BMG NEWS



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Policy Update

The virtues of fairness, honesty, respect and integrity are cornerstones of character education. At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we promote the values and virtues that are in keeping with our school mission statement and school philosophy, and are aligned with our Character Education Framework. Recently, our school policy regarding Plagiarism (intellectual theft and a form of cheating and academic misconduct) and Cheating has been updated to reflect the changes influencing education at present. However, these are not restricted to the increasing use of AI (artificial intelligence), programs like ChatGPT, Google Cloud and the reliance on smart technologies. Fairness, respect, honesty and integrity is living by what you know is right - the right way to behave in a given circumstance. Not what you think you can get away with, not what you think that everybody else is doing. All students will have competing obligations in their lives. They will be stretched with time management and organisation, and have different views and incentives. Our students, like so many young people today, will be presented with different dilemmas and temptations, and have to make choices.

Importantly, when students do break our school policy regarding Plagiarism and Cheating there is a consequence for this. These are clearly outlined in the school policy which can be found on SchoolBox here: https://schoolbox.bmg.vic.edu.au/homepage/23485. Of these consequences, I think it most important to highlight:

Consequences and Disciplinary Action 8.1.3. "As a minimum standard consequence, where there has been an attempt to cheat or evidence of cheating, the student will be ineligible for Academic Awards in that academic year."

Our character education program and school curriculum helps students make the right choices. We teach knowledge so that our students can apply this and make wise choices. The choices as a Bacchus Marsh Grammar community, we know are right.

Mr Andrew Perks – Deputy Principal Culture and Character Education

100 Days of Prep Celebrations

Maddingley

Celebrating 100 days of Prep at school is a milestone filled with excitement and pride for both students and teachers. On this special day, the young learners transformed into "Super 100 Day Learners," and showcased their creative costumes, capes and super smiles.

The classrooms buzzed with energy as children engaged in a variety of activities centred round the number 100. From counting and crafting numbers to writing exercises, every task focused on our journey of 100 days of learning. This celebration not only



highlighted their academic achievements, it also celebrated the friendships made and the confidence gained as they embark on their big learning journey here at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Maddingley's photos can be found on the Prep Family Engagement Page.

Mrs Kylie McKerrow - Head of Prep

Woodlea





Last week at Woodlea, we celebrated a huge milestone – 100 Days of Prep!

These 100 days have been filled with laughter, learning and, of course, a little bit of chaos! We are excited to share some of the achievements and challenges of the first 100 days of Prep.

The first 100 days are full of magic. Our Preps have come a long way from their initial days of learning when they were just getting used to the school environment. They went from recognising that those different shapes and lines are letters, to understanding that letters represent sounds, and those sounds form words. We then reached the exciting stage of blending—putting those sounds together to make a word. They learned that words form sentences, and sentences come together to convey meaningful messages.

Our Prep students have really embraced the high expectations we've set, pushing themselves to do their best. They've picked up on whole-body listening skills with plenty of reminders and practice, hopefully setting them up well for the future years.

Values education has played a big role in shaping their characters. Through activities and lessons focused on respect, kindness and discipline, they are learning to interact positively with their peers. We have many conversations about ambition, and we have students who know they want to be doctors, nurses, dentists, teachers, to those who aren't quite sure what they want to be, as long as they are a millionaire!

Seeing older students and Year 4 Leaders role-model our values during assemblies and the buddy program has been great for our Preps.

Some writing samples from our 100 Days of School celebration:

When I am 100 years old I will:

- Spend time with my family and relax while my cookies are in the oven. I love my family.
- Be living in a two-story house, get ice cream, and learn all my Sound Waves.
- Play with my grandchildren, go for a walk, and miss my teacher.
- Go to the vet to make my rooster better.

If I had \$100 I would:

- Help poor people.
- Buy 9 cookies and 60 Oreos.
- Buy a GT or an expensive soccer ball OR a Ferrari.

Woodlea's photos can be found on the Prep Family Engagement Page.



Mr Warwick Grinter - Head of Prep

Junior School News

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to our parent community for attending the parent-teacher interviews this week. We trust that you found the experience valuable and now feel better prepared to support your child in areas of growth and challenge. If you did not make an appointment to meet with your child's classroom teacher, please ensure you make contact to learn how you can further support your child.

Please remember that the Family Engagement pages are a valuable resource for supporting and extending your child and keeping you up to date with classroom activities and upcoming events.

Thank you again for your support and collaboration in ensuring the best outcomes for our students.

Mrs Sally Savic - Head of Junior School Woodlea and Mrs Lisa Foster - Head of Junior School Maddingley

Woodlea News



We are delighted to share the fantastic achievement of our Year 3 students at the recent MAV Games. One of our talented teams secured an impressive third place, demonstrating the exceptional problem-solving skills, teamwork and numeracy fluency that we cultivate at our school.

The MAV Games provide a wonderful platform for students to engage in mathematical challenges that require quick thinking and collaboration. Our students excelled in these areas, working together seamlessly to solve complex problems and display their numerical skills.

Throughout the competition, our students exemplified our core school values of discipline, respect and leadership. Their

determination and positive attitude in the face of tough challenges were truly commendable. Competing against other schools, they showed great sportsmanship and integrity, making us incredibly proud.

This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our students and the supportive learning environment fostered by our staff. We congratulate all our Year 3 participants and look forward to their continued success in future endeavours. Well done to our budding mathematicians!

Mrs Courtney Williams – Deputy Head of Junior School Woodlea

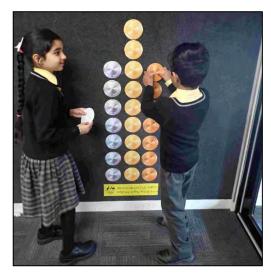
Woodlea Year 1

After an exciting exploration of the history, sports and people of the Olympics last term during our knowledge-rich literacy unit, Woodlea Year 1 students have continued their Olympic studies with our Chance and Data unit this term.

Year 1 students have been eagerly tracking Olympic medals won by Australia using tally charts, bar graphs and pictographs.

This hands-on approach is not only reinforcing their data analysis skills but also keeping their Olympic spirit alive! Our young learners are having a blast applying their knowledge in real-world contexts and developing their critical skills

Woodlea Year 1 Team



STEM News

Sustainability Mascot Design Competition

Join us in room M3 @ lunchtime on Monday 12 August at Maddingley or Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 at B02 Woodlea or work from home to create your 'Piskel' character entry! All characters will be on display on Wednesday evening around the L building and a QR code will be made available during STEM Night to allow visitors to vote for their favourite character!

Fun prizes up for grabs! Winners will be announced by the end of the week. To submit your entry, please attach your 'Piskel png or jpeg file, via email by Wednesday 14 August at lunchtime 1pm to Mrs Kotz or Ms Kamcev: kotzs@bmg.vic.edu.au; kamcevva@bmg.vic.edu.au

Ms Vanessa Kamcev – Teacher

STEM Night

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is inviting all parents and students who are STEM enthusiasts to join us for a week of celebrating Science, Technology and Mathematics.

Lunch time activities will be held during the week at respective campuses. Look on Schoolbox for more information relating to these events.

The STEM Showcase evening will be held on Wednesday the 14th of August from 4 to 7 pm at the Maddingley campus. All are welcome to attend. Activities on the night include:

- Student Projects 'STEM Showcase'
- Various science rooms with activities to keep you energized
- A Mathematics room to challenge your mind
- A Technology room to check out your skills
- A Chemistry show to blow your mind
- Guest Speakers to inspire your thoughts

See STEM posters at the end of this newsletter for more information about this event.

Mrs Susanna Mandic - STEM Coordinator

Middle School News

House Competitions

This week's Inter House Netball Competition exploded into action again, both in terms of player action and equipment. Mid game, the game ball erupted while Pikes and Lerderderg battled it out. So far, the leaders of the Y5&7 Competition are Parwan, with Dale winning the Y7&8 Competition.

We also had an assembly to see Kenisha Govani Year 7 and Tanish Taneja Year 8 receive a Principal's Award while a number of students received their colours awards:

50 points were awarded to:

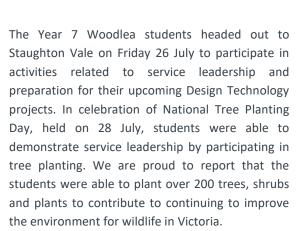
- Joel Kandelaars 6B
- Marcus Ruffo 6A
- Avyaan Arora 6B
- Annika McMillan 6C
- Ayushman Ranjan 6C
- Xavier Stirrat 7I
- Vanya Sharma 7A
- Matteo Jovic 7H

100 points were awarded to

- William Cusmano 8A
- Zara Pazeski 8A

Year 7 Woodlea





Further contributions to the conservation of Staughton Vale and its natural environment include Year 7s creating man-made nesting boxes for some

of the animals that live there. A tree needs to be at least 100 years old to develop natural hollows, and the black cockatoo normally uses trees that are 200 to 500 years old! To help support the animals in this area, and as part of their practical learning, students spent time sketching areas where they could leave their nesting boxes.

One of the many values at Bacchus Marsh Grammar is leadership and the Year 7 cohort had an opportunity to explore how they can demonstrate service leadership. Service leadership focuses on serving the interests of the group as a whole and helps foster a sense of community and togetherness.



The Year 7s quickly realised that they had already been demonstrating service leadership by participating in the collection of donations for the St Vincent's Christmas fundraiser, representing the school at various ICCES and ACS events, as well as formal leadership roles such as Bus Captains and Year 6 Leaders. Students were able to participate in mock interviews in preparation for the upcoming Year 8 Leadership positions.

All students were actively engaged and were excited to contribute to Staughton Vale in a way that can be recognised in years to come. Some students were also fortunate enough to see a koala, further reinforcing how important the native fauna is at Staughton Vale. Be sure to keep an eye out next time you visit to see some of the amazing species that inhabit our area.





Mrs Melissa Dunat - Head of Year 7 Woodlea

Physical Education, Health and Sport News

ICCES AFL Carnival

It was a "three-peat" for the Junior Girls AFL team with their win in the ICCES AFL Carnival held in Bendigo.



Congratulations to all players on the Junior Girls team who won their division and have now qualified to compete in the Herald Sun Shield on Tuesday 27th August. The Intermediate Boys team has also qualified for the Herald Sun Shield and will take place in this competition on Tuesday 20 August.

BMG had over 120 students compete across 5 teams at the annual ICCES AFL Carnival in Bendigo. Please see the placings of the teams below.



Junior Girls: 1st Senior Girls: 2nd Junior Boys: 2nd Intermediate Boys: 2nd Senior Boys: 3rd



ICCES Cross Country

Congratulations to all athletes who competed at the ICCES Cross-Country Carnival in Bundoora on Tuesday 30th July. BMG finished in 3rd place overall with some excellent individual performances on the challenging 3km and 5km courses. The following athletes finished in the top 10 in their respective year levels:

- Yr 7/8 Girls Lyla Mardesic 7th
- Yr 7/8 Boys Sehajvir Khangura 8th
- Yr 9/10 Girls Abby Pellow 6th
- Yr 9/10 Boys Ethan Bloss 4th

Ove	rall Result
1 st	Ballarat Grammar
2 nd	Braemar College
3 rd	Bacchus Marsh Grammar
4 th	Hamilton & Alexandra College
5 th	Gippsland Grammar
6 th	Girton Grammar
7 th	Highview College
8 th	Goulburn Valley Grammar School



Elite Sport Applications 2025 – Maddingley Campus

A reminder to current Year 8 and 9 students that applications for Elite Sport 2025 close Wednesday 14 August. Late applications will not be accepted.

Elite sport is a selection-based subject and all applicants must complete a compulsory application form, fitness testing afternoon and a coach's reference to be considered for selection.

Elite Sport is a practical based semester subject aimed at students participating in high level sport (eg. State / National)

- Year 9 Testing Afternoon Thursday 15 August 3.20 4.30pm
- Year 8 Testing Afternoon Monday 19 August 3.20 4.30pm

Please see Mr Durham to collect an application form (Office Upstairs in the GYM). Completed applications forms must be returned to Mr Durham or sent to durhamb@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE and Health

Individual Sporting Success





A big congratulations to Ruby Gorton who recently returned from the Gold Coast where she competed in the Australian Schools Games for Victoria. Ruby captained the side to a wonderful 5th place and the team secured the prestigious Fair Play Award which was Victoria's first time achieving this.

In addition, Ruby was named in the All-Australian Team for 2024 which historically tours Europe later in the year. Ruby now has the honour of wearing the Green and Gold. As one of our WestVic scholarship holders and an athlete within the Elite Sport program, it is wonderful to see Ruby's development in the sport of hockey and we wish her continued success in her sporting career.



Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE and Health

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is very proud to announce that Woodlea Year 9 Elite Sport student, Jasjit Sekhon, is a national champion!

Jasjit competes in the unique Olympic sport of wrestling. She recently competed in the National Championships and won a gold medal in her weight division. Jasjit had a tough National Tournament, competing against other young wrestlers in and above her weight division. In September, she will travel to Thailand to represent Australia in the Southeast Asian and Oceania Wrestling Tournament.

We congratulate Jasjit on her achievement and wish her well on the international wrestling stage.

Mrs Sarah Hunter - Head of Middle Schooling

Year 10 Elite Sports

The Maddingley Year 10 Elite Students welcomed Victorian Institute of Sport scholar and International Hockey athlete, Emily Hamilton-Smith, as one of the highlights of the Maddingley Green and Gold Week.

During the visit, the students benefitted from the presentation about the athletic foci of "comparison, challenge, and curiosity". Sharing her elite sports journey, Emily presented several key messages and answered several complex questions, enabling the students to be truly inspired to take their sport to the next level. The group was also joined by Zali Ward, former Bacchus Marsh Grammar student, and Jillaroos teammate of Emily.



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

Senior School News

Unit 3-4 OES Alpine Expedition

Last week, the Unit 3-4 Outdoor and Environmental Studies classes undertook their final outdoor expedition for the year. Students spent the four days on Taungurung Country, immersing themselves in its rich history and culture.

As the journey moved further into the Alpine region, students travelled by snowshoe to the Mount Stirling Alpine Base Camp, where they spent a night camping in the snow.

As part of this journey, students were able to gain a better understanding of the direct and indirect impacts of recreational users, unpack current and future threats and pressures, investigate the health of the environment, as well as reflect upon and draw comparisons to the other environments they had visited this year.

Throughout the expedition, it was evident that the students displayed character demonstrating the school values through their interactions with the Taungurung Indigenous community.



"It was truly an honour to have such respectful and kind students as part of the Taungurung journey" - Taungurung Cultural Experiences.

This experience provided endless opportunities for students to consolidate their learning and strengthen their understanding and connections on Taungurung Country. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this program such a huge success.

Mr Daine Johnston – VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies teacher





David Knoff Inspires Year 9 Students at BMG

Bacchus Marsh Grammar was delighted to welcome David Knoff for the Year 9 INSPIRE Day speaker program. Renowned for his leadership and resilience in extreme environments, David captivated students with his remarkable experiences.

David's engaging storytelling and insightful lessons on overcoming adversity and managing incidents inspired our students to embrace challenges with determination.



Additionally, Mr. Johnston, our BMG Explorers Club representative, conducted a short but insightful Q&A session with David, further enriching the experience.

This event exemplified BMG's commitment to providing enriching and inspiring educational opportunities for our students. A huge thank you to all involved!

Ms Claire Higgins – Speakers Program Coordinator

Thriving Minds at Latrobe University

On Friday August 2, ten Senior School students from Bacchus Marsh Grammar attended the Thriving Minds Conference held at Latrobe University. The conference was presented by Oxford University lecturer, Julie Arliss.

Thriving Minds is an organisation that provides opportunities for academically minded young people. It welcomes ambitious students, as well as educators, to unlock their full potential through the study of philosophical concepts.

At the conference, students were exposed to the teachings of Rene Descartes, they participated in a Community of Inquiry, learned about the interview process for Oxford and Cambridge Universities and explored the challenging concept of mind-body dualism.



The Bacchus Marsh Grammar students were captivated and challenged by the program. Attendee, Tanish Krishna, made this comment: 'I really enjoyed the program and it truly inspired me to deepen my philosophical knowledge. I look forward to more intriguing learning experiences like this.'

More details regarding Thriving Minds and Academy Learning programs can be located at https://thrivingminds.org/

Sarah Hunter - Deputy Head of Woodlea Campus

Year 9 Mock Interviews: A Day of Learning and Growth





On Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 June our Year 9 students, as part of the INSPIRE program had the unique opportunity to participate in mock interviews. These interviews were conducted by external volunteer interviewers from various organisations and industry areas who brought a wealth of experience from the professional world.

This INSPIRE session was designed to prepare our students to develop employability and communication skills to aid in the later transition of further education, training and employment.

Preparation included crafting resumes, cover letters and understanding the important of body language and preparation for the interview.

On the day of the interviews, students arrived with a mix of nerves and enthusiasm. Each student had a group interview session with our external guests who provided valuable feedback and insights. These will be shared later in Tutor groups sessions.

Many students expressed how the experience boosted their confidence and gave them a clearer understanding of what to expect in real-world interviews. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Interviewers for volunteering their time and expertise.

Mrs Jasmin Zelaya - Careers and Course Counselling Practitioner/Careers Educator

Student Wellbeing News

The Billboard



The Student Wellbeing Team creates interactive Billboards for students in Years 5-12. A new Billboard is launched each term which has links embedded behind most of the images to all things health and wellbeing.

The Billboards are age appropriate and aim to focus on issues important to particular year levels. The Term 3 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 here.

Student Support Team

Co-Curricular

Staughton Vale Landcare Club

On Thursday 18 July, four students from the Staughton Vale Landcare Club attended the Victorian Landcare Awards at Marvel Stadium. As nominees in the Junior Landcare Award category, the students were given the opportunity to witness some of the best Landcare practices in Victoria, and even had the pleasure of talking with Costa Georgiadis (Australian author, landscape architect, environmental educator and television presenter).

The students attended the Awards on behalf of the School for the amazing programs that the School



offers students, including National Schools Reveg week, the Junior Landcare Club, and the ongoing commitment to Landcare.

If you have an interest in Landcare, Gardening, or conservation, why not head to the weekly Maddingley Junior Landcare Club every Thursday lunchtime.

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

Students save the life of a Koala at Staughton Vale



Congratulations to the Maddingley Junior Landcare students who saved the life of a female koala on campus on Friday 26 July, during their visit to the Staughton Vale for Tree Planting Week.

Whilst on their way to taking part in the tree planting, they noted a large koala, not moving, at the base of a native gum tree. After some time, the koala failed to respond to any external stimulus and the decision was taken to contact the local Koala Clancy Charity.

The boys stood on alert throughout a

rescue and ensured that other students at the campus didn't scare the koala. The koala was identified as being a blind female and was taken to a wildlife vet.

Thanks to the quick actions of the students, the koala's life was saved. We are waiting to hear what is next for the koala.

Pictured: Year 7 students and volunteers from Koala Clancy Foundation.

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

ICAS

ICAS Assessments - Update for registered students only

Information has been sent to parents/guardians via EdSmart notification 6 August 2024.

Please be advised that registered students will sit their subject assessment/s during school hours on the allocated dates below, at times determined by the Heads of Campus and Class Teachers. Due to the volume of students participating and the challenge of coordinating the assessments within the school's existing timetable, there will be no opportunity to provide parents with additional notice of the exact sitting time for your child.

Any key updates will be added to Schoolbox.

ENGLISH

- Tuesday 13 August Years 2 to 4
- Wednesday 14 August Years 5 to 10

SCIENCE

- Tuesday 20 August Years 2 to 4
- Wednesday 21 August Years 5 to 10

MATHEMATICS

- Tuesday 27 August Years 2 to 4
- Wednesday 28 August Years 5 to 10

Students in Years 2 to 4 will be supplied with a school Chromebook to complete their assessment. All other year levels should ensure they have their Chromebooks ready and charged on the day.

Refer to **Schoolbox** for more detail.

Mrs Casey Ryder - Executive Assistant: Maddingley

Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge

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 are: Ramin Adambarage 3WB, Srishti Poduri 3WC, Divissha Sethi 4WC, Ayansh Goyal 5A, Divjot Kaur Sandhu 5A

Mrs Feona West - Teacher Librarian

Bus News

Kurunjang Public Bus Service to Maddingley Campus/Bacchus Marsh via Long Forest Road

Due to road works on Coburns Road MELTON, the 8.25am stop on Coburns Road (opposite 7/11) is not accessible as of 12 August. The stop will be moved to 133 Barries Road (Corner Coburns Road -PTV Stop). The stop is only affected on the AM route. There is no change to the PM stop.

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 News

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 <u>school's website</u>.

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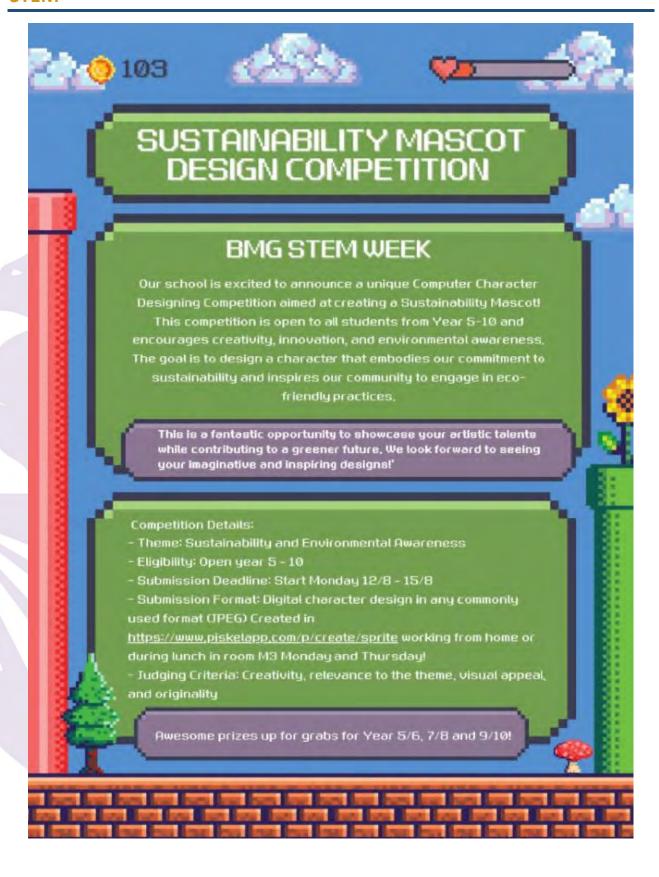
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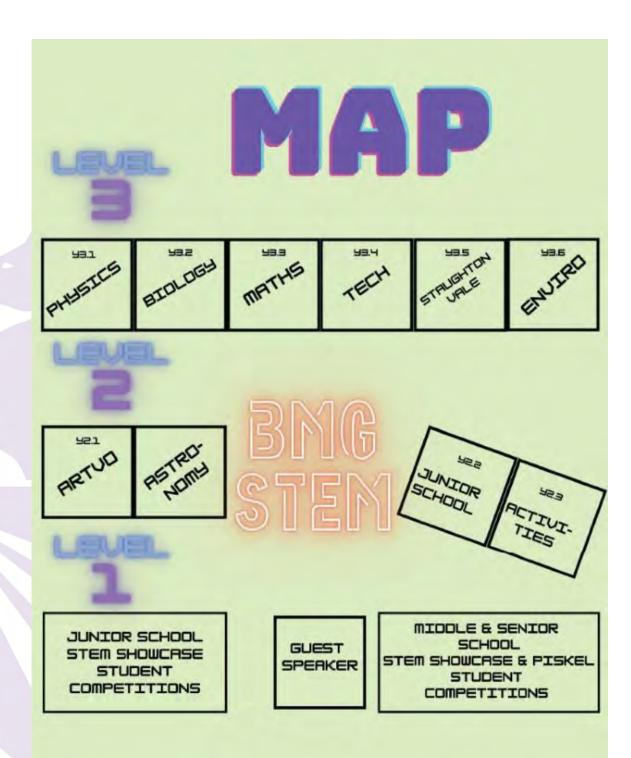
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