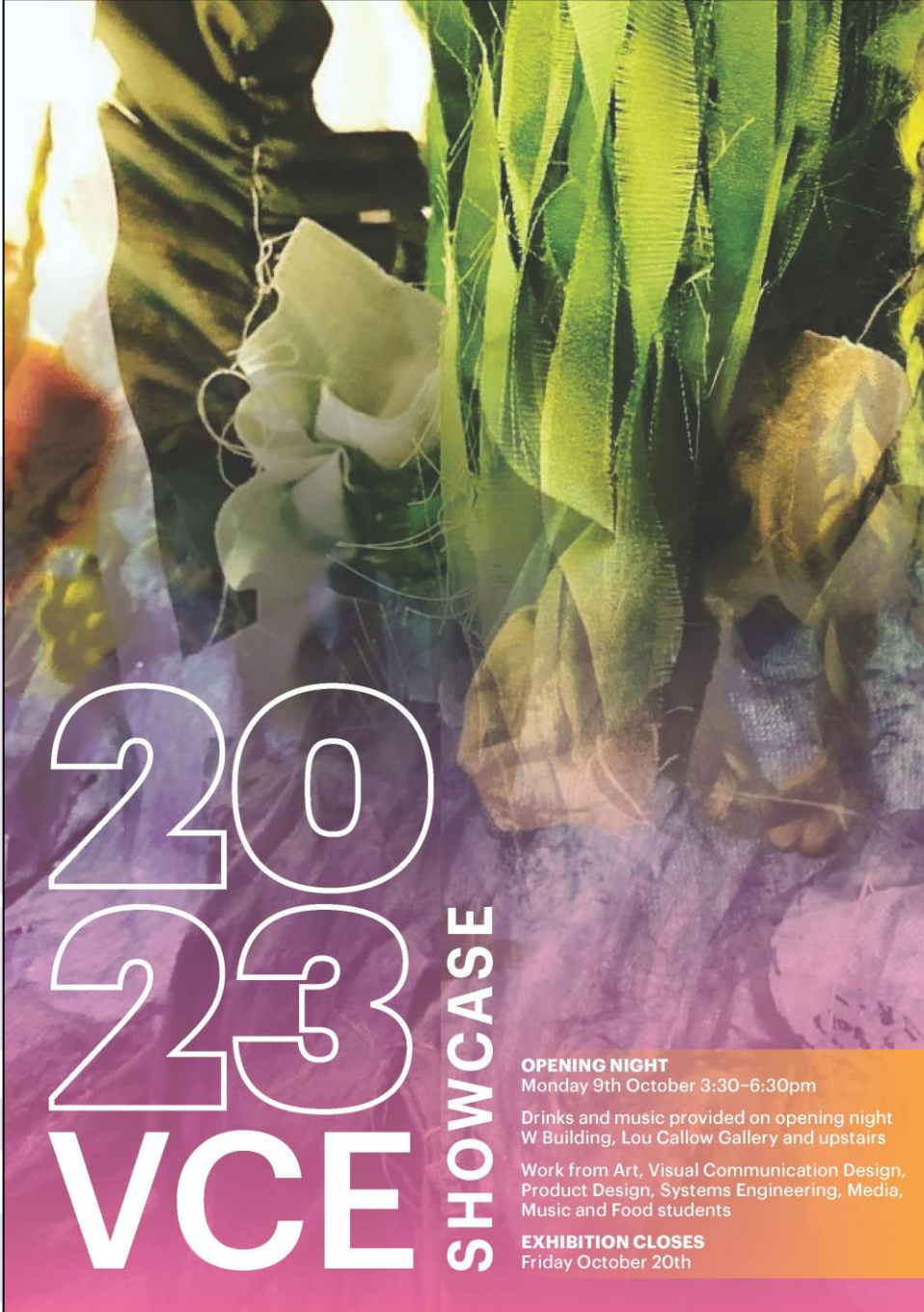
At the end of the day, Team One finished seventh and missed third place by just fourteen points while Team Two finished in twenty-second place.

Congratulations to all involved for your efforts in training for the event and for your excellent behavior and sportsmanship on the day.

Mr Cameron McGregor – Teacher

## VCE Showcase

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**20  
23  
VCE**

**SHOWCASE**

**OPENING NIGHT**  
Monday 9th October 3:30–6:30pm  
Drinks and music provided on opening night  
W Building, Lou Callow Gallery and upstairs

Work from Art, Visual Communication Design,  
Product Design, Systems Engineering, Media,  
Music and Food students

**EXHIBITION CLOSURES**  
Friday October 20th

## 2023 ICAS Assessments

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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**



## Year 11 STEM

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On Friday 8 September, Year 11 students went on an excursion to the Defence Science and Technology Group in Port Melbourne. During the day they learnt about the different technologies in research that will be used by the Australian Defence Forces. Activities included tactical perception and use of Artificial Intelligence to train ADF workers in bomb defusal in foreign countries, using Mass Spectroscopy to detect chemical warfare agents and viewing laboratories that create and develop models of new and current weaponry. Students gained a valuable insight into a variety of STEM careers available.

**Mrs. Susanna Mandic – Assistant Principal**



## Bus News

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### 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, no longer require private bus travel) for 2024, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email [bus@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:bus@bmg.vic.edu.au). If your child/ren will not require a private bus service in 2024 and parents do not advise us, your child/ren will be allocated to a private bus and fees will apply.

### ALLOCATED ROLL CALL STOPS

If you have changed your child/ren's bus 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](mailto:bus@bmg.vic.edu.au). This information needs to be up to date on roll call for emergency services and will assist with the planning of 2024 routes/timetables.

### YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMS

Year 12 trial exams are taking place on Monday 2 October 2023. There will be no buses available on this day so students will have to make their own way to and from school.

### Cameron's Road – Change to Bus Stop

We have been advised by Bacchus Marsh College (the coordinating school) that there is going to be a change to the Cameron's Road Bus Service; this will impact some of the students using this service. There are currently works being undertaken to make a new bus turn-around area at approximately 144 Cameron's Rd. Any families that live past this stop will soon need to make their way to this bus stop. At this stage, we do not have a completion date. As soon as a date has been advised, parents will be notified.

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

## 2024 Term Dates

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

## Events Calendar

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

## Uniform Shop

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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/>.

### Maddingley On-Campus Uniform Shop School Holiday Hours

Closed during the first week - 18 September to 22 September. Open during the second week -

- Monday 25 September 10am – 2.00pm

- Wednesday 27 September 10am – 2.00pm

Contact information for Werribee Store - [Rushfords](#) is [here](#).

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

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The Y Ballarat operates the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Upcoming Term Break and Vacation Care information features at the end of the newsletter.

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

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# FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

## Join Woolworths Cricket Blast

A safe way to have fun and stay active for kids of all abilities.

Bacchus Marsh Cricket Club  
Fridays 5:30- 6:30pm Maddingley Park Oval  
6th October- 8th December (10 weeks)  
Dale Missen - 0400885453 - dale.missen@education.vic.gov.au  
To register please click on the following link:  
<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/d13cbb>



**SIGN UP TODAY!**

 [Play Cricket](#)

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# Bacchus Marsh Little Athletics

## 2023-24 SEASON REGISTRATIONS

# NOW OPEN

Register by Oct 4 to go into  
the early bird draw to win  
your rego fee back

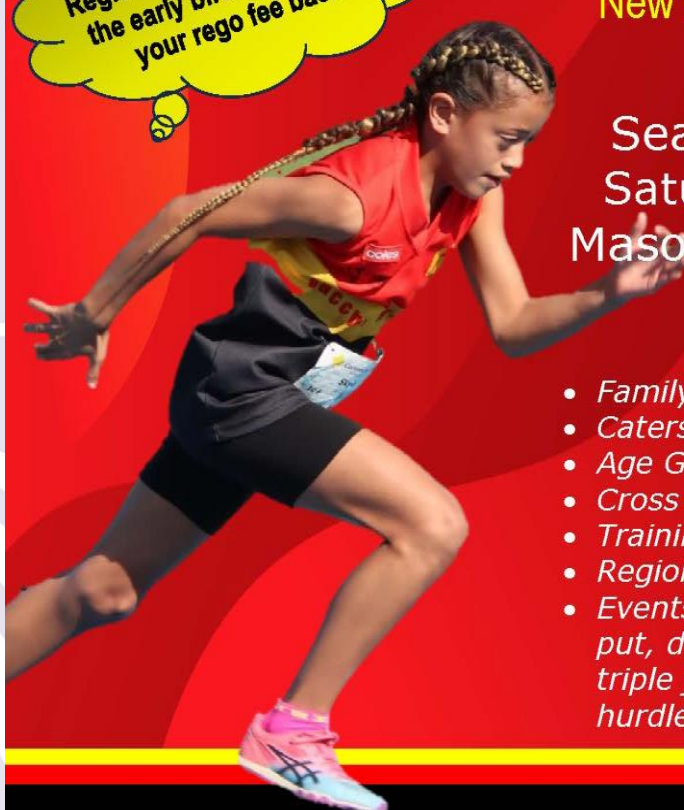
Register online via the member portal at [lavic.com.au/membership](http://lavic.com.au/membership)

New members can select a free 2 week trial offer

Season commences  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
Masons Lane Reserve  
8.30am

- Family Fun & Fitness
- Caters for all abilities
- Age Groups Under 6-17
- Cross Country
- Training
- Region & State Competition
- Events – sprints, distance, shot put, discus, javelin, long jump, triple jump, high jump, and hurdles

For more information visit our website  
[www.bacchusmarshlittleathletics.org.au](http://www.bacchusmarshlittleathletics.org.au)  
or contact BMLAC Registrar – 0409 322 983



# Spring Holiday Program

Woodlea, September 2023 | 7 am - 6.30 pm

\$110 per day\*  
Includes  
Excursions  
& Incursions  
\*less your CCS

<p><b>Monday Sep 18</b></p> <p><b>World Culinary Tour</b> Let's explore countries from around the world and the foods they eat.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday Sep 19</b></p> <p><b>Talk Like A Pirate Day</b> Ahoy there Me hearties. OSHC has been commandeered by pirates. Come dressed as a pirate and weigh anchor!</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Sep 20</b></p> <p><b>Lights, Camera, Action</b> Let's check out the latest flick at our local cinema. Excursion: Readings Cinema, time TBC</p>	<p><b>Thursday Sep 21</b></p> <p><b>Lil Muso's</b> OSHC has talent. Come along for some singing and Dancing</p>	<p><b>Friday Sep 22</b></p> <p><b>Rest and Relaxation Day</b> Been a long Week? come relax with some yoga and mindfulness activities.</p>
<p><b>Monday Sep 25</b></p> <p><b>Mad Science</b> Become a mad scientist for the day and try our crazy experiments.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday Sep 26</b></p> <p><b>Spring Garden Day</b> Spring is here. Today we have a special guest to talk about bees. Incursion: Holly's Bees, 12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Sep 27</b></p> <p><b>Teddy Bears Picnic</b> Bring your Teddy's, yummy treats and let's go to the park with our friends for a picnic. Excursion: Frontier Park, 1:30pm - 3:30pm</p>	<p><b>Thursday Sep 28</b></p> <p><b>Finals Frenzy</b> it's Grand Final time. Come dressed in your team colours and enjoy our finals frenzy.</p>	

Scheduled activities and bus times may change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please confirm with the venue if needed.

Venue Incursion Excursion

For more information and to book call 0490 490 362 or visit [yballarat.org.au](http://yballarat.org.au)



## Spring Holiday Program

**Bacchus Marsh Grammar (Woodlea Campus)**

111 Frontier Avenue, Aintree

September 2023 | 7 am - 6.30 pm

The Y Ballarat Holiday Programs provide children with a safe and friendly care environment with opportunities to make new friends, develop their self-esteem and participate in exciting activities during the holidays.

All children must be booked in and enrolled for attendance prior to the commencement of the program. Enrolment is required to be completed by all families using the service.

To enrol visit: [yballarat.org.au/oshc/vacation-care-program](http://yballarat.org.au/oshc/vacation-care-program)

For more information call 0490 490 362 or visit [yballarat.org.au](http://yballarat.org.au)



### WHAT TO PACK

- A wide brimmed hat – caps are not accepted for outdoor play
- A labelled water bottle
- Sunscreen (if allergies are present)
- Suitable footwear to access the outdoors – strictly NO thongs are to be worn at the program
- SunSmart Clothing- strictly no singlets will be accepted
  - A change of clothes

### FOOD

**NUT FREE ZONE!** - This means strictly NO Peanut Butter or Nutella in sandwiches please; this could be potentially life threatening to a child who suffers from anaphylaxis.

Unhealthy foods such as potato chips, lollies and chocolate will not be permitted to be consumed. These foods will be required to stay in the child's bag until they are collected.

#### Healthy Lunch Box Examples to pack:

- ☑ Fruit Vegetable sticks
- ☑ Cheese
- ☑ Tuna
- ☑ Sandwiches
- ☑ Crackers
- ☑ Wraps
- ☑ NUT FREE bars
- ☑ Eggs
- ☑ Salad
- ☑ Rice Crackers
- ☑ Dips
- ☑ Yoghurt & fruit or cereal
- ☑ Fruit salad or kebabs

\*\*Please note: It is always best to pack more into your child's lunch box, if children run out of food families will be notified.