

From the Principal

This is the final Newsletter for the year. 2019 has been an extremely busy and productive year for Bacchus Marsh Grammar. There have been many highlights to the year. Students yet again speak fondly of their involvement in music, drama and sports programs.

The year has seen the first year of operation of the School's Woodlea Campus, which could not have gone more smoothly. The cohesion of that part of our community in making the new campus operate has been wonderful. At Maddingley work has continued for much of the year on the new Senior Block which is nearing completion. I would like to thank all members of the community particularly students for their patience whilst this major project has been under construction.

I would like to thank students and staff for their hard work and commitment this year. Enjoy a safe, relaxing and refreshing holiday break and we look forward to another successful year in 2020.

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal

Woodlea Foundation Quilt

The opening of the new BMG campus at Woodlea was seen as a wonderful opportunity to create a celebration piece for the foundation of the school, hence the foundation quilt. The theme for the quilt was 'The Learning Tree' reflecting our goals as a place for learning and growing. After a year in planning and production, the quilt is now hanging in the Woodlea Gallery, along with images of all events, achievements and celebrations that have occurred throughout this first year.

Within the quilt there are various symbols and messages, including a signed leaf from every student attending Woodlea in 2019. The border of the quilt contains designs from different cultures, whilst the colours throughout the quilt are from the wide spectrum of the colour wheel, reflecting individual uniqueness. The tree, with all students represented, symbolises growth and belonging to our school community.

Ms Lou Callow and the Woodlea Arts Team



Middle School Leaders 2020

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected by their respective faculties and or areas to begin their service leadership journey within the Middle School. Throughout the selection process there were many outstanding candidates and all staff involved would like to thank every student who applied and went through the interview process.

The successful leaders will begin their service leadership journey next year and will be officially acknowledged at an assembly early in the new year. Mr Symes, Mrs Dilges and I, and all of the Middle School Staff, look forward to their leadership, ideas, passion and service in 2020.

YEAR 8 MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Captains	Hayley Carlesso	Jake Parton
Vice-Captains	Zack Burston	Ishnoor Gill
SRC	Riya Khandhar	Pari Patel
Literacy	Weerawardana De Silva	Saoirse Aykens
STEM	Rohan Krishnan	James Murphy
Wellbeing	Oliver Zaccaria	Marlee Wilson
Performing and Visual Arts	Aria Daly	Murphy O'Connor
House and Sport Captains	Pentland House	Bacchus House
	Freya Lidgett-Egan	Amy De Wit
	Summer Wray	Siennah Neskovski
	Braeside House	Hilton House
	Eleonora Milkovic	Kobe Shirra-Gibb
	Oscar Burt	Harry Jackson

MADDINGLEY YEAR 6 MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Captains	Aysha Masood	Chloe Lang
SRC	Ori Daniel	Ruby Gorton
Literacy	Tilly Campey	Alana Fenech
STEM	Gus O'Donnell	Lachlan Hunter
Wellbeing	Charlotte Muir	
Performing and Visual Arts	Aashi Goregaonkar	Talia Micevski
House and Sport Captains	Pentland House	Bacchus House
	Tayla Wray	Chloe Vo
	Justin Robins	Hunter Knight
	Braeside House	Hilton House
	Kayden Hopkins	Olivia Shin
	Mackenzie Copland	Zachary Dalli

WOODLEA YEAR 6 MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Captains	Isaac Busutil	Abhilasha Bhaduri
SRC	Tavnoor Singh	Zara Jones
STEM	Daniel Lee	Shaan Bath
Language and Literacy	Marcos Miguelez Gallardo	Keyanna Chandarana
Performing and Visual Arts	Lexie Edwards	Isla Kahlán Fish-Sharman
House and Sport Captains	Pentland House	Bacchus House
	Keneisha Dubey	Sara Gulati
	Vethik Prasanna	Aarav Goel
	Braeside House	Hilton House
	Riley Peldys	Mia-Monet Bennett
	Taylor Cunningham	Liam Donoghue

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School & Mrs Kelly Dilges – Deputy Head of Middle School
Mr Luke Symes – Woodlea Co-Head of Campus

ICAS – High Achievers

ICAS assesses the higher order thinking and problem-solving skills needed for success in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies.

The following students achieved outstanding results in the academic ICAS competitions. These students achieved a Distinction (top 10% result) or High Distinction (Top 2% result) for English, Mathematics and Science.

The following Maddingley Junior School and Woodlea students achieved the following results:

English

High Distinction – Top 2% result

YEAR 2	MADDIE HERRITY	AANYA PRASAD	
YEAR 3	MAREK SAAHIL MUNIR	NAHREEN SHAHED	ANIKA TRAN
YEAR 4	SUNAND BUDDI		

Distinction – Top 10% result

YEAR 2	GURAMANAT BHULLAR VIVAAN OGALE	JOSHEEN GORAYA STEFANIA ROBU	LEILA JACOBI	MYA GRIFFITH
YEAR 3	AARYA AVINASH JAIVEER DHALIWAL LUCY O'DONNELL	PRISHA PATEL LILLY FITZGERALD LUMIERE PETERSON-BROWN	ISOBELLE ANDERSON JOSEPHINE GRIBBIN	LIAM COLLINS LOGAN JARVIS
YEAR 4	VANSHIKA BODDU RAKSHITA VIJ	ANIRVAN KAUR LAKE HARRISON	AMAHLE MASUKU KAYLEE MCDOWELL	VIHAN MAHADEVAN
YEAR 5	THANISHKA DEEPAN	YSABELLE ROSILLO		
YEAR 6	ASHLEE REES	ALESSIA RIEPSAMEN		

Science

High Distinction – Top 2% result

YEAR 2	MYA GRIFFITH
YEAR 3	LIAM COLLINS
YEAR 4	KAYLEE MCDOWELL

Distinction – Top 10% result

YEAR 2	GURAMANAT BHULLAR HARRISON LOVE STEFANIA ROBU	RALPH VILLAFLORES AANYA PRASAD	MADDIE HERRITY ETHAN RAGUSA
YEAR 3	AARYA AVINASH DAIWIK SHAH LUCY O'DONNELL ANIKA TRAN	NATHI CHOTE MAREK SAAHIL MUNIR ETHAN SAYERS	MADELEINE DE VERA LILLY FITZGERALD NAHREEN SHAHED
YEAR 4	KAAVYA NIRANJAN LUKE BERRY	COOPER PRETTY CHARLOTTE BURR	VIHAN MAHADEVAN AGAM JUDGE
YEAR 5	MARCOS MIGUELEZ GALLARDO WILLIAM MIZZI	ABHI FARMAH	AAYZAL KAHAL
YEAR 6	SAUMYA BANSAL AARNAV KOYA ALESSIA RIEPSAMEN	MUHAMMAD RIYYAN TAUHEED AATHANAH AKILAN ANGEL MALHOTRA	HAMDHI ZAKEER THOMAS CARROLL KARAN SINGH

ICAS – High Achievers continued....

Mathematics

High Distinction – Top 2% result

YEAR 4	CHARLOTTE BURR	YASH GAIND
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Distinction – Top 10% result

YEAR 2	GURAMANAT BHULLAR SAPPHIRE PATEL ISABELLA BAO AANYA PRASAD	VED PATEL LEILA JACOBI HARRISON LOVE STEFANIA ROBU	RALPH VILLAFLORES MAX AMBROGIO VIVAAN OGALE ETHAN RAGUSA
YEAR 3	AARYA AVINASH TIA BHANOT MAREK SAAHIL MUNIR NAHREEN SHAHED	NATHI CHOTE RAHIL KOCHI PATRICK LOVETT TANISH TANEJA	MADELEINE DE VERA VAROON RAVICHANDAR HAYDEN MCGUIRE AKSHAR THATIPELLY
YEAR 4	KAAVYA NIRANJAN SUNAND BUDDI AKHIL KANNEGANTI	ANSH BANSAL SAMUEL DAVIE KAYLEE MCDOWELL	ARMAANPARTAP BRAR AGAM JUDGE BHAVESH POTLURI
YEAR 5	RODNEY TANG		
YEAR 6	VASISH VASIREDDY RUDHRA KHANDELWAL	PRANAV GURAJA AARNAV KOYA	LESANDU HERATH

Mr Kevin Richardson – Senior Deputy Principal

2020 Booklists

A reminder that 2020 Booklists can be submitted directly to Ballarat Books via the online option www.ballaratbooks.com.au or 15 Armstrong Street North, Ballarat. Please note that Booklists submitted after 20 December 2019 will incur a \$4.95 late fee.

Parcel Collection – Maddingley

The collection day will operate from Wilson Hall between 9:00am and 6:00pm on **Thursday 16 January and Friday 18 January 2020**.

If you are unable to collect your child's books on the collection days; for your convenience please ensure that you select the postage option. **Booklist Parcels not collected on collection day will be taken back to Ballarat Books Distribution Centre** and parents will need to arrange collection with Ballarat Books. *Uncollected books will no longer be able to be collected from the school after Friday 18 January.*

Parcel Collection – Woodlea

The collection day will operate from The Woodlea Gym between 10:00am and 4:00pm on **Wednesday 15 January 2020**.

If you are unable to collect your child's books on the collection days; for your convenience please ensure that you select the postage option. **Booklist Parcels not collected on collection day will be taken back to Ballarat Books Distribution Centre** and parents will need to arrange collection with Ballarat Books. *Uncollected books will no longer be able to be collected from the school after Wednesday 15 January.*

Once your child receives their book order, please ensure that you clearly name each item. **It is important that as many items as practicable are brought to school on the first day of term.**

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

Sport Updates

Singapore International Netball Challenge – 4th Place!

On Thursday 22 November, ten very enthusiastic Netballers: Charlotte Stevenson, Emelia Te Paa, Emily Cook, Hannah Slee, Abbey Newcombe, Abbie Buttigieg, Laura Navarro, Ellie Harris, Tegan Gillespie, and Paige Mulquiney, along with Mr. Durham, Miss Nicolle and Mrs Daniel travelled to Singapore to compete in the 11th International Youth Netball Challenge. This continued Bacchus Marsh Grammar's fantastic relationship with the Singapore Sports School.



Within the competition, there were 11 teams in total which comprised of 4 teams from Singapore, 1 team from Malaysia, 2 teams from Hong Kong, 2 teams from South Africa and 2 Australian teams. The challenge started on Saturday 23 November and concluded on Friday 1 December. The tournament was a fantastic opportunity for our girls to apply their skills and tactical understanding that they had been working on back at school against some quality opposition. As the games were 4 x 10 minute quarters, it also made it vital for the girls to learn and implement not only the correct way to prepare for games, but to also understand and apply the correct recovery techniques so they were prepared for their next matches. The BMG girls played well as a team and played some wonderful matches which meant they finished 4th, which is certainly an outstanding achievement at an International tournament. To conclude the challenge, the girls completed a performance to the song 'Straya' which was very well received. We would like to thank Mrs Davey for her expertise in this area.

Throughout the tournament, the girls had the opportunity to see many of the wonderful sights Singapore has to offer such as Little India, Marina Bay and Chinatown. As usual, one of the highlights before returning home was visiting Universal Studios. The netballers and staff involved would like to thank Mr Perks for his assistance in the organisation of the Netball Tour and Mr Neal for allowing the girls the invaluable opportunity to compete. A special thank you needs to go to Min Lee for the organisation of the tournament, accommodation and cultural experience. We look forward to competing in the International Youth Netball Challenge in 2021.

Graeme Frislie wins VIS Award and is nominated for Australian Junior Cyclist of the Year

Graeme Frislie has continued his outstanding year in cycling by being awarded the Victorian Institute of Sport Coaches Award for Cycling. This award was presented by VIS Head Cycling Coach Glen O'Shea in recognition of Graeme's outstanding year and commitment to cycling, school and his VCE Studies. Graeme has also been nominated for Australian Junior Cyclist of the year that will be awarded at the Australian Cycling Awards night in Brisbane in two weeks.

Congratulations Alexia Todorovic and Ella Birk

Alexia Todorovic Year 8 and Ella Birk Year 7 recently achieved outstanding results in a number of races to qualify for the upcoming State Relay Championships. The girls placed 1st in both the U14 Girls' 4x100m, U14 Mixed 4x200, U14 Girls' 4x200 2nd relays and will now compete against Victoria's top athletes at Casey Fields, Cranbourne on Saturday 14 December. We wish them best of luck.

Happy Holidays

The Physical Education, Health and Sport Department would like to especially thank all the wonderful athletes, coaches and supporters that have made 2019 another fantastic year in Sport. We have seen many outstanding achievements by both our teams and individual athletes. We look forward to another great year in Sport in 2020. We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays.

In the meantime, train hard, get active and stay healthy!

Mr Andrew Perks - Director of Sport

Sport continued.....

Woodlea 3/4 Cricket

On Friday 29 November select students from Year 4 and Year 3 travelled to Arnold's Creek Reserve to compete in the MPSSA 3/4 Cricket Gala Day Competition. The students competed against other teams from Melton Christian College and Arnold's Creek Primary. Both Boys' and Girls' teams matched up well to the other schools which ensured some tough competition throughout the day. Well done to all the students for competing with good sportsmanship, trying their best in competition, and showing respect to the other schools and students.

Congratulations to the Girls' team for coming runners up in their competition

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

Equestrian

Congratulations to Grace Riddell and her horse 'Knock Out', who placed 4th overall in their division last week at Boneo Parks Dressage Competition.

Good luck to Chanel Radburn, Chloe Hodgson, Kane Radburn and Milly Swan who are competing this Saturday in the final Dressage event for the series. Scores are very close and we look forward to hearing how they go.

If you are interested in joining the Equestrian Team please contact Mrs Low or email equestrian@bmg.vic.edu.au

Mrs Gerogia Low – Equestrian Team Coordinator



Student Wellbeing

8 ways to prevent holiday stress for you and your children

The holidays can be hectic — and tense. The holidays can be fun and joyous but can also be a very busy and stressful time. During the holidays, there are lots of fun activities and events going on, both at home and at school. And while that can be a good thing, the reality is that all that hustle and bustle means schedules are often out of whack, bedtimes get pushed back, and routines are disrupted. As a result, it's inevitable that kids may feel some degree of holiday stress. Here are eight ways to prevent and reduce holiday stress for children this season.

- 1. Set a calm example.** The most important way parents can help ease anxiety in children during the holidays is by trying to keep things relaxed as much as possible. As with so many situations, the way parents handle an issue can set the tone for how their kids will behave. If you let holiday stress get to you, your kids will definitely pick up on it, and child anxiety is more likely to be a problem in your house. Set aside time for yourself. Practise self-care and get enough sleep.
- 2. As much as possible, keep routines the same.** Kids do best when routines are predictable and healthy. This is particularly true for sleep. As tempting as it may be to let kids stay up late and sleep late throughout the holidays, try to stay within an hour of usual times, except for special occasions (like New Year's Eve). We all do better when we stick to our sleep routines. The same goes for mealtimes — aim for three healthy meals a day with you when possible.
- 3. Manage expectations.** Up front, let kids know what they can and can't expect. You don't have to give away the surprise, but you could, as a family, say that everyone gets one big but not break-the-bank gift (and otherwise set parameters on gifts). Plan ahead and avoid overscheduling. Try to stick to no more than a two or three events a week. You can sit together, look at the calendar, and let your kids know what you can and cannot manage when it comes to holiday activities.
- 4. Schedule quiet time.** Having some peace and quiet with your child is more important than ever during the busy holiday season. Find a quiet corner and read a book with your child or create holiday pictures for grandma and grandpa. Take a walk outside in nature, away from noise and crowds and obligations.

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- 5. Keep kids active.** Fresh air and exercise are essential for boosting mood and re-setting the spirit, which can alleviate holiday stress and anxiety in children. Sitting in front of the TV (or a gaming console or an iPad or phone) all day isn't good for anyone, and exercise is a known stress-buster. Get everyone outside. Go to the park. Take advantage of the local pool. Head for the beach. Go for walks together.
- 6. Spend some time together.** One way to do this is by having your children and teens help you. Many children love to help out, especially if they get lots of praise for being responsible and helpful. If you have to shop, ask your child to help you look for an item at the store. Giving your child a task will not only boost her self-esteem, but it'll also distract her and help prevent holiday stress and anxiety. Sharing quality down time is also important. Try to do things that involve actual interaction. Play games together. Visit a museum together. Bake cookies.
- 7. Build some family holiday rituals, if you don't have them already.** Whether it's holiday baking, or making homemade gifts together, or a particular concert you always attend, or some friends you invite every year, create things you can do together every year that are meaningful and fun. There are plenty of things you *have* to do. Make your family rituals things you *want* to do.
- 8. Choose something to do as a family that helps others.** A great antidote for holiday stress and the bloated commercialism of the season is helping others, whether it's by helping an elderly neighbour with bins or the garden, or by wrapping presents for needy kids. Choose toys for a toy drive. Go through clothes in the closet and donate gently used ones. Try to do things that everyone in the family can actively participate in. This is a great way to not only teach kindness, but to keep perspective on the holidays and on what's way more important than presents or parties.

The above is adapted from: <https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/7-ways-prevent-holiday-stress-children-2017112812809> and <https://www.verywellfamily.com/holiday-stress-and-anxiety-in-children-620516>

The Wellbeing Team wish you all a good end to the year and happy and safe holidays!

Student Wellbeing Team

News from the Careers Department

The Term Four BMG Careers newsletter has been emailed to students in Senior School. Members of the school community can also access it from <https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/news-events/publications/#careers-newsletters>.



Ballarat Upstart Challenge 2019

The Year 11 cohort welcomed the 'Ballarat Upstart' Challenge in Term 3. This entrepreneurial challenge was aligned to help students foster some key employability skills for the future. This externally judged competition involved schools within the Ballarat and surrounding regions. Bacchus Marsh Grammar successfully saw two finalist teams go through to the region's Bootcamp and Mentoring phase. Harrison Danton-Jack, Ethan McMinimee, Josh Wallace and Alexander O'Mahoney represented the school with their social-enterprising ideas in this next level.

Ethan and Jack developed their Metal Straw Personalised Art product, whilst Josh and Alexander persuaded judges to think about a Plaque Measuring Toothbrush and App. Throughout the term, both teams received exposure mentoring and developed many viable networks to help propel their ideas further.

The final showcase evening held on 7 November took place at the Ballarat Technical College. The two groups pitched their ideas to a range of key-stake holders from the Ballarat Business Community. We are proud to announce that Josh Wallace and Alexander O'Mahoney received the 'People's Choice Award' and the 'Runners Up' position of the Upstart Young Entrepreneur Competition. Not only did each finalist team win financial incentives, but both groups were given the opportunity to further extend their business development ideas beyond the program. Congratulations to all participants involved.

Mrs Alice Wu-Tollis - Careers Development Practitioner

2020 Private Bus Allocations

Allocation letters advising parents/guardians of their child/ren's private bus travel arrangements will be emailed to parents by the end of the week from EdSmart. Please note there will be a tight turnaround for acceptance for your child/ren to be allocated to their allocated bus. By not accepting the private bus by the closing date, your child/ren will be removed from their private bus travel in 2020 and their seat will be offered to next on the wait list.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

2020 Musical Information

MADDINGLEY CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

WHEN: Rehearsing Wednesdays - 3.10 pm to 4.20pm

- Stage rehearsal 7 September 2020 – 9.00am to 4.30pm
- Rehearsal & performance One - 8 September 2020 – 9.00am to 8.00pm
- Rehearsal & performance Two - 9 September 2020 – 9.00am to 8.00pm



WHERE: Wednesday rehearsals at Wilson Hall Maddingley Campus. Performances at Wyndham Cultural Centre.

HOW: Everyone who applies gets in. Please e-mail Ms Natasha Davey daveyn@bmg.vic.edu.au if you would like to participate as a performer or as backstage crew.

AUDITIONS: If you would like a lead role, you will need to audition. Please e-mail Ms Natasha Davey daveyn@bmg.vic.edu.au if you would like to audition.

WOODLEA CAMPUS MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

WHEN: Rehearsing Tuesdays - 3.10pm to 4.20 pm

- Stage rehearsal 19 October 2020 - 9.00am to 4:30pm
- Rehearsal & performance One - 20 October 2020 – 9.00am to 8.00pm
- Rehearsal & performance Two - 21 October 2020 – 9.00am to 8.00pm



WHERE: Tuesday rehearsals in the Gymnasium, Woodlea Campus. Performances at Wyndham Cultural Centre.

HOW: Everyone who applies gets in. Please e-mail Ms Natasha Davey daveyn@bmg.vic.edu.au if you would like to participate as a performer or as backstage crew.

AUDITIONS: If you would like a lead role, you will need to audition. Please email Ms Natasha Davey daveyn@bmg.vic.edu.au if you would like to audition.

BMG Community Contacts

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

2020 Holiday Hours

On Campus

Thursday 16 January	9.00am to 4.00pm
Friday 17 January	9.00am to 4.00pm
Wednesday 22 January	10.00am to 2.00pm
Friday 24 January	10.00am to 2.00pm
Wednesday 29 January	10.00am to 2.00pm
Thursday 30 January	8.00am to 12noon
Friday 31 January	8.30am to 4.30pm

Werribee Store

The store will be open 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm.
Closed for Main public holidays and between xmas and new year.

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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