



## Shrek Jr the Musical – Woodlea Middle School Production

We are thrilled to provide a glimpse of the highly successful performance of Shrek Jr. by the students at our Woodlea Campus. This production was a shining example of the talent, hard work and dedication the students brought to the stage, leaving a lasting impact on all who witnessed it.

With 120 students displaying remarkable talent in their portrayals of the beloved characters from Shrek Jr., each actor and actress delivered their roles authentically to bring the story to life in a captivating manner. The featured musical numbers such as "Freak Flag" and "What's up, Duloc" were delivered with passion, energising choreography and a smile.

Behind the scenes, the production crew, including stagehands, lighting and sound technicians, and costume designers, played a vital role in ensuring the seamless execution of the show. Their diligence and hard work were evident throughout.

The performance of Shrek Jr. brought together the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community, including parents, friends and supporters. It encouraged a sense of unity and pride among the students and showcased the importance of the arts in education. Beyond the applause and accolades, this production allowed students to develop essential life skills such as teamwork, discipline, time management and creativity. It provided a platform for personal growth and self-expression.



In conclusion, Shrek Jr. was an outstanding achievement. It demonstrated the exceptional talent and dedication of the students and highlighted the Arts' transformative power in bringing a community together. The memories created on stage will be cherished, and this production will be remembered as a standout moment in Bacchus Marsh Grammar's musical history. Congratulations to all involved for this remarkable achievement!

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

**Ms Amanda Middleditch**

## Year 12 Students Prepare for English, Literature and English Language

As our Year 12 cohort prepare for its English examinations, the Faculty of English VCE teaching team would like to share how proud we are of the Class of 2024. Not only has this cohort spent their lessons engaged in very challenging work, but a great number of students have also spent considerable hours outside of school, completing additional preparatory work for their upcoming examinations.

Many students attended revision workshops run by their English teachers during the September break, demonstrating their commitment to achieving their very best outcome by giving up their free time to study. There were 68 students present for our English Section A workshop, causing the group to relocate to a larger space! Further to this, the whole cohort attended school on Monday the 2nd of October to diligently and responsibly complete a formal trial examination which is currently being marked. Many students have already completed and received feedback on several trial examinations, with some students reaching numbers in the thirties and forties by this stage of the year.

Parents can get involved in supporting their child's preparation for the VCE Englishes examinations by supervising study time, listening to their child read their practice writing aloud and reminding them to attend our special VCE Englishes' Revision Half-Day from 9am until 12.45pm on the 19th of October. We are almost at the finish line!

Ms Leigh Radbourne - Head of English (Maddingley Campus)

## Supporting your young person through VCE exams

As the end of the year fast approaches, the Year 12 students, along with students studying a Unit 3/4 subject, are well into their preparation for final exams. Many students will be experiencing a broad range of emotions and often find this time of year particularly stressful; feeling overwhelmed by the pressure to achieve. It is important to remember that not all stress is bad, and a healthy level of stress can be motivating! If you notice that your young person is already feeling the pressure, you can support them in a number of ways. As a parent or carer, you can encourage your young person to sleep and eat well, have a quiet and clean study space, manage distractions, stay active and, most importantly, be there to listen as they ride the emotional wave.

Please visit [kidshelpline <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/helping-kids-cope-exam-stress-0>](https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents/issues/helping-kids-cope-exam-stress-0) or Reach Out <https://parents.au.reachout.com/common-concerns/everyday-issues/exam-stress-and-teenagers> to find out how you can be supporting of your young person through their VCE exams.

Please see the exam stress tips for parents and young people from Reach Out.

**7 TIPS FOR MANAGING EXAM STRESS** REACH OUT.COM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE	FOR PARENTS/CARERS
1. Stay organised with to-do lists and study timetables	1. Give them time off chores and non-urgent family stuff
2. Take regular study breaks	2. Encourage them to keep doing the activities they did before exams
3. Have a dedicated study space	3. Help them set up a study space and make sure the rest of the family understands
4. Have a long term goal	4. Chat with them about what they want to do after exams
5. Get as much sleep as possible	5. Remind them to go to bed at a regular time each night
6. Remember your health: eat well and stay active	6. Go on study break walks with them and try to cook wholesome meals
7. Talk to the people around you	7. Make a time to chat to them and let them vent

Student Wellbeing Team

## Junior School News

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Childhood friendships are crucial for a child's development, fostering qualities like self-discovery, empathy and emotional growth. Friends provide support, alleviate stress and remain companions as children grow.

It is important for children to make new friends as making friends is an important part of their development. Learning to get along with others builds a child's self-esteem and sense of identity. Learning to work and play with new students teaches children important social skills and is part of developing new connections across the school community.

Parents and teachers can promote these friendships by demonstrating healthy relationships, connecting children with shared interests, initiating conversations and introducing new activities. Early guidance in social skills helps children build lasting, meaningful bonds.

In addition to teaching our children about healthy friendships, it's important to discuss resilience. Resilient children recover swiftly from setbacks, boosting their confidence and problem-solving skills. They're more inclined to persevere, even when faced with challenges, making them proficient in acquiring new skills and tackling obstacles.

Over the next few weeks, we will ask parents to have conversations with their children regarding their friendships, preferred learning partners, and the significance of resilience in the classroom. These discussions will provide valuable insights for our teachers as they prepare class placements for 2024. Please be attentive to communications from your child's classroom teacher who will seek your support in this decision-making process.

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

## Rowing goes from strength to strength!

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Each Tuesday lunchtime, students at Maddingley have been taking on the 500m challenge. With the support of Pre-Service Teachers and students alike, we have noted some amazing times being recorded in the yard on the Concept 2 Rowing machines.

Following the successful grant from Sport Aus, our machines have already managed to achieve a collective total of almost 100km! With some amazing times across the grades, the leader boards are as follows,

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Staff
Student	Charlie	Rylan	Rohan	Kareem	Rodney	Andrew	Matthew	Oliver	Mr Castrignano
	Annalise	Aanya	Nevae	Mikayla	Miah				Ms Fenech

To support the rowing club's ongoing success, students will soon be able to benefit from rowing competitively on the big screen in the gym.

All students are welcome to attend the club every Tuesday at 1pm outside the Gym (Maddingley).

**Mr David Gorton – Director of Student Engagement (Maddingley Campus)**

## Conveyance Allowance

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Please note that Conveyance Allowance applications will be closing for the year on Friday 10th of November: after this date no further applications will be accepted for 2023.

Payments for semester two 2023 will be processed in February next year. Please send an email to [conveyance@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:conveyance@bmg.vic.edu.au) if you need to update any of your details regarding payment of your Conveyance Allowance.

All current applications will be rolled over into 2024. You will not need to send in a new application unless your circumstances have changed (i.e., change in address, change in transport method).

The conveyance allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

The conveyance allowance may be available to students attending government or non-government schools and:

- travelling by public transport or by private car, motorbike, bicycle, or bus, and
- whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus provided under the School Bus Program

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Students must reside 4.8km or more from their nearest school/campus they attend.
2. Students must be of school age and reside in Victoria
3. Students must be enrolled in a school for 3 or more days per week.

If your decision to send your children to Bacchus Marsh Grammar was because you felt that it was the nearest appropriate school that both respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration; then you may (subject to other Conveyance Allowance rules) be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance.

If this statement applies to you and you would like to submit a Conveyance Allowance application, please complete the appropriate Conveyance Allowance Application Form (available from the school's website under the Community tab). Your application must include a signed supporting letter outlining the reasons above for your decision to send your child to Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Please be aware that no allowance is payable if the journey to and from school could be made using a free bus service.

Please direct any queries to Nicole Tandy at [conveyance@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:conveyance@bmg.vic.edu.au)

**Mrs Nicole Tandy – Accounts/Conveyance**

## 2023 ICAS Assessments

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Further to communication from last term, the school is awaiting delivery of the certificates from ICAS. Once received, the school will envelope and distribute certificates by hand to students in Years 2 to 6 and post home certificates for students in Years 7 to 10.

These certificates contain a log in code for parents to access their child's results portal.

In the meantime, past ICAS participants should be able to access the results portal using your 2022 certificate log in code.

We thank families for their patience.

**Mrs Casey Ryder – Executive Assistant: Maddingley**

## 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

### Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show



## Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show

**28th & 29th October 2023**



Are you a keen gardener ? Do you have “green fingers” ? Then you should enter the Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show competitions.

The show’s success, as a regular Bacchus Marsh event, is growing. Every year the Bacchus Marsh Community Hall has been a spectrum of colour, showcasing locally grown flowers, plants and produce, as well as very successful cake decorating and photography competitions. You could win ribbons, rosettes and the prestige of winning in your community competition in the following categories:

#### SECTION 5: JUNIOR

Class	Exhibit
50	“CRAZY CRITTER” DIORAMA
51	BEAUTIFUL BIRD (MADE FROM VEG, SEEDS, NUTS ETC)
52	FAIRY GARDEN (CONTAINER NO LARGER THAN 30CM X 30CM)
53	DECORATED SAUCER, ANY THEME
54	SUCCULENT CREATURE
55	TREE MADE FROM RECYCLED ITEMS, NO TALLER THAN 50CM
56	SHOEBOX GARDEN ANY THEME
57	FRUIT or VEGETABLE GROWN IN THE CLASSROOM OR SCHOOL GARDEN
58	DECORATED CATERPILLAR (on Bamboo Skewer)
59	HERBS GROWN IN THE CLASSROOM OR SCHOOL GARDEN

More details and entry forms are available from <https://www.bmflowershow.org/>

Good Luck!

**FREE EVENT**

**MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2023  
10.30AM TO 1.30PM**

**MOORABOOL CELEBRATES**

**CHILDRENS WEEK**

**BACCHUS MARSH TOWN HALL**

10.30AM - 1.30PM - CHILDREN'S PLAY EXPERIENCES • ART •  
• FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE • ANIMAL FARM • GIVE AWAY'S • BALLOON TWISTING •  
11.00AM - 11.30AM & 12.00PM - 12.30PM - PAUL JAMIESON "THE MUSIC MAN" •  
12.00PM - 1.30PM - "MICKY TICKSTAR" MAGICIAN •

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 **Moorabool Shire Council**