

From the Principal

New Houses 2024

It is with great excitement that Bacchus Marsh Grammar can now unveil the inaugural 8 House Captains, House Coordinators (Maddingley) and new polo tops to the school community.

On Friday 10 November, our 2024 Year 12 House Captains and House Coordinators met with Principal Andrew Neal for the unveiling of the House Polo designs. There was certainly a buzz of excitement in the room with the new colours and design of the polos.

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students and staff for leading the way in this new phase for the school. We look forward to seeing greater student participation and a variety of House events for everyone to get involved in, in 2024.



DALE	DJERRIWARRH	KOROROIT	LERDERBERG	PARWAN	PYKES	PYRITES	TOOLERN
Thomas Smith	Amy De Wit	Thomas Morton	Siannah Neskovski	Alexandra Smith	Summer Wray	Grace Strang	Ella Bradbury
Ms. Lora Fenech	Mr. David Borg	Ms. Jenna Nicolle	Ms. Nadelle Kiley	Ms. Chloe Tabone	Ms. Holly Kesley	Mr. Mehrdad Esmaili	Ms. Alycia Dingli

Families will be notified prior to the end of the school year via EDsmart notification of their child/s new House. Please note that the School will gift all students their new House Polo tops early in 2024 so there is no need to purchase this item from the Uniform Shop.

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal & Mrs Debra Ogston - Deputy Principal: Head of Maddingley Campus

Car Park Arrangements

I would like to share with the School Community, a change to the car parking arrangements for the Maddingley Campus.

The Main Car Park, which is accessible via both East and South Maddingley Roads, will be allocated to parents and visitors. Moving forward, Bacchus Marsh Grammar staff will park at the School's Maddingley Fields car park, which is located on South Maddingley Road, beside the hardware store.

During peak times, it is still an expectation that drop off and pick up of students is not carried out in front of the Main Administration Office as this is a thoroughfare for buses. The main entry points during peak mornings and afternoons are via the Gatehouse/Main Car Park, and for our bus travellers, via the Bus Turnaround.

A reminder to parents that there are dedicated zones designed for quick drop off or pick up and these areas are not to be used for extended parking. The parking conditions which are not onerous are designed for the safety of students and ease of access for all. We ask parents to be patient and mindful of their behaviours in the car park and upon entry and exit to the main roads.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal

End of Year Dates & Arrangements

Maddingley Campus

Wednesday 15 November – Thursday 23 November

- Year 7-11 Examinations

Friday 24 November

- Current Year 4 and Year 5 Transition afternoon
- Year 7 2024 Orientation Day (current Year 6)
- Year 7-11 Exam Marking/Report Writing Day (All current 2023 students in Years 7 to 11 are not required to attend school on this day)

Monday 28 November

- Exam Feedback Day

Tuesday 29 November – Thursday 7 December

- Headstart Program (Start of Year 8 to 12 2024 classes)

Friday 1 December

- Junior School Assembly (John Leaver Gymnasium)

Monday 4 December

- The Year 6 Graduation celebration afternoon

Tuesday 5 December

- Prep – Year 3 'Meet the Teacher' Afternoon

Wednesday 6 December

- Junior School Christmas Concert 1:30pm to 3:00pm (John Leaver Gymnasium)

Friday 8 December

- Senior School Award Presentation 9:00am to 10:45am (John Leaver Gymnasium)
- Middle School Award Presentation 11:15am to 12:45pm (John Leaver Gymnasium)
- Last day of school for Term 4 - normal dismissal time

2024 Booklists will be available on the school's website and communicated to you via Edsmart in the coming weeks, and students in Years 9 and 10 in 2024 will find out their subjects prior to booklists being due.

Mrs Debra Ogston - Deputy Principal: Head of Maddingley Campus

Woodlea Campus

Friday 24 November

- Year 7 2024 Orientation Day

Tuesday 5 December

- Year 6 Graduation celebration

Friday 8 December

- Last day of school for Term 4 with a normal dismissal time.

Thursday 7 December

- Woodlea Middle and Senior School Presentation (Years 5 to 9) will be held between 9:30am and 11:00am in the Gymnasium.

2024 Booklists will be available on the school's website and communicated to you via Edsmart in the coming weeks and students in year 9 and 10 in 2024 will find out their subjects prior to booklists being due.

Mrs Danielle Copeman - Deputy Principal: Head of Woodlea Campus

The Podium

Optimal Performance Learning and our wonderful cultural diversity

We are so fortunate at Bacchus Marsh Grammar to have such multi-cultural diversity at our school. Children growing up in culturally diverse societies encounter a multitude of world views, perspectives and lifestyles on a daily basis. And as staff, we play a critical role in strengthening multicultural inclusion in our community by providing an environment where acceptance of diversity, knowledge of other cultures and an understanding of global and local issues can be developed.

This week we celebrate the Festival of Diwali, the Festival of Light. Every region in India has distinctive traditions for commemorating this festival, but whatever the customs, there is an agreement that Diwali represents the triumph of good over evil, light over darkness and wisdom over ignorance.

We are all extremely fortunate to belong to such a wonderfully diverse school and school community. Let's all celebrate this and continue to find more out about our students and each other. I wish our whole school community joy and happiness and hope that we can all enjoy the Festival of Light and other important cultural events as we head towards the end of 2023.



Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal Optimal Performance Learning

Remembrance Day

Originally known as Armistice Day, it was renamed Remembrance Day after WWII to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars. The loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts is commemorated on Remembrance Day.

On the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour, Bacchus Marsh Grammar paid its respects at the Bacchus Marsh RSL War Memorial. The Remembrance Day ceremony was represented by the School by our Senior, Middle and Junior School who showed their respects for those who gave their lives and fought for our freedom.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.



Alexandra Smith (Parwan House Captain)

Middle School News

Maddingley

With over half of Term 4 gone, and with Christmas quickly approaching, I wanted to reflect on what a great term the students have had so far, and it's been a busy one! Here are some of our students' successes this term in the Middle School.

Principal Awards

- Samaira Venkat 8A, 3rd in the State finals for Public Speaking.
- Paige Smith 5C, Marital Arts National & Gold medal.
- Anika Tran 7C, Football Best & Fairest & MVP
- Cherish Veginati 8I, State Chess
- Annie Thomas 6D, State 100m relay
- Ruby Westhead 6D, State 100m relay
- Ayla Hilton 6B, State 100m relay
- Layla Mauriohooho 6C, State 100m relay

Short Story Winners

- Hailey Baugh 5D, Vivaan Ogale 6C and Samaira Venkat 8A

ICCES Coaches Award

- Luay Miraz 8F, Boys Soccer
- Mikayla Tito 8D, Girls Netball

We had the opportunity to celebrate all these great student achievements in our assemblies this term. We also spoke about:

- Being a good role model,
- What do when we see injustice.

Australian Maths Trust

Computational and Algorithmic Thinking

- Joel Kandelaars 5D, Distinction - Best in School
- Aaron Regmi 7F, Distinction - Best in School
- Nearly 20 students gained a credit in the award.

Mathematical Olympiad

- Sartaj Malhotra 6B, Top 10% Highest score
- Aaron Regmi 7F, Top 10% Highest score
- Yash Gaind 8B, Top 10% Highest score

Maths Challenge

- Yash Gaind 8B, High Distinction
- Sihan Kalupahana 8I, High Distinction
- Ojas Barbind 8B, High Distinction
- 12 students gaining a credit level.

Indoor Rowing

- Charlie Metcher 5B gained her global ranking in the world of 16th place.
- Mikayla Tito 8D gained her global ranking in the world of 45th place.

- WW1 and de-escalation.

We also thanked all our outgoing leaders from Year 6 and 8 who have done a great job of supporting and promoting their areas this year, and we look forward to a new set of leaders for 2024.

Mr Scott Bayne - Assistant Principal: Head of Middle School

Year 4 Maddingley

A highlight of this term for our Year Four students was their three-day camp to Lake Dewar, Myrning, which proved to be an unforgettable experience. They engaged in a variety of outdoor adventure activities including, canoeing, kick-biking, archery, the dual flying fox, standup paddle boarding, campfire cooking, adventure tunnelling and map orienteering. These activities not only allowed them to explore the natural environment, but also fostered the development of confidence, communication and teamwork skills. The students shared their cabin with several of their friends and developed their independence as they prepared for each day's adventure.

The students embarked on an exciting night time adventure at camp, immersing themselves in exploring the local flora and fauna under the starlit sky. The second night brought a treat in the form of a movie night, offering a well-deserved opportunity to unwind after a day filled with exciting camp activities. The weather, gracing us with its perfection, allowed both teachers and students to fully indulge in the water-based activities, adding extra enjoyment to this memorable experience.

We eagerly anticipate witnessing the continued growth and development of the students as they embody the school values of confidence and leadership, in the remaining weeks of the term. This journey will undoubtedly prepare them for the exciting transition to Middle School. We have full confidence in their ability to thrive and excel in the challenges that lie ahead.

This adventure wouldn't be possible without the encouragement and guidance of camp staff, the YMCA and teachers. This experience has provided the students with a lifetime of memories and we thank you for this opportunity.



Year 4 Maddingley Team

Junior School News

Developing Resilience Through Value based Activities

As the end of the school year draws closer, we often have inquiries from parents/guardians regarding activities students can undertake during the school holidays. School holidays are an excellent time to provide children with an opportunity to develop resilience skills and strategies. Resilience is a skill that can be learned by any individual, at any age, and does not rely on a child's ability or personality. Resilience is a person's ability to manage adversity and bounce back from difficult life events. When a child overcomes a challenge, they develop a sense of achievement. This success helps children to build confidence in their own strengths and prepares them to face future bigger challenges.

The following activities promote:

- Flexibility
- Decision making
- Cooperation
- Independence
- Problem Solving
- Communication

These activities also relate to our school values and can easily be adapted.

1. **Household Chores:** Values - Discipline, Confidence and Ambition

Students can set themselves a goal to help complete household chores. These chores may occur daily or could be weekly tasks. Some task suggestions include making beds, hanging out washing, doing dishes, feeding pets, mowing the lawn, washing the car or 30 mins of gardening.

Rewards for completing chores could include a family outing such as the movies or a visit to the zoo/aquarium. These types of rewards lead a child to internalise their successes rather than relying on external rewards, like money, to recognise their achievements.

However, monetary rewards can also provide opportunities for students. Determining a goal to work towards, or saving for something special, also encourages ambition and the discipline to work towards reaching that goal. Mathematical skills relating to real life, including addition, subtraction and multiplication can be practised and consolidated. As a family, you might negotiate a form of payment, 10 cents a minute, \$10 an hour, are just some examples. This could work many ways and may include your child/children keeping records of their minutes/hours worked and how much they have earned.

2. **Do a Good Turn:** Values - Respect and Kindness

- Help a Grandparent or elderly relative with a task, make them some cookies, weed their garden, or keep them company by playing a board game or card game.
- Make a meal for everyone in your family.
- Recycle bottles and donate the money to a charity your child has researched and would like to support.
- Take out and bring in your neighbour's bins if they are away.

3. Goal Setting: Values - Discipline, Confidence and Ambition

As a family, think about and discuss something that you each would like to get better at. Make individual goals and commit to a time each day that you can each work towards these goals and reflect on the progress you have each made no matter how big or small. Are there ways you can help each other?

4. Leadership Day: Values - Leadership, Respect, Confidence and Kindness

Allocate a day where your child/children can plan out the day, meals, activities, events and travel arrangements. They may also need to consider daily commitments like walking and feeding pets, household chores and how these will fit in with the day they have planned. You may need to negotiate some boundaries and discuss how the decisions they make may affect all family members.

Holocaust Museum Reflection

On October 31, our Pre-VCE Germany in Twentieth Century class embarked on an excursion to the Melbourne Holocaust Museum. During this visit, we engaged in an activity centred around artefacts from the Holocaust and had the privilege of hearing the life story of a Holocaust Survivor named Abram Goldberg.

One highlight of the excursion was the opportunity to interact with Abram and ask questions about his experience. What stuck me most about his story was his account of experiencing kindness while at Aushchwitz from a German block warden.

Abram's enduring message, emphasizing that "there is always a sunny day after a cloudy one," left a lasting impression on me. The visit to the Museum has also inspired me to be more critical of online media, as the topic of misinformation was widely discussed.

Hunter Kavanagh (10E)

Student Wellbeing News

Study Success

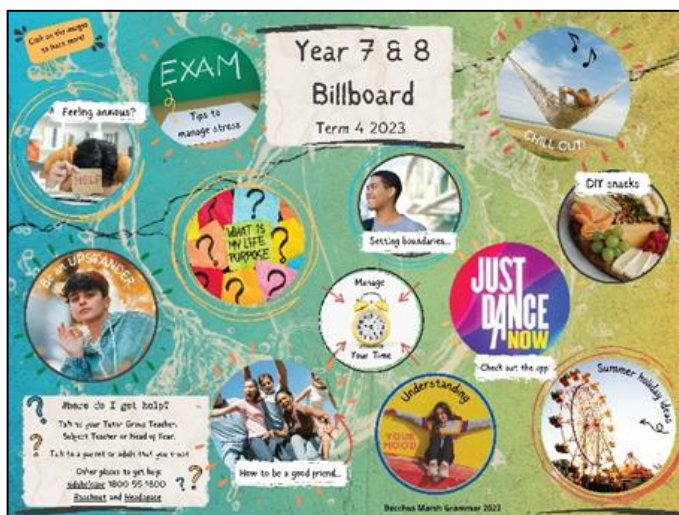
As the end of the year fast approaches, students in Years 7 - 12 are busy studying and preparing for exams. Many students find this time of year particularly stressful and overwhelming. Reach Out and kidshelpline have some great tips for parents and teens on how to study successfully and ways to look after yourself during exams. It is important to remember that not all stress is bad as it can actually motivate you! If you notice that your child is already feeling the pressure, you can support them by finding a quiet place to study, set up a clean study space, encourage them to talk to their teachers, make mind maps with ideas and key points or form a productive study group with friends. Ensure your child is getting enough sleep, is eating well and doing some form of regular exercise. It is important for your child to look after themselves during this busy time.



Visit kidshelpline <https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/exam-stress> to find out more about tackling exams stress or Reach Out <https://au.reachout.com/articles/5-steps-to-study-success> for great information and tips to study success.

The Billboard – Term 4 Edition out now!

The Term 4 edition of the Billboard is out now! The Billboard has links embedded behind most of the images to all things health and wellbeing which are relevant for each year level, from Year 5 upwards. Some topics that are covered include friendships, resilience, being active, sleep, creative interests, coping with change, study tips, preparing for exams, eSafety, help seeking and more. The Billboards are age appropriate and aim to focus on issues important to the relevant year levels. We would encourage families to explore The Billboard by clicking on the images which will then direct you to information and advice from organisations such as kidshelpline, Reach Out and Headspace. The Billboards can be found on Schoolbox by entering the Middle and Senior School Gateway, where you see The Billboard tile. The students can also access The Billboard from their year level page.



Mrs Jillian Campey – Senior Wellbeing Officer

Sporting Achievements

2023 Victorian All Schools T&F Championships Weekend 2

The second weekend of the 2023 Victoria All Schools Track and Field Championships took place on November 4 and 5 at Lakeside Stadium.

Four athletes represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar during the second weekend of competition, with Ethan Stegehuis qualifying for the Australian All School Championships after his incredible 400m hurdles race. Ethan took out the silver medal in a time of 58.58 seconds. He will now join Mackenzie Estlick at the Australian Championships which will take place at the WA Athletics Stadium from December 8 to 11. We wish them both all the best as they head to Perth to represent BMG.

Results of Weekend 2 are as follows:

Under 15 athlete, Leila Stegehuis, placed 5th in the 200m final, with a time of 26.59 and 6th in the 200m Hurdles final with a time of 32.43.

Under 16 athlete, Ethan Bloss, ran his heat of the 800m in 2:05.92, earning him a place in the final, where he placed 10th.

Under 16 athlete, Mackenzie Estlick, placed 6th in long jump and 4th in the 200m final with a personal best time of 25.83.

Under 17 athlete, Ethan Stegehuis, finished 2nd in the 400m hurdles final, with a stellar time of 58.58.



Mrs Chantelle Estlick - Teacher

BMX Sporting Achievements

Makenzie Copland made the podium in the 14 Girls age group, coming home with the Bronze medal and 3A plate which was a fantastic result for all the hard training she has put in. She has earned her spot to go and race for Australia next year at the World BMX Championships in Rockhill USA. Makenzie also raced in Round 5 of the National series, making the final and finishing in 5th place.

Jai Copland raced his first year in Junior Elite, missing out on the final by 1 point, finishing 9th overall. He also raced with the big boys in Superclass, making the quarter final but missing out on the Semi finishing in 25th place.



Speed Cubing makes its mark at Maddingley



Every week this term, students have been taking part in a Speed Cubing Challenge during lunchtimes. This global phenomenon is catching on in our community, with students not only solving the cubes, but also racing against the clock.

The current record holder (pictured) is Riyan Bairagi (7G) with a time of 17.73 seconds, with Ojas Barbind (8B) a close second, with a time of 18.81 seconds.

The competition is open to all students during lunchtime on a Thursday. So why not come along and have a go, regardless of whether you are an experienced cuber or new to the activity?.

Mr David Gorton - Director of Student Engagement

Early Learning Centre News

The ELC's four-year-old kindergarten students welcomed Mrs Savic and Year Four leaders from Woodlea Campus for a mini assembly to help prepare them for Prep next year.

The Year Four leaders and Mrs Savic visited the ELC with the aim of introducing our ELC children to the school values in a fun and engaging way. They conducted an Acknowledgement of Country, and we had a special song performance of "Fight Song" by Saveer. In addition to this, they also performed a role play to encourage the ELC children to embrace the values of Respect, Leadership, Confidence, Ambition, Kindness and Discipline. The ELC children enthusiastically participated in identifying positive and negative behaviours by using the "thumbs up" and "thumbs down" gestures.

The visit was a great success and we are grateful to the Year Four leaders and Mrs Savic for taking the time out of their busy schedules to impart these valuable learnings to our ELC children.



Mrs Ashlee Grero – Educational Leader/Kindergarten Teacher

Book Club News

Edition 8 out now!

Christmas is coming and now is the time to stock up on gifts. Check out the latest edition on the BMG website here:

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

You can place your order online and have it delivered to your home. Commission from our sales goes towards new books and resources for the school.



Scholastic Book Club Coordinators - Diane Dunn (Maddingley Campus) & Feona West (Woodlea Campus)

Bus Update

End of Term Dismissal

With end of term approaching, ALL buses (Private, Public & Country) will run as per their normal timetables.

Maddingley Late Bus

As of Tuesday 14 November, LATE BUS 2 has had a change of stop at Werribee Plaza. Please refer to the school website for an updated timetable.

Woodlea Late Bus

As of Tuesday 14 November, the late bus has had a change of stop at Werribee Plaza. Please refer to the school website for an updated timetable.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Prep Woodlea

The prep students at Woodlea have done an amazing job, creating puppets using felt, based on the fairy tale story 'The Three Little Pigs'.



Conveyance Allowance

Please note that Conveyance Allowance applications have now closed for 2023. Payments for Semester Two will be processed in February next year. Please send an email to conveyance@bmg.vic.edu.au if you need to update any of your details regarding the payment method of your Conveyance Allowance. All current applications will be rolled over into 2024. You will not need to submit a new application unless your circumstances have changed (i.e., change in address, change in transport method).

Please direct any queries you may have to Nicole Tandy at conveyance@bmg.vic.edu.au

Mrs Nicole Tandy – Accounts Officer

Exam Timetables

Semester 2, Years 7-11 Exam Timetables can be [found here on Schoolbox](#).

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 can be found on the website below.

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

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Community News

Melbourne Renegades School Holiday Camps

January School Holiday Programs

Renegades School Holiday Programs are back again this January! As we move into the second half of the season, this is a chance for girls and boys to get their cricket fix this holiday period.

MELBOURNE RENEGADES SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS - AGES 7-10



Venue TBC - Ballarat



Wednesday 11th January 2024



Time 9.00am - 3.00pm

[Register for Ballarat now!](#)

Designed for Junior Gaders aged 7-10 years old, this one-day camp will feature fun, fully supervised cricket activities, games, giveaways and more!

Places are strictly limited at each camp. Please note that we do not operate waiting lists for these events - it is first in, best dressed until the camp is sold out!

For other locations throughout Victoria:

<https://www.melbournerenegades.com.au/holidayprograms>

Participants will need to bring their own food & drinks to the camp. Note that no nut products are permitted to be brought to the camp. There will be a fully supervised lunch break on the day.

****Parents/guardians do not have to stay for the entire day. Any Renegades player appearances are subject to availability****

