# BMG NEWS



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#### **Junior School**

As we head towards the end of a busy and exciting term, we would like to take a moment to share a few important updates.

As stated in the Junior School Handbook, a reminder to all parents and students that lollipops are not permitted at school. To promote a safe and healthy environment for all, we ask for your support in ensuring that these stay at home

At both Woodlea and Maddingley campuses, we are eagerly anticipating the upcoming Year 4 leadership applications for 2025! This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 3 students to showcase their skills and qualities as future leaders of the school. More information will be shared with the students soon, so we encourage them to start thinking about how they can contribute to our school community in a positive way.

Finally, we are excited to wrap up what has been a busy and productive term of learning. We look forward to the range of camps and experiences planned for Term 4.

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

#### Maddingley

### Spotlight on Year 2

Term 3 has been brimming with memorable experiences and enriching activities for our students. In English this term, the students explored the text 'Wandi', an alpine dingo that went on a journey.

Last week, the students were thrilled to welcome Pumbah, a dingo from the Dingo Sanctuary, who captivated all the students and provided a unique opportunity to learn about wildlife up-close. The students learned that a dingo is quite flexible, can rotate their heads 180 degrees in any direction and have supersonic hearing so they can hear the heartbeat of humans.





Literacy Week was a highlight, featuring a variety of engaging activities that fostered a love of reading, culminating in a vibrant dress-up day which encouraged students to bring their favourite literary characters to life. The students were very creative in their dress-up designs that related to a text of their choice.

The students had the opportunity to enjoy a heart-warming Father's Day afternoon, where students celebrated their dads with special crafts, games and shared moments of joy. The dads were exposed to the focus text 'Wandi' where the students read a fluency passage and the variety of sentence structures the students have been reading.

Each event contributed to a dynamic and enjoyable term, filled with learning, creativity and community spirit.

**Maddingley Year 2 Team** 

#### Woodlea

#### Prep

Our Woodlea Prep students recently enjoyed a visit to the Staughton Vale campus where they engaged in a variety of hands-on activities. A special highlight was planting our "cohort tree" which will grow alongside us as we continue our journey through school. Each time we return, we'll get to see how it has grown - just like we have!

The students became creative with watercolour paints, exploring how adding different amounts of water changes the effect. Some even experimented by using natural items like lemons, twigs and grasses as paintbrushes.

The day also included a fun quiz style activity in which students worked in teams to answer questions related to our recent lessons. It was a great way to put their knowledge to the test!

We also made yarning sticks with colourful wool. Yarning (storytelling) is an important part of Aboriginal culture, and these sticks are used to signify the speaker in a group, thereby teaching the importance of listening and taking turns. The day was a great mix of creativity, teamwork and new experiences.







Mr Warwick Grinter - Head of Year: Prep (Woodlea)

#### **Physical Education Spotlight**

Term 3 has been an exciting time for our students who have been immersing themselves in a range of athletic and sporting activities.



Our Prep and Year 1 students have been making great strides in athletics, focusing on key events such as shot put, high jump and long jump. They have been learning the fundamentals of shot put, enhancing both their technique and strength. In high jump, students are refining their technique and gaining confidence with each practice. The long jump has offered them the chance to combine speed and skill, resulting in impressive improvements to their distances. Their enthusiasm and progress in these events have been fantastic to witness.

In addition, students in Years 2, 3 and 4 have been engaged in the Hot Shots Tennis program. This initiative has introduced them to the basics of tennis including serving, rallying and scoring, while making the learning process

enjoyable. It has been wonderful to see their growing skills and enthusiasm for the game.

Students in Year 4 have also participated in a Bike Education session in which they have been learning about the rules of safe bicycle riding cycling. This program has been an instrumental first step towards enhancing their confidence and their understanding of safety before riding a bike.

We appreciate your continued support of these activities which significantly contribute to your children's development and enjoyment.



**Woodlea Junior School Physical Education Teachers** 

#### **Senior School**

#### **Maddingley**

#### **Special Guest Event: Vietnam Veterans Interview**

Oral history and storytelling are central to the human experience and our understanding of events, offering us a way to connect with the past on a personal level. We were honoured to welcome Vietnam Veterans to our Modern History class for an interview session that brought history to life through conversation. This experience allowed our young historians to engage with those who experienced the Vietnam War firsthand, deepening their understanding of the conflict and its impact on individuals and society. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our friends from the Vietnam Veterans Association for generously sharing their time, stories, and insights.





Ms Agata Kula - Head of Humanities: Maddingley

#### **Japanese Language Assistant**

Bacchus Marsh Grammar welcomed Seika Hirata, a Japanese language assistant, on Monday 5 August. Seika stayed at Bacchus Marsh Grammar for four weeks, assisting our Japanese language classes during her time with us. She developed strong connections with our students, particularly our Year 12 students, as they prepared for their end-of-year oral assessment. Seika also contributed culturally by assisting Year 5 classes with traditional Japanese craft activities.

The Japanese language teachers at the Maddingley campus would like to thank Seika for her short, but very valuable contributions. We would also like to thank Ms Caitlyn Stephen for providing a loving home for Seika during her stay.



Mr Shingo Gibson-Suzuki - Japanese teacher

#### **Swinburne Innovation Challenge**

Earlier this year, several Senior School students participated in the Swinburne Innovation Challenge. To complete the challenge, students had to form teams and then select a topic to address related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

After forming teams and selecting a challenge focus, students attended a day at Swinburne University where they participated in Innovation Kickstarter workshops and a Subject Masterclass workshop. After this, the teams worked to refine their ideas and create a final pitch.

Congratulations to all four teams who participated in the challenge. Bacchus Marsh Grammar performed particularly well with three of our teams being awarded Honourable Mentions.

#### **Honourable Mention for Innovation**

Giuliana Regondola, Janethri Koralagama, Maddison Anesco, Rebeca Mathew and Samreet Kaur.

#### **Honourable Mention for User-Centred Design**

Harsh Kaur, Jasreet Kaur Aujila, Nia Girish, RoshynaAttwal and TanveGirn.

#### **Honourable Mention for Prototype**

Alkira O'Day, Amy Oates, Ashlee Rees, Micah So, Ori Daniel and Thanishka Deepan

Well done to all students who completed the challenge!

Sarah Thompson - Head of Science: Maddingley

### **Physical Education, Health and Sport News**

#### Sport Results - All Schools Badminton State Championships (2024)

Last Thursday and Friday, the BMG Boys and Girls Teams represented both the ICCES Association and Bacchus Marsh Grammar School at the All-School State Badminton Championships.

The competition was fierce on both days with competing schools having competitors and coaches from National Squads and State Teams.

All three Bacchus Marsh Grammar Teams played brilliantly all day, with the Boys Teams finishing in 7th and 9th place out of 18 teams, and our Girls team finishing 5th out of 24 teams.

A big congratulations to the three teams - the results were a reward for the many

lunchtimes spent practising at Badminton

Many thanks to Head Coach, Mr Perks, for his work with the students, and Mrs Homburg who assisted on Friday.

Mr Matt Harris - Administration PE & Health





#### **Snow Australia National Snowsports Championships**



Moving on to the Snow Australia Australian Snowsports Championships at Perisher, New South Wales, Summer and Kaylee Wray represented Victoria and Bacchus Marsh Grammar with pride and success.

On Saturday, the girls competed in the Alpine Giant Slalom. Summer finished in 5th place and Kaylee finished 13th.

On Sunday, the girls competed in the Ski Cross. Summer won this event and Kaylee finished 13th. This result gave Bacchus Marsh Grammar 2nd place in the teams' event.

The Wray sisters, including Tayla who missed this year's competition again through injury, are very talented and train super hard to get to the level they are at. They are to be congratulated on their efforts at the Interschools Snowsports this year. We especially congratulate Summer, who will complete her Year 12 studies this year, so this was the last time she will represent our school in this prestigious event. Well done girls!

Mr Nicholas Sher – Teacher

#### **Music News**

#### Moana - Woodlea Production tickets on sale!

Tickets are selling fast for Moana.

Join us as Bacchus Marsh Grammar Woodlea Campus presents the wonderful journey of Moana.

Enthusiastic Year 5-10 students become the village, ocean and ancestors as they tell the story of Moana finding the Heart of TeFiti and bringing life back to her community.

It is a show full of wonderful songs, movement and spirit.

Tickets from https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bmg-moana-jr/

#### **2025 Instrumental Music Lessons**

Current instrumental parents will soon be receiving EdSmart correspondence regarding the Instrumental Music Program and continuation of enrolment for 2025. Parents will also receive information about instrument hire and/or purchase of hire instruments for 2025 in the coming weeks.

Please note that if a response to the EdSmart slip is not received, students will automatically rollover into the 2025 Instrumental Music Program with the same lesson format.

A new enrolment form should be completed for additional enrolments (e.g. a second instrument) or to add instrument hire. Please contact music@bmg.vic.edu.au with any further queries.



Ms Jo Porch - Director of Performing Arts

### Co-Curricular

#### **Equestrian Club - Interschool Show Jumping Final**

On Friday 6 September, our talented riders competed in the Interschool Show Jumping Final at Boneo Equestrian Park.

Lucy Behrens on Primadona, Jayde Coady on Western Park, Mindari, Jasmine Coady on Chilli, and Molly Rowarth on Wings, represented our school with pride.

We are incredibly proud of all our riders' hard work, dedication and sportsmanship throughout the season.

Congratulations to our outstanding achievers:

- Jayde Coady: 1st and 4th place in the final, securing 1st place overall in the 2024 series!
- Jasmine Coady: 1st place and 13th in the final, earning 4th place overall in the 2024 series!

Well done to all our riders!





Georgia Low - Teacher

#### Winners of the "Design a Kitchen Garden Competition"

Congratulations to the Winners of the "Design a Kitchen Garden Competition".

Well done to all of the students who took part in the competition to design a kitchen garden for the Staughton Vale campus. The winners were as follows,

First Place - Muskaan Mann (9WE) pictured right. Prize: Minature Greenhouse

Runner up - Shaurya Jain (2C) Prize: Garden grow kit

Highly Commended - Aria Patel (8D) Prize: Garden grow kit

Prize winners will be notified via email with instructions on how to collect their prizes.

Once again, congratulations to all who took part.



Yuvraj Singh - 8WA SRC Leader

#### **Australian Olympic Change-Maker program**

Two Year 10 students from Bacchus Marsh Grammar will be given the opportunity to be recognised in an Australian Olympic Change-Maker program.

The Australian Olympic Change-Maker program recognises secondary students from around the country who demonstrate the Olympic spirit – friendship, sportsmanship and striving for excellence - both on and off the playing field, through leadership and driving positive change in their school and local communities.

The Change-Maker program provides students with the opportunity to share their ideas, connect with other like-minded people, be immersed in a unique Olympic experience and hear first-hand from Olympians.

The Australian Olympic Change-Maker program celebrates young Australians who 'Power the Change'. This is an opportunity to have your students recognised for their fantastic work in creating positive social impact.

The two chosen BMG students will receive an invitation to the Change-Maker Forum and a Certificate of Recognition. They will also be encouraged to submit a one-minute video expressing their interest in attending our National Summit where up to 25 young leaders from across the country will come together at the Australian Institute of Sport for a three-day event.

If you are interested, please complete the form at <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/bnUzr4Pt2T">https://forms.office.com/r/bnUzr4Pt2T</a> by the deadline of Tuesday 17 September. All applications will be assessed by a panel of relevant staff members. No late applications will be accepted. Good luck.

Mr David Gorton -

### From the Library

#### The Premier's Reading Challenge is now finished!

Congratulations to these students who have recently completed the Challenge:

Alina Chopra, 3WD, Viaan Sachdeva 3WD, Summer Baker 3D, Jake Ruffo 4A, Tilly O'Brien 4A, Om Amin in 4A, Sophie Burton 4A, Grace Wilson 4A, Arjun Chatter 4A, Gurkeerat Thapar 4A, Charlotte Murphy 4A, Mukunth Karthik 6A, Kushpreet Kaur 9WB, Nihal Gill 4A, Freddy Carroll 4A, Hamza Qureshi 4A, Daiwik Shah 8WA and Kushpreet Kaur 9WB

Mrs Feona West – Teacher Librarian

#### **Prime Minister's Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee.

At the school level, the winners of each Year Level were:

Woodlea	Year		
Ahana G	3		
Namar B	4		
Rohan P	5		
Yuvraj Singh W	6		
Aadrika C	7		
Madeleine D	8		



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Maddingley	'ear
Sai S	
Jaideep S	
Ayansh G	
Avyaan A	
Palaash K	
Shanmukha	

The students who have qualified for the State/Territory Finals are:

Namar B	4WB
Aarohan B	4WA
Jaideep S	4D
Avyaan A	6B
Yuvraj Singh W	6WC
Rohan P	5WB
Neel M	5WA
Aadrika C	7WA
Navdeesh B	7WB
Palaash K	71
Shanmukha S	81
Logan J	8F
Jaiveer D	8C
Saanvi G	8H

The next round will take place next week at both campuses.

Competition dates and times will be communicated next week.

Mrs Feona West - Teacher Librarian

#### **Administration**

#### **ICAS - Results and Certificates**

Assessments for 2024 have been completed.

Every student who participated will be recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area completed. ICAS certificates display a "TAP ID and Pin" which is used to access the Results Portal: (https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent).

The school will publish via the BMG eNews and Schoolbox when ICAS certificates have arrived. We will then make arrangements to send them home or in the post. In the meantime, the details below outline accessing the TAP-ID and PIN while awaiting certificates to arrive.

How to get your TAP-ID and PIN if your child has sat ICAS in a previous year:

- Find your TAP-ID and PIN on the back of a previous year's ICAS certificate. Note, your child's TAP-ID and PIN will have changed if they've moved schools.
- Alternatively, you can request it using this form.

How to get your TAP-ID and PIN if this is the first time your child has sat ICAS:

- You can request it using this form 10 business days after the final sitting day of your child's ICAS subject.
- Please allow up to 5-10 business days for your requests to be processed and your TAP-ID and PIN to be emailed to you by our customer service team.

Mrs Casey Ryder - Executive Assistant: Maddingley

#### Withdrawal of Students

A reminder to parents that, as per the 2024 Business Notice (6.1.2), parents/guardians must provide at least one term's notice in writing to the Principal before they withdraw students from the School. If a student is not returning for Term 1 2025, parents/guardians must advise the Principal, in writing, prior to the commencement of Term 4 2024. Note for students enrolled in Year 6 for Year 7 2025, the notice period required is a minimum of two terms. [Refer Conditions of Enrolment].

Failure to provide the appropriate notification will result in the parents/guardians being billed an Administrative Fee, which will be \$750 for a Primary School student and \$1,000 for a Secondary School student. [Refer <u>Conditions of Enrolment</u>].

### **Woodlea Early Learning Centre**

Expressions of Interest for 2026 4-year-old and 3- year-old Long Day integrated funded Kindergarten program will close shortly due to the high demand.

If any current families are interested in registering their child for our 2026 Kindergarten programs, <u>please visit our website here to obtain the registration form</u> and email it to the Early Learning Centre.

Please note that you must also complete a Prep Registration of Interest prior to submitting the ELC form.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Early Learning Services, Kerry Obsorn, on 5366 4999.

Mrs Kerry Osborn – Director of Early Learning Services

### **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.

#### **END OF TERM 3 BUS DEPARTURE TIMES**

The Maddingley Campus will finish Term 3 on Fri 20th September at 2:20pm

PRIVATE BUSES will depart 1 hour earlier than their scheduled timetabled times to coincide with the earlier finish.

The buses listed below will be departing 30 minutes earlier at 2:50pm.

Blackwood, Ballan/Hallets Way, Blakeville, Camerons Road, Town Services, Swans Road, Holts Lane, West Melton, Kurunjang

Hopetoun Park & Eynesbury Public will depart at 3:20pm

The Woodlea Campus will also finish Term 3 on Fri 20th September at 2:20pm

PRIVATE BUSES will depart 1 hour earlier than their scheduled timetabled times to coincide with the earlier finish.

Rockbank Shuttle Bus will depart Woodlea Campus at 2.25pm and 2.50pm to coincide with train departures

#### **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.

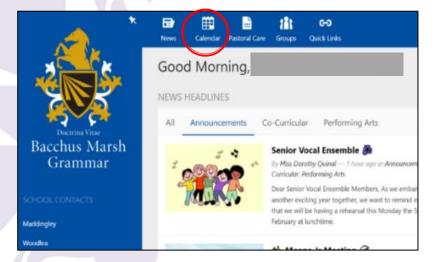
Mrs Leanne Robertson – School Bus Services Administrator

#### 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 <u>school's website</u>. Please note that uniforms can also be purchased online via <a href="https://www.noone.com.au/">https://www.noone.com.au/</a>.

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

Email: <a href="mailto:chrissie.ashmore@yballarat.org.au">chrissie.ashmore@yballarat.org.au</a> Phone: 0490 178 638 W: <a href="https://yballarat.org.au">https://yballarat.org.au</a>/

Maddingley:

maddingley.oshc@yballarat.org.au

0438 154 842

Woodlea:

woodlea.oshc@yballarat.org.au

0490 490 362



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School Website: <a href="mailto:www.bmg.vic.edu.au">www.bmg.vic.edu.au</a>



Woodlea, Sep-Oct 2024 7am - 6.30pm



#### STEAM Day

Today will be filled with STEAM challenges. There will be building challenges, mazes, make your own pom pom shooters and paper aeroplane challenges.

#### **Finals Frenzy**

You won't want this miss our finals frenzy. Come dressed in your team colours and learn some footy skills from a coach. Incursion: One on One Football, 10am - 11am\*

## Wednesday September 25

#### Myths Legends and Fairytales

You could come dressed as your favourite fairytale character, make magical crafts and also create a mythical collage.

#### Springfest

celebrate Spring with a picnic in the park, bubble flower art, crafts and much more.

Excursion: Frontier Park, 10.30am - 1pm



#### Game Show and Trivia Day

We are looking for contestants for our OSHC game show. Compete in our quiz show, minute to win it style games and charades



### DIY Day

Today we will be making our own windchimes, wall hangings and much more.



#### **Great Aussie** Campout

Come set up camp and join us on our Great Aussie Campout. Eat camp food, set up a tent, make huts and enjoy some camping themed crafts.

#### Fandom Frenzy

What are you a fan of? Maybe its games, movies or comics. Well we have minecraft, Pokemon, puppet making, movies and more as part of our Fandom Day.

Excursion: Movies, 10.00am - 12.30pm

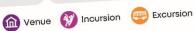


#### **Mexican Fiesta**

Today is world taco day so why not celebrate with a flesta. We will have mexican inspired food, games, music and crafts and of course tacos!







For more information and to book call 0490 490 362 or visit yballarat.org.au







## **Spring Holiday Program**

**Bacchus Marsh Grammar** (Woodlea Campus) 11 Frontier Avenue, Aintree Sep-Oct 2024 | 7am - 6.30pm

The Y Ballarat Holiday Programs provide children with a safe and friendly care environment with opportunities to make new friends, develop their self-esteem and participate in exciting activities during the holidays.

All children must be booked in and enrolled for attendance prior to the commencement of the program. Enrolment is required to be completed by all families using the service.

To enrol visit: yballarat.org.au/oshc/vacation-care-program

\*Please note that bookings cannot be removed after 7am on the first morning of vacation care and there are no credits or refunds on school holiday programs (Vacation Care). Please refer to the parent handbook for further information.

> For more information call 0490 490 362 or visit yballarat.org.au







### WHAT TO PACK

- A wide brimmed hat caps are not accepted for outdoor play • A labelled water bottle • Sunscreen (if allergies are present) . Suitable footwear to access the outdoors strictly NO thongs are to be worn at the program
- SunSmart Clothing- strictly no singlets will be accepted A change of clothes

#### FOOD

NUT FREE ZONE! - This means strictly NO Peanut Butter or Nutella in sandwiches please; this could be potentially life threatening to a child who suffers from anaphylaxis.

Unhealthy foods such as potato chips, lollies and chocolate required to stay in the child's bag until they are collected.

#### Healthy Lunch Box Examples to pack:

- Sandwiches 

  ◆ Crackers 

  ◆ Wraps 

  ◆ NUT FREE bars

\*\*Please note: It is always best to pack more into your child's lunch box, if children run out of food families will be notified.