



Congratulations and Farewell

Congratulations to the Year 12 Class of 2019 who completed their final exams at BMG on Wednesday 20 November. The BMG Community wishes you all the best with your future endeavours. Thank you to Mr Justin Cooper, the Year 12 Tutors, teaching and support staff who have worked with this cohort on their learning journey at BMG. Thank you also to parents, guardians and the wider BMG Community for your ongoing commitment and support to students.

We are proud that our School offers a safe and caring environment that encourages students to be confident, self-aware, resilient and inclusive for their life beyond secondary education.

Andrew A. Neal - Principal

Award Presentations – Friday 6 December

The results to determine award recipients for 2019 will be collated over the coming week. Recipients and their parents will be emailed award presentation arrangements for Middle and Senior School from mid-next week.

- Middle School Awards will be held from 11.15am to 12.45pm
- Senior School Awards will be held from 1.30pm to 3.00pm
(Please note: Should the weather be extreme, Senior School Awards will be moved to the morning).

Mrs Debra Ogston (Head of Senior School) and Mr Dean Peplinkhouse (Head of Middle School)

Last Day of School

The last school day for both campuses is Friday 6 December. School finishes at normal dismissal time.

- Prep to Year 6 finish at 3.05pm; and
- Year 7 to Year 11 finish at 3.10pm.

All buses will depart as per the afternoon (PM) timetable.

Sport Updates

Woodlea - MPSSA Year 3 / 4 Basketball Competition

On Thursday 14 November, students from Woodlea Year 3 and 4 travelled to Melton Christian College to compete in the MPSSA Basketball competition. The students competed against Melton Christian College, St Dominic's Primary, Arnold's Creek Primary, Melton West Primary, and Toolern Vale Primary. Both boys' and girls' teams matched up well to the other schools which ensured some tough competition throughout the day. For many of our students this was their first time representing the school at an inter school event. They did very well, showing good sportsmanship and playing in the spirit of the games.

Well done to all students for participating and representing BMG throughout the day.

Thanks to Bek Staunton, Charlie Perks, and Ben De Bortoli for umpiring, coaching, and scoring throughout the day.

Mr Liam Gill – Head of PE, Interschool Sports P-6 – Woodlea

Maddingley – School Sport Victoria Basketball State Finals

Congratulations to our Year 6 Basketball team, who on Monday 18 November, competed in the School Sport Victoria State Finals held at MSAC. This was the culmination of successfully competing in District, Division and Region Finals over the course of Semester Two. With over 1600 schools in Victoria, the boys finished in the top 8 School Basketball Teams in the state.

The boys experienced the best of Victorian basketball and were exposed to an extremely high standard. Our boys also showcased their talents and it was evident from the first tip off, if teams did not make the most of opportunities, other teams would take advantage. Unfortunately, the team went down in two games but never gave up at any stage. The third game however, saw our boys tie against the eventual runners-up. Overall, BMG finished in 7th place.

We thank Kade Hilton, Lachlan Bens, Dillon Manning, Will Coleman, Archie Greenshields, Dallas Handy, Jayde Mauriohooho, Xavier Evans, Riley Williams, Anton Failla and Coach Trevor Hilton for representing our school with pride.

Great effort!

Mr Nick Sher - Junior School Sport Coordinator

End of Year Celebrations – Maddingley and Woodlea

Woodlea

Christmas Craft and Performance Morning, Prep to Year 6, is on Monday 2 December. For the full schedule, please refer to the information sent home or access via the Parent Portal.

Maddingley

Christmas Craft and Performance Morning, Prep Reception to Year 4, is on Wednesday 4 December. For the full schedule, please refer to the information sent home or access via the Parent Portal.

Maddingley – Year 5 and 6 Choir



Our wonderful Years 5 and 6 Choir members entertained residents and staff of Grant Lodge Aged Care Facility on Monday 18 November. The group presented a programme of Christmas Carols, which was met with big smiles and a lovely sense of joy. Congratulations to all students for their involvement in this wonderful community service initiative. A special mention must go to those choir members who baked Christmas treats to share with the residents - a very thoughtful gesture.

Mr Steven Bell – Director of Music

DAV Debating 2019

This year, students from Year 5 and 6 joined with students in Year 7 and 8 to form the Middle School Debating team. This team of students competed in DAV debates held in Tarneit over the last two months, competing against teams from the Western Region. Bacchus Marsh Grammar entered five teams, debating topics such as 'Banning Junk Food in Schools', 'Is Literature or Science more Valuable?' and 'Should the Elderly have their Licences Restricted?'. All students had the opportunity to compete as the affirmative team and as the negative team for each debate. All debates were very closely contested, with Bacchus Marsh Two finally achieving a win against a much older opposition. All students represented their School with pride and made their teachers and parents very proud. A special congratulations to our Best Speaker Award Winners, Angel Malhotra, Jasvani Kaur, James Murphy and Ava Wood.

Mrs Meaghan Nixon, Miss Lauren Baker, Miss Alyce Coyne and Ms Aine Murphy

Three terms' preparation led up to this. Throughout this year we had many mock debates and finally we started preparation for our first Junior Secondary Program (JSP) DAV competition. It all started with a training session with one of the professional adjudicators, followed by an exhibition debate by all the adjudicators. The first topic was 'We should ban junk food in schools'. Bacchus Marsh Grammar Team One (Ori, Ishaan and Christian) were on the negative side and Bacchus Marsh Grammar Team Two (Alana, Angel and I) were on the affirmative. Both teams lost by one point. One and a half weeks between our next debate was handy. We used the time wisely to prepare a perfect speech. The topic for round two was 'We should value Literature more than Science', both teams were on the negative this time. Team One fell short by 1 point. Team Two lost by 3 points. Before we knew it, it was the final round of the competition. The topic was 'We should restrict driver's licences of senior citizens'. It was a hard topic but we had good ideas. Team One was defeated again by 1 point, but with a little help from Mrs Godsell, Team Two managed to pull off a win by 3 points. Considering we were competing against Year 7 and 8 students, both teams were very successful. Congratulations to everyone who was awarded best speaker throughout the debates. Thank you to Miss Baker, Mrs Nixon, Miss Coyne and Ms Murphy, without them this experience would not be possible.

Tilly Campey 5D

For the past couple of weeks I have participated in the JSP DAV debating competition for 2019. The JSP is an introduction to debating for junior secondary students in Years 7 and 8 who have not participated in the DAV Schools Competition. The competition is designed to train students in the basic skills, formats and contexts needed in debates. The competition consists of three rounds, each with a different debate topic, as well as a training night the week before the competition starts. Each round is pretty friendly, and a good introduction to debating in general. Last year, in Year 7, I competed in JSP and really enjoyed it, so I decided to compete again. I have learnt many things from debating, and it has actually helped me quite a lot, not just in public speaking, but in the context of essays in school, English especially. In JSP I learnt about debating in general, and what needs to be included in the speeches. I gained many things too, like the pace at which I should speak, especially when I'm nervous. In the first round I was extremely nervous, as I hadn't debated in a year, but in the next two rounds my confidence built up and I managed to win best speaker for both. I encourage the Year 7s and 8s next year to pluck up some courage and have a go as there is nothing to lose!

Ava Wood 8F

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Isaac Busuttill – Wild Card Winner

The inaugural MobileMuster film competition invited students to create a one minute film to look at the problems associated with holding onto our old mobile phones and encouraging people to do something good with them through reuse or recycling. The theme for this year's competition was 'use it or recycle it'. Finalists from around the country gathered at Cockatoo Island in NSW for the announcement, which saw Isaac being awarded the Wildcard winner.

MobileMuster received over 90 entries from across the country, with just over 1000 students involved. The finalists were selected by an expert panel bringing together experience in film, education and environmental excellence. The films were judged on their relevance to the theme, creativity, technical skills and ability to convey the environmental message.

In addition to the awards ceremony, the finalists visited the Google headquarters in Sydney which provided the students with an opportunity to listen to a variety of speakers from Google, Optus, Education Department as well as a Youtuber.

Results: <https://www.mobilemuster.com.au/student-films-inspire-recycling-action/>

Student Wellbeing

November

Many of you will know that Movember is a not for profit organisation which aims to improve the physical and mental health of men and boys. While the organisation is known for fundraising through the growth of moustaches, it is also a useful resource for those seeking advice about male physical and mental health and those wishing to support the men and boys in their lives. On the link below, they feature videos (suitable for adolescent boys) of high profile men who have experienced mental health challenges in their lives. The key mental health skills addressed in this resource are:

- I want to Talk
- I want to Listen

Some useful advice for mental health from the website is:

1. Talk to someone you trust, especially when things are tough.
2. Get moving. Exercise does great things to your body and mind.
3. Take a break. You don't need to solve every challenge today, so give yourself some downtime.
4. Get out and do something you enjoy with a friend.
5. If you have tried some of these things and are still not feeling great, then talk to a professional for advice and support

Adapted from <https://au.movember.com/mens-health/mental-health>

Student Wellbeing Team

SRC News

During Term 4, we are running two different fundraising events: Breadtags for Wheelchairs and The Neighbour's Place Food Train.

We are collecting breadtags at the Administration Office and donating them to a charity that uses the plastic to create market items that are then sold to raise funds for wheelchairs. More information can be found at the following website: <http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/collections.html>

We are also collecting non-perishable items for the annual Christmas Food Train. These items such as dried pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned fish, rice, soup, etc. are then donated to The Neighbour's Place, here in Bacchus Marsh, to help those in need.

Miss Caitlin Bowers

Library Reminder

As the end of the year rapidly approaches, it would be appreciated if you could check your home thoroughly for school items such as Library books, Classroom Library books, Classroom set books or anything else with a Bacchus Marsh Grammar barcode.

We are in the process of doing a stocktake to assess what we need to replace for next year. Your support would greatly assist us in using our resources wisely.

Mrs Feona West - Coordinator: Library P-6

School Administration

Parent Contact Details

The way the School will be communicating with families will be changing to an electronic communication system. Please ensure that your email and mobile telephone details are updated on the [MyBMG Portal](#).

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

Conveyance Allowance

Families in rural and regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus. This is known as the Conveyance Allowance.

The Conveyance Allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport
- private car
- private bus
- or to students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

The Conveyance Allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

Eligibility

The Conveyance Allowance is available to families who meet certain criteria.

Students attending a school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age at the time of application, and reside in Victoria.

Please note that a Private Bus or Private Car Conveyance Allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a free school bus or public transport service

Following a recent decision by the Student Transport Unit of the Education Department, it appears that there may be some movement in the way the Department makes a judgement on what is the nearest appropriate school. This comes after considerable work by the school on your behalf.

If your decision to send your children to Bacchus Marsh Grammar was because you felt that it was the nearest appropriate school that both respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration; then you may (subject to other Conveyance Allowance rules) be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance. If this statement applies to you, whilst I can make no guarantees, I believe it in your interest to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2019. The application should be **accompanied by a simple letter** stating the reasons why you believe Bacchus Marsh Grammar is the nearest appropriate school because of its values and its lack of a requirement to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration of any particular faith.

Please contact Kerry Brown for an application form or for further information.

BMG Community Contacts

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Blazer needed for Year 5 - 2020

Yes, it is that time of year for Year 4 students and parents. Your child will need a blazer for Year 5 in 2020.

Please be forward thinking and drop into the On Campus or Werribee Uniform Shop to try on and lay-by a blazer for next year. We fit with some growing room and you can always exchange in January if you need to.

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.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Enrolment is now completed online. For full information please visit the [school website](#).

Vacation Care Payment Options

GREAT NEWS!!! Feedback from our families has been heard and we are SO excited to announce the introduction of Direct Debit payment being available for all vacation care programs.

No longer will upfront payments be required, simply complete a [Direct Debit Form](#) and payment will be collected with the [set billing cycle](#).

Eftpos will no longer be available at the Ballarat Office or in the services. We thank the many families who took the time to respond to vacation care surveys and communicated their preference for direct debit.

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Woodlea:

woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au

0490 490 362

Located: 111 Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

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

Woodlea Campus

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FOOD TRAIN

FOR: NEIGHBOURS PLACE
CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Non Perishable Items

PASTA



CANNED GOODS



OTHER SNACKS



ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!
PLEASE TAKE TO ADMIN OFFICE



CHRISTMAS TREES

1st & 2nd WEEKEND

DECEMBER ON SALE AT
SES Headquarters Gisborne Rd.
Bacchus Marsh

Pre-Orders : 0452 587 973



Rotary



Christmas Tree Pricelist 2019

SMALL 5'- 6' \$60.00

MEDIUM 6'-7' \$70.00

LARGE 7' Plus-from \$80.00

(7'-8' \$80.00, 8'-9' \$90.00, 9' Plus:by **Special Order only**-\$100.00)
(larger trees subject to seasonal availability)

STANDS

Small: \$30.00 (suit 4' to 6' trees)

Large: \$40.00 (suit 6' to 10'+ trees)

HOME DELIVERY: \$10* HOME Curb side PICK-UP:\$10**

* Same day home delivery-approximate times will be given.

** Pick-up on Saturday 4th Jan. 2020- tree curb side prior to 7a.m.

Pre-orders: Call Bacchus Marsh ROTARY 0452 587 973

Free activities and stall holders



Hear from an inspirational speaker, Carly Findlay - Australian writer and speaker



Winners of the Access and Inclusion Awards will be presented at this event.

For more information go to Moorabool Shire Council's website at <https://bit.ly/2JkRB6N>

Free event
All are welcome

December 5, 2019
11.00am-2.00pm

Supper Room and Public Hall
207 Main Street
Bacchus Marsh

Free Sausage sizzle/Coffee van
Stall holders

Fun activities/Showbags

Art Show

Talks and workshops

Mambourin Hip Hop Troupe and
Choir performing
Auslan Interpreters

RSVP by 1 December to Manda on 5366 1219 or
email mmcdermott@moorabool.vic.gov.au

Let's celebrate



International Day of
People with Disability