



Elite Program Launch at Woodlea

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, our primary focus is on nurturing students in four essential dimensions: academic excellence, the pursuit of their individual passions, character development, and fostering leadership through service. With the alignment of the Senior School programs across both campuses, we are thrilled to introduce our Elite Sport subject at the Woodlea campus, which we believe will empower participating students to excel in all these critical aspects.

This week, the Woodlea campus made major announcements in relation to key partnerships for the Elite Sports program. Students selected for the program will have the unique opportunity to have specialised training from Western United Football Club. This will include a six-week training block, as well as hands on experience within an elite sporting organisation.

Additionally, with the invaluable support of Beram Kumar, the founder of Woodlea Soccer Academy and Aintree Soccer Club, Woodlea students will have access to mentorship and experiences of sporting careers that extend beyond the playing field. Beram is a dedicated community leader who is deeply invested in the development of young individuals through sports. Through his many industry contacts, Bacchus Marsh Grammar students will have access to remarkable opportunities.

The launch of the Elite Sports subject at Woodlea was attended by special guests from the international Tour of Hope. These athletes will undoubtedly provide inspiration and motivation for our students, and we thank them for their attendance and support of the program.

Thank you also to Alastair Doherty, Community Program Manager at Western United, for his support and commitment to the launch of Elite Sport at Woodlea. Bacchus Marsh Grammar cannot wait to work in partnership with these prestigious groups and individuals.

Mrs Sarah Hunter - Deputy Principal: Head of Middle Schooling (Woodlea)

Senior School News

Valedictory Celebrations



Valedictory photos are now on [SchoolBox](#)

Geography City Excursion



As part of the Human Geography Urban Management curriculum, students took part in an overnight excursion to the city where they investigated the impacts of current and future climatic change. Students visited several sites and locations across the city, observing sustainable green building design and management, in order to understand whether or not Melbourne can be classified as a sustainable and resilient city to tackle climate change. Areas of focus included sea level rise, extreme heat waves, droughts and flood, and increased pressures of population growth.

Students were required to complete observational and social surveys, interviewing and observing the public in order to gain an insight into people's beliefs, attitudes, practices and their understanding of Melbourne's climate adaptation projects. It was great to witness the transformation of each student as they stepped out of their comfort zones and interacted with the public in an unfamiliar setting.

A huge thanks to Miss Stacey and Miss Bowers for assisting with this excursion.

Mr Daine Johnston - Geography Teacher



PE, Health and Sport

ICCES Summer Tour Coaches Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have received this year's coaches awards for the ICCES Summer Tour. These students have been nominated for their commitment to their ICCES team through either outstanding performance, displaying the spirit of the ICCES competition or demonstrating the school values through their performance both on and off the playing field.

Junior Boys Cricket Shriram Rangaraju 8H	Intermediate Boys Cricket Sukhmeet Saini 9WA
Open Girls Cricket Emma Niessen 9E	
Boys Junior Tennis Ajneya Jain 8WE	Boys Intermediate Tennis Aerone Tabotabo 9WB
Girls Junior Tennis Nevae Strangio 7B	Girls Intermediate Tennis Keyanna Chandarana 9H
Junior Boys Volleyball Akhil Kanneganti 8I	Intermediate Boys Volleyball Mayson Olguin 9K
Junior Girls Volleyball Charlotte Burr 8A	Intermediate Girls Volleyball Joanne Joseph 10J
Golf Naisha Gupta 8D	
Junior Girls Softball Alana Durovic 8C	Intermediate Girls Softball Matilda Woods 10B

Elite Sport Nutrition Session

Last Friday, students within our WestVic Academy and Elite Sport Program took part in an onsite nutrition session. Dietician Kelsey Wright conducted an hour session about the importance of fuelling the youth athlete body for training, competition and performance. The athlete nutrition session was organised to educate and guide athletes on the importance of a well-balanced diet in enhancing their performance and overall health. The session aimed to provide athletes with comprehensive knowledge and practical tips on optimising their nutrition to support their training, recovery and overall athletic goals.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE and Health

Year 8 Indigenous Experience at Staughton Vale



Last week, Year 8 students visited our Staughton Vale campus to explore Australian Indigenous culture and learn more about the local Wadawurrung people.

The scene was set with a video compilation of Indigenous elders and educators talking about culture, medicinal and food plants. Students participated in activities focused on bush medicine, bush foods and Indigenous games. The day was full of exploring, tasting and trying new things.

The newly discovered “Medicinal Trail” guided students on a walk to see medicinal plants growing on the property, while back in the science room, they made an inhalation and poultice as part of the bush medicine activity. On the oval, students learnt some traditional Indigenous games - Goori, Kai and Marn Grook. They had a lot of fun trying to play them and learnt the value of community. The bush foods activity challenged their senses. Students tasted a range of native bush herbs, spices and fruits used in sweet and savoury cookery, before a stroll to the Indigenous edible garden with a lemon myrtle syrup beverage in hand.

The sun was shining, laughs and excitement were audible throughout the day, and students left with a newfound appreciation and some knowledge about Australian Indigenous culture.



Ms Kimone Stacey-Missen



Junior School News

Woodlea Update

"Together on Tuesday" provides an excellent opportunity for our Junior School students to come together every Tuesday during their lunch break. This initiative offers a wide array of enjoyable activities catering for students from Prep to Year 4. Importantly, no prior knowledge of these activities is required, as our supportive Year 4 leaders and prefects are there to guide and teach.

These engaging activities encompass a diverse range including, soccer skills, down ball, origami, skipping and more.



By participating in these activities, our young students not only have fun, but also develop vital social skills and boost their confidence. Simultaneously, this program allows our Year 4 leaders and prefects to cultivate their own confidence and leadership abilities as they take on the role of mentors.

Year 9 students have actively contributed by offering their assistance during these sessions, affording them a valuable opportunity to refine their leadership and peer support abilities.

Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School (Woodlea)

Year 1 Maddingley

On Monday 23 October, the Year 1 students travelled to Anglesea for their day camp. On arrival, they were met by a team from the YMCA and we competed grade against grade in fun relays. Next we did a series of different rotations available for students to explore during our beach carnival. These activities included building sandcastles, the flag race, bucket filling relays, chicken hoops, bean bag bonanza and buried treasure. Students enjoyed being outside and exploring all things beach-related. Students loved being at 'Day Camp' and it was a great opportunity to continue their learning and team building in an outside environment.



In English, students have enjoyed reading and learning about Fairytales. They have learnt about the history of Fairy Tales and how they encompass a range of feelings. Students have been developing their skills in comparing and contrasting, text structure, and looking at the common traits of a Fairytale. Students have continued to expand their vocabulary and

are now including these new words in their everyday writing and oral language. It has been truly rewarding to witness the Grade One students' continuous growth and the expansion of their knowledge throughout the year. Their genuine enthusiasm for learning has been evident, and they actively participated in all educational opportunities.



Mrs Narelle Bens – Head of Year 1 (Maddingley)

Year 3 Woodlea

Recently, Woodlea's Year 3 students had the fantastic opportunity to enjoy a unique literacy incursion by the Flying Bookworm. It took us on a magical journey through three wonderful plays: "Custard the Dragon," "The Enormous Turnip" and "The Billy Goats Gruff."

In "Custard the Dragon," we met a lovable dragon named Custard. He might seem a little bit scared, but he discovers that bravery comes in all shapes and sizes. Custard teaches us that we can be courageous in our own unique ways.

"The Enormous Turnip" is all about teamwork! We learnt how a tiny seed can grow into something huge with the help of friends and family. Just like in the story, when we work together, we can achieve great things!

In "The Billy Goats Gruff," we went on an adventure with three clever goats trying to outsmart a grumpy troll. It taught us that sometimes, we can overcome challenges by being clever and using our brains.

The Flying Bookworm Literacy Incursion reminded us that books and plays have the power to take us on magical adventures. Reading and storytelling can transport us to new places and teach us valuable lessons.



Mrs Aimee La Franchi – Head of Year 3 (Woodlea)

2023 ICAS Assessments

ICAS certificates have arrived. The Administration team have begun enveloping certificates, aiming to distribute to students next week as follows:

- Students in Years 2 to 6 will receive their certificate via class teachers, and
- Students in Years 7 to 10 will receive their certificate via post.

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

Chess Primary State Semi-Finals

On 24 October, seven members of Bacchus Marsh Grammar attended Cambridge Primary School to participate in The Victorian Chess Primary Semi-finals. The team comprised six members from Woodlea: Shaurya Kaushal, Ethan Mendoza, Akshay Satish, Palaash Shah, Arnav Sharma, Mahtab Singh and a single competitor from Maddingley, Joel Kandelaars. The team did very well with notable performances by Ethan Mendoza and Akshay Satish drawing praise from the tournament organisers.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar finished fourth overall and missed out on finishing equal second by the slender margin of two points.

Individual performances on the day were:

Ethan Mendoza: 4.5 points

Akshay Satish: 4 points

Shaurya Kaushal: 4.0 points

Palaash Shah: 3.5 points

Joel Kandelaars: 3.5 points

Mahtab Singh: 2.5 points

Arnav Sharma: 1 point

Congratulations to Ethan Mendoza whose outstanding performance means that he qualified to represent the school at the State Championships on Friday 3 November.

Mr Cameron McGregor

Dairy Australia Picasso Cow - Competition Time

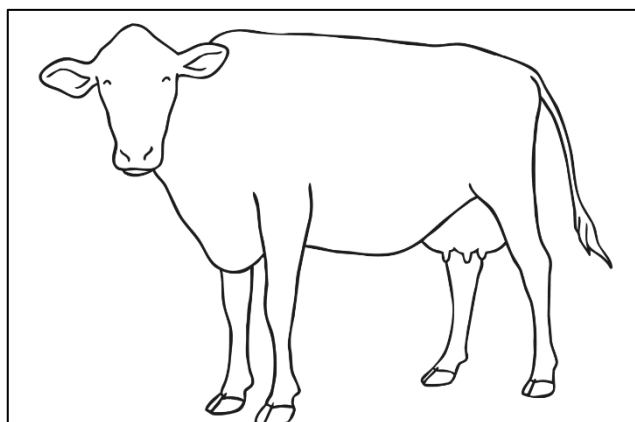
Now that the Maddingley Cow has been named by you as **Leonardo Di COW Prio**, we are on the hunt for designers to help decorate the cow.

Students from all year levels at Maddingley are now invited to submit their designs for painting the cow before it is relocated to the Staughton Vale campus. Using the theme of "Paddock to Plate" students should submit their design for the cow, using the A4 template, by Friday 3rd November to the Admin Office. All submissions should be labelled with their home group.

The winning design will be announced following judging by the Staughton Vale Club and will see their design "come to life". Examples of Dairy Cow designs can be found

at <https://www.dairy.edu.au/information/picasso-cows-program/past-winners>

Good luck.



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

Staughton Vale Club leads the way

The intrepid students from Year 8 and 9 have continued to demonstrate their commitment to enrichment through the Staughton Vale Club every Monday lunchtime.

Over the last few weeks, the students have been planning for the final phase of the Picasso Cow initiative, designing the “outfit” for Leonardo Di Cow Prio. In addition, the students have been adding their final touches to the travel sign post which will be installed at the Staughton Vale Campus before the end of the year (see photo).

Students wishing to join the Staughton Vale Club should speak to Ms McMahon or Mr Gorton.

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



Bus Update

LATE BUSES

Due to no after-school activities or classes being held on a Monday, as of Monday 23 October, all late buses from the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses will be cancelled on a Monday.

The buses will operate as below for the remainder of the term.

MADDINGLEY Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 7 December 2023

WOODLEA Tuesday and Thursday until 23 November 2023.

PUBLIC BUS TRAVELLERS

It has been brought to our attention by Bacchus Marsh Coaches, that there are a lot of students travelling on the public bus services without a MYKI card or credit on their MYKI cards. It is compulsory for all students who travel on a PTV bus to pay with their MYKI cards. Any student boarding at BMG without a MYKI or credit on their MYKI card could be refused travel on a public bus and parents will be called to collect their child/ren from the school. PTV inspectors are also boarding buses over the coming weeks to check that students are travelling with a valid MYKI card. Students who are travelling and have not tapped on can be issued with a fine of up to \$340.00.

Monday 6 November 2023

No Private Buses will be operating on Monday 6 November due to our Mid-Term Break. Students sitting an exam on this day will be required to make their own way to and from school.

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. 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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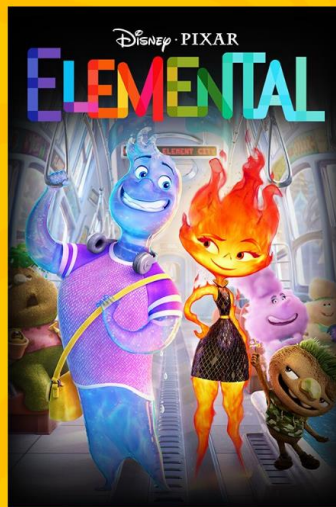


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2 FILMS + PRE FILM ENTERTAINMENT

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GATES OPEN 5PM

FILMS AT SUNDOWN

contact: greendaledrivein@gmail.com

*TICKETS MUST SELL

DOOR PRIZES



Community News

Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show

A poster for the Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show. The background is a light cream color with a decorative border of various flowers and foliage in shades of red, pink, purple, and green. At the top center, there are two circular logos: the left one is green with a white leaf design and the text 'Old Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show' around it; the right one is a gold Rotary International emblem. Below the logos, the text 'BACCHUS MARSH' is in a smaller font, followed by 'FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW' in large, bold, black capital letters. A green horizontal bar contains the text 'SCHEDULE & ENTRY FORM' in white capital letters. Below this bar, the dates '28 & 29 OCTOBER 2023' are in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath the dates, the event times and location are listed: 'Saturday 12pm - 4pm & Sunday 10am - 4pm' and 'Bacchus Marsh Public Hall - Main Street'. The admission information 'Admission \$5 per person (Under 16 years Free)' is centered below. At the bottom, the website 'bmflowershow.org' is displayed in a simple black font.

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