



International Women's Day Breakfast

This past week marked the celebration of International Women's day on Friday 8 March. On this day the great advancements in gender equality were reflected on, with people globally participating in discussions on how much further we can go in this area.

BMG took part in the celebration of the day by selecting a group of eight Prefects to attend the International Women's Day breakfast, hosted by Rotary. Over an early morning breakfast in the Crown Palladium, surrounded by honorary guests, we were granted the opportunity to observe a discussion between esteemed panellists that ranged in expertise from neuroscientist Dr Emma Burrows to former Attorney General Robert Hulls. The topic of women in business and politics was discussed at large, with the panellists acknowledging that a greater increase in women in these areas will promote positive and more inclusive change in our law and parliamentary systems.

The roles of women in the workplace were discussed also, with a range of suggestions made for reforms and implementations in a corporate setting which would further allow both men and women to be able to contribute equally whilst maintaining our evolving modern lifestyles.

Discussion was also raised on how far women have come as equals, with reference to the recent "Me too" movement demonstrating that from something so negative, women were able to create permanent change within our culture.

As young women, we left the breakfast inspired and grateful for the women who came before us, who implemented the many positive changes we experience today. Most significantly, we each gained a lifetime of motivation and determination to pursue the question that was encouraged to us as the next generation; *"How much further can we go?"*.

We would like to thank Mr Neal and Mr Richardson for giving us the opportunity to participate in this event as well as Ms Ogston and Ms Thornton for accompanying us to the breakfast.



Kayla Clemente and Prefects

Lions Youth of the Year Award – Regional Finals

On Sunday 3 March Bacchus Marsh Grammar Year 12 student Rachel Jackson competed in the Lions Youth of the Year Regional Final, having taken out the top billing at the recent District competition. Rachel competed against students from Salesian College Sunbury and Pascoe Vale College. The competition involves each student participating in a 30 min interview with a panel of 3 judges, answering 2 impromptu questions and delivering a prepared 5 min speech to an audience. Rachel's speech on "Ecological Footprint" was well thought out and inspirational – clearly a topic she is passionate about.

Congratulations to Rachel for taking out the "Public Speaking Award" for the day.

Mrs Debra Ogston - Assistant Principal - Head of Senior School



Vice Captains Introduction



I have been at BMG since Year 5 and during that time I have been actively involved in many aspects of the school. Representing the school in events such as ICCES sports and school musicals, enabled me to share my passion for performing with others, meet new people, as well as improve myself on a personal level. I have also had the privilege of holding leadership roles in both junior and senior school, some of which include, Braeside House Captain and a member of the leadership group, Year 9 and 10 leader, and this year School Vice Captain. Having a leadership role has always been my goal, to be someone who can implement change, I also aspire to be a role model for others and to improve my leadership skills.

Outside of school I am involved in my local community, I complete regular patrols of the beach with my local lifesaving club, I also assist younger classes at my dance school. I enjoy volunteering in the community as it not only benefits others but helps me gain skills that I can implement in my life. As I complete Year 12 I aspire to do my best and enjoy every opportunity. My plans beyond Year 12 are to go on to further studies at university and travel. I am looking forward to what this year holds and am excited to take up the role of one of the School's Vice Captains for 2019.

Carla Rubino



My name is Stevan Deris and I am the School Vice Captain for 2019.

Key achievements to date (academically and personally)

Academically, my key achievements have been winning an Academic Scholarship award for Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 and also the Dux of Year award for these years respectively. I have also won Academic Excellence and Outstanding Effort awards since Year 7 and achieved a study score of 42 in Legal Studies, which I accelerated. I am also a Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholar, which is a scholarship presented by Melbourne University to around 500 students around Victoria which recognises academic achievement. On a more personal level, through my academic successes, my organisational skills have improved and I have developed a voracious work ethic, which I can apply to many facets of life and is not limited to my academia. I have also learnt to cope under situations where I am under pressure, which has manifested from my academic achievements.

Goals for this year

My most salient long term goal this year is to be satisfied with the ATAR that I receive at the end of the year, knowing I have optimised my potential. I have had a potential career path in medicine in mind for years now and my desire is to achieve an ATAR of 95 or above to broaden the amount of courses that will be available to me next year in university. My short term goals are to establish an astringent study routine and to balance these studies with the social facets of my life. On a personal level, I have a goal to become more confident in myself and my abilities and to improve on my communication skills.

What it means to be a Leader

To me, a leader does not have to be commanding or vociferous to convey their message. A leader is someone who can convey their message through their admirable actions and fulfil the promises they make. A leader is someone who is honest and acts in accordance to what they utter, or "practices what they preach". A leader does not have to possess any sort of innate or predisposed characteristics, they must simply act in a way that is virtuous, so others will follow.

Stevan Deris

Student Wellbeing

School avoidance is generally anxiety based and can lead to prolonged absences and result in school refusal. It can affect students of all ages. Early warning signs of school avoidance may be gradual. The symptoms can escalate at home at night but then reduce once the young person is sure they don't have to go to school. Early intervention is useful to help the child or young person regain their confidence in being at school.

Signs of school avoidance:

Look out for patterns of recurring behaviours:

- Struggling to get out of bed and frequent complaints of tiredness or sickness
- Tearfulness, clinginess and dawdling before school
- Complaints about attending school
- Difficulty attending school after weekends and holidays
- Absences on significant days- tests, speeches, PE classes etc
- Academic difficulties
- Feeling sick before or at school, spending time at the health centre
- Frequent requests to go home early
- Excessive worry about a parent when at school and separated from them
- Strong anxiety or panic symptoms
- Threats of self-harm
- Social isolation or withdrawal and decreased participation in class

If you are worried about your child, please reach out to their classroom/tutor group teacher, or contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator. Reference: [The Travancore School](#)

Mrs Ros Pittard -Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing and Pastoral Care

Senior School Sports

ICCES Swimming/ Badminton and Table Tennis

What a stellar day the BMG Mustangs had last Wednesday at the ICCES Swimming Carnival and the ICCES Badminton and Table Tennis Tournaments. The Swimming Team were keen to improve on last year's 5th place on Aggregate and did so with some fantastic swimming, finishing 3rd place overall.

All events on the day were hotly contested and swimmers had to swim either State times or extremely close to these times to even place in an event.

A big congratulations to both Freya Lidgett-Egan of Year 7 who won her Age Group Championships and the Intermediate Girls who also won their Division.

OVERALL RESULTS	SCHOOL	POINTS
1st	Ballarat Grammar	1144
2nd	Girton Grammar	1088
3rd	Bacchus Marsh Grammar	997
4th	Gippsland Grammar	967.5
5th	Braemar College	794.5
6th	Hamilton and Alexandra College	706
7th	Goulburn Valley Grammar School	699
8th	Highview College	292

Age Group	Male Champion	Female Champion
Year 7	Hunter Boswell – Girton Grammar	Freya Lidgett-Egan – Bacchus Marsh Grammar
Year 8	Tyler Theodore – Braemar	Darcy Smith – Braemar College
Year 9	Gus Falconer – Girton Grammar	Emmerson Wood – Highview College
Year 10	Harry Downing – Girton Grammar	Ayla Jackson – Goulburn Valley Grammar
Year 11/12	Sebastian Wood – Girton Grammar	Milla Grant – Girton Grammar

Congratulations should not only go to the Team who swam brilliantly but also to the Coaches and Physical Education staff who managed the team, headed by Mr Kennedy (Swimming Coach), Miss Nicolle and Mr Oldaker (Team Managers).



Pictured L to R Age Champion Freya Lidgett-Egan and Swim Captains Jaime Patterson and Jye Burton

Whilst our Swimming Team were performing brilliantly in the MSAC pool the Badminton and Table Tennis Teams were competing in the world class sporting facilities also at MSAC. Both teams had been chosen after a lengthy training and selection process and the best three athletes in two divisions, both male and female were selected.

In the badminton hall the students played extremely well and were 2nd placed in the Junior Girls Division, narrowly losing the final to Gippsland Grammar School. Our other age group teams finished 4th Senior Boys, 5th Senior Girls and 7th Junior Boys. This resulted in a 4th place overall in the Aggregate Shield.

The Table Tennis athletes also performed fantastically and finished in 3rd place overall on Aggregate, bettering their 5th place of last year. The Senior boys placed in 3rd, Junior Boys 2nd, Senior Girls 4th and Junior Girls 7th. Congratulations to all athletes and a special thankyou to coaches Mr. Durham, Mr. Perks and Mrs Daniel who convened the Badminton.

Overall the BMG Mustangs Teams that competed at the first ICCES events for 2019 have set an extremely high standard for the rest of the athletes in the school and we look forward to the athletics in term two.

Mr Andrew Perks - Director of Sport

International Women's Day - Student Performances

A collection of our wonderfully gifted female musicians entertained both staff and students during lunchtime last Friday 8 March. A huge thank you to Lauren Walmsley, Sophie Dunn, Narelle Collins, Meg Llanaeza, Mia White, Ally Elly and Eliza Galvin for showcasing their talents in support of such an important day.

Thanks also to Miles Seager, Josh Quinal, Mr. Westgarth and Mr. Marshall for their assistance on the day.

Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music



Woodlea Campus

Woodlea Instrumental Music Program

Instrumental Music lessons are in full-swing at our new Woodlea campus. A trial lesson is currently available to students on the following instruments: drum kit, bass guitar or piano. Please submit your expressions of interest via the following email address if you would like to seize this opportunity throughout Term 1: music@bmg.vic.edu.au

Prep – Year 4 Art on Show

Last week students and families have been able to see a large array of artworks exhibited in the Lou Callow Gallery located in the Terraces Building. Many discussions about hanging and displaying their work has occurred during class time. Some of the artwork on display will be until the end of term. Below is a snapshot of the work on display.



Student Activities

Maddingley Middle School Musical – Mary Poppins Jr

Term 1 Rehearsal Schedule - Wednesdays until 4:25pm

Week 7	Wednesday 20 March	All Year 6-8 Students Required in Wilson Hall
Week 8	Wednesday 27 March	No Rehearsal Year 5-8 Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 9	Wednesday 3 April	All Students Required in Wilson Hall

You're invited to join us for High Tea at BMG.

The Year 11 VET Hospitality students are hosting a series of High Teas on nominated Wednesdays and Fridays in the coming weeks. Students and staff wish to invite the BMG and wider community to experience the service provided by the Year 11s as part of their VET program assessments.

Bookings and payments are to be made online via the [School's website](#) using Try booking. Bookings will open Friday 1 March and are strictly limited to 30 people per High Tea.

All funds raised will support a nominated charity. Ticket pricing includes a variety of hot beverages and finger food.

*A thirty-cent booking service fee will apply to each ticket.

Tickets: Adult/Concession - \$10.00 Child 2-5 years - \$5.00

Children under 2 years - no charge (Limited highchairs available)

The High Teas will be held on the following days. Wednesdays 10am – 11am, Fridays 2pm – 3pm.

~~Rainbow theme - Wednesday 20 March (Closed)~~ ~~Tropical theme - Friday 22 March (Closed)~~
Mad Hatter Tea Party - Wednesday 27 March **French theme - Friday 29 March**

Please note:

- *Due to the size of the venue and safety, we would like to advise pram access is not available.*
- *Please specify any dietary requirements when making your booking.*
- *Photos will be taken at this event and utilised for school publications (i.e. Year Book, newsletter) and on select occasions used for website content and social media.*

BMG Easter Raffle 2019

The BMG SRC (Student Representative Council) is holding an Easter Raffle as the main fundraiser for Term 1. Money raised from this activity will be donated to The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

The SRC groups are seeking the support of families with donations of Easter eggs for the Easter raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter baskets for raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to Maddingley or Woodlea Administration Offices marked SRC RAFFLE by **Monday 25 March 2019**.

A booklet of 10 tickets will be sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by **Thursday 28 March 2019**. Ticket butts need to include the purchasers' name and contact a number written clearly.

The raffle will be drawn at school on Monday 1 April and winners will be notified.

The prizes being raffled are **Baskets of Easter Eggs**

Thank you to the school community for your support of the SRC raffle.

School Information

Exclusion from Multimedia

The School is active in photography and videography within the school grounds and when recording key assemblies, activities, camps and excursions throughout the year. These forms of multimedia* are utilised to communicate to our School Community main achievements, notable news and events, via our weekly newsletter, website blogs, Yearbook and minimally via social media and advertising.

***Multimedia is defined as photography, video, audio or any other form of electronic recording.**

It is important that the School is aware of any students who are not permitted to have their photograph or any video footage feature in these forms of communication.

The School has developed a key exclusion from multimedia listing for 2019 based on parents response to relevant sections of the Acknowledgment of Business Notice and policies sent by the Principal in December 2018.

If parents would like to register their child/ren to the 'Exclusion from Multimedia' listing for 2019, it is important that you do so by **Friday 15 March** and follow the link to the [School's website](#), complete the relevant form and return it to the Main Administration office or scan and email it to school@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Should you miss this cut-off date (*Friday 15 March*), or have any questions please contact the Communications Officer on 03 5366 4800.



Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Information

Information was emailed to families in January in relation to the CSEF. This is applicable to families who hold a valid Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health care card number (CRN). The CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [School's website](#).

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

The form which outlines eligibility requirements needs to be returned to the School by 26 April 2019. Parents must meet the eligibility requirements by:

Eligibility Date: Tuesday 29 January 2019

2nd CRN validation date (for failed CRNs only): Tuesday 23 April 2019

Parents that received the CSEF at Bacchus Marsh Grammar in 2018 do not need to complete an application form in 2019, providing there has been no change to their family circumstances.

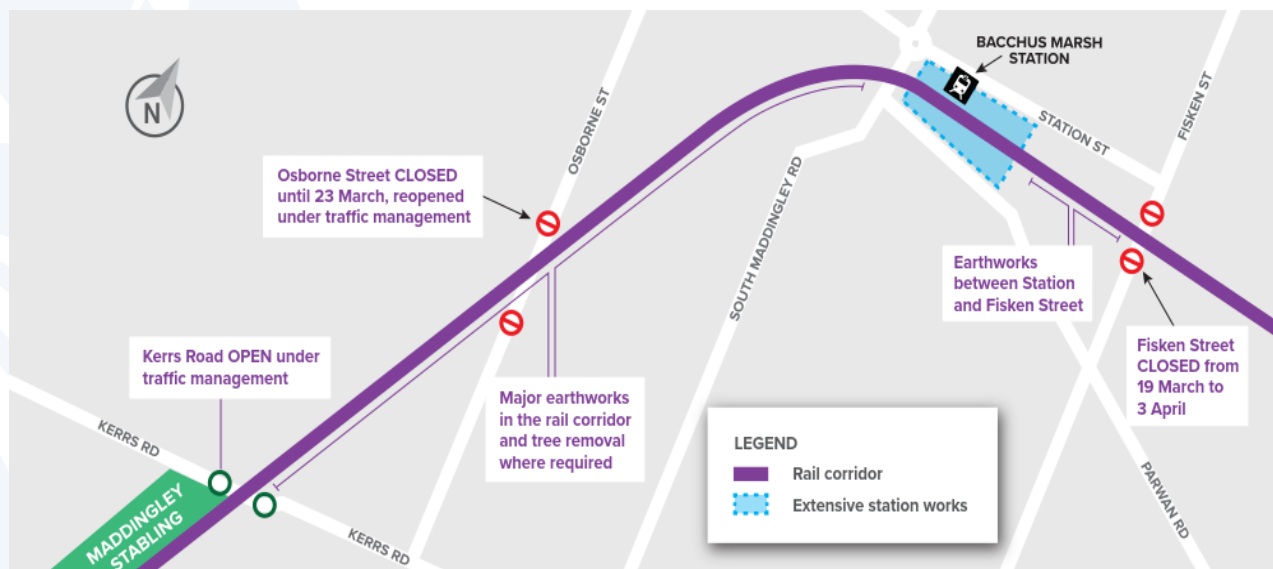
Enquiries should be directed to Rachel Davidson at accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au

Important Information - Ballarat Rail Line Upgrade

Please note that the Ballarat rail line will be closed from 9.00pm Friday 22 March until 11:59pm Sunday 31 March so that they can safely undertake work within the rail corridor. During this time, work will be carried out 24-hour a day.

The following level crossings will also be temporarily closed: **(this affects parents and staff driving to school)**

- **Fisken Street level crossing will be closed to through traffic from Tuesday 19 March to Wednesday 3 April.**
- Osborne Street level crossing is currently closed for works on the northern approach. The road will be reopened on Saturday 23 March.



2019 Term Dates and Events Calendar

The 2019 Term Dates are available for viewing on the [School website](#). Additionally, key upcoming events and excursions are added into the School [events calendar](#) for families to access.

BMG Community Contacts

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Open times and days

Monday	12.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday	8.00am – 12.00noon
Friday	12.30pm – 4.30pm

Phone Orders – 5367 4072

Both Maddingley and Woodlea parents are welcome to make phone orders and pay with a credit card. Orders will then be delivered at Maddingley through the pigeon hole system to classes or tutor groups, and to the Woodlea Campus Reception on Wednesday afternoons.

Handy Hints.

- If I don't answer the phone, please leave a message and I will call you back.
- Please know the item and size you want.
- Please know your child's tutor group.
- Please have your credit card ready.
- Please expect next day delivery.
- Please put a note in your child's diary to alert their teacher that you are expecting a delivery from the uniform shop.

All these tips will make the ordering process run smoothly THANK YOU. Trish Shilton.

YMCA Vacation Care School Holiday Program – Autumn Term 1.

Venue: Woodlea Campus

Hours of operation: 7am- 6.30pm

All holiday program families need to complete a payment form. All forms have been added to the [School website](#) for families to access.

Payment for the holiday program is made at time of booking, whereas before/after school care is direct debited fortnightly.

Families are encouraged to ensure all paperwork is completed and returned promptly to avoid disappointment.

Throughout the program children will experience a variety of planned leisure activities, utilising both indoor and outdoor environments at the school.

The Term One, YMCA Vacation Care program will be focusing on children getting to know their new local Woodlea community, visiting local parks and sporting venues all within walking distance from the venue.

For further assistance or information please contact, Chrissie Ashmore on 0490 178 638 or chrissie.ashmore@ymca.org.au

Maddingley Campus - South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au

0438 154 842

Woodlea Campus - Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336

Woodlea.OSHC@ymca.org.au

0490 490 362

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 or Absentee Email – maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

Woodlea Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4988 or Absentee Email – woodlea_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

BMG Events Calendar

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

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Woodlea Campus

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Aintree VIC 3336

P +61 3 5366 4900

F +61 3 5366 4950

Woodlea Early Learning Centre

5-7 Quarry Road
Aintree VIC 3336

P +61 3 5366 4999

General School Email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au

School Website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au

Community Information

Moorabool Light Orchestra Cabaret Concert

Looking for a special night out! Come along for a "Celebration of Screen and Stage" to be held in the Bacchus Marsh Public Hall on Saturday evening 6 April 2019. It promises to be an exciting night of popular musical theatre/opera selections, together with music from the soundtracks of some of the cinematic blockbusters, set in Cabaret style.

Table Bookings are now Open!

- MAKE UP A TABLE (or 2) - Come as a Group or a Couple!
- Tickets are Limited and just \$30 per person.
- ROUND TABLES Strictly 10 Persons Only! (O H & S)
- RECTANGLE = 8 Plus (can be easily added to)
- BYO Drinks, Glasses and Food * Free Tea & Coffee all Night (Bottomless Cup)
- \$100 Deposit per table is required for Group Bookings. Full payment on or before Wednesday 27 March 2019. Cheques payable to Moorabool Light Orchestra or **DIRECT DEBIT** - Moorabool Light Orchestra Inc

Commonwealth Bank - BSB: 06 3543

A/C Number: 1032 4092

Reference: Cabaret (plus your Surname)

For more information phone: 03 5367 3567 - Book Early! or email barrybegonia@gmail.com

Bacchus Marsh Vintage Trucks and Trades

The Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh is excited to bring a new event to the Bacchus Marsh and surrounding communities. The Bacchus Marsh Vintage Trucks and Trades show is about showcasing vehicles, trades, occupations and crafts of yesteryear and about educating our younger generation.

The event will be held over the weekend of 6 and 7 April and will include displays, demonstrations and fun activities for children and adults of all ages. For more information regarding the event please contact the event coordinator **Donna on 0437 177 031**.



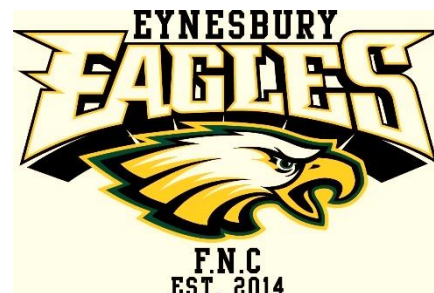
The Eynesbury Eagles Football Netball Club

The club is looking for girls and boys to join our exciting club. Go online to www.eynesburyfnc.com.au and register now or call us on the below number for further information. Join us today for lots of fun.

Under 9's, 11's, 13's Footy - Michael – 0401 676 990

Auskick - Ryan 0413 986020

Net – Set – Go - Under 11's, 13's, 15's, 17's Netball Brooke – 0419 000 900



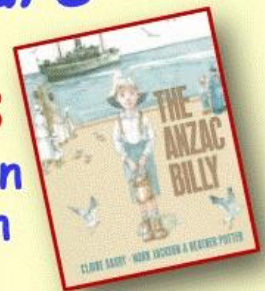
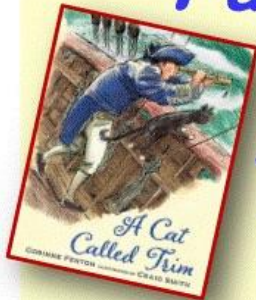
The 2019 Dromkeen Literature Festival

*'Stories Connect us to the
Past, Present & Future'*

Featuring Children's

Authors & Artists

Trace Balla, Corinne Fenton
Claire Saxby, Mark Wilson
& Marc McBride



*There will be a launch of two brand new
picturebooks, author/illustrator talks, book
readings and craft, children's animal farm, art
therapy, blacksmith & bush furniture making,
art sales, book signings and more!*

Dromkeen Homestead

Saturday, March 30 10am-4pm
1012 Kilmore Rd. Riddells Creek

www.dromkeen.com/litfest

<https://www.trybooking.com/BAMCE>

