



Annie Jr the Musical – Maddingley Middle School Production

We are thrilled to provide a wrap-up of the highly successful performance of Annie Jr. by the Middle School students of our Maddingley Campus. This production was a shining example of the talent, hard work and dedication that the students brought to the stage, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of witnessing it.

Over 120 students displayed remarkable talent in their portrayals of the beloved characters from Annie Jr. Each actor and actress delivered their roles with authenticity, bringing the story to life in a captivating manner. The musical numbers, featuring classics like "Tomorrow," "Hard-Knock Life" and "Maybe," were delivered with incredible vocal talent and energising choreography.

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 dedication and hard work were evident throughout.

The performance of Annie Jr. brought together the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community, including parents, friends and supporters. It fostered 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, Annie Jr. was a resounding triumph. It not only demonstrated the exceptional talent and dedication of the students, but also highlighted the transformative power of the arts 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 Annie Jr the Musical, please visit [Schoolbox](#).

Miss Elyse Zahra & Mrs Narelle Pritchard

Welcome to Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4! We trust that families had an enjoyable and relaxing break and students are ready to work hard during the final term of 2023.

We ask all parents to familiarise themselves again with the uniform requirements for Bacchus Marsh Grammar. This can be accessed via the school website as well as your child's diary.

With the change in uniform from full school uniform to summer uniform, typically we find that students have grown over the past six months and uniforms need altering or replacing. Please take the time to review your child's uniform and make any necessary changes. Tutor teachers/classroom teachers will place a note in your child's diary indicating the changes that need to be addressed. A reminder that the full school uniform can be worn all year round should your child feel it is too cold for the summer uniform.

Again, we ask that you take the time to familiarise yourselves with the school's expectations re hairstyles, with particular focus on hair not shaved less than a number 3 and to be evenly graded. It is important that the instructions provided to the barber/hairdresser are clear. Students who choose not to follow the school's expectations will be asked to address the issue as a matter of priority.

Students must also be clean shaven. Students who do not adhere to this requirement, without a valid exemption, will be asked to present themselves clean-shaven to the Deputy Principal the next school day.

Students are permitted minimal jewellery, again this is clearly outlined in our policy. We are currently seeing a large number of students wearing excessive jewellery to school and we ask that you monitor this also.

Students whose uniform does not meet Bacchus Marsh Grammar's uniform requirements will have a note placed in their diary. Please keep an eye out for this and review your child's diary regularly.

We look forward to working with all our families throughout the remainder of the year. We aim for a calm and successful term with students working hard on their studies as well as engaging in extra-curricular activities.

Mrs Danielle Copeman - Head of Woodlea Campus & Mrs Debra Ogston - Head of Maddingley Campus

Senior School Speaker's Programme

On Friday 18 August 2023, the Year 9 cohort of Woodlea joined together to tune into a discussion with three panellists who shared their unique experiences with our classes. This active conversation involved our guests answering questions from the students and talking about how their stories and journeys helped define their identity today.

Eva Jo Edwards is a Mutti Mutti, Boonwurrung and Yorta Yorta woman and survivor of the Stolen Generations, her journey was about how much time she spent unearthing and reconnecting with the culture she lost as a child. Josh Robson is the owner of "Turn Up" and is one of the most inspirational survivors of cancer who stated that "His toughest days taught him how to live his best life." Josh's goal is to share his story about how by turning up, showing self-drive, having empathy and relentless optimism, you can weather the toughest of storms and become the best version of yourself, no matter what the circumstances. Farid Hamid was a Police Criminal Investigator and Deputy Public Prosecutor in Singapore before he discovered his passion in diversity, equity and inclusion while on an assignment in Guyana, South America. He has been creating and hosting DEI programs internationally over the past 18 years. He specialises in utilising experiential methodologies in facilitating unique, impactful DEI learning experiences.

Panellists Eva Jo Edwards, Josh Robson and Farid Hamid gave an empowering insight into their versions of the "Australian Dream" and "The Best of Us." From my experience, this session with the speakers truly opened a new perspective of the Australian Dream to all the students who were actively listening and posing questions in the Q&A

session for the panellists to answer. Fortunately, my question was answered by Aunty Eva Jo who really opened a large discussion which I found very inspiring and influential. As these discussions were happening, I thought about what was going through their minds during their times of hardship and really appreciated how they overcame them. This seminar taught the Year 9 cohort a lot about what the Australian Dream means to them and how it brings out the best in us.

Shageezha Sivathanan 9WA

Junior School News

Welcome to Term Four

We would like to acknowledge the students for their efforts and commitment to learning in Term Three and welcome students back for Term Four. We encourage all students to continue to strive to do their best and demonstrate the values of a Bacchus Marsh Grammar student.

This term, we have many exciting opportunities for the students including camps, excursions, incursions and of course exciting knowledge-rich learning every day. Please remember to check your SchoolBox family engagement page which provides regular and updated information about learning and events.

This is an extra special time for our Year 4 students who are in their last term as Junior School students. We are so proud of how far you have come, and wish you an enjoyable and fulfilling final term as Junior School students.

As we are in Term 4, summer uniform can now be worn every day - full school (winter) uniform is also acceptable. Students must not wear components of both uniforms (eg tights are not to be worn under the summer dress and the long sleeve shirt cannot be worn with shorts). All students must have a BMG hat for both playtime and Physical Education classes. Please check the school diary for further details.

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

Year 4 Update



One of the big responsibilities of being in Year 4 is to be leaders of the Junior School and to be good role models for our Prep buddies. Year 4 students have got to know their buddies very well by doing multiple activities with them. These have included: Anzac Day craft, Teddy Bear Picnic, Easter bunny craft, animal habitats, sustainable boat making and Book Week Parade and activities.



Over the final weeks of Term 3, the Year 4s carried their persuasive writing skills into learning how to take part in a debate. The students studied the hints and rules on how to give a prepared speech on a topic and how to rebut in a debate. After taking part in a few practice debates within our own classrooms, each class ended the unit with a highly anticipated debate against a fellow Year 4 class. It was 4WA versus 4WC and 4WB versus 4WD. Each debate had a first, second and third speaker from both sides, and the student audience voted on which team gave the most compelling speeches. Well done to all involved on a successful introduction to debating.

Year 4 Teachers



New Caledonia Study Tour

During the September holidays, a group of Year 8 students from BMG went to New Caledonia for a French study tour.

Students enjoyed 6 days having French lessons and exploring what Noumea has to offer: the aquarium, the Tjibao cultural centre, the Parc Forestier (zoo) and also a half day visit to a local school. Meeting the other students was a highlight for most of them and the teachers at the school had created activities to promote student interaction. Lunch was provided at the school canteen and the BMG students were surprised by the many differences they noticed. We are so fortunate to have a colourful school environment with landscaped gardens that schools lack in other parts of the world.

Students had to use their French while shopping and had a “living lesson” at the daily market in Noumea where the coconut seller was a popular attraction as some students tried coconut water and home-made coconut ice cream for the first time.

The teachers, Danielle Copeman, Audrey Gagnon, Nicholas Panzel and I had a lovely group of Year 8 students to look after and we all enjoyed the experience. We hope to have future trips to New Caledonia where the French language focus will give students more confidence in speaking the language.



Ms Fiona Erhardt - Tour Leader and Head of LOTE

BMG Shines at the Melbourne Royal Art, Craft & Cookery Competition

We are delighted to share the exciting news that students from Bacchus Marsh Grammar once again showcased their exceptional talents at the 2023 Melbourne Royal Art, Craft & Cookery Competition. This year, the students eagerly participated in the highly anticipated event, entering the categories of cupcake decorating, whole cake decorating or decoration suitable for a cake.

Throughout Term 3, our diligent students poured their creativity, skill and dedication into crafting numerous impressive entries. Their hard work truly paid off, as the results were very impressive.



Cidney Oats of Year 11 had the honour of receiving an invitation to the prestigious 2023 Melbourne Royal Show Art, Craft and Cookery Presentation Luncheon. This exclusive event took place in the renowned Master Chef Kitchen on Saturday, 23rd September. We are thrilled to announce that Cidney emerged as the 'Best in Show Junior Cookery' winner, a truly incredible achievement! In recognition of her outstanding skills and creativity, she was awarded a generous \$400 Spotlight award. Congratulations to all students involved!



Miss Kristy Homburg – Teacher

Book Fair News

Book Fair success! Both Maddingley and Woodlea Book Fairs are now closed. All back orders were distributed at the end of last term.

PLEASE NOTE:

If your child did not receive all or part of their order, please contact either me (dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au) for Maddingley orders and Mrs Sally Savic (savics@bmg.vic.edu.au) for Woodlea orders to arrange a backorder.

Thank you to all our BMG families for their enthusiastic support of both Fairs. Our combined sales were over \$29,500.00 and the commission from these sales will go towards new resources for our school.

A big thank you to Mrs Feona West, Mrs Jenny Wright and Miss Zali Ward (our Maddingley library team) and to Mrs Danielle Copeman and Mrs Sally Savic and the team at Woodlea for their amazing work in making these events so successful.

Mrs Diane Dunn - Scholastic Book Club Coordinator (Maddingley Campus)

Bus News

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

Cameron's Road via Elmas Estate UPDATED Timetable Term 4

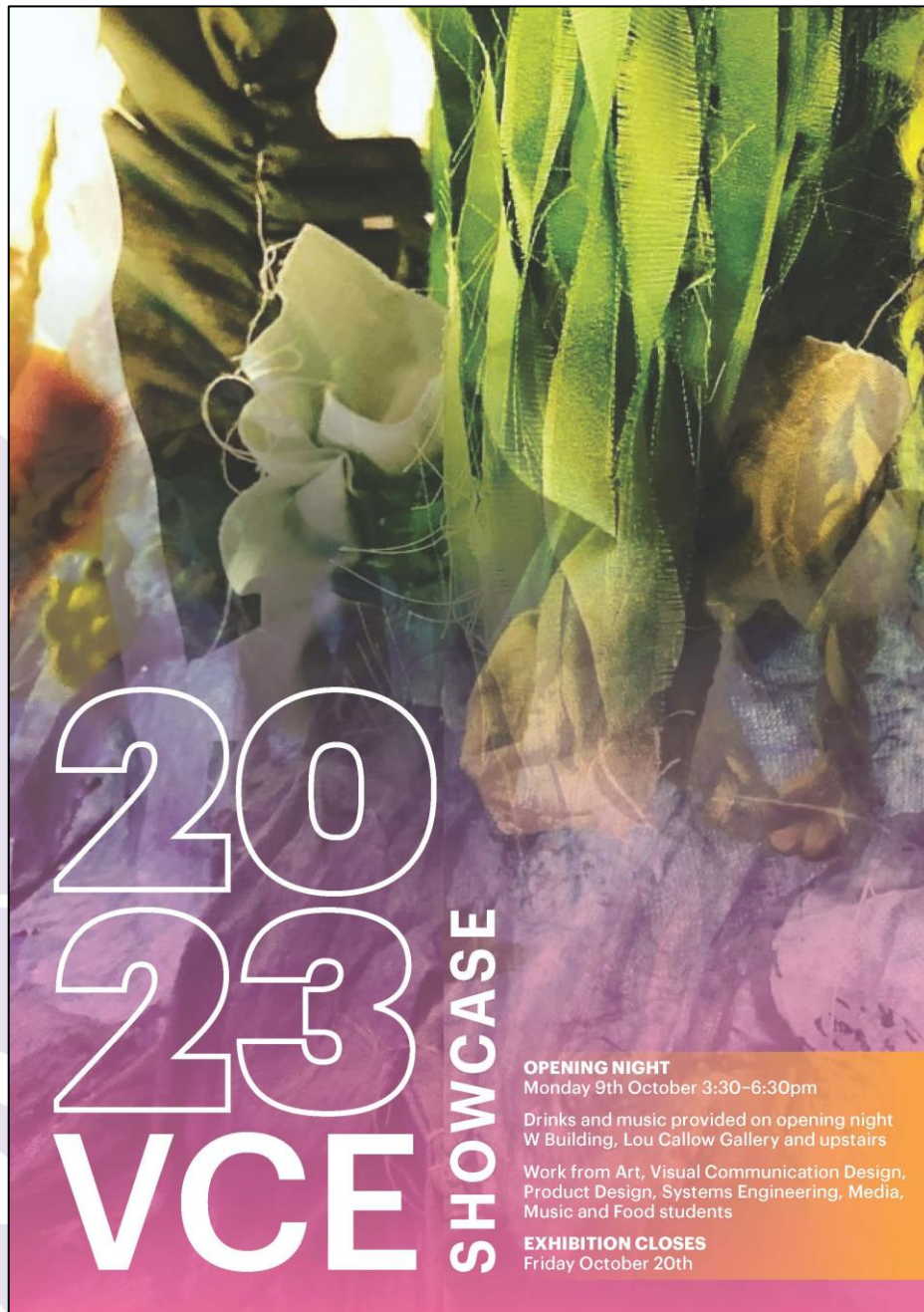
Road works on the Camerons Road via Elms Estate bus route have now been completed. An updated timetable was sent to parents via an Edsmart broadcast and placed on SchoolBox. The updated timetable is effective immediately.

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 your child/ren will not be eligible to travel on a country bus in 2024 and their seat/s will be offered to other students. Forms were due back on 2nd September 2023.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

VCE Showcase



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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 CLOSSES
Friday October 20th

2023 ICAS Assessments

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

The Y OSHC Closure

The Y OSHC Management team wish to advise the closure of all OSHC programs on **Friday the 6th of October 2023**.

This will include all Before School Care and Afterschool Care programs. All our OSHC educators will be attending a full day of Professional Development training. Normal Before School Care and After School Care sessions will resume on Monday the 9th of October 2023. We thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

OSHC Management Team

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/>.

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



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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