

# BMG NEWS



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## From the Principal

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I would like to thank all of the community for their cooperation in relation to face coverings. It is something that takes some getting used to and, I know, we have placed restrictions on some because of the nature of our catchment, that they otherwise would not be required to follow.

I understand that some are not necessarily in agreement with this decision, but I have been reassured by the almost universal understanding of why the decision has been taken.

We will continue to monitor the wearing of face coverings to see if any common difficulties arise. I have also asked the Health Centre to produce some short video material related to face covering protocols and how to make them work as well as they can. Equally we are working with students to make face coverings something they accept and understand rather than an issue they get in trouble about.

It is concerning that COVID-19 numbers remain high; we continue to monitor these each day and we will respond accordingly if we feel we need to modify our approaches.

Thank you again for your cooperation and I hope, like all of us, that every little bit will help us out of our current situation.

Please stay safe.

**Andrew A. Neal – Principal**

## ICAS UNSW Global Competition – Years 2 to 10

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Competition information has been forwarded to families this week via Bacchus Marsh Grammar's EdSmart notification system. Participation in the ICAS UNSW Global competition is an opt in voluntary situation.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar students (Years 2 to 10) will be sitting ICAS Assessments for **Science, English and Mathematics**. If you would like to register your child to participate, you can do so via the link below and follow the prompts to pay directly using the UNSW Global Parent Payment System.

The web link is: <https://shop.unswglobal.com.au/pages/pps>

**Bacchus Marsh Grammar** access code is: **OUO688**

Online parent payment closes Sunday, **2 August 2020**.

Please note that the school will hold these assessments on site as per normal arrangements. Additional information will be forwarded to registered families after the closing date.

**IMPORTANT:** Please enter your child's name accurately into the system as it will appear on their ICAS certificate. Students must sit the assessments designed for their school year level.

**Preparation:** It is recommended that students prepare for the competition by downloading and/or completing online practice material.

Practice material can be downloaded from the EAA website at: <https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/products/icas-assessments/>

**Mr Kevin Richardson – Senior Deputy Principal**

## ICT Support

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From Friday 17 July, parents and students will be able to log ICT issues via the school website.

On the website go to 'Quick Links' and choose ICT Service Desk and sign in with your ID number and password.

**Mr Rowan Grönlund – Director of ICT Services**

## School Administration

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### Registering on site

Any parent/guardian requiring their child/ren to learn on site must contact the school by calling 03 5366 4800 to speak with the Principal's Office or via email [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au).

### Emails from Principal's Office

Communication via the Principal's Office has been weekly, if not daily, during COVID-19 and the school is aware that some families are not receiving emails.

Please ensure your email address is up to date via the MyBMG Parent Portal. Additionally, it is worth checking your 'junk mail' in case emails have been delivered to the incorrect folder.

### Book Collection

The TryBooking system for collection of books/items from lockers/classrooms has now closed. Any students requiring access to either Woodlea or Maddingley campus to collect their items can be accommodated by contacting either Administration Office to make arrangements from 9.00am and up until 4.00pm.

### Census Collection Notice

We request families review the 2020 Non-Government School Census collection notice added at the end of the newsletter.

**Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal**

## Junior School News

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### Parent Teacher Interviews - Maddingley Junior School and Woodlea

Due to ongoing COVID restrictions, the Term 3 Maddingley Junior School and Woodlea Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted via the Video Communications App ZOOM. The interviews are scheduled in Week 4, from Monday 3 August until Friday 7 August. ZOOM interviews will be of 10 minutes duration. If you or the class teacher believes a longer time session is required, then this will be organised directly by the class teacher.

Your child's parent/teacher interview will be conducted by their class teacher and discussion will encompass all curriculum areas. If, in discussion with the class teacher you would like further clarification from a specialist teacher, please let the class teacher know and they will notify the relevant staff member so this can be organised.

Parents will receive an email that outlines the available time slots from their child's class teacher. Please reply via email and indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd timeslot preference by Wednesday 29 July. Once confirmed, the teacher will email you a meeting invite which includes the Zoom meeting access code. During the scheduled time, please click the link in the email which takes you directly to the meeting.

### Spotlight on Prep Reception

The students in Prep Reception are back online and have once again amazed us with their resilience, positive attitude, and independence. The sounds 'N' and 'J' were investigated in the past week and the children took part in many related literacy and craft activities. After reading the book 'The Necklace', students had a great time making and decorating pasta necklaces which were then used to practise ordinal number counting. The poem 'Jelly on a Plate' was read and this led into a great activity where students used cellophane to make some jelly on a paper plate.

Students started to learn about three dimensional shapes. They made some shapes using play dough and Lego and then wrote about what they had made. We welcomed Miss Gregson, our student teacher from Federation University, who is joining us for the first three weeks of term. She has already had a wonderful time teaching and interacting with the students in Prep Reception online.

Junior School Team – Maddingley & Woodlea



Mason Eagles



Adeline Kearney



Owen McCormack

## Senior School News

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### VCE Subject Selection

This week, the Year 11 Tutor Group teachers, Mrs Wu-Tollis and Mrs Thornton, have been supporting Year 11 students through the subject selection process for 2021. Students will be sent an email this Friday 24 July, asking them to select their subjects via the online system, 'Web Preferences'. The 'Web Preferences' system will close on Friday 7 August.

Year 10 students have also begun discussions about their VCE studies for 2021. Students and parents are encouraged to take the time to read through the [VCE Handbook](#) which has now been posted on the school website. Year 10 Tutor Group teachers will engage in discussions to support students in this process during pastoral care time over the coming weeks. Please take the time to discuss subject options with your son/daughter.

### Online Year 11 (2021) Information Presentation

Due to the current circumstances surrounding COVID-19, we are **unable** to offer the usual Parent Information Evening physically on the school campus. In lieu of this, we will offer a **Zoom** Presentation on **Monday 3 August at 6.30pm**. A link to the Zoom Presentation will be sent on the day via the Head of Year 10, Mr. Michael Howell. The Zoom Presentation should only last for 30 minutes and will include time to answer some general questions.

Please be assured that if you cannot attend this Zoom in real time, then a copy of the presentation will be available on Schoolbox > Careers > Subjects & Programs at BMG for you to access at a later, more convenient time.

### Senior School Colours

This week, during the Senior School Zoom Assembly, we congratulated **Cole Healy** of Year 11 for his achievement in receiving his Senior School Colours. Cole is to be congratulated on his service and commitment to the school.

Students receiving School Colours receive a coloured pocket for their blazer in recognition of their achievement.

**Mrs Debra Ogston – Head of Senior School**

## Student Wellbeing - Managing Stress

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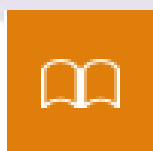
This week, a short presentation which touched on how to recognise the signs and symptoms of stress and strategies to manage it, was delivered to the Year 12 group. The topics that were covered included: what stress looks like, identifying where your stress is coming from, calming techniques, the importance of talking to friends and family, exercise and creative outlets, prioritising and planning, taking time out, finding balance and being kind to yourself. These topics not only relate to Year 12, but to all students who are displaying any signs or experiencing any physical symptoms of stress. For parents, there are a number of ways to support your children in challenging and stressful times. [Reach Out](#) has a range of resources available including articles, short clips, quizzes, forums and helpful tips on their website for both students and parents. There is a lot of information for parents on how to talk to your teen about stress and ways in which you can support them at home. Our Year 12 students were given laminated cards on which are written 7 tips on managing exam stress. This card also includes tips for parents and may assist you in having a conversation with your teen about how they are managing their stress. Please visit [reachout.com](http://reachout.com) or click on the link below for information and 'Things to try' to support you and your teen.

**Student Wellbeing Team**

## Borrowing items from BMG Libraries

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### Borrowing items during COVID-19 restrictions and remote learning:



Students can access our BMG library catalogue via the Student Portal and clicking on the 'Library' link. No log on is required. Students can search via title, author, subject or word.

Requests for titles can be forwarded to [dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au) (Senior School) or [westf@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:westf@bmg.vic.edu.au) (Middle/Junior School). A maximum of six titles at a time may be requested. We will collect your request/s and arrange collection for you to collect from Reception at the relevant campus.

On return, the items should be handed in to the office. They will be quarantined and sanitized before being returned to circulation.

**Mrs Feona West - Coordinator: Library P-6**


## Writing Competition

# **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](mailto: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.

Poster by Alana 6B (Literacy Captain)

## Book Club News July 2020

### Issue 5 is out now!

Issue 5 catalogue is out now and ready to accept orders until the end of Term 3. Your Scholastic order will be delivered to your home (postage & handling \$5.99). Orders can still be placed with Issue 4 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 either to 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 designated teacher.

#### **Woodlea:**

Prep – Year 7 orders nominate Feona West as 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**



## BMG Community Contacts

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### 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.

### Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat continue to operate Out of School Hours Care. See details via the [school website](#).

Enrolments are now completed online.

**Email:** [chrisie.ashmore@ymca.org.au](mailto:chrisie.ashmore@ymca.org.au) Phone: 0490 178 638 W: [www.ballarat.ymca.org.au](http://www.ballarat.ymca.org.au)

#### Maddingley:

[bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au) or 0438 154 842

Location: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

#### Woodlea:

[woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au](mailto:woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au) or 0490 490 362

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

### Student Absentees

#### Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 or Absentee Email – [maddingley\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au)

#### Woodlea Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4988 or Absentee Email – [woodlea\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:woodlea_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au)

#### Maddingley Campus

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Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

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Aintree VIC 3336

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#### Woodlea Early Learning Centre

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School Website: [www.bmg.vic.edu.au](http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au)

## Community News

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**BK Gymnastics Bacchus Marsh Centre: 03 5367 4120**





Dear parent / guardian / staff member

### **2020 Non-Government School Census collection notice**

The Australian Government provides funding to Australian schools under the *Australian Education Act 2013* (AE Act). The AE Act and the associated *Australian Education Regulation 2013* (the AE Regulation) require that a school authority provides the Australian Government with certain information about the school, its staff, and student body to ensure the school's funding is properly calculated and appropriately managed. This information is collected by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment (the department) on behalf of the Australian Government.

#### **What information does the department collect in the Non-Government Schools Census?**

Any personal information collected is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*, and will be handled in accordance with that Act, the AE Act and the AE Regulation.

The authorities that operate schools, such as a Catholic Education Office or an independent school authority, will provide basic information about the school to the Australian Government. This includes its name, address, contact details and years of schooling offered.

The school authority must provide information to the department about the makeup of the school's staff and student body during an annual school census. This is because Australian Government funding varies according to whether students are primary, secondary, receiving distance education, or are overseas students and is calculated to provide additional funding, called 'loadings', for students at educational disadvantage.

The school authority must provide the department with information about the number of staff and students at the school (no names are provided), including the number of:

- teaching and non-teaching staff
- primary and secondary students
- full-time and part-time students
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students
- students with disability
- students receiving distance education
- boarding students
- overseas students.

The department will also collect the name, position and contact details of the staff member nominated as the primary contact for the annual census.

The authority is required to publish some of this information, and it is also published by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) on the My School website at [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au).

There may be circumstances in which a school authority will voluntarily provide personal information about individual students to the department. Where a student has not attended a school during the annual Census Reference Period, but the authority wishes to receive funding for them, the authority will provide the department with information about a student showing they meet funding criteria. The department does not require information that identifies an individual student and asks the authority to censor any documents before providing them. The department will destroy any documents it deems sensitive immediately upon receiving them.

### **Why is this information collected?**

The department collects the information outlined above for the purposes of the AE Act, which include:

- calculation of Australian Government funding
- publishing and providing information about schools to the public.

The department also uses the information for research, statistical analysis, and policy development on school education for the Australian Government.

Aggregated information from the annual school census about the school's student body may also be used to validate data from other collections undertaken by the department, such as the Student Residential Address And Other Information Collection.

### **Who receives this information?**

School authorities provide this information directly to the department. The department may in turn pass the information on to ACARA, state and territory education departments and authorities, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), and the Productivity Commission. Information passed to ACARA, state and territory education authorities, the ABS, and the Productivity Commission is used by those organisations for their public purposes. For example, the information collected from school authorities under the AE Act forms part of the national statistical collection maintained by the ABS.

From time to time, the department engages contractors to audit or verify school records to ensure that the information a school authority provides to the department on behalf of a school is accurate. The information previously collected by the department may also be passed onto these contractors for this purpose. When carrying out an audit, the contractors may need to access information about individual students from the school's records. This information may be 'personal information' within the meaning given in the *Privacy Act 1988*.



The contractors may pass this information onto officers within the department if there is a discrepancy in the data provided by the school and the school's records and further investigation is required.

The department will also provide the information to other organisations if required or authorised by law to do so. Other than in exceptional circumstances (for example, investigation of fraud relating to overseas students), the department does not disclose any of the personal information collected to overseas recipients.

### **Contacts for further information**

If you have questions about the collection of information about schools by the Australian Government under the *Australian Education Act 2013*, please contact:

The Recurrent Assistance for Schools team at: [schools@dese.gov.au](mailto:schools@dese.gov.au).

You can get more information about the way in which the department will manage any personal information collected, including information on accessing or correcting that personal information, and how to make a complaint, in our full privacy policy at [www.dese.gov.au/privacy](http://www.dese.gov.au/privacy) or by requesting a copy from the department at [privacy@dese.gov.au](mailto:privacy@dese.gov.au).