

Woodlea Spring Soiree



On Tuesday August 13, a cohort of over 130 courageous students from the Junior School performed in the Gym at Woodlea as part of the Spring Soiree.

Across two separate performance sessions, emerging and secure performers treated our performing arts community to musical wonders on a variety of instruments including the flute, guitar, drum kit, trumpet, vocals and piano.

The event marked a particularly exciting 'first performance' for the Concert Band at Woodlea showcasing our burgeoning woodwind and brass programs. Students really exemplified the spirit of the performing arts, reflecting confidence and resilience in the face of nerves, false starts and new experiences.

The Woodlea instrumental music staff are to be commended for their impeccable preparation, support and guidance leading our young musicians.

See all photos from the event [here on Schoolbox](#).

Ms Suzanne Kinsella – Head of Music: Woodlea

Student Wellbeing

RUOK? Day – Wear a yellow accessory!

Thursday 12 September is RUOK? Day, a day when we're reminded to ask, "Are you ok?" and to remember that, on every day of the year, we can support people who may be struggling with life's ups and downs.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we know that regular, meaningful conversation can make a difference. You don't have to be an expert to ask how someone is going. Just a good friend and a good listener.



This year the RUOK? Initiative continues to shine a light on the times we should be asking our friends and loved ones this important question. We want everyone in our school community to know that if something is up with someone you know, there's something going on in their life or you notice a change in what they're doing or saying, it's time to trust your instincts and ask them, "Are you OK?" To help people keep the conversation going when someone says they're not OK, we encourage everyone to learn what to say after R U OK?

We continue to foster and facilitate activities that promote these supportive connections within our school community with students and staff from Prep right through to Year 12.

RUOK? Is a national charity dedicated to inspiring all of us to have regular, meaningful conversations to support someone who may be struggling.

On RUOK? Day, we invite all students in years Prep to Year 12 to show their support and share the important messages around RUOK? Day by wearing yellow accessories (hair ribbons, hat, scarf, socks, scrunchie, headband etc) with either their full school uniform or their Sport uniform if they have PE/ Sport on this day. No coloured hairspray or face paint please.

You can learn more about the signs and how to ask RUOK? at <https://www.ruok.org.au/r-u-ok-day>

We look forward to seeing a sea of yellow in the School on Thursday 12 September.

Student Wellbeing Team

High School Musical Jr Production Tickets

ON SALE NOW!

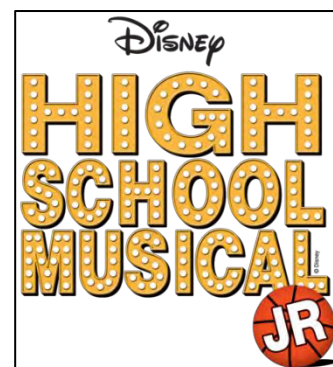
Ticketing for the Middle School Musical – High School Musical Jr are now available from The Clocktower Centre Moonee Ponds website. Tickets can be purchased online using VISA or MasterCard.

Ticket Purchase Link: <https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bmg-presents-hsm-jr/>

Performance Venue: Clocktower Centre Moonee Ponds

Performance Dates: Friday 20 September at 7pm & Saturday 21 September at 1pm

Ticketing Prices: Adult \$16 Family of 4 (Two Adult & Two Children) \$39



Students involved in the performance do not require a ticket.

Junior School

Maddingley

Literacy Week

Students have had the opportunity to meet with authors and illustrators, learning about their writing and illustrating journeys and participating in engaging activities:

Prep students were fascinated with Lucinda Giffords illustrating process and were thrilled to make suggestions as she drew them a fictional character including physical features and the setting. Lucinda has illustrated many picture story books including books she has written and those of other authors. She loves drawing fun and imaginative pictures, especially made-up creatures.



Archer PE: 'I learned to mix animals to make a monster when drawing.'

Always a favourite at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, Mark Carthew delighted Year One students with his songs and stories. Students were fascinated with his rhyming techniques and the different ways Mark came up with ideas for his books, including travelling all over the world.

Asees 1C: 'I learned that Mark likes to make his books rhyme, and the illustrator can be just as important as the author.'

Favel Parrett, author of *Wandi* will be presenting to the Year Two cohort later in the year.

Mark Wilson is passionate about real people from history, especially untold heroes. Year Three students were fascinated by Mark's writing methods, particularly the drafting process and how his drafts looked, with many crossed out words, phrases and the addition of scribbled words and ideas.

Paravir 3A: 'I learned that the first draft is the worst draft and that your idea has to be good.'

Year Four students enthusiastically participated in the 100 Story Building Writing Workshop. Students collaboratively applied brainstorming and planning strategies to write creative and imaginative stories which could take different pathways and have different endings.

Gurnaaz 4D: 'I learned about what I can do when I get stuck, how to brainstorm ideas.'

Students and staff finished off this fun week of learning by dressing up as a character from a storybook. A huge thank you to parents and all who were involved with helping students with their character outfits.



Father's Day Celebrations

During this week all students have had the opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the significant people who support them at home through Father's Day stories and activities.



Students in Prep, Year One and Year Two welcomed their father, grandfather or special someone into their classroom to participate in Father's Day related activities.

Mrs Kim Blundell – Deputy Head of Junior School

Year 4 Students Earning Their Chromebook Licence!

We are thrilled to share that our Year 4 students are currently working towards earning their Chromebook licences! This is an important milestone as it means that once they have completed the necessary steps, they will be permitted to take their Chromebooks home each night.

This initiative is designed to help students develop essential digital skills, take responsibility for their devices, and extend their learning beyond the classroom.

To earn their Chromebook licence, students must demonstrate their understanding of safe, respectful and responsible online behaviour, proper care of their Chromebooks, and adherence to the Bacchus Marsh Grammar student technology use policies.

We believe this is a valuable opportunity for students to enhance their learning experiences, and we are confident they will rise to the challenge.



Year Four Team Maddingley

Woodlea

Year 2 at Staughton Vale



On Thursday 22 August, Year 2 students from Woodlea took a trip to our Staughton Vale campus for a full day of creativity and teamwork. The highlight was making scarecrows, and we extend our gratitude to the families who generously donated clothes for the project. Each class worked in groups to create two scarecrows, resulting in a total of eight.

The students carefully attached the clothes to the wooden stakes, filled them with hay, and added their own personal touches to make each scarecrow unique. Following this, students could choose between planting seedlings or participating in team games.

Those who opted for planting dug holes, placed their seedlings with care and watered them, while those who chose team games enjoyed an exciting game of Scarecrow Tiggy.



Ms Ashlee Taylor – Head of Year 2: Woodlea

Middle School

Woodlea

On Friday August 23, the Year 5 students visited the Eureka Centre in Ballarat as part of their Global Studies curriculum.

Whilst participating in the centre's Eureka Program, students explored the lives of key figures from the Eureka Stockade, examined the remnants of the Eureka Flag, and learned about various artifacts from the gold rush era. They also gained insights into democracy and the lifestyle of people in the 1800s.

Students also enjoyed a tour of the Eureka Stockade Memorial Park, where they observed several memorials honouring those who lost their lives at the Eureka Stockade. Highlights included learning about the Pikeman's Dog and exploring the Eureka Stockade Monument.

Overall, it was a fantastic day, with all students representing Bacchus Marsh Grammar with pride and embodying our school values.



Ms Samantha Bowden – Teacher

Senior School

Maddingley

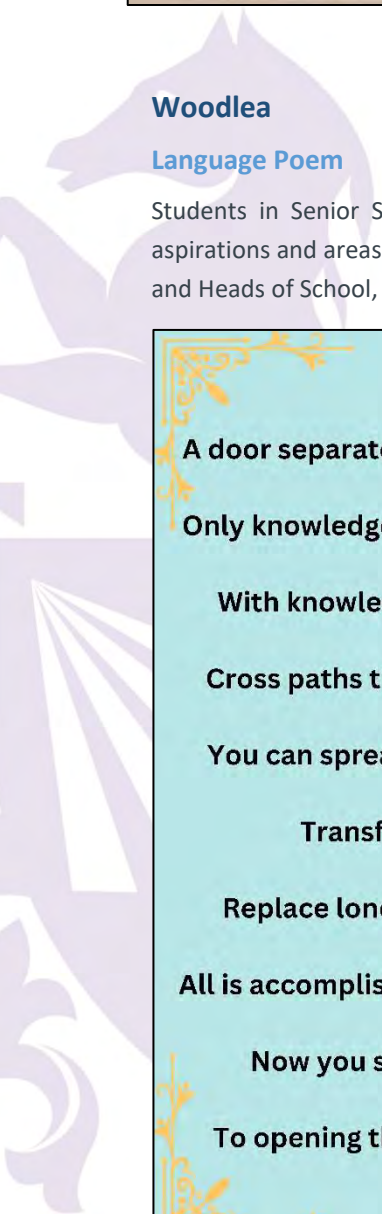
Year 11 Literature Excursion to the NGV: Exploring First Nations Art and Culture

The Year 11 Literature students from Bacchus Marsh Grammar embarked on an enlightening excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV). The focus of this visit was to engage with the First Nations Art and Culture program, a unique initiative designed to immerse students in the rich artistic traditions and contemporary expressions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



The program began with an introduction to Wurrdha Marra, the NGV's dedicated display of First Nations art and design. Students were captivated by the diversity and depth of the artworks, ranging from traditional dot paintings and bark art to modern multimedia installations.

Students then participated in a guided tour led by knowledgeable NGV educators, who shared invaluable insights into the themes and techniques evident in the artworks. These discussions highlighted the resilience, innovation and storytelling embedded in First Nations art, thereby fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation among the students.



This complemented the Year 11 Literature curriculum, particularly the current unit on Voices of Country, in which students examine how literature and art serve as mediums for expressing identity, culture and history.

Ms Karin Kos – Head of English: Maddingley

Language Poem

A door separates two rooms from each other

Only knowledge can diminish this separation

With knowledge, you can break barriers

Cross paths that had once been cut short

You can spread knowledge among others

Transform sadness into joy

Replace loneliness with understanding

All is accomplished when knowing a language

Now you see that language is a key

To opening the doors of communication

One student, Mariam Rao of 10WB, captured the essence of this experience in a thoughtful poem (*pictured left*).

Her work reflects on the significance of language study, emphasising how mastering languages can open doors to new opportunities and deepen cultural understanding.

Mariam's poem serves as a reminder of the broader impact that subject choices can have, not only on careers, but also on personal growth and global awareness.

Mrs Nicole Heywood – Head of Senior School: Woodlea

Physical Education, Health and Sport News

Herald Sun Shield – Intermediate Girls

Congratulations to our Intermediate Girls team that took part in the Herald Sun Shield Div 2 competition on Tuesday. In extremely windy conditions at Casey Fields, the team picked up BMG's first ever Herald Sun Shield win by defeating Our Lady of Mercy College by 18 points in the opening game. They continued the good form to defeat Yarra Valley by 10 points in the following game and finish top of Pool A to progress into the semi-finals. In a hard-fought semi against Luther College, BMG matched it for most of the game, eventually going down by 13 points. A wonderful effort on the part of all team members and a big thank you to Mr Velden as team coach for his work with the team over the last two terms, and Mrs Garner as team manager.

Individual Sporting Achievements

Australian School Games – Hockey

Congratulations to Adi Sanders (Year 6) - Gold Medallist. Adi (*pictured right*) has just returned from Canberra after attending the Australian School Games.

Adi's Victorian U12 team finished the tournament undefeated, with only 2 goals conceded. This was the first U12 Victorian team to win gold at the championship.



Ballarat Football and Netball League (BFNL) Awards



Well done to Anika Tran (8C) who won two prestigious awards in the BFNL AFL awards night and was also named in the U14 Junior Girls AFL Team of the Year. Anika (*pictured left*) was voted by opposition coaches as the U14 Girls Most Valuable player. She then capped off the night to win the U14 Girls League Best & Fairest as voted by the league umpires. An outstanding achievement!

We wish Anika all the best in her upcoming Grand Final.

Emily Kennedy (9I) and Peisha Stewart (8C) were also named in the U14 Junior Girls AFL Team of the Year, while Charli Parsons-Jones (9I) and Miah Bradbury (10G) were named in the U16 Junior Girls AFL Team of the Year.

Mr Bryce Durham – Head of Faculty: PE and Health

Snow Australia Interschools Victorian Championships



What an incredibly successful weekend the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Snowsports team enjoyed at the Snow Australia Interschools Victorian Championships at Mt Buller!

Our Snowsports team consists of the amazing Wray sisters, Summer and Kaylee. Unfortunately, due to injury, Tayla was unable to compete this year.

[Here are the results...](#)

Moguls:

10th – Summer (*pictured on the right*)

13th – Kaylee (*pictured on the left*)

3rd – BMG team

1st – Summer

3rd – Kaylee

1st – BMG team

Ski Cross:

1st – Summer

3rd – Kaylee

1st – BMG team

Summer also won the Overall Female Ski Medal for the Victorian Interschools. This means that Summer was rated the best female skier in the Championships.

We wish Summer and Kaylee all the best at the Australian Championships next weekend.



Mr Nick Sher – BMG Snowsports Co-ordinator

Co-Curricular

Equestrian Club

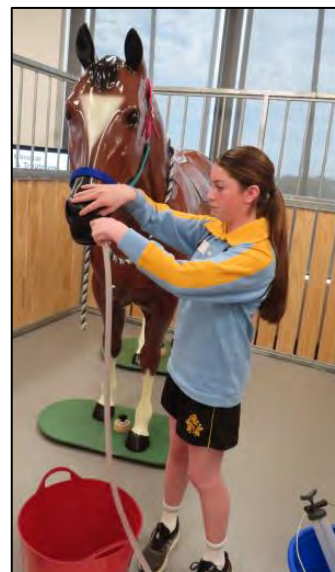
Last Friday, the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Equestrian Club embarked on an exciting excursion to the Melbourne University Veterinary Campus. We had the unique opportunity to step into the shoes of university students for a day, exploring the state-of-the-art facilities and gaining insights into the world of equine veterinary medicine.

Our tour included a behind-the-scenes look at the surgical areas where we learned about the specialised equipment and procedures used to care for injured or ill horses. We were also fortunate enough to interact with the campus's animal residents including adorable cows, horses, sheep and a friendly puppy named Alfie.

One of the highlights of the day was the chance to experience first-hand what it's like to be an equine vet student. We had the opportunity to use medical equipment such as stethoscopes and ultrasound machines, and even practised CPR on animals. We



also donned surgical scrubs and gloves, gaining a sense of the rigorous training required for this profession.



Beyond the educational aspects of the tour, the day provided a wonderful opportunity for our team to bond and discuss our plans for the future. We set new goals and gained inspiration from our experiences at the university.

A special thanks to Melbourne University for hosting us and providing such a memorable and enriching day.

Mrs Georgina Low – Teacher

BMZ Club

In collaboration with Literacy Week (Week 7) and Indigenous Literacy Day (Wednesday 4 September), the BMZ Club at Maddingley is running a Book Drive to support the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

From Tuesday 20 August until Thursday 5 September, the BMZ Club will be running collection points on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime for students to bring their book donations in exchange for a raffle ticket. Each book donated goes to helping promote reading and literacy for Indigenous children.

We do accept new and second hand:

- Picture books – new titles, classic titles, favourite authors, award winners
- Early readers – popular series, cardboard books
- Fiction – new titles, popular authors, classics
- Non-Fiction (current and relevant to Indigenous culture)

Age levels:

Books suitable for children from 0-16 years of age.

We do not accept books that have:

Binding that is frayed, covers and pages that are torn or missing, food stains, been chewed on, been written in or highlighted, mould, dirt or water damage, battery operated sounds, or an accompanying CD, but the CD is missing.

Every book donated will receive a raffle ticket for a prize draw to take place on Monday 9 September!

If you would like to learn more about the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, please visit their website:

<https://www.indigenoussliteracyfoundation.org.au/>

Thank you in advance.

BMZ Club Maddingley

Maddingley Landcare Club seek your support

The club is currently installing the new and improved Maddingley Landcare Group Garden and Nursery, and we would welcome the donation of any Terracotta Pots (example shown) that would like a new home. The plants will be used to help create a kitchen garden for the BMG community.

Any contributions should be delivered to Mr Gorton in the Gym Office.

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



ICAS

ICAS Assessments for 2024 have been completed.

Every student who participated will be recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area completed. ICAS certificates will show student results and login details, "TAP ID and Pin". - Use these to enter the [Results Portal](https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent) (<https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent>). Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

Note: The school will publish via the BMG eNews and Schoolbox when ICAS certificates have arrived. We will then make arrangements to send it home or post. You can use the TAP ID and Pin from previous years to access 2024 results.

Mrs Casey Ryder – Executive Assistant: Maddingley

From the Library

Book Fair News

Maddingley

Distribution of our Book Fair orders is almost complete. If any student has not received all or part of their order and have not been given notice of the reason for the delay, please email the BMG Library Team on library@bmg.vic.edu.au to report the matter for follow up.

Woodlea

Our Woodlea Book Fair is coming next week!

The Fair will be open from Monday 2 to Friday 6 September

Our Prep-6 students will have the opportunity to view the Fair, check out all the wonderful books and write out their wish-lists. Very exciting!

Mrs Diane Dunn and Mrs Feona West – Scholastic Book Club Coordinators

The Premier's Reading Challenge is open to all students from Prep to Year 12

The Challenge ends on September 6, 2024. Students who complete the Challenge must advise Mrs West either via an email from a parent or a signed printout of their completed Challenge list. The entry will then be verified.

Students who have recently completed the Challenge: Rishik Jakkula 4B, Manjot Singh Pannu 4B, Lenny Fowler 4B, Sehaj Randhawa 4B, Owen McCormack 3D, Amelia Alexander 3WE, Maddie Herrity 7D, Tanish Krishna 9WC.

Mrs Feona West – Teacher Librarian

Bus and Transport Updates

PRIVATE BUS TRAVEL 2025

We are currently rolling over students from 2024 private bus travel to 2025 private bus travel.

If your child/ren's current bus travel arrangements are going to change, or require to be changed, (eg you are moving house or no longer requiring private bus travel) for 2025, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au to discuss your changes. If your child/ren will not require a private bus service in 2025, 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 2025 routes/timetables.

COUNTRY BUS TRAVEL 2025 – MADDINGLEY CAMPUS

Applications for Permission to Travel forms have been sent to families last week via Edsmart notification to parents for children who are eligible to travel on a Country bus to Bacchus Marsh Grammar Maddingley Campus in 2025. Application forms are due back by Friday 6 September 2024. Please note that failure to submit this form to the office by the due date may result in your child/ren not being eligible to travel on a Government Operated Bus Service in 2025.

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMS

Year 12 Trial Exams are taking place on Monday 7 October 2024. Please note that there will be no buses available on this day. Students will need to make their own way to and from school. Bus services will resume on Tuesday 8 October 2024.

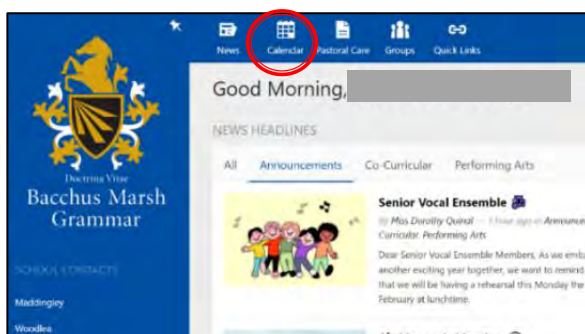
Mrs Leanne Robertson – School Bus Services Administrator

2024 & 2025 Term Dates

Both the 2024 and 2025 Term Dates are published on the [school's website](#).

Events Calendar

All upcoming events feature on the Schoolbox Calendar for both students and parents/guardians to view.



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/>.

Health Centre

New Contact Method for Maddingley and Woodlea Health Centre

We would like to inform all parents that the Maddingley and Woodlea Health Centres have transitioned to using mobile phones as the primary means of communication with parents. This change is intended to streamline and improve the efficiency of our communication.

Contact Information:

Maddingley Health Centre Mobile Number: 0409 660 290

Woodlea Health Centre Mobile Number: 0448 281 290

Please save these numbers in your contacts to ensure you can easily recognise calls from the health centres.

Families can still reach the Health Centre through Reception if they wish to do so.

We encourage all parents to update their contact lists and ensure that these numbers are accessible. This change aims to provide a more direct and prompt communication channel between the Health Centre and parents. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Health Centre Team

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – The Y Ballarat

The Y Ballarat operates the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the [school's website](#).

Email: chrisie.ashmore@yballarat.org.au Phone: 0490 178 638 W: <https://yballarat.org.au/>

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Regular Contacts

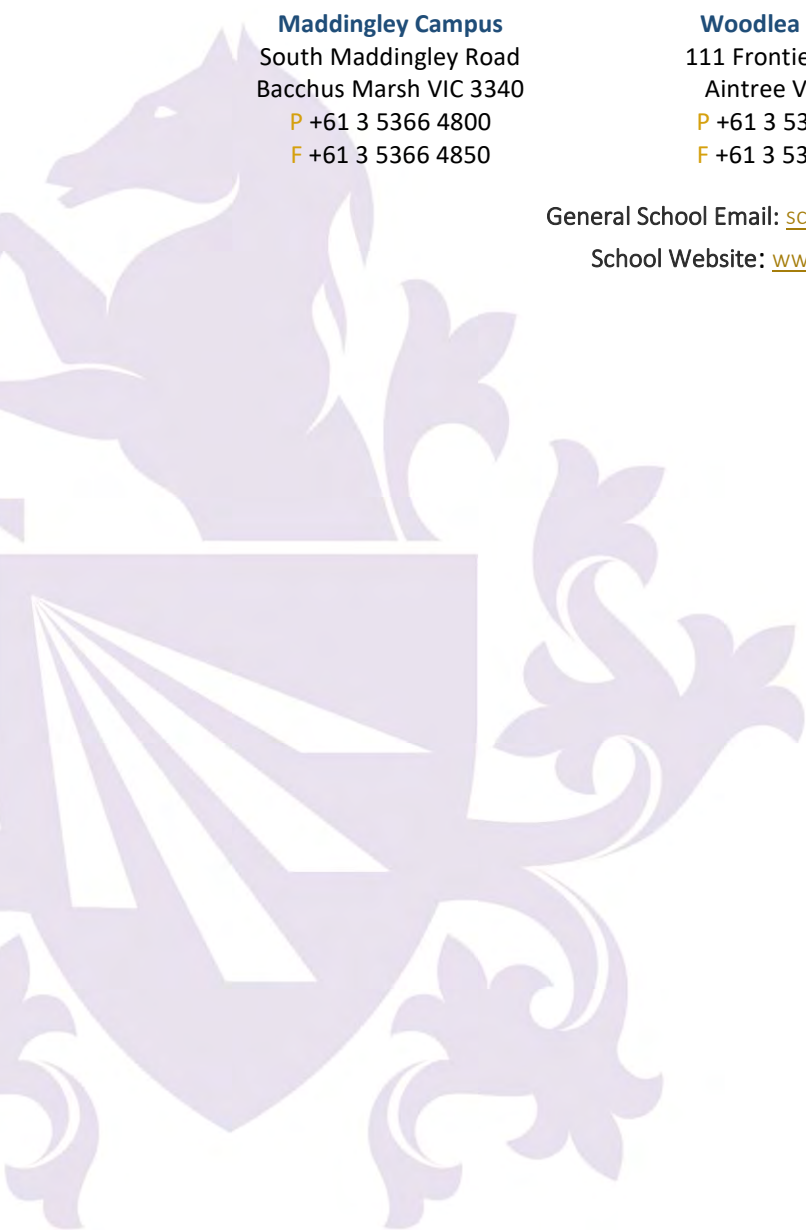
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Bacchus Marsh Little Athletics

TRACK & FIELD

2024/2025



FAMILY FUN & FITNESS

When & Where

Season commences on
Saturday 5th October
Masons Lane Reserve
Bacchus Marsh
8.30am

On Offer

Age - 5yo to 16yo (Under 6-17)
Events - sprints, distance,
shot put, discus, javelin,
long jump, triple jump,
high jump and hurdles
Region & State Competition
Cross Country

Registration details

Register online via the
member portal
lavic.com.au/membership/
\$140 (discount 3+)

Contact Us

BMLAC Registrar
0409 322 983

www.bacchusmarshlittleathletics.org.au

