

Annual General Meeting

I would like to acknowledge the families who attended the recent AGM and thank the Middle School Choir and Years 3, 4 students for their wonderful performances.

We managed to get a quorum and the Special Resolution to change the School's governing arrangements from that of an Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee were unanimously approved.

As we head into a long weekend with the mid-term break on Monday 5 November, please be safe if travelling and enjoy a rest before we commence the last half of term 4.

Mr Andrew Neal – Principal

Deakin Inspired Minds Program 2018

During weeks 3 and 4 this term, 16 Year 9 and 10 students participated in the Deakin Inspired Minds Program, provided in partnership with Bacchus Marsh Grammar by Deakin University, Burwood.

The Deakin Inspired Minds Program is a challenging and highly rewarding experience, designed to give students in Years 9 and 10 a real taste of what university education involves, beyond the typical 'open day' experience.

The program involved two visits to Deakin's Burwood campus where the students first experienced tertiary-level academic lectures in four faculty areas, followed by a Q&A session with the lecturer later in the week. At school, students worked with the Deakin Student Ambassadors to prepare and research a research question based on the topic of their choice. They developed an understanding of tertiary study skills and academic requirements including: conducting searches of university online libraries; reading academic articles; learning about the aspects of a literature review and how to do Harvard referencing.

All students worked incredibly hard to produce research reports of around 1000-2000 words. They also prepared presentations to accompany the written report, presenting these to parents and staff in Wilson Hall on Wednesday 31 October. Topics covered were: Alpine plants and climate change; ethics and crowdfunding; sleep and athletic performance and the International Indigenous Design Charter.

- **First prize: Aaliyah Moosjee 9E, Ella Noorman 9A and Samara Peel 9E, for their work on Alpine plants and climate change.**
- **Second prize: Alexandra Dellar 10C, Mia Stanley 10B and Avanish Dhaliwal 10E**
- **Honourable mention – best speaker: Elana Penny 10A**
- **Honourable mention – quality of writing: Jaz Ward 9A and Molly Gibson 9G**

Congratulations and thanks to all our participating students. Their enthusiasm, diligence and academic achievement is to be commended.

Mrs Jennie Clark - Deakin Inspired Minds Coordinator

Reminders:

**Monday 5 November is the Mid-Term Break – No students or staff at school.
Tuesday 20 November – Study Day - Year 7 to 11 students not required at school.
There will not be a newsletter produced Friday 9 November.**

2019 Orientation Day – Tuesday 20 November

Orientation for 2019 Prep Reception, Prep, Year 7 and all new Woodlea and Maddingley students

New families will have received recently in the mail information confirming orientation for all 2019 Prep Reception, Prep, Year 7 and all new Woodlea and Maddingley students.

2019 Prep Reception/Prep

- 9.00am to 2.30pm Maddingley students to Building E
- 9.00am to 2.30pm Woodlea students to Building R

2019 Year 7

- 8.45am – Assemble at the Gym (Building Q)

2019 New Woodlea students

- 9.30am – Assemble at Wilson Hall (Building A)

2019 New Maddingley students

- 9.30am – Assemble at the Junior Library (Building C)

It is important that parents drop off and settle children quickly so the teachers can commence their activities for the day.

Study Day for current Year 7 to 11 students – Tuesday 20 November

Please note current Year 7 to 11 students are not expected to attend school on Tuesday 20 November.

News from the Junior School

What an exciting few weeks we have coming up! The Preps, Year Ones and Year Twos will have their turn to visit Staughton Vale campus for a full day of excitement and adventure.

Year 1 – Friday 9 November

Prep – Wednesday 14 November

Year 2 – Monday 19 November

Transition days for 2019 Preps will start on Friday 9 November from 9.00am – 12.30pm, followed by another day set for Wednesday 14 November from 9.00am to 2.30pm. We look forward to welcoming these students and hope they all have a wonderful time!

Mrs Jan Loftus - Head of Junior School

Birrung the Secret Friend

This semester the Year 4 students have been participating in a text study of 'Birrung the Secret Friend', as part of this text study they have been completing a series of activities from an activity matrix based on Blooms Taxonomy to help develop higher order thinking skills.

One of the activities that all students were required to complete was a take home project in which they created their interpretation of an early Australian settlers dwelling or an early Australian Aboriginal dwelling. Students could choose to work independently or with their families.

All students in Year 4 have done an outstanding job creating their dwellings and we are very proud of what they created.

Ms Jessica Dalrymple – Year 4 Coordinator



A QUICK GUIDE TO YOUR #ITSINTHEBAG DONATION

Students in Years 5- 11 are encouraged to donate items/ handbags for the 'Share the Dignity' campaign. These donations will be given to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence all around Australia.

Please follow guidelines listed below for any donations. All donations can be given to your child's Tutor or Class Teacher.

All donated items must be new, with the exception of a donated handbag. The handbag can be second-hand in good to excellent condition.

Items required:

ESSENTIALS: shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, sanitary items.

EXTRAS: baby wipes, face wipes, tissues, perfume, dry shampoo, hair ties, hair brush, comb, sunscreen, movie tickets, gift vouchers, meal vouchers, scarf, book, jewellery, moisturiser, poncho, towel, stationery.

Please do not include: Sharps (eg: scissors), Food or Pharmaceuticals (eg: Panadol)

For more information visit www.sharethedignity.com.au or contact Sarah Hunter hunters@bmg.vic.edu.au

Donations will be accepted until 15 November.

Mrs Sarah Hunter

Peter Pan JR Performance Video

The video link for the Peter Pan JR performance was emailed to all families of student's involved in the Musical on Monday 29 October. Please contact Jenni Coombs via email if you have not received the link.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the 2019 Middle School Musical in the coming weeks.

Mrs Jenni Coombs - Middle School Musical Coordinator

Reminder - Totally Wild Children's TV Program

Back in early September we were contacted by the producers of Channel 10's Totally Wild as they had heard of our previous success in the Cake decorating competition Royal Melbourne Show and were interested in filming a segment on how our student entries were prepared. The students were very excited to have them film them on the final day of preparation, the Totally Wild crew then also filmed us delivering the finished entries to the showgrounds and interviewed the judges.

The Totally Wild story will be going to air on **Wednesday 7 November 2018 at 8am on channel Eleven**. After this episode goes to air, it will then be available to watch online. Just visit our website at <http://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/totally-wild>

Mrs Jacqueline Huxtable – Learning Area Coordinator: Food Technology

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Year 6 Graduation

The Year 6 Graduation will be held on Tuesday 4 December at Lakeside Banquet & Convention Centre. Families have been posted the information including all booking details. Tickets are purchased via the [School website](#) and close on Monday 12 November.

Exam Timetable – Year 8, 9, 10

The semester 2 exam timetable is available from the [School website](#). Exams commence from 15 November.

School Camps

For parents collecting students returning from camp, parents are welcome to collect their child from the grassed area behind the Gym or from their classroom (if in Junior School).

Due to safety reasons parents MUST park in the Main Car Park, NOT along South Maddingley Road.

A reminder to all bus travellers

It is very important that students DO NOT walk or run in front of the bus after disembarking. If students need to cross the road, they should wait for the bus to leave, then WALK across the road when it is safe to do so.

Students in Year 12 travelling on Private Buses – 5 November

There will be no private buses to Bacchus Marsh Grammar on Monday 5 November due to Mid Term Break. Students sitting an exam that day will be required to make their own arrangements to and from school.

Mrs Leanne Robertson – Bus Coordinator

BMG COMMUNITY CONTACTS

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat now operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. The relevant handbook and enrolment forms are available via the [School website](#).

For more information regarding the OSHC programs offered by YMCA Ballarat please contact:

Mobile: 0438 154 842 or Email: bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au

On Campus - Uniform Shop

Last day of trade for 2018

Friday 7 December 12.30pm – 4.30pm

Resume trade in 2019

Thursday 17 January (Book pick up day) 9.00am – 4.00pm

Friday 18 January (Book pick up day) 9.00am – 4.00pm

Wednesday 23 January 10.00am – 2.00pm

Friday 25 January 10.00am – 2.00pm

Wednesday 30 January 10.00am – 2.00pm

Thursday 31 January 8.00am – 12.00pm

Friday 1 February 8.30am – 4.30pm (lunch break 12 – 12.30)

REGULAR CONTACTS & INFORMATION

Absentee Line - 5366 4888 or Absentee Email - student_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

Health Centre direct number - 5366 4873

Senior School After School Classes

Tuesdays – English (N Block) and Science (Room 01)

Thursdays – Mathematics (M Block)

BMG Events Calendar

Visit the [BMG Events Calendar](#) for the latest upcoming events.

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