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From the Principal

Thank you for your cooperation and kind words about the School's preparations during this difficult period.

Maddingley Administration Office

We are planning to maintain a minimum of staff over the break. There will be a physical presence at Reception and some Senior Staff and Information Technology Staff on site. The majority of other staff members will be working from home. I am asking members of the community to limit their visits to the Maddingley Campus over the break. If you need to make contact with the School over the term break please telephone the central number: 5366 4800 or email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au, we will organise for your query to get to the right person (this includes I.T. queries). I would again please ask for your understanding if responses are not as rapid as usual. The Woodlea Campus will be closed over the term break, but all queries can be directed to the Maddingley Campus.

Online Learning

Yesterday's test of the system went exceptionally well. I would like to thank staff for the efforts they have put in to creating an online learning system for students. As with anything, there were some teething problems. If you had any difficulties, please contact the I.T. Help Desk for assistance. Over the term break the I.T. Help Desk can be contacted by telephone: 5366 4800 or email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au.

School Fees

Tuition Fees and Charges will proceed in accordance with your elected payment schedules/instalments. Families experiencing financial hardship should contact the School's Finance Department immediately either by telephone: 5366 4800 or email: accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au.

If an online learning environment is required for Term 2, the School may be required to reschedule or cancel certain activities. It is our intention to refund any monies paid that relate to cancelled activities (either on a pro rata or other basis of apportionment considered appropriate). I would ask that parents are patient in this regard as this process does require significant administrative work.

I have been heartened by the responses of students to my email. We have a fine group of young people as the core of our community. The school exists to serve their needs and to develop their potential. It is often in a crisis that we see the best of people. If this is the test, then we can be proud as parents and a school that we have excellent students who will continue to do a wonderful job.

I wish you a restful, safe and healthy break with the view that classes will resume on Wednesday, 15 April 2020.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal

Prep to Year 4

In the event that classes do not resume traditionally at the beginning of Term 2, all Prep to Year 4 staff will be using Microsoft Teams to administer their lessons.

On Thursday 26 March, teachers in Prep to Year 4 tested this system with their classes at two intervals throughout the day. This was a trial only and not a lesson. Initial feedback has been positive.

Instructions were emailed to parents on Wednesday evening, however these are available on the MyBMG Parent Portal under Whole School/General Forms.

Mrs Elizabeth O'Day - Senior Deputy Principal
Mrs Danielle Copeman - Co-Head of Woodlea Campus

Year 5 to 12

Over the past few weeks classes have been trialling remote online learning platforms in their classrooms, in the event that the school moves to remote learning in Term 2. Students should now be familiar with Bacchus Marsh Grammar's Learning Management System; Schoolbox and the various video platforms Zoom and Microsoft Teams. All staff have been working hard to set up Schoolbox class pages with work requirements should remote learning become the method of teaching and learning in the near future. To assist with this possibility all parents are encouraged to log on to Schoolbox via the Parent Portal and navigate their way around the subject pages with their child.

On Thursday 26 March, Middle and Senior students were invited to participate in a trial of remote learning with their teachers from home. On the whole, this was a successful trial for both staff and students. We would like to thank all students and parents for supporting this process during such unfamiliar circumstances.

In the event of remote learning, the scheduled plan is for students to follow their normal timetabled classes each day and complete the assigned work in the lesson. As part of this process students should check in with their tutor group teacher/s daily, either in the morning or the afternoon during their timetabled tutor group time. We feel this is an important part of their day as it will allow the Tutor Group teachers to maintain regular contact and provide pastoral care support.

Parents and students are asked to monitor their emails regularly for ongoing updates.

We wish you and your family a safe and restful term break and look forward to seeing all the students back at school soon.

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School Maddingley
Mrs Debra Ogston – Head of Senior School
Mrs Danielle Copeman - Co-Head of Woodlea Campus

Maddingley Middle School Colours

The following students have been awarded Middle School Colours throughout last week. They should be congratulated on their service and commitment to representing the school. All students have received a middle school colours badge in recognition of this achievement.

Lachlan Hunter	Gus O'Donnell	Justin Robins
Charlotte Perilli	Anusha Mohan	Jorja Adami-Beer
Emma Williams	Arian Grewal	Ella Sedge
Ruby-June Fowler	Alpay Sarman	Nishita Gupta
Tanisha Peel	Marlee Wilson	Rohan Krishnan

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School

School Photos 2020

Early in March School Photos were advertised to be taken in Term 2.

As per the Covid-19 virus information provided to the BMG Community on 18 March 2020, all Term 2 Excursions and large gatherings have been cancelled or postponed.

School Photos will be rescheduled for later in the year. We will keep families informed and updated when these dates have been confirmed.

Writing Competition

I understand that there is a lot going on at the moment, but thought I would let you know about some creative writing activities that students may wish to consider during the holidays.

There is not one, not two, but three writing competitions for students to enter! There is also a poetry competition in Wyndham. Please note the different entry conditions for each competition.

1) Moorabool Young Writers' Competition - Deadline 24 April 2020 - SHORT STORY - three categories:

- JUNIOR grade 3 and under : 1000 words max
- INTERMEDIATE grades 4-6: 1000 words max
- YOUTH high school: 3000 words max

This comp is ONLY open to those who live in Moorabool, go to school in Moorabool (or both). Sadly, if you attend Woodlea and DON'T live in Moorabool Shire, you are not eligible. [Terms and Conditions](#).

Send entries to: info@moorabool.vic.gov.au (please attach your story and supply the information required - [see poster attached](#))

2) Imagination Creation Young Writers - Wyndham - deadline 31 March - POETRY and/or STORY

- 10 years & under
- 11 - 14 years
- 15 - 18 years

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/2020-imagination-creation-writing-competition-testing-only>

Deadline: 31 March 2020

3) Willy Lit Fest 2020 The Young Ada Short Story Prize 14-18 year olds

Website: <https://www.willylitfest.org.au/2019/10/12/announcing-the-ada-cambridge-writing-prizes-open-for-submissions/>

Age Range: 14 to 18 years

Location Restriction: Must live, study or work in Melbourne's western suburbs. Refer to the [submission guidelines](#) for included suburbs.

Story Length: To 1,000 words.

Theme: Something that matters to them in their world, whether it be love, friendship, discoveries, injustice or loss.

Deadline: 29 March 2020

If students require help with their entries, please contact Mrs Clark clarkje@bmg.vic.edu.au or Ms Oates oatess@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Mrs Clark & Ms Oates

Conveyance Allowance

Following a recent decision by the Student Transport Unit of the Education Department, it appears that there may be some movement on 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 respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebrations, 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 is in your interests to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2020. 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 celebrations of any particular faith.

Please ensure that you complete the form that applies to your child's travel. Forms are available from the main office at both the Woodlea and Maddingley campuses. Please be aware that no allowance is payable if the journey, to and from school, can be made using a free bus service.

Please contact Kerryn Browne via brownnek@bmg.vic.edu.au if you have any queries.

Ms Kerryn Browne - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager

Uniform – Noone

Noone will be closing its major Victorian retail stores effective from 1pm this Saturday, 28 March 2020. Our Head Office, distribution and manufacturing facilities remain open and our on-line and email uniform services will continue.

Uniform orders can be placed online through the Noone website (www.noone.com.au) and can either be collected when our stores re-open or home delivered via Australia Post. Customers are also able to email their requirements to sales@noone.com.au. Telephone enquiries are welcome through our Head Office, telephone 9379 5037.

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

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

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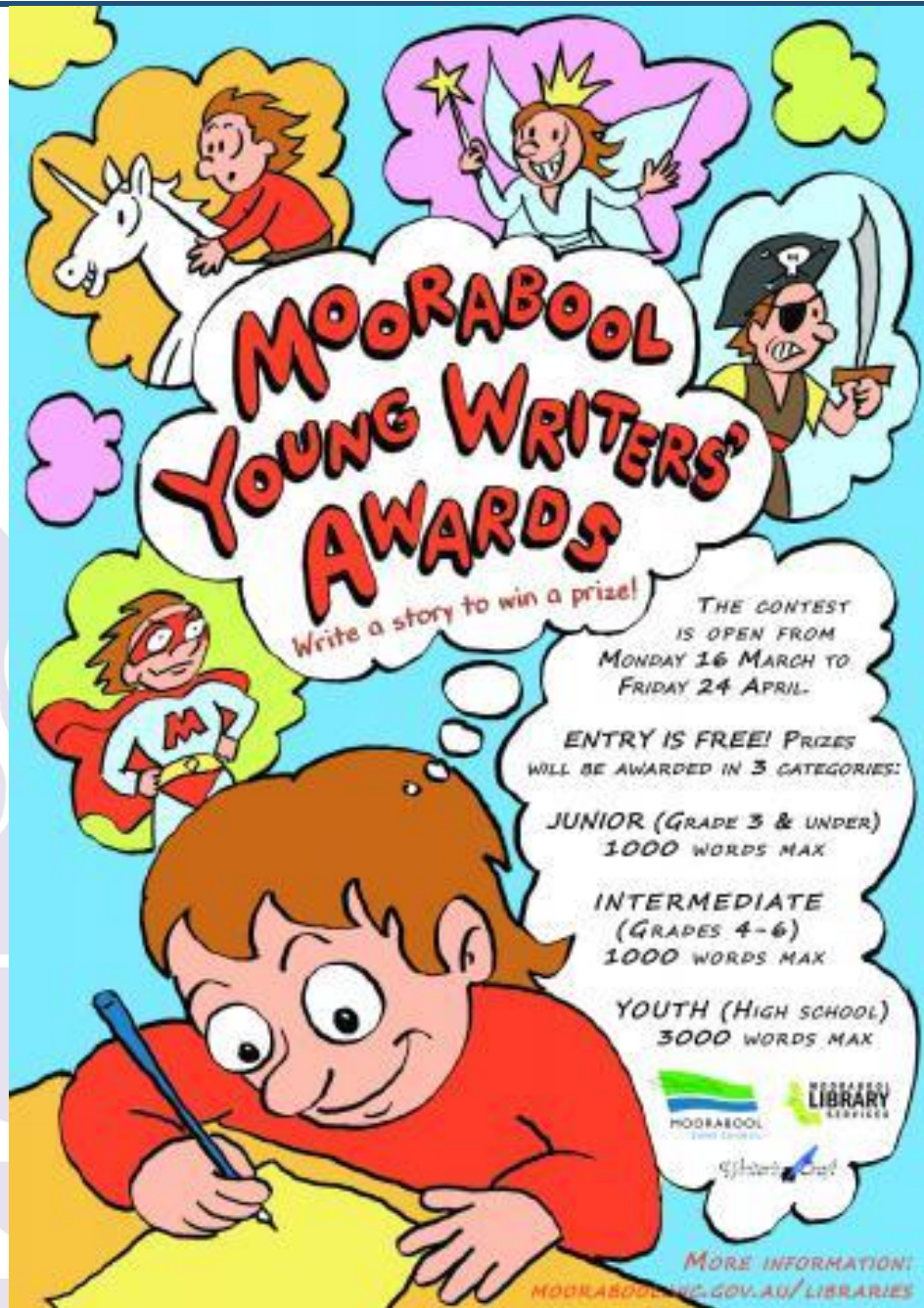
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Community News – Writing Competition



**MOORABOOL
YOUNG WRITERS'
AWARDS**

Write a story to win a prize!

THE CONTEST
IS OPEN FROM
MONDAY 16 MARCH TO
FRIDAY 24 APRIL.

ENTRY IS FREE! PRIZES
WILL BE AWARDED IN 3 CATEGORIES:

- JUNIOR (GRADE 3 & UNDER)
1000 WORDS MAX
- INTERMEDIATE
(GRADES 4-6)
1000 WORDS MAX
- YOUTH (HIGH SCHOOL)
3000 WORDS MAX

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