

## The Podium

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### Optimal Performance Learning, Reading and STAR

Reading is part of Bacchus Marsh Grammar School. It is part of who we are and part of our school culture. Reading is a foundational skill that influences many aspects of our lives and is an aspect of education where parent actions can have a significant impact.

Recently, the Grattan Institute released a report titled: 'The Reading Guarantee.' This has been largely discussed in education and the media in recent weeks. This is because, according to their results, about one-third of Australian school students are unable to read at their grade level. When you send your child to school, you expect they will learn how to read. But according to the data released by the institute, that is not the case. For Indigenous students, students from disadvantaged families, and students in regional and rural areas, this percentage increases.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we foster reading through our dedicated STAR (Students, Staff all Reading) Program and we aim to foster a deep love of reading and provide opportunities for our students to develop literacy skills. Parent interactions in regard to reading, especially in the primary years, can have a substantial influence on reading skills, interest and enjoyment.

What can we do at home?

Reading ability has one of the biggest impacts on school success and is one of the factors that parents can greatly influence. So, how can we counteract technology and make time for reading in a world that is constantly distracting us?

- **Foster Shared Reading Experiences:** Carve out uninterrupted time slots dedicated solely to reading. This could be a cozy evening routine or a weekend morning tradition. Scheduling specific times for reading can help. Even if it is just 20 minutes a day, setting aside time to read helps reinforce the habit and ensures regular immersion in the book world. This not only strengthens bonds but also models positive reading behaviours.
- **Promote Access to Books:** By carrying a book with us at all times or leaving books around the house in convenient places, we can make reading a more accessible and visible part of our daily lives. Encourage a household culture where digital media consumption is balanced with reading. This might involve setting aside tech-free time or zones in the home where the focus shifts to books and reading material.
- **Celebrate Reading Achievements:** Acknowledge and celebrate when a book is finished. These celebrations can be as simple as a discussion over dinner or as elaborate as a themed party reflecting a book's setting or characters. If you are not enjoying a book, don't force yourself or your children to keep reading it. There are plenty of other books out there to try.

Let us all encourage our children and students to read. Positively encourage students to read at school during STAR time by supporting them with their book choice and be a wonderful role model at home by actively reading.

**Mr Andrew Perks - Deputy Principal Culture and Character Education**

## Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Information

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The Camps Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The allowance will be paid to the school by the Education Department.

This is applicable to families who hold a valid means-tested concession card such as a Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card, a Health Care Card, or are a temporary foster parent.

To encourage families to make an application, the School will provide a rebate equivalent to the School Development Levy for those families who submit applications and which are approved by The Education Department.

The CSEF application form can be downloaded below. The form outlines eligibility requirements and needs to be returned to the School by 17 June 2024. Parents must meet the eligibility requirements by Eligibility Date 29 January 2024 or 2nd CRN validation date (for failed CRNs only) 15 April 2024

Parents that received the CSEF at Bacchus Marsh Grammar in 2023 do not need to complete an application form in 2024, providing there has been no change to their family circumstances. The CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [School's website](#).

**Ms Sharon de Vries – Accounts**

## Administration

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### School Photos

School Photos will be taken in early Term 2 at both Campuses. All students will have official School photographs taken throughout the scheduled School photo days. The photos will include individual student and School Class Group photographs. Unique student ordering codes and the School photo timetables will be communicated to families early in Term 2.

**School Photos are scheduled on the following dates:**

**Woodlea** – 22, 23 & 24 April

**Maddingley** – 29 & 30 April, 1, 2 & 3 May

### Uniform

Students are required to wear their **Full Winter School uniform**. This includes jumpers, blazers and ties for students in Years 5 to 12, and jumpers and ties for students in Prep to Year 4. It is important that students are well-groomed and neatly presented, including hairstyles, to be in line with the School's uniform policy as outlined in the student diary. A timetable for School photo dates will be placed on Schoolbox when information is sent to parents.

### School Communication

#### EdSmart – notifications for excursions/key school communication

All families are sent permission forms for completion via the EdSmart email notification system. Look for 'Bacchus Marsh Grammar' in your inbox. It is important to read all event information for upcoming activities and respond with permission by the due date in order for students to participate in these scheduled activities.

Please contact the school if you believe you are not receiving school letters relating to your child's excursions, class activities or school events.

There have been many instances recently where communications via Edsmart notifications have been blocked from an inbox and considered 'spam' or a parent's mailbox is full and the information is not received.

You can view Edsmart communication for your child via Schoolbox under the Quick Links / Edsmart or under School Letters. Parents are reminded that all main excursions/school events are listed on Schoolbox.

Contact the Administration staff at Maddingley Campus via email [administration@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:administration@bmg.vic.edu.au) or call 03 53664800 to discuss any issues with receiving communication.

Mrs Casey Ryder – Executive Assistant: Maddingley

## Physical Education, Health and Sport News

### ACS Swimming Carnival

Bacchus Marsh Grammar can proudly announce that the school has been accepted into the **ACS Sporting Association** for 2024 and beyond.

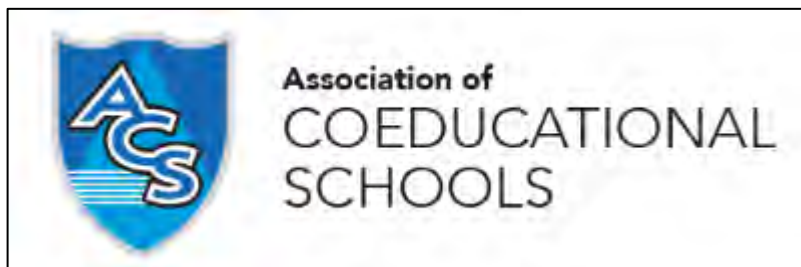
In 2023, ACS celebrated its 25th year of interschool sport and events. The

Association of Coeducational Schools (ACS) is a premier coeducational interschool sports association in Melbourne, committed to providing as many opportunities to play sport as possible and enhance the wellbeing of all students.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar will compete alongside Westbourne Grammar School, St. Leonard's College, St. Michael's Grammar School, Loyola College, Beacons Hills College, Overnewton Anglican Community College and St. Aloysius College.

The first event on the calendar is ACS Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 12 March at Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre, Albert Park. The event will run from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

Congratulations to the following students who will represent Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the ACS (Association of Coeducational Schools) Swimming Carnival.



BOYS		YR 7	YR 8	YR 9	YR 10	YR 11	YR 12
BREASTSTROKE	A	SOLEY, Jack	STRICKLAND, Magnus	BRAR, Armaanpartap	TANG, Rodney	LILLIE, Samuel	NOLTA, Benjamin
	B	Justin Trieu	Pradyun Raj	MILLS, Rylan	Namish Arora	LIU, James	SMITH, Thomas
FREESTYLE	A	COY, Jack	STRICKLAND, Magnus	LLANEZA, Callum	TANG, Rodney	LILLIE, Samuel	SMITH, Thomas 2
	B	VILJOEN, Levi	Pradyun Raj	BRAR, Armaanpartap	BLOSS, Ethan	BOWLER, Benjamin	NOLTA, Benjamin
BACKSTROKE	A	Athary Jindal	STRICKLAND, Magnus	LLANEZA, Callum	TANG, Rodney	EARNSHAW, Leon	SMITH, Thomas 2
	B	Elliot Yorgason	COLLINS, Liam	SLATTERY, Dean	Namish Arora	LILLIE, Samuel	NOLTA, Benjamin
BUTTERFLY	A	COY, Jack	STRICKLAND, Magnus 44.35	LLANEZA, Callum	TANG, Rodney	LILLIE, Samuel	NOLTA, Benjamin
100m FREESTYLE	JNR/INT/SNR	STRICKLAND, Magnus		TANG, Rodney		SMITH, Thomas	
OPEN Individual Medley (200m)	OPEN	NOLTA, Benjamin					
RELAY	1	COY, Jack	STRICKLAND, Magnus	LLANEZA, Callum	TANG, Rodney	LILLIE, Samuel	SMITH, Thomas
	2	VILJOEN, Levi	RAJ, Pradyun	BRAR, Armaanpartap	BLOSS, Ethan	BOWLER, Benjamin	NOLTA, Benjamin
	3	JOVIC, Matteo	SMITH, Thomas	SLATTERY, Dean	O'DONNELL, Gus	STEGEHUIS, Ethan	PARTON, Jake
	4	SHAHDEO, Vivaan	TRAN, Thomas	MILLS, Rylan	ARORA, Namish	EARNSHAW, Leon	CASSAR, Nicholas

<b>MEDLEY RELAY</b>	<b>BACKSTROKE</b>	JINDAL, Atharv	COLLINS, Liam	SLATTERY, Dean	ARORA, Namish	EARNSHAW, Leon	SMITH, Thomas
	<b>BREASTROKE</b>	SOLEY, Jack	RAJ, Pradyun	BRAR, Armaan	TANG, Rodney	LIU, James	NOLTA, Ben
	<b>BUTTERFLY</b>	COY, Jack	STICKLAND, Magnus	LLANEZA, Callum	BLOSS, Ethan	LILLIE, Samuel	CASSAR, Nicholas
	<b>FREESTYLE</b>	VILJEON, Levi	SMITH, Thomas	MILLS, Rylan	O'DONNELL, Gus	BOWLER, Ben	PARTON, Jake

GIRLS		YR 7	YR 8	YR 9	YR 10	YR 11	YR 12
<b>BREASTROKE</b>	<b>A</b>	YUAN, Mia Miao	SMITH, Abbey	Lynette General	Nilay Sarman	WARD, Ella	TRIPURANA, Pravallika
	<b>B</b>	JOHN, Matilda	TRAN, Anika	Abigail Pellow	WEEKS, Maddison	NORMINGTON, Alyssa	SEYMOUR, Tansy
<b>FREESTYLE</b>	<b>A</b>	YUAN, Mia Miao	SMITH, Abbey	Lynette General	Nilay Sarman	WARD, Ella	Tripurana, Pravallika
	<b>B</b>	JOHN, Matilda	TRAN, Anika	DING, Tanya	WEEKS, Maddison	STEWART, Emma	PETILLA, Mische
<b>BACKSTROKE</b>	<b>A</b>	VELLA, Alexis	SMITH, Abbey	Lynette General	Nilay Sarman	WARD, Ella	TRIPURANA, Pravallika
	<b>B</b>	YUAN, Mia Miao	Konika Yadav	DING, Tanya	WEEKS, Maddison	STEWART, Emma	STRANG, Grace
<b>BUTTERFLY</b>	<b>A</b>	YUAN, Mia Miao	SMITH, Abbey	Lynette General	Nilay Sarman	HUNTER, Madelyn	TRIPURANA, Pravallika
<b>100m FREESTYLE</b>	<b>JNR/INT/SNR</b>	SMITH, Abbey		SARMAN, Nilay		WARD, Ella	
<b>OPEN Individual Medley (200m)</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	GENERAL, Lynette					

<b>RELAY</b>	<b>1</b>	YUAN, Mia Miao	SMITH, Abbey	GENERAL, Lynette	Nilay Sarman	WARD, Ella	TRIPURANA, Pravallika
	<b>2</b>	JOHN, Matilda	TRAN, Anika	DING, Tanya	WEEKS, Maddison	STEWART, Emma	PETILLA, Mische
	<b>3</b>	BAO, Isabella	VELKOVSKI, Angelina	DUROVIC, Alana	BRIGHAM, Zara	MARCHINGTON, Emily	SEYMOUR, Tansy
	<b>4</b>	PELLOW, Charlotte	LIANG, Sylvia	WOODHALL, Peyton	KHA, Jessalyn	HEWITT, Lyla	MCRROBB, Jaya
<b>MEDLEY RELAY</b>	<b>BACKSTROKE</b>	VELLA, Alexis	YADAV, Konika	DING, Tanya	BRIGHAM, Zara	WARD, Ella	STRANG, Grace
	<b>BREASTROKE</b>	BAO, Isabella	TRAN, Anika	PELLOW, Abby	WEEKS, Maddison	NORMINGTON, Alyssa	SEYMOUR, Tansy
	<b>BUTTERFLY</b>	YUAN, Mia Miao	SMITH, Abbey	GENERAL, Lynette	SARMAN, Nilay	HUNTER, Madelyn	TRIPURANA, Pravallika
	<b>FREESTYLE</b>	JOHN, Matilda	VELOVSKI, Angelina	DUROVIC, Alana	KHA, Jessica	STEWART, Emma	PETILLA, Mische

## Woodlea

Congratulations to the MPSSA BMG Woodlea team who participated in the Divisional Swimming Carnival last Thursday at Melton Waves.

The team placed 2nd overall, only 5 points behind 1st place Melton Christian College and 30 points ahead of 3rd place St. Dominic's Primary School. We had a number of individual and team successes throughout the day and they have qualified for the District Swimming Carnival being held next Tuesday 12th of March at Melton Waves.

Please find a list of the students on the next page, for whom permission notices will be sent to parents. Thank you to Mr Browne and Miss Attard who took the team on the day. Good luck to all swimmers for the next stage.

STUDENT	TG	EVENTS QUALIFIED	AGE GROUP
STELLA CHAU	4WB	Freestyle, Breaststroke & Freestyle Relay	U9-10
SIMAY SARMAN	5WA	Freestyle, Breaststroke & Freestyle Relay	U11
INAYA BLOURIA	5WC	Backstroke & Freestyle Relay	U11
RUAIRI GRIEVE	4WA	Freestyle & Freestyle Relay	U9-10
RIJUL YADAV	6WA	Freestyle, Breaststroke & Freestyle Relay	U9-10
CIARAN GRIEVE	6WB	Freestyle	U12-13
ARJUN VASHISHTA	5WB	Breaststroke, Backstroke & Freestyle Relay	U9-10
SAMUEL PROUDFOOT	5WB	Backstroke & Freestyle Relay	U11
EVAN LIN	5WB	Butterfly & Freestyle Relay	U11
AYHAN SENYUVALI	6WB	Butterfly	U12-13
<b>Relay Teams</b>			
STELLA CHAU IRA DETROJ LILY HARRISON CHARLOTTE VELLA	4WB 3WB 4WD 4WD	Freestyle Relay	U9-10
SIMAY SARMAN AKSHARA KARPURAPU INAYA BLOURIA PARINI MODI	5WA 6WB 5WC 5WD	Freestyle Relay	U11
ARJUN VASHISHTA CALEB REDDY ETHAN HUGHES RUAIRI GRIEVE	5WB 5WB 4WB 4WA	Freestyle Relay	U9-10
JAYDRIEN CHAND SAMUEL PROUDFOOT EVAN LIN RIJUL YADAV	6WC 5WB 5WB 6WA	Freestyle Relay	U11
<b>TOTAL STUDENTS</b>	<b>18</b>		

Mr Evan Long - Coordinator: Head of Houses/Head of PE: Woodlea

## Senior School News

### Longest Lunch at St Anne's Winery

On Friday 1 March, 19 students from the Year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes participated in the Rayner First National Real Estate Longest Lunch at St Anne's Winery, of which Bacchus Marsh Grammar has a long history of participation. The event aims to raise money and awareness for the Kids Helpline.

Led by the Year 12s, the students worked in small teams to prepare and set the long table for 130 people and serve and clear a three-course meal for customers. Students were also involved in preparing food in the kitchen, assisting with the plating of each course and cleaning dishes.

All students represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar with pride and maintained a high level of professionalism; their service was greatly appreciated and respected by all in attendance.



Mrs Nicole Garner & Ms Nadelle Kiley - Hospitality Teachers

## Cross-Campus Year 10 INSPIRE Day

On Friday the 1st of March, Year 10 students from both Maddingley and Woodlea campuses joined together for their first cross-campus Inspire Day.

Students began the day looking at how to Study Smarter which is a program developed specifically for BMG students. Students started their journey of learning “how to study smarter not harder” by exploring learning myths and the brain. They were introduced to the use of the Study Planner which students should now incorporate into their everyday study habits. Flash Cards Leitner Algorithm.

After recess, students had the opportunity to listen to Scott Darlow’s presentation. Darlow is a passionate Indigenous educator and activist who uses his music and speaking skills to entertain and educate corporate audiences about his First Nations’ culture, Australian history, racial tolerance, harmony and important social matters Australia wide. It was pleasing to see that Bhavik Singh Shergill 10WA was the first person in 8 months of Darlow’s presentations that could name David Unaipon as the indigenous Australian on the \$50 Australian bank note. The banknote celebrates David Unaipon, an inventor and Australia’s first published Aboriginal author. Bhavik was presented with a boomerang for his knowledge and his willingness to share this in front of the whole Year 10 cohort.

Character education was the focus after lunch. Andrew Perks, our Character Lead spoke about values and virtues and how we use these every day to make decisions. Students considered the message - ‘Character is who you are. It is what makes you...you. It is what you believe in and how you act with others and when on your own. It is your values and your virtues.’ Students also began to explore the My Character Resources, focussing on ‘My life, your life, our future’.

It was wonderful to see all Year 10 students on the same campus enjoying Inspire Day.



**Mrs Nicole Heywood – Head of Senior School: Woodlea**

**Mrs Natalie Desira – Assistant Principal: Head of Senior School: Maddingley**

## Cooking for the community

The Cooking for Community Club is an afterschool class that allows students of Years 9-12 to cook for the community. Students work together to make dishes for community groups in need. This is an opportunity for students to work on both their cooking skills and reflect our school values of Kindness and Respect.

Some of the dishes students have or will create this term include: fried rice, fruit muffins, Pasta Bake and cakes. We are hoping to feed as many families in need as we can.

**Miss Lacey Madacki – Teacher**



## Middle School News

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### Woodlea

#### Principles of Aviation – Staughton Vale Experience Tuesday 27 February

During the Staughton Vale Drone Exercise we had the opportunity to practice our aerial acrobatics with the drones, this included the point of interest orbit and bridge inspection. Towards the end of the exercise we were transported to the top of a hill where we were able to photograph different subjects such as The Brisbane Ranges National Park, a Bacchus Marsh Grammar tree plantation site and the Staughton Vale buildings from a distance. Throughout the exercise, everybody was extremely happy, both with the results of the photos, and getting the opportunity to fly the drones for a large time frame.

**Sonova Lawson 9WA**

The Year 9 class of Principles of Aviation set out on an exciting trip to Staughton Vale this Tuesday. Our day started with sharpening our flying ability through practicing figure-eight and bridge assessment manoeuvres. After perfecting our flying skills, we captured lovely views of the campus through aerial videos and photos. After this experience, we stopped for a well-deserved lunch. After lunch we wandered towards the re-vegetation site, our attention centered on capturing the beauty of the Brisbane Ranges. We finished off with a relaxing bus ride back to school.

**Harkaran Gill 9WE**



## Junior School News

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### Maddingley

#### Year 4 Class Leaders – Maddingley

Congratulations to the following 2024 Class Leaders. These students will get the opportunity to be the voice for their class and contribute to improvements in Year 4 at the Maddingley campus. We look forward to seeing these students develop their leadership skills.

4A	Michael Keogh	Orla Gillen
4B	Emma McLachlan	Anthony Cannizzaro
4C	Aahan Grover	Georgi Viggiano
4D	Elodie McMillan	Nimrat Brar

**Mrs Lisa Foster – Head of Junior School**

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who attended the Junior School Parent/Teacher interviews last week across both the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses. The interviews were a wonderful success and an important part of establishing a positive connection between home and school. If you were unable to attend your child's Parent/Teacher interview, please contact your child's classroom teacher directly to arrange a time to discuss how your child has settled into the school year.

## Schoolbox Family Engagement Pages



A friendly reminder that the Schoolbox Family Engagement pages are accessible via the parent portal. Families are encouraged to access these Year Level pages regularly to be engaged in their child's school life. Each Year level page allows parents and guardians to keep up-to-date and informed about what students are learning in the classroom, up and coming events, useful information, helpful website links, hints and tips.

## Wear your House T-Shirt Day

On Thursday 7 March, the Maddingley campus held a Wear Your House T-Shirt Day. There was a ray of colour as the students from Prep to Year Four congregated on the Grammar Green in their designated houses for a picnic. This event was a celebration of our new House system and enabled students to come together. Students had the opportunity to meet their new leaders, Year Four House Captains, House Teachers and fellow House members.

There will be many events throughout 2024 across both campuses at which students will have the opportunity to wear their House T-shirts with Pride.

**Mrs Melanie Morton – Deputy Head of Junior School**





## Woodlea

### Parent/Teacher Interviews- Junior School

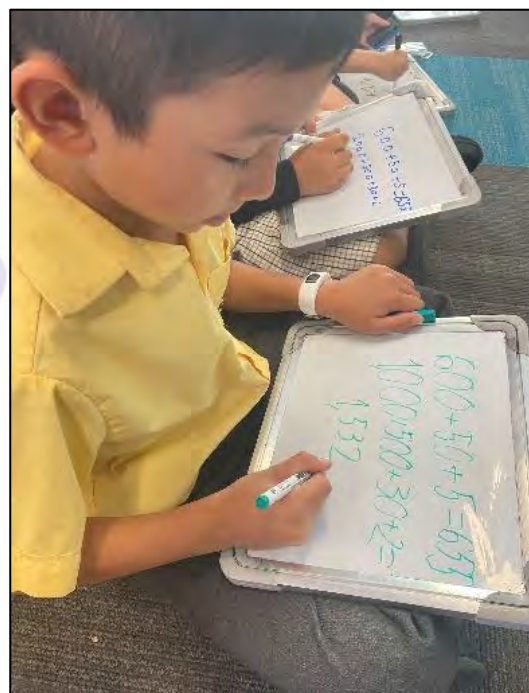
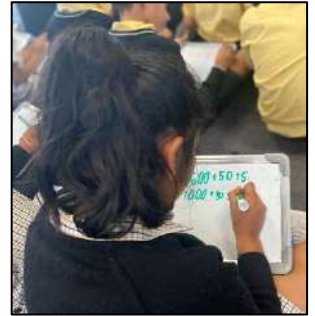
The beginning of the school year has been wonderful, with both staff and students actively engaged in learning. Parent/Teacher interviews have taken place and proved to be highly successful. We appreciate all the families who met with their children's teachers. If you were unable to schedule an appointment but would like feedback on your child's adjustment to school this year, kindly reach out to the teacher directly via email.

Thank you to everyone involved for your contributions during the Parent/Teacher interview process.

### Teaching and Learning

In the Junior School at the Woodlea campus, we have been placing a significant emphasis on enhancing student engagement in learning, with a particular focus on incorporating warm-up activities into our daily routines. Research has shown that warm-ups play a crucial role in priming the brain for learning by activating prior knowledge and preparing students for new concepts. These brief, interactive exercises not only help to create a positive and energised learning environment, but also facilitate the transfer of information from short-term to long-term memory. By incorporating warm-ups into our lessons, we aim to maximise student retention, ensuring that concepts are not only understood in the moment, but also embedded for future application. It's wonderful to witness the impact that these simple, yet effective strategies are having on our students' enthusiasm for learning and their overall academic success.

Here you see some of our Year 3 students immersed in their daily Numeracy warm-up.



Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School: Woodlea

Ms Courtney Williams – Deputy Head of Junior School: Woodlea

## Prep Teddy Bear Picnic



On Thursday, March 29, the Woodlea Preps had a wonderful time at their Teddy Bears' Picnic! With their favourite fluffy companions by their side, the students enjoyed singing teddy bear-themed songs and dances, and even introduced the teddies to our phonics program.

Throughout the day, the teddy bears joined us as we explored patterns, practised counting to 30, and enjoyed a picnic lunch outdoors with the entire Prep cohort. It was a simple, yet special day that brought smiles to everyone's faces.

It seems our furry friends had quite the adventure too! We heard that many of them slept soundly after their big day out at school. View more photos [here](#) on Schoolbox.

Mr Warwick Grinter – Head of Year Prep



## Global Studies Year 2 Woodlea

This week in Global Studies, the Year 2 students have delved into an exploration of ocean layers through an engaging science experiment, igniting palpable excitement among them. We curated a diverse array of materials to symbolise each ocean layer, fostering hands-on learning experiences. Collaborating in pairs, students actively participated in the experiment, combining materials, observing reactions and analysing the outcomes. The allure of donning lab coats and safety glasses resonated with many, evoking aspirations of a future in science. For additional photos, please refer to the Family Engagement Page.



Elle Pelly – Head of Year: Junior School Specialists



## Student Representative Council

Together, we would like to congratulate the following as the 2024 Maddingley SRC!

A big thank you to all 202 of you that applied – please don't feel disheartened and remember to apply again next year.

### Middle School (Years 5-8):

Captains – Samaira Grover, Priyan Reddy Ushake & Eshaan Sinyaraya Cheruvu, Kavinya Krishnakumar

Ayansh	Agrawal	Snighda	Mannem	Aaron	Regmi	Rhythm	Deveshwar
Aaban	Ahmed	Saanvi	Mendiratta	Adi	Sanders	Annabelle	Evans
Bria	Allan	Aylah	Miller	Saoirse	Sandoval-Roche	Reyan	Handa
Viraat	Baddam	Mason	Morassi	Sachee	Sevak	Samairah	Kapita
Harvin	Bagri	Liam	Muus	Lazarus	Singh	Wildan	Khan
Ryan	Bansal	Connor	Nash	Anandjot	Singh	Yuvraj	Khehra
Chaithvik	Chandramouli	Rafan	Parvez	Aahana	Thakur	Reet	Lamba
Tanishi	Chaudhuri	Arnav	Patel	Ekambir	Wahla	Vivaan	Maheshwari
Lucy	Collins	Aishwarya	Prabhakaran	Keira	Xo	Kyra	Malhotra
William	Cusmano	Aarzan	Quayyum	Hudson	Yeoman	Aadi	Malhotra
Soham	Das	Aarnav	Raichur	Evie	Young	Hitesh	Mandava

### Senior School (Years 9-12):

Prefects – Lauren Arlaud, Laura Daisley & Isabelle Holmes

Jorja	Adami-Beer	Felicity	Gribbin	Syma	Majid	Anshita	Shadangí
Fatima	Ahmed	Naisha	Gupta	Haasini	Manchana	Harsimran	Shahi
Aliza	Ahmed	Wareesha	Haq	Eshana	Mann	Micah	So
Roshyna	Attwal	Ganeev	Kaur	Parnika	Mehrotra	Abhijay	Talluri
Ira	Bhambri	Samreet	Kaur	Khushi	Mehta	Kayura	Thimmaraju
Lauren	Borg	Ansh	Khanna	Isabella	Merritt	Pavleen	Tuma
Nate	Buzza	Shravani	Khanzode	Annalise	Muir	Samaira	Venkat
Darvesh	Dhillon	Reva	Kukdeja	Izzy	Olin	Erika	West
Lily	Gibson	Ivan	Litovski	Pavan	Panapitiya		
Tanve	Girn	Kai	Long	Charlotte	Perilli		

### Reminder: BMG Easter Raffle 2024



The BMG SRC (Student Representative Council) is holding the annual Easter Raffle in Term 1. Money raised from this event will be donated to The Royal Children’s Good Friday Appeal.

The SRC is seeking the support of families with the donation of Easter eggs for the Easter Raffle. These donations will be used to make Easter hampers as the raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to the Main Administration Office marked SRC RAFFLE by **TUESDAY 12 MARCH**.

A booklet of 10 tickets will be sent home to each family. Tickets are 50c each and families are asked to return both unsold and sold tickets and money to school by **TUESDAY 12 MARCH**.

Ticket butts need to include the purchasers’ full name and a contact number or the student’s full name and Tutor Group.

The raffle will be drawn at school at the beginning of Week 8, with winners notified via phone call to purchaser or message to student. All prizes must be collected before the term break.

The prizes being raffled are Hampers of Easter Eggs. *Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.*

**Miss Caitlin Bowers – SRC Coordinator & Miss Kim McBain – Teacher**

## Maddingley Co-Curricular Timetable

### Term 1 - Middle & Senior School Co - Curricular Timetable (Maddingley) 2024

Club	Description	Year level	Day	Time	Location	Teacher
Indoor Plant Propagation	Propagating indoor plants in a variety of different ways	7 to 12	Monday	Lunchtime	O22	C. Patterson
Zonta Club	Zonta International is an international service organization with the mission of Building a Better World for Women and Girls.	7 to 12	Monday	Lunchtime	N1	C. Stephen
Young Farmers - Sustainable Agriculture	This co-curricular is designed to explore the world of agriculture. As young farmers we will engage in numerous agricultural programs throughout the year all centred around farming and sustainable practices.	5 to 9	Monday	Lunchtime	Q03	R. McMahon
Podcast Club	Middle and Senior School students creating podcast content for Apple FM Radio Station	5 to 12	Monday	Lunchtime	Hive Building Level 2 Room 2.1 + Small room next door for recording	P. Loton
NASA & Space Explorers	Students will experience a range of programs and challenges from both the NASA and Australian Space programs	5 to 8	Monday	Lunchtime	A3	D. Gorton
Board Game Club	We have a huge range of excellent board games for all tastes. Come and play!	5 to 12	Monday	Lunchtime	P5	B. Davie
Duke Of Edinburgh Support	Help with all things DOE. Anything from registration, goals setting, award approval etc.	9 to 12	Monday	Lunchtime	P5	D. Velden
BMG Explorers Club	The Explorers Club will teach and live its motto, "Character through Adventure". The club will also provide students with the opportunity to go on adventures and explore their own possibilities.	7 to 12	Tuesday	Lunchtime	P7	A. Perks
Indoor Plant Propagation	Growing indoor plants from preexisting plants	7 to 12	Tuesday	Lunchtime	o21	C. Patterson

Reader's Theatre	Learn scripts, plan and perform a short play. Based on the Reader's Theatre books.	5 and 6	Tuesday	Lunchtime	F4	D. Godsell
Debating Club	Practice speaking in front of an audience and exercise critical thinking skills.	7 to 12	Tuesday	Lunchtime	P16	R. Zivave & L. Baker
Tabletop Miniatures Club	Come and learn to build and plant miniatures for a range of games or just for fun.	7 to 12	Tuesday	Lunchtime	W8	B. Davie
Miniature Painting (with Mr Davie)	Building and Painting Miniatures	7 to 12	Tuesday	Lunchtime	W8	B. Davie
Student Representative Council (SRC)	The SRC strives to put forward suggestions which the student body of Bacchus Marsh Grammar would like to see implemented throughout all aspects of the school environment.	5 to 12	Wednesday	Lunchtime	N7	C. Bowers & K. McBain
Indoor Rowing	Student will take part in the 500m time trial, in readiness to compete online and against other students	6 to 9	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Outside F Block	D. Gorton
Speed Cubing/Speed Stacking	Students take on each other in speed cubing/speed stacking battles	5 to 8	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Outside F Block	D. Gorton
Duke Of Edinburgh Support	Help with all things DOE. Anything from registration, goals setting, award approval etc.	9 to 12	Thursday	Lunchtime	P5	D. Velden
Pokemon Club	Mainly a Pokemon Trading Card Club where students can play the PTC game together. Additional Pokemon related activities will also run for students who do not play the game.	5 to 10	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Middle School Library (Hive - when ready)	C. Stephen
Staughton Vale Club	Students will take part in a number of Staughton Vale Themed projects	5 to 10	Thursday	Lunchtime	Q3	D. Gorton
Triathlon Club	Triathlon is a sport in which individuals swim, bike and run. The squad trains on a Thursday after school and students compete for BMG in the 2XU Summer Series.	6 to 12	Thursday	After School	S&C room located above the gym hall	F. Glen
Cooking for the community	Cooking meals for Soul Food in Bacchus Marsh	9 to 12	Thursday	After School	H2	L. Madacki
Tabletop Miniatures Club	Come and learn to build and plant miniatures for a range of games or just for fun.	7 to 12	Thursday	Lunchtime	W8	B. Davie

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Equestrian Club	Bring your lunch and share your successes and talk all things Equestrian with your fellow horse-loving peers.  This is open to all students, even if you're not actively competing or don't own a horse.	Various	Thursday	Lunchtime	W3	G.Low
Creative Writing Club	Middle and Senior School students are invited to express themselves creatively in a variety of written forms – come along, find your voice, and contribute a piece (or perhaps more!) to our end of year student literary journal.	5 to 12	Friday	Lunchtime	N2 (yet to confirm)	K. McBain
BMG Book Club	Lunchtime Sessions for reading enthusiasts from Middle School and Senior School to come together with teachers to enjoy reading and discussing texts together.	5 to 12	Friday	Lunchtime	N3 (Until Hive is ready)	M. Rees
Board Game Club	We have a huge range of excellent board games for all tastes. Come and play!	5 to 12	Friday	Lunchtime	P5	B. Davie
Kayak Club	Come along to a relaxing Sunday paddle, compete in handicap races, or train for the Murray Marathon.	7 to 12	Sunday	After School	A range of locations	B. Davie

## Student Wellbeing

### The Billboard

The Wellbeing Team have been creating interactive Billboards for students in Years 5 – 12, since 2020. A new Billboard is launched each term which has links to all things related to health and wellbeing embedded behind most of the images. The Billboards are age appropriate and aim to focus on issues important to particular year levels. The Term 1 Billboard is now available and can be found on Schoolbox by entering the Middle and Senior School Gateway, where you will see The Billboard tile.



Students can also access The Billboard from their year level page. Previous editions of the Billboards can also be viewed on Schoolbox.

**Student Support Team**

## Languages Club

### Doll's Festival in Japan

This week, in Languages Club a small group of Middle School students learnt about the Doll's Festival (ひなまつり), also known as Girl's Day, in Japan. This event, celebrated on March 3, prays for the growth and happiness of girls, and families celebrate by displaying their special hina-dolls (ひなにんぎょう). The students learnt about what food is traditionally eaten on this day, we looked at pictures of ひなにんぎょう and then made origami dolls to take home.

If you are a Woodlea student and you would like to delve into the culture and language of Japan or France, and engage in fun activities, language games or just want to practise your language skills or get help with your homework, why don't you come along and join us every Tuesday after school in B02? Please email me Cudrano on: cudranob@bmg.vic.edu.au

These origami ひなにんぎょう were made by Jeylin (Year 7), Peyton and Rohan (Grade 6).



## Bus News

### Woodlea Late Bus

Due to Parent/Teacher Interviews taking place at Woodlea Campus, all after school activities/classes have been cancelled from Monday 4 March – Thursday 14 March. The late bus out of Woodlea has been cancelled and will not be in operation until 18 March 2024.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

## Scholastic Book Club

### Edition 2 out now!

To find out how to order from Book Club check out the link below:

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

To check out Issue 2 and place an order from Book Club check out the link below:

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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.

**Diane Dunn (Maddingley) and Feona West (Woodlea) - Scholastic Book Club Coordinators**





## 2024 Term Dates

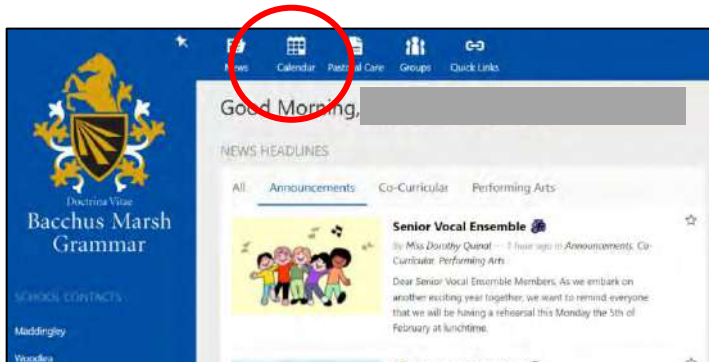
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The 2024 Term Dates have been published on the [school's website](#).

## Events Calendar

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We wish to inform our School Community that previous listing of upcoming events on the **Events Calendar via the school's website will gradually** cease, with all upcoming events featuring on the Schoolbox Calendar for both students and parents/guardians to view.




## 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/>.

## 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 can be found on the YBallarat website listed below. Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the [school's website](#).

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School Website: [www.bmg.vic.edu.au](http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au)

# RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Social Media

Impacts of Screen Time

Online Gaming

Cyber Bullying

Child & Tween Online Trends

Managing Devices in the Home

Explicit/Adult Content

Strengthening Family Communication

Trusted eSafety Provider  
esafety.gov.au

Bacchus Marsh Grammar School  
(John Leaver Gymnasium)  
37 Sth Maddingley Rd, Maddingley

Wed 20 March  
7.00 pm



Martin McGauran  
Primary School Teacher  
& Cyber Safety Educator

## INFORM & EMPOWER

- 90 minute presentation
- Parents/carers only
- Exclusive access to resources



Register to come along:  
[bit.ly/bacchus2024](https://bit.ly/bacchus2024)



Carley McGauran  
Psychologist & Mum to  
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