



From the Principal

It has been wonderful to see so many students back at school this week. It has been a real test for our new procedures, which I am pleased to say have worked extremely well. I have been asked how long these procedures will be in place. Our best guess is for the foreseeable future. As such, there will be some minor works over the coming months to make some of our temporary entry to the school arrangements at both the Woodlea and Maddingley Campus' permanent.

I have also been asked about bus charges for this term. Given the disrupted nature of the term the School has decided not to charge fees for the normal bus services that resumed this term. There will also be some adjustments to the 'emergency bus' charges for those parents who accessed the service during Term Two.

I remind all parents that all students (with the exception of those with medical conditions) are expected back at school on Tuesday 9 June.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing long weekend.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal

Senior School News

A teacher's definition of happiness – a classroom full of students!

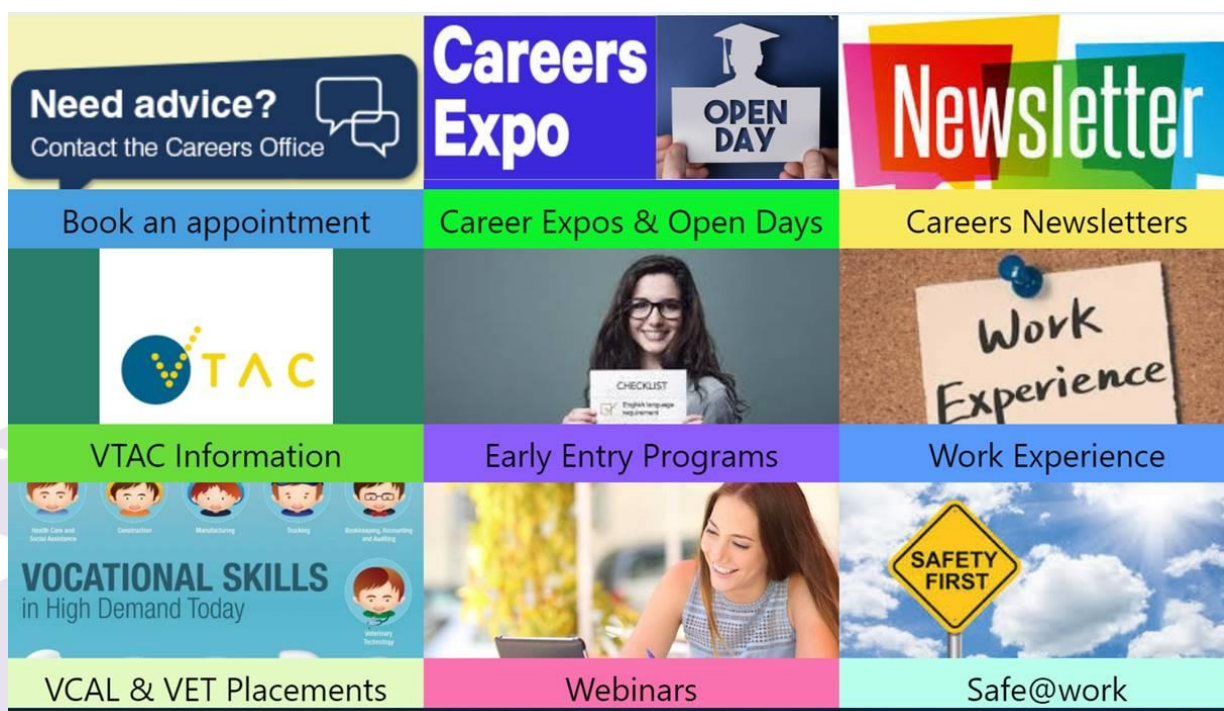
It is with great excitement and pleasure we welcome all of our Senior School students back to the classroom. Whilst we are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and effort our Senior School students have shown during remote learning, nothing can compare to having students in the classroom, engaging with their peers and teachers. It has been pleasing to see our VCE students settle so seamlessly back into classroom routines and how they are relishing the classroom environment. Students have been able to transition from remote/online classes, straight back into classroom learning, assessments and the business of Term Two.

We keenly anticipate next week when all senior students return to the classroom and the Senior School gets back to 'as normal as possible' for the remainder of Term Two. We thank all of our students and their families for the way they have calmly and successfully managed remote learning, for the support they have shown us (with many of our students having patiently helped the staff develop their I.T skills) and the positive manner in which they have returned to school.

Mrs Debra Ogston – Head of Senior School and Mrs Erin Thornton – Deputy Head of Senior School

Careers News

News from the Careers Department is now available at the Careers Homepage on Schoolbox: This link will take students and parents directly to page: <https://schoolbox.bmg.vic.edu.au/homepage/9380/>



Currently, there are many informational webinars running in lieu of large public gathering events. These webinars may assist students in developing greater career and course awareness.

The homepage is updated on a daily basis, so please build into your normal routine regular viewings of this page.

At BMG we know that the development of entrepreneurial skills is becoming more important than ever. We have all witnessed (and possibly experienced) that the need to problem-solve and adapt in response to problems involves more than just creative thinking. To help foster the development of skills to enable students to be competitive and employable, the school is encouraging students in Years 9 to 11 to participate in the 2020 Upstart Program.



In groups of 2 to 4 students, students will be asked to develop an idea that will better society. The idea should be a product idea that is a solution to a problem that is in their every day lives. Then, working as a team, students will be led through a program to help them develop pitching skills and hopefully bring their product ideas to fruition. We are encouraging students to be change-makers by becoming involved in the Upstart Program.

Last year, two BMG groups progressed to the finals and one team was awarded the 'People's Choice Award'. To this day, both teams are still in contact with their mentors who are helping them develop their entrepreneurial presence.

For more information:

- visit the BMG Co-curricular Schoolbox Page
- watch the clip 'What is the Upstart Challenge?'
- read the documents 'Introduction' and 'The Why?'
- <https://www.upstarthq.com.au/upstart-challenge/ballarat/>

The program is about to start at BMG in June. To register your interest, email group member details to careers@bmg.vic.edu.au by no later than Friday 12 June.

Mrs Alice Wu-Tollis - Careers Practitioner

Grandpa Tree



Ms Lou Callow and the Art Department have decorated trees throughout each campus which has brought smiles to the faces of both students and staff.



Students will have an opportunity to write a message for the Grandpa Tree about what they have missed about school and / or what excites them about coming back.

The Grandpa Tree will feature in the next next issue of the Grammarian at the end of Term Two.

Back to school!

Over the first half of Term One, the Preps had a huge transition from learning in the classroom to online remote learning. This was an unprecedented event for all involved, but we are so proud to say how well the cohort has done and how much they have all grown since they have come back to school. These new found conditions allowed us to do some "out of the ordinary things" with our classes, such as hands on cooking, sharing our beloved pets with the class, going for walks in nature to get some fresh air and adapting to a new learning environment. As things start to go back to normal, we will never forget the experience and how well our students adapted to such a rapid change. We cannot wait to see them grow even more as we continue our learning journey.

Ms Nicole Mill - Year Level Coordinator: Prep Woodlea



Charlotte Vella PrepWC



Luciana Grech PrepWB



Avyaan Kansal PrepWB



Zoe Benyah PrepWC

Co-Curricular News

Make sure you have a look on Schoolbox to see what Co-Curricular activities are available.

Chess Club

This term, at both Maddingley and Woodlea, students have been participating in the Chess Co-Curricular. This term has looked quite different because we have been conducting our chess lessons/games online. Even though students have not been able to physically interact over the chessboard with their peers, this co-curricular activity has allowed them to socially connect online, whilst at the same time still strengthening their chess knowledge. In Term Three, we are planning on hosting our very own online BMG school tournament in which players will compete each week to rise to the top of the leader board. For anyone interested in this co-curricular activity, whether you are new to chess or an accomplished player, head over to the Chess Co-Curricular page on School Box to get involved and see what we have been learning.

Mr Nicholas Panczel - Woodlea House Coordinator – Braeside

Cake Decorating Club

The launch of the online BMG Cake Decorating Club, in response to the move to remote learning, has attracted a great response from Yr 5-12 students across both the Woodlea and Maddingley campuses. Thank you to the students who took part in our first challenge, "Rainbow Iced Cupcakes".

These students each receive a voucher to use in the BMG café and earn points towards our master cake decorator prize which will be awarded at the end of each term.

To allow students to become involved in the opportunity to learn new skills in cake decorating and display their work to the school community, the online Cake Decorating Club will continue in Terms 3 & 4. As restrictions ease, and the possibility of cake decorating competitions return, we will use this online hub as a way to help students create entries that can be submitted for these competitions.

Make sure you regularly visit the co-curricular page on the Schoolbox home page to keep up to date with new information from not only the Cake Decorating Club, but other co-curricular clubs aiming to keep our students engaged in activities beyond the classroom.

Be sure to check out our page for our next challenge which is open now!



Mrs Jacqueline Huxtable – Food Technology

Story Writing Competition

Poster by Alana Fenech 6B – Literacy Captain

BMG Story Writing Competition

The strange house at the end of the blue court.

A competition for students in **Years 2 to 8!**

- No hard copies will be accepted this year.
- You should type up your story, create a Google doc, or scan a handwritten story.
- You may enter more than once.
- Send all entries to westf@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Remember to include your **name and class** on each entry, and you must include the theme "**The strange house at the end of the blue court.**"

The due date is **Thursday 13th August**.
Enjoy writing your story!

No late entries accepted.

Updated Private Bus Timetables

With all year levels returning to school on Tuesday 9 June, a reminder to parents that the following bus timetables have had time adjustments to their routes at the end of Term One, these changes came into effect from 15 April 2020.

Updated timetables are available on the [school website](#).

Maddingley Campus

Black
Green
Purple
Silver
Violet
White

Woodlea Campus

Kangaroo
Kookaburra
Platypus
Wombat

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

BOOK CLUB NEWS MAY 2020

ISSUE FOUR IS NOW OUT ONLINE

In these unprecedented times, we are aware that our BMG parents are keen for their children to improve their reading skills and the school supports its community in this. Scholastic Bookclub offers a range of titles selected to cater for all age ranges and reading abilities. Some titles are also included on the Premier's Reading Challenge list.

Issue 4 catalogue is now out and ready to accept orders until the end of Term 2. Your Scholastic order will be delivered to your home (postage & handling \$5.99). Orders can still be placed for the Issue 3 catalogue but will incur another postage and handling charge.

Here is the link to the online catalogues: <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

If you haven't ordered before, you will need to register.

- Create an account – assign it to either yourself or one of your children. You are advised to just set up one account and place your orders for all your children under this account. As orders incur a postage & handling fee of \$5.99, this will reduce your overall cost.
- Your child's designated teacher is the Year Level Coordinator as we no longer have separate class teachers listed.

Maddingley:

Prep: Kylie McKerrow/**Year 1:** Helen Saunders/**Year 2:** Sian Rawlinson/**Year 3:** Jodie Taniguchi-Muston/**Year 4:** Lisa Stephens/**Year 5:** Trevor Hilton/**Year 6:** Wes McLaughlin.

Senior School orders can be placed under Diane Dunn as the designated teacher.

Woodlea:

Prep – Year 7 orders nominate Feona West as the designated teacher.

Your order also generates rewards used for valuable school resources. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Diane Dunn (Maddingley Campus) & Mrs Feona West (Woodlea Campus)
Scholastic Book Club Coordinators



Administration News

Maddingley Gatehouse Reception

A new Reception area has opened at the Maddingley Campus in which students can be signed in and out of during school time for appointments. The Gatehouse is staffed between 8:00am and 4:00pm during term time and is located next to the Uniform Shop. We encourage you to utilise the Gatehouse if your child is leaving early during the day to limit the number of visitors in the main Reception area. Please follow the normal procedures for notifying the School if your child is leaving early.

Maddingley School Drop off and Pick Up

A reminder to parents to **only** drop off and pick up your children from the Main Carpark. Please do not park in the Visitors parking on South Maddingley Road.

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

BMG Community Contacts

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Uniform

Updates from Noone detailing operations for both the On-Campus Shop and Rushfords are listed on the [school website](#).

On Campus Shop

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 from Trish Shilton

- If I don't answer the phone, please leave a message and I will call you back.
- Please put a note in your child's diary to alert their teacher that you are expecting a delivery from the uniform shop.

These tips will make the ordering process run smoothly THANK YOU.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat continue to operate Out of School Hours Care.

The latest information for the Vacation Care Winter Program is available on the [school website](#).

Enrolments are now completed online.

Email: chris.ashmore@ymca.org.au **Phone:** 0490 178 638 **W:** www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

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Location: 111 Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336.

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

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