

# BMG NEWS

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## BMG in Concert

Congratulations to the almost 150 students who braved the Clocktower Centre stage on Thursday 31 August as part of BMG in Concert. This event was a wonderful showcase of teamwork, courage and School spirit, not to mention music and dance excellence.

Thank you to all who attended in support of our talented up-and-coming performers and a huge thank you to our Performing Arts staff. Many months (and years!) go into preparing for a concert such as this and it was pleasing to celebrate the talents of our students in a professional setting and to a full theatre.

To view more images from BMG in Concert, please visit [Schoolbox](#).



Mr Steven Bell



## Administration News

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### Last Day of Term 3 – Friday 15 September

As per 2023 [Term Dates](#), the last day of Term 3 is Friday 15 September. There will be an earlier finish time for both campuses:

#### Maddingley Campus will finish at 2.20pm

- All Private buses will depart 1 hour earlier than their scheduled timetabled times to coincide with the earlier finish times.
- All Country & PTV School runs will depart 30 minutes earlier than their scheduled timetabled times.
- Town Service Student Transport Services will run as per normal timetabled times.

#### Woodlea Campus will finish at 2.20pm

- All Private buses will depart 1 hour earlier than their scheduled timetabled times to coincide with the earlier finish times.

### 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.

## School Policies

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The following School policies have been reviewed and updated:

- GOV-014 School Community Code of Conduct
- GOV-020 Conditions of Enrolment
- Child Safe Policy

These policies are available to view on the School Policies page in Schoolbox and on the [School's website](#).

**Ms Kerry Brown - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager**

## 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:

**Suhan Singh 3B, Jaideep Sumra 3C, Dawid Sajad 3WD, Lorelei Westphal 4C, Jasleen Sumra 5A,  
Yuvraj Singh Walia 5WB, Frederick Gribbin 5B, Antonia Frisina 6B, Rafan Parvez 7D, Manraj Singh 8F,  
Arjun Sridhar Ramasamy Sridhar 9K.**

**Mrs Feona West: Teacher-Librarian**



## Modern History Incursion



On Thursday 24 August, the Unit 1/2 Modern History class had the privilege of interviewing Vietnam Veterans from the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Melbourne West Sub-branch. This opportunity allowed us to better understand the conflict in Vietnam and how it affected Australian, New Zealand and United

States soldiers. We were also able to gather original primary evidence for our upcoming Assessment Task examining the causes and outcomes of the Vietnam War. We extend our gratitude to all Veterans who visited us on this day. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity we will not soon forget.

**Aidan Salmon, Year 11 Historian**

Bacchus Marsh Grammar warmly congratulates the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Melbourne West Sub-branch on its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Lest we forget.



## Upcoming Musicals - Ticket Sales

### Annie Jr the Musical

We are looking forward to next week's performances of Annie Jr and wish all students the best of luck in the preparation and lead up to the musical.

**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/>**



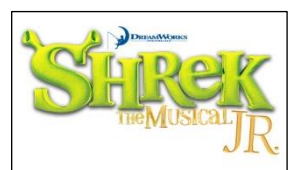
### Shrek Jr the Musical

Tickets are on sale now.

**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/>**



## Literacy Week Dress Up Day



Last week, the Junior School students at Woodlea and Maddingley brought their favourite characters to life for our Literacy Week Dress Up Day. We saw characters from classic literature, modern day comics and much adored picture stories.

The students shared their costumes with the wider school community at the Woodlea Parade, where they happily displayed their creative flare. This event provided our students with opportunities to discuss and explore texts in an engaging and exciting way.

Maddingley campus held a morning gathering where students shared their passion for literacy and joy of reading by parading and sharing their favourite book characters as a Junior School. It was fantastic to see so many creative and imaginative costumes that reflected different genres across all year levels.

As we wrap up this exciting and memorable event for another year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for their support in making this event a success and helping our students Read, Grow, Inspire by creating and organising their amazing costumes.

We are thrilled to share photographic highlights from our Literacy Dress Up Days for both campuses on [Schoolbox](#) and the Family Engagement pages.

### Junior School Teams – Maddingley & Woodlea





## Student Wellbeing

### RUOK? Day – wear a yellow accessory!

Thursday 14 September is RUOK? Day, a day when we're reminded to ask, "Are you ok?" and to remember that on every day of the year we can support people who may be struggling with life's ups and downs. This year the key message is, 'RUOK? I'm here to hear'.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we know that regular, meaningful conversations can make a difference. You don't have to be an expert to ask how someone is going, just a good friend and a good listener.

This year, the RUOK? Initiative continues to shine a light on the times we should be asking our friends and loved ones this important question. We want everyone in our school community to know that if something is up with someone you know, there's something going on in their life or you notice a change in what they're doing or saying, it's time to trust your instincts and ask them, "Are you OK?" To help people keep the conversation going when someone says they're not OK, we encourage everyone to learn what to say after R U OK?

We continue to foster and facilitate activities that promote these supportive connections within our school community including students and staff from Prep right through to Year 12.

RUOK? Is a national charity dedicated to inspiring all of us to have regular, meaningful conversations to support someone who may be struggling.

***On RUOK? Day, we invite all students in Years Prep to Year 12 to show their support and share the important messages around RUOK? Day by wearing yellow accessories (hair ribbons, hats, scarves, socks, scrunchies, headbands etc) with either their full school uniform or their Sport uniform if they have PE/ Sport on this day. No coloured hairspray or face paint please.***

You can learn more about the signs and how to ask RUOK? at [www.ruok.org.au](http://www.ruok.org.au)

We look forward to seeing a sea of yellow in the School on Thursday 14 September.

Student Wellbeing Team

### Butterfly Foundation Parent Webinars

The Butterfly Foundation is the national charity for all Australians impacted by eating disorders and body image issues, and for the families, friends and communities who support them. Butterfly is offering the following online parent webinars in September and October. Please click on the links to register your attendance.

#### Supporting Teens to Eat Well in a Food Confused World

Join Butterfly and two Practising Accredited Dietitians and learn how to help your teen have a positive and balanced relationship with food. Topics covered include: Why it's hard to charter a healthy course | What's helpful diet information and what's problematic | Supporting eating through puberty | Troubleshooting common eating dilemmas - 'junk food', 'high protein diets', veganism, not eating at school. This is a free webinar.

#### Details

- Tuesday 12 September 2023
- 7pm - 8pm (AEST), plus question time
- Free Via Zoom (time-limited recording available)
- Register: [here](#)



## Body Confident Children and Teens - For Parents

This presentation includes Information and practical tips for parents of primary and secondary-age children on how to promote positive body image in the home. Topics covered include: Body image influences | The role of body image in problematic eating and exercise behaviours | How to positively role model | Responding to appearance talk and appearance-teasing | What to do if concerned.

### Details

- Tuesday 17 October
- 7pm - 8pm (AEDT), plus question time
- Via Zoom (recording available)
- Cost: \$15
- Register: [here](#)

Student Support Team

## PE, Health and Sport News

### ICCES Coaches Awards

This week, we celebrate students who have been awarded the coaches' award for their teams in the various ICCES competitions held so far this year. The coaches' award is presented to the student who displays the spirit of the ICCES competition and demonstrates the school values through their performance both on and off the playing field.

### ICCES Table Tennis & Badminton (Term 1)

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| Boys 7-9 Table Tennis<br><b>Tavnoor Singh 9H</b> | Boys 10-12 Table Tennis<br><b>Cooper King 12F</b>    |
| Girls 7-9 Table Tennis<br><b>Anna Seymour 9B</b> | Girls 10-12 Table Tennis<br><b>Samaira Bahal 11E</b> |
| Boys 7-9 Badminton<br><b>Suyash Tiwari 9K</b>    | Boys 10-12 Badminton<br><b>Akshay Tayal 11H</b>      |
| Girls 7-9 Badminton<br><b>Aakanksha Tayal 9I</b> | Girls 10-12 Badminton<br><b>Joanne Joseph 10J</b>    |

### ICCES Winter Tour (Term 2)

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| Junior Boys Soccer (7/8)<br><b>Luay Miraz 8F</b>            | Intermediate Boys Soccer (9/10)<br><b>Ruben Gurung 10J</b>        |
| Senior Boys Soccer (11/12)<br><b>Jensen Guthrie 11F</b>     | Open Girls Soccer (7-12)<br><b>Elke Saultry 12H</b>               |
| Junior Girls Netball (7/8)<br><b>Mikayla Tito 8D</b>        | Intermediate Girls Netball (9/10)<br><b>Alyssa Normington 10D</b> |
| Senior Girls Netball (11/12)<br><b>Ella Closter 11G</b>     |   |
| Junior Boys Basketball (7-9)<br><b>William Richards 9C</b>  | Senior Boys Basketball (10-12)<br><b>Thomas Bens 12E</b>          |
| Junior Girls Basketball (7-9)<br><b>Charlie McKinnon 9E</b> | Senior Girls Basketball (10-12)<br><b>Bryia McKinnon 12F</b>      |
| Open Mixed Hockey (7-12)<br><b>Luke O'Neil 12E</b>          |   |

### ICCES AFL (Term 3)

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| Year 7 & 8 Boys<br><b>Finn Coghlan 8H</b> | Year 9 & 10 Boys<br><b>Rani Pavlidis 10E</b> |
| Year 7-9 Girls<br><b>Miah Bradbury 9G</b> | Year 10-12 Girls<br><b>Indi Stanley 12A</b>  |
| VCE Boys<br><b>Jackson Dellar 12D</b>     |  |

These students have been awarded the ICCES Coach Award medal for their efforts; the medals will be presented at the respective Middle School and Senior School assemblies.

### ICCES Summer Tour

The ICCES Summer Tour will take place in Ballarat on Friday 6 October. This event is hosted by BMG and we welcome other schools within our ICCES Association to participate in a wonderful day of sporting competition.

Athletes are currently training for teams in:

- Cricket
- Golf
- Softball
- Tennis
- Volleyball

The Summer Tour involves a full day of competition from 9:30am until 4:00pm. Notices for successful athletes and team selection will be distributed before the end of term.

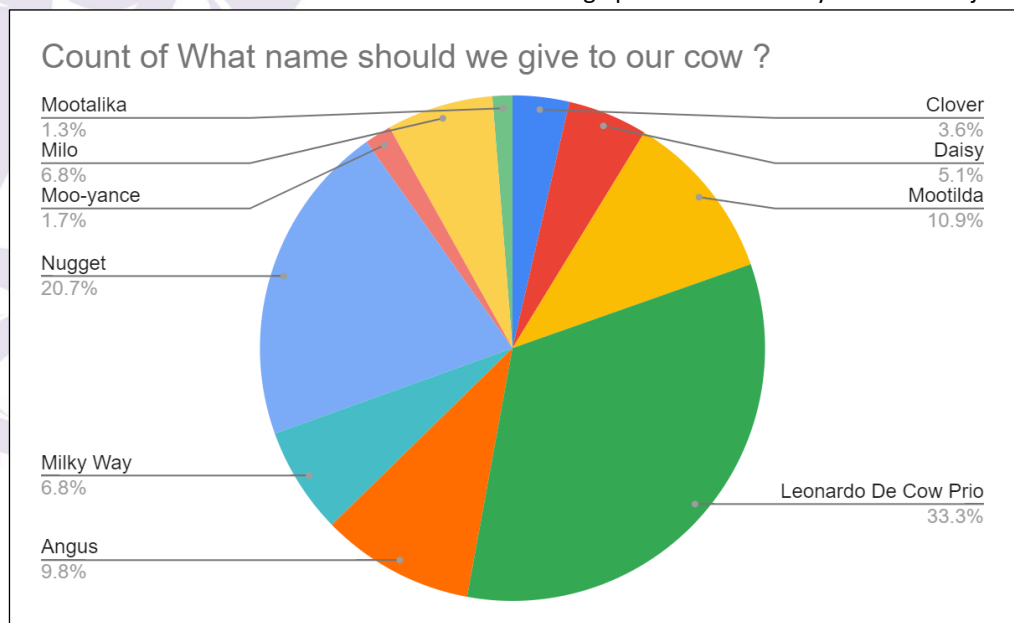
**Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE & Health**

### The Maddingley Cow

After nearly three weeks of sorting through the suggestions, the students from the Staughton Vale Club were able to declare a winner! The Maddingley Cow is to be named – Leonardo Di Cow Prio, with Nugget as a close 2nd place.

The students in the Staughton Vale Club will now turn their attention to the design process of the Dairy Australia Project as part of the next chapter of the “Paddock2Plate” unit. Delivered by Ms McMahon, students will now be sourcing designs and artists to complete the next phase.

**Mr David Gorton - Director of Student Engagement / Head of Staughton Vale Campus**



## Junior School News

### Woodlea Year 4 Camp



On Wednesday 30 August, the Woodlea Year 4 students went on an adventure camp to Lake Dewar. It was an action-packed three days. Students rotated between eight different activities, in mixed groups, led by the very enthusiastic YMCA camp staff. These activities included: canoeing, archery, the adventure tunnel, kick bikes, low ropes team-building activities, campfire cooking, orienteering and a thrilling ride on the famous dual flying fox - for those who were brave enough to try.

It was a pleasure to see so many of our students embodying the school values of kindness and ambition whilst working in their teams to solve a problem or boost the confidence of an unsure fellow camper. We were fed plenty of

delicious food to keep our energy levels high. Each night also ended with a chilled, whole year activity such as a night walk, camp sing-along and movie night. The students enjoyed the luxury of having a cabin (and ensuite) to come back to at the end of each day. The top bunk proved to be so popular that many pairs decided to swap beds on Day 2 so that everyone had a fair go at sleeping "up top"! Well done to all the staff and students who were involved in our successful and fun-filled, Year 4 camp.



Go to [Schoolbox](#) to view more images from this camp.

**Woodlea Year 4 Team**

## 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**



## Staughton Vale - Geography

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Last week, the Year 8 Geography classes took part in an excursion to Staughton Vale. To align with the class curriculum, students completed a variety of activities that explored the property's suitability for crop production. Students investigated the importance of quality soil, appropriate terrain types and predictions of future climatic change and the challenges this poses. They also gained a better understanding of topographic mapping using the 3D Staughton Vale model and hiking over the terrain on the property. Students thoroughly enjoyed hearing from Greg, the market gardener, about what is currently happening and planned for the market garden.

This field work experience really helped reinforce student learning, whilst providing them with practical applications of the importance of sustainable farming practices for the longevity of future agriculture across Victoria.

Mr Daine Johnston



## 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 & Fare Paying for Maddingley Campus

Application forms for Country bus travel in 2024 are now OVERDUE. If you have not returned your application form for your child to travel on a country bus next year, please return ASAP. If forms are not returned it will mean your child/ren will not be eligible to travel on a country bus in 2024 and their seats will be offered to other students.

## End of Term 3 Finish Times

Maddingley campus will finish the end of Term 3 at 2.20pm.

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## Year 12 Trial Exams

The Year 12 trial exams take place on Monday 2 October 2023. Please note that there will be no buses available on this day. Students will need 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 which will impact some of the students using this service. There are currently works being undertaken making a new bus turn-around area. This will be 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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## Community News

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### Bacchus Marsh Cricket Club

# Season 2023/24 Junior Cricket



***Boys, Mixed Under 11, 13 15 & 17s***

***Girls Only Under 11, 13, 15 & 18s***

***Register your interest today!***

Scott James (Junior Cricket Coordinator)

[juniorbmbulls@gmail.com](mailto:juniorbmbulls@gmail.com)



# JUNIOR HOCKEY 5S COMPETITION

BRIDGE ROAD HOCKEY GROUND  
132 BRIDGE ROAD, MELTON



REGISTER NOW!



U8S / U10S / U12S  
6 PM TUESDAYS 10 OCT - 5 DEC  
10.30 AM SUNDAYS 15 OCT - 10 DEC



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# Spring Holiday Program

Woodlea, September 2023 | 7 am - 6.30 pm

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

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| <p><b>Monday Sep 18</b></p> <p><b>World Culinary Tour</b><br/>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><br/>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><br/>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><br/>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><br/>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><br/>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><br/>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><br/>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><br/>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.