

From the Principal

COVID-19 UPDATE AS OF 31 July 2020

As you are aware, Victoria has introduced a series of new initiatives to curb COVID-19. Case numbers in our catchment and the number of schools being forced to close remain of considerable concern.

As a result, there will be some changes in how we operate for the next two weeks.

- i) Years 9 to 11, with the exception of students studying Unit 3 & 4 subjects will be learning online.
- ii) The Staughton Vale Program for those students registered to attend school onsite for their online learning has been cancelled for the next two weeks.
- iii) Unit 3 & 4 classes will continue to operate in face to face mode.

To enable the school to remain open two things are required at present. One of those is the protections and precautions that we have put in place. The other is that we need to ensure that the number of students onsite remain as low as possible. Families can assist in this by ensuring that only students who cannot work from home come to school.

I understand that this is not easy for families and that some, particularly outside of the Metropolitan boundary feel that this is an unfair imposition, however, if we are to remain open risks must be minimised. One of the best ways of achieving this is by ensuring the number of students on campus are as small as possible. It is very important that we have family's cooperation in this area.

As usual, I thank you for your support in this quickly changing environment. I would also like to thank staff for their continued capacity to keep learning going in these very challenging circumstances.

Saturday is forecast to be spring-like day. Enjoy it to the best of your ability and stay safe.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal

REMINDER: MID-TERM BREAK AS PER 2020 TERM DATES – FRIDAY 14 AUGUST – NO SCHOOL

Junior School News

Parent Teacher Interviews – Woodlea

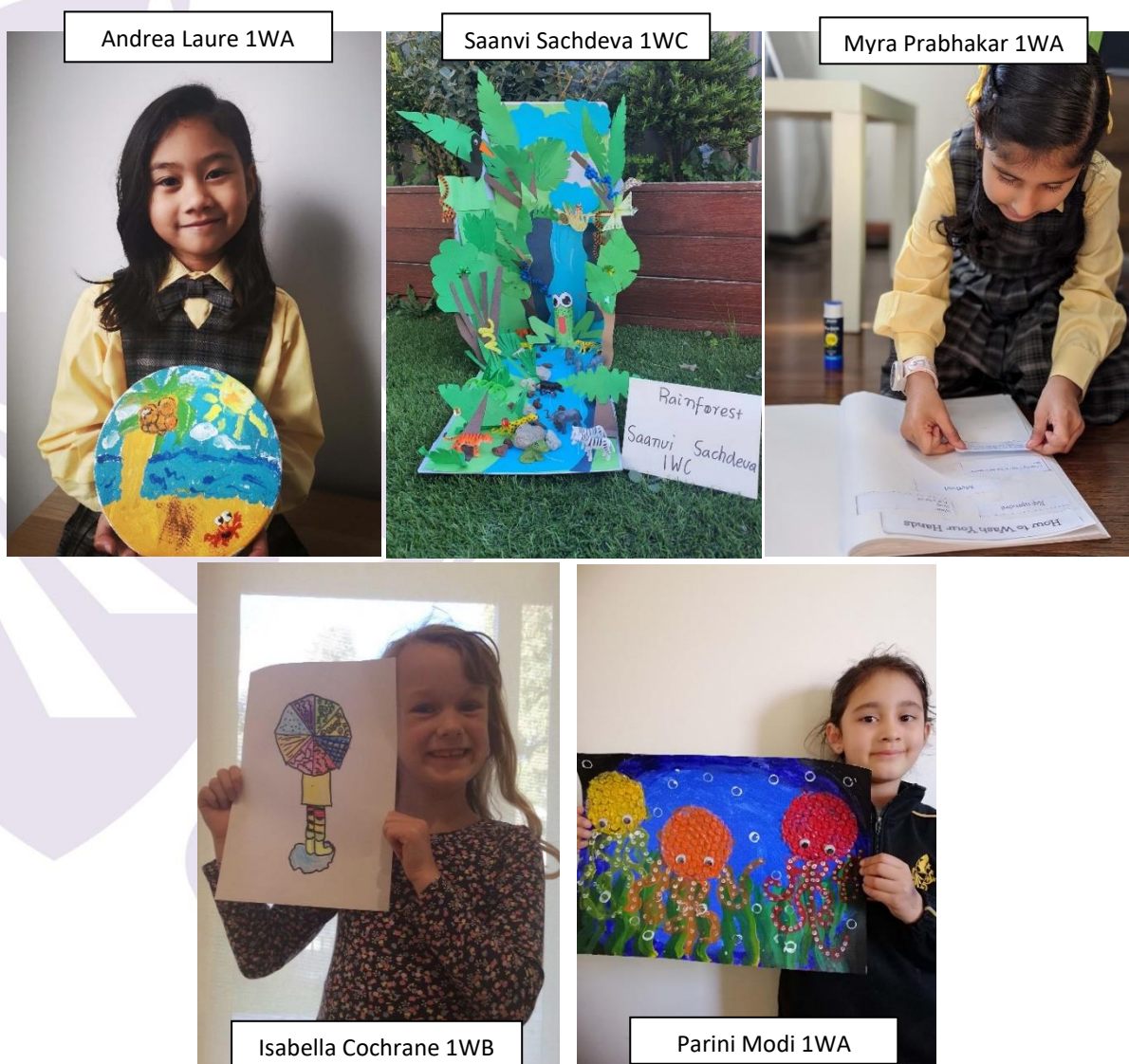
The Term 3 Maddingley Junior School and Woodlea Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted from Monday 3 August until Friday 7 August. Parents should have received an email that outlined the class teacher's available time slots and we thank all those parents who promptly replied with their preferences. Parents will receive a Zoom invite for their allocated Parent/Teacher interview time 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.

If you have missed the deadline, but would like to schedule a Parent/Teacher interview, we ask that you contact your child's classroom teacher directly. Junior School teacher emails are listed on Schoolbox in the Junior School tile under the appropriate year level.

Spotlight on Year 1

The Year 1 students have settled back into the remote learning program. They were all so excited to see their classmates and teachers after the mid-year break and the students have been enjoying chatting to each other via Microsoft Teams. The Year 1s have enthusiastically begun learning their new Literacy and Numeracy units and are enjoying the Task Boards. This term we will be focussing on student engagement and it is our aim to ensure that all students are actively engaged in their online classes. We have also seen many students completing work to a high standard, demonstrating our school value of working to our personal best. Well done!

Junior School Team – Maddingley & Woodlea



Senior School News

COVID App

As per information sent from the Principal's Office last term, students are permitted to carry their mobile phones with them for the purpose of tracking contacts whilst at school. This is only permitted if they have downloaded the COVID Safe app. Please check with your child that this has occurred. Should a student not have the app, and is in possession of their phone, normal school rules will apply.

The GAT

What is it?

Each year, students studying one or more Unit 3 and/or 4 VCE or VET subjects (Year 12 subjects) undertake the General Achievement Test (GAT). This is a test of general knowledge and skills in written communication, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Humanities, the Arts and Social Sciences.

Why do students sit the GAT?

For students who might be unable to sit their final year examinations or under-perform in an exam, then VCAA will use their GAT score to calculate a Derived Examination Score (DES). A DES is used when students are ill or affected by other personal circumstances so it is very important students do their best.

2020 GAT

This year, more than ever, the GAT will take on even more importance. Due to the interrupted nature of the school year and the impact this may have had/have on a student's level of achievement in SACs and future examinations, the GAT might play a large role in determining the student's ATAR. Therefore we cannot stress how important it is for students to try their best in the GAT. We have been working on a GAT preparation program in Tutor Group over the past weeks and will continue to work on these skills. Students should take these sessions seriously and take up the offer of extra support from the GAT preparation staff if students feel this would be beneficial.

Mrs Debra Ogston – Head of Senior School

Mental Health and COVID-19

Discussions and concerns around the coronavirus outbreak and practising self-isolation can be stressful and impact our mental health and wellbeing. It is normal to feel a range of emotions such as stress, worry, anxiety, boredom, or a low mood. Many people feel distressed and overwhelmed by the constant news and amount of information about the situation. [Head to Health](#) is committed to providing Australians with trusted information and digital resources to help support their mental health and wellbeing during this pandemic.

This website covers where to get the facts about the coronavirus outbreak, tips for maintaining good mental health, tips for managing financial stress, information on how to access mental health services, information for parents, and information on how to keep older Australians safe and connected by helping them get established online.

The ongoing impacts of the coronavirus pandemic have caused significant disruption to the lives of many Australians. For some, it might appear as if life has returned to relatively normal, but for others it may seem as if the situation is constantly evolving, and normal, as they have known it, seems increasingly uncertain. Managing your mental health during this time of uncertainty can be an ongoing challenge.

If you are feeling impacted and don't know where to start looking for support, Head to Health has some resources that might help.

Sourced from: <https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19>

Student Wellbeing Team

School Administration

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.

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

Art Department News

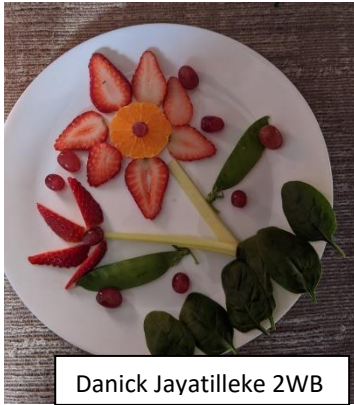
Junior School Art - Woodlea

The Woodlea Junior School Art students have been working creatively to make some great artwork with the materials they have at home. Keep up the great work! Here are just some of the amazing artworks they have been doing whilst learning remotely; other work can be viewed on 'The Lou Callow Gallery' view Schoolbox.

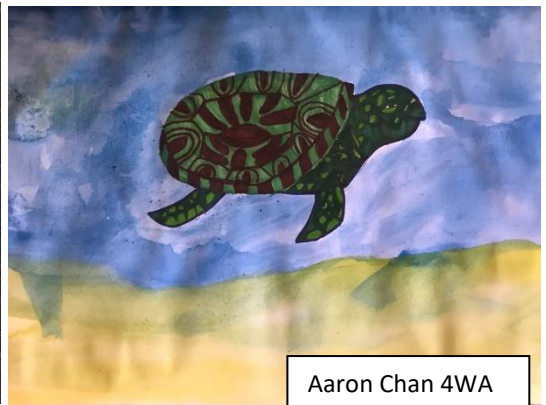
Art Department - Woodlea



Agambir Goraya 3WB



Danick Jayatilleke 2WB



Aaron Chan 4WA

Prep to Year 2 - Maddingley

Prep Reception students have been exploring all of the wonderful things you can do with paper like scrunching, folding, twisting, rolling, cutting and tearing. They used these new skills to create some amazing paper portraits of themselves.

With the weather becoming cooler earlier this week, Year 1 was drawing inspiration from our cold and wet winter days. They were able to explore line, pattern and colour in their artwork of the week.

This week, Year 2 students were able to draw on and use our Pastoral Care discussions as inspiration for their collage portraits.

We are amazed at how resourceful our students are becoming in collecting materials from home to use in their artworks. We are, as always, very proud of the love and effort that even our youngest artists are putting into their work.

Ms Allison Weir – Maddingley Prep to Year 4 Art Teacher



Boston Tountzis 1B



Owen McCormack Prep A



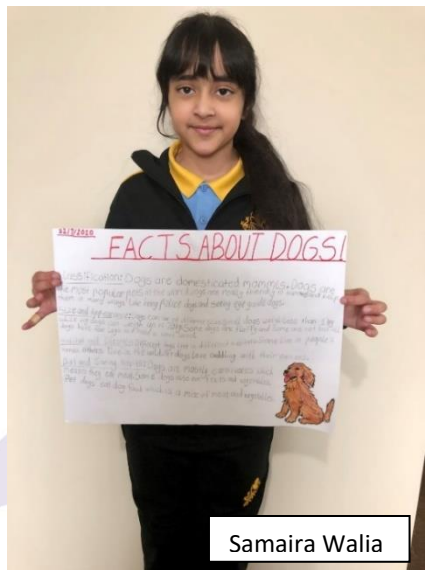
Juliet Coombs 2A



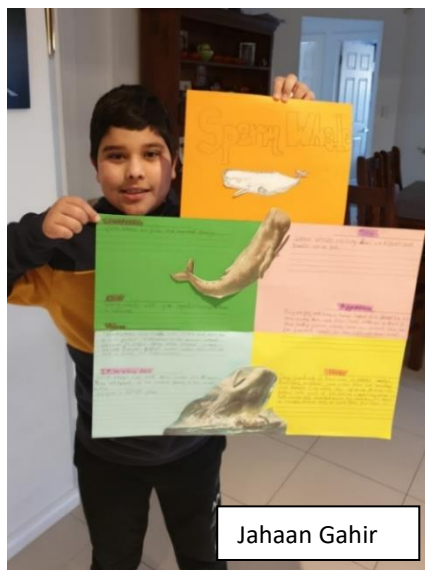
Gabriel Lopes 2A

Year 3 - Information Report Writing

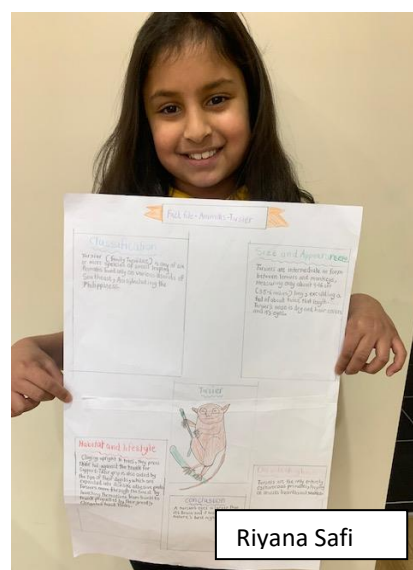
This term, Year 3 has been finishing their information report writing. Students have learnt how to research their topic by asking focused questions and to organise this information into paragraphs beginning with topic sentences. Below are some examples of the students' information posters. As you can see, they have put in a lot of effort! Well done Year 3.



Samaira Walia



Jahaan Gahir



Riyana Safi

Ms Samantha Bowden – 3WA

Year 7 Science

Throughout Term 2, from April until June, Year 7 Science students participated in the Education Perfect Science Competition. They completed a range of lessons and questions on Chemical Science, Earth and Space Science and Forces. The winning class for the competition was 7WA who achieved 22 416 pts. Overall, an exceptional number of questions were answered - 111 144.

Congratulations to the individual top 5 winners who will be awarded a Bronze Certificate for their participation. To achieve a Bronze Award, the following students earned over 2000 points for their work.

Mrs Li Richardson – Head of Maths P-6 / Head of Science P-6 - Woodlea

Harsh Kaur	7C
Abhijay Talluri	7WA
Stefan Rados	7WA
Vaani Sharma	7WA
Kirra Courtice	7WA

Music Department - Maddingley and Woodlea

AMEB & RockschooL Examinations

Instrumental music practice and formal performance examinations provide students with opportunities to develop their organisational, resilience and goal-setting skills.

Unfortunately, Bacchus Marsh Grammar is unable to facilitate the AMEB & RockschooL examinations this year due to the Covid-19 situation.

Students are still encouraged to pursue their examinations via either video submission (recommended) or face-to-face. Parents/guardians will be required to meet enrolment, payment and video submission deadlines and will continue to be supported by our wonderful instrumental teachers. Please take note of all relevant information via the link below:

<https://ameb.vic.edu.au/enrol/dates2020/>

We hope to resume hosting examinations in 2021 and beyond.

Best wishes to all students intending to pursue AMEB or RockschooL examinations this year.

Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music

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.



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



Borrowing items from BMG Libraries

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 (Senior School) or 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

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.

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 Phone: 0490 178 638 W: www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

Maddingley:

bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au or 0438 154 842

Location: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

Woodlea:

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

Woodlea Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4988 or Absentee Email – woodlea_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

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