

Year 12 COVID care packages

Delivering a touch of hope and happiness to our Year 12s

A mammoth and rewarding task was undertaken last week to prepare COVID care packages for our Year 12 students.

Messages and drawings were added from our Junior School, Middle School and Year Level Coordinators in the hope these could brighten the day of our Seniors. It was a small gesture to ensure they all knew the school and its community were thinking of them.

We send our best wishes to our Year 12s as they prepare for the end of term and an upcoming GAT.

Mrs Debra Ogston – Head of Senior School



School Captain – Callum Thomson



School Captain - Mia Stanley

2021 Middle School Leadership – Applications open

Leadership Selection Criteria and Application timeline

Middle School Service Leadership positions are only awarded and available to Year 6 and Year 8 students. The number of Service Leadership positions is limited and typically only 2 candidates are chosen for each position. If a student is unsuccessful in their application, they are encouraged to continue involving themselves in many other opportunities such as, the SRC, student committees, co-curricular activities, sports teams and performing arts group. This selfless experience in service will help them grow into future Service Leadership candidates and grow as a person. The selection process is held throughout Term 4 and is outlined in full on the Schoolbox page, including the application form: Middle School Service Leadership.

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School

Student Wellbeing

Communicating with you child

Yesterday was R U OK? Day, a day dedicated to inspiring and empowering everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them by asking the simple question “Are you OK?” Now could be a great time to ask your child “Are you OK?” and to support them in the event that they are struggling.

However, as we all know, having a meaningful conversation with teenagers can be tricky, so that is why [ReachOut](#) Australia has created resources to help parents help their young people. Find out how you can [effectively communicate with your child](#) and get some practical tips to try to engage your teenager in a meaningful conversation.

ReachOut also offers the following information for parents and carers:

- [How to have a great conversation](#): Get tips that might help to keep the channels of communication open with your child.
- [Ask questions that encourage your teenager to talk](#): Find out how to actively listen to build rapport, understanding and trust.
- [Effective communication and teenagers](#): Find out how to communicate effectively to help you and you child feel happier and more connected.
- [How to communicate effectively with your teenager](#): Learn more about how to keep your relationship strong with your child through effective communication.

Sourced from ReachOut.com <https://parents.au.reachout.com/>

Student Wellbeing Team

Junior School News

Literacy Week

Another huge thank you to all staff, students and parents for getting involved in last week’s Online Learning Literacy Week. We thank all the parents for sharing the wonderful pictures that demonstrate the fun had by all. More pictures of this exciting event will be featured in the Grammarian in Term 4.

It was great to see the number of students and families getting involved in the picture story book letter competition. The number of entries was overwhelming and in next week’s newsletter, we will publish the winners of each grade. However, the first entries and overall winners of the competition are:

Jack Warnick (4WA)

Lachlan Hunter (6A)

Aurora Lopes (Prep B)

Adi Sanders (2A)

We welcome any feedback and/or suggestions so feel free to email any of the committee members: Mrs Danielle Copeman, Mrs Nici Deller, Mrs Kelly Dilges, Mrs Sarah Hunter and Mrs Feona West

School Readiness Support Packs

To welcome all our new Prep Reception and Prep 2021 families to the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community, all students received their own school readiness support pack in the mail this week. Because many kindergarten programs have had to close their doors to support the Victorian Government in their strategy to decrease the spread of COVID-19, many families reached out to the school for school readiness ideas, activities and materials.

It was a welcome surprise that saw students very excited about receiving mail from their new school. The packs include laminated posters for multiple use, pre-reading, pre-writing, literacy and numeracy resources.

The Junior School Team



Alexandra Low – Prep 2021

Spotlight on Year 4 – Behind the mask

Long before masks were compulsory, the Year 4 students talked about the importance of mask wearing and what it might look like for us. We understood why it was recommended practice and the health reasons behind it.

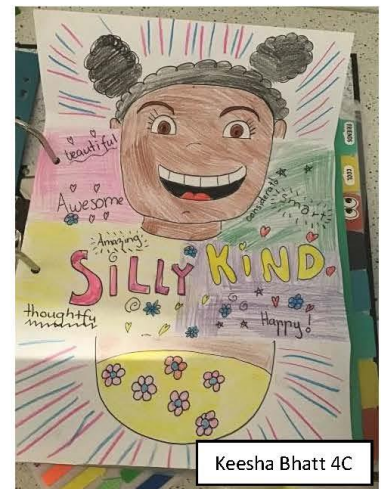
We thought it would be fun to create a self-portrait of ourselves wearing a mask. We followed the instructions to create our own 'behind the mask' then made our own. Masks often hide our true self, but when we look 'behind the mask' we see the wonderful character traits that make up the incredible Year 4 students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. The students in Year 4, 2020, are kind, funny, smart, resourceful, loud, cool and cute. As their teachers, we would also like to add patient, flexible, resilient, helpful and respectful in these challenging times.

The way they have conducted themselves online and adapted so readily to remote learning, again, is a credit to them. We look forward to seeing their faces in person, behind the mask, very soon.

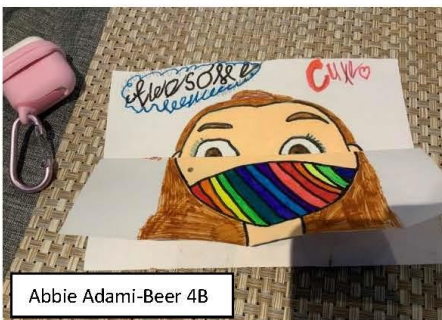
Year 4 Teams – Maddingley and Woodlea



Anna Schukin 4C



Keesha Bhatt 4C



Abbie Adami-Ber 4B



Danyl Baira 4C



Lucas Cochrane 4WB



Riya Jain 4WB

Community Service

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar we emphasise the importance of committing service for others in the community. Service is acknowledged as a valuable skill for 21st Century leaders. It teaches empathy, compassion and understanding. It teaches young people to be appreciative and grateful for their own privileges. Service is a vital component of our emphasis on lifelong learning. Throughout these difficult times, many students have been able to reflect upon their own advantages and have been contemplating ways to support those in need.

One such student is Kayura Thimmaraju in 5WB. Kayura wanted to encourage other students to also get involved in some fundraising activities and reflection whilst learning remotely. Here is her message for all BMG families:

Hello, my name is Kayura, and I would like to bring to people's attention the concern I have about events such as the coronavirus and the Beirut blast in Lebanon. 2020 has been such a difficult time for so many people and these events have caused so much devastation. Right now, Lebanon is experiencing a major humanitarian crisis due to the blast, as well as concerns for many displaced people. You and your family can learn more or help by donating to the following organisations for the Lebanon crisis:

- <https://www.humanappeal.org.au/campaign/stand-with-our-needy-brothers-and-sisters-in-lebanon/>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/sydney/support-for-beirut/12535604>
- <https://www.unicef.org.au/appeals/lebanon-emergency>
- <https://www.savethechildren.org/us/what-we-do/where-we-work/greater-middle-east-eurasia/lebanon>

During this pandemic, there have been many people suffering: financially, medically and emotionally. We must continue to stay strong and keep our thoughts with those on the frontline, particularly our doctors and nurses, because they have put their lives on the line for others. We can support these amazing people by donating to:

- <https://www.redcross.org.au/>
- <https://www.worldvision.com.au/>
- <https://www.thsmithfamily.com.au/coronavirus-charity>
- <https://www.foodbank.org.au/?state=vic>

Thank you for your time and stay well and stay safe.

Mrs Sarah Hunter – Assistant Principal – Deputy Head of Woodlea Campus

SRC Zoom Trivia Activity

On Tuesday 8 September, our Prefects, Irena Loh and Chantal Thomas, ran a Trivia Activity over lunchtime for any SRC members who wanted to participate. Everyone involved from both the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses had heaps of fun! In first place we had Roshyna Attwal on 12/17, then a very close second and third with Samara Peel on 9/17 and Ella Beazley on 8/17.

Miss Caitlin Bowers, Mrs Laura Humphrey & Mrs Sarah Hunter

DAV Online Debating

On Wednesday 26 August, Anika Kanneganti, Samaira Bahal and I participated in a debate against Lauriston Girls School. Our topic was, 'That schools should enforce consequences for students who participate in strikes during school hours', for which we were the negative team. Our team argued that it would benefit the students educationally, it was for a good cause and it helped the students with life skills.

It was a very good debate and both sides had good ideas. Our team won the debate and I won Best Speaker. It was a new experience and I enjoyed participating.

Kavya De Silva - 8E

Screen Free Activities

Food Technology – Toastie Challenge

The 'Screen Free Day' on Monday presented itself as a perfect opportunity for our students and staff to showcase their culinary skills and competitive spirit in the Food Technology 'Toastie Challenge'. We had a total of 43 entries from students in Year 4 to 12 in the competition, with a range of sweet and savoury styles being prepared.

We would like to congratulate the winners from each year level. Each winner will receive a copy of the 'Chefs Eat Toasties Too' cookbook to further extend their repertoire of toasties.

- Year 4: Aaban Ahmed (4WC) - **A² Signature peanut butter and jelly toasties**: *I learned to make these toasties from my mother. My father, mother, my older sister, and my young brother all liked these toasties so much.*
- Year 5: Devina Sharma (5WB) – **Tomato and Cheese Toastie**.
- Year 6: Nimah Imtiaz Ahmed (6A) – **Pancakes topped with maple, berries and banana**: *Usually pancakes mean 'sleepover breakfast', however, since we're under lockdown my friends and I decided to continue the same 'sleepover tradition' over FaceTime with a little twist. We both had to stay on FaceTime, however, we couldn't show the other person what we were doing and tried our best to decorate the treats made.*
- Year 7: Sienna Sanelli (7G) – **Dessert Toastie**: *In the left half, I placed a pink marshmallow, a small amount of Nutella and some cinnamon, whereas on the right side I put a white marshmallow, small amount of Nutella, cinnamon and butter.*
- Year 8: Ojas Panat (8F) – **The Gourmet Grill Toastie**: *The perfect blend of crispy, golden sourdough bread toasted with loads of butter, encasing the stringiest cheese blend, bursting with the fresh crunch of sweet corn and red bell peppers, flavoured with the just the right notes of dijon mustard, Italian herbs and seasoned to perfection with salt and pepper.*
- Year 9: George Taylor (9G) – **The 5 in 1**: *halloumi, red onion, ham, pizza mix cheese and spinach. It tasted amazing!! I managed to eat all of it but felt very, very sick after. And I had a lot of fun making it.*
- Year 10: Deanna Rubino (10D) – **The Classic**: *a classic ham, cheese, tomato toastie but on sourdough bread.*
- Year 11: Hayley Dangerfield (11D) – **Chicken & Pesto Toastie**: *chicken and pesto with cheese, spinach, mayo and sun-dried tomatoes on homemade sourdough bread.*
- Year 12: Sam Buttigieg (12C) – **The Wagon Wheel Toastie**: *This toastie is my original 2-tier design, aimed to replicate the flavours, textures and feelings of the iconic Australian favourite. Layer one features a generous spread of Nutella, complemented by crushed milk coffee biscuits to add the right amount of crunch. Layer two brings us a medley of marshmallow and strawberry jam, really culminating the key flavours of the wagon wheel into the toastie. Each layer is contained in only the finest white bread, covered in a homemade brown sugar-butter that added a caramelised crunch to the outside of the toastie. To finish it off, a generous drizzle of chocolate, along with biscuit crumb and a strawberry to garnish. This toastie is by all means indulgent and by no means healthy.*
- Staff: Lillian Steinicke – **Gourmet Ham & Cheese**: *Caramalised onion spread, triple smoked ham, truffle brie and mushrooms pan-fried in butter, salt & pepper.*



Sam Buttigieg 12C

As a department, we would like to thank all participants for their entries. We thoroughly enjoy receiving culinary creations from our students (and staff!) and look forward to offering further challenges in the future.

Mr Jaike Ludewig – Food Technology



Ojas Panat 8F



George Taylor 9G

'Screen Free' Activities continued.....



Volcano Experiment

Danishbir Waraich from Class 2D conducted a science experiment on Monday and wrote his reflection below:

On Monday we had a screen free day so I made a volcano at home out of baking powder, orange food colouring and white vinegar.

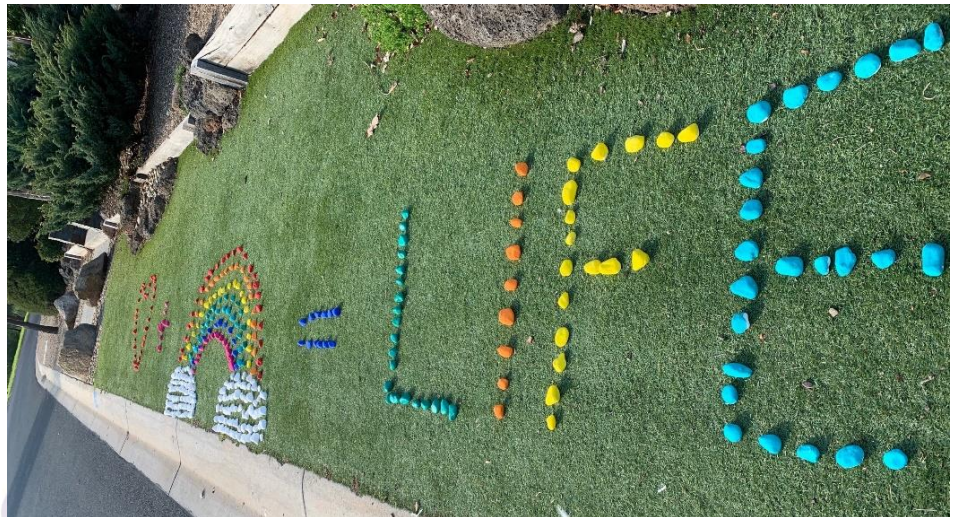
- *First, I put a few drops of food colouring inside a glass.*
- *Next, I added 3 spoons of baking powder.*
- *Then, I put one glass of white vinegar inside.*
- *Finally, everything inside the glass turned into an orange liquid and it slowly rose and turned into bubbling lava.*

I had fun doing this experiment. Practical experiments are the best way of learning.

Danishbir Waraich 2D

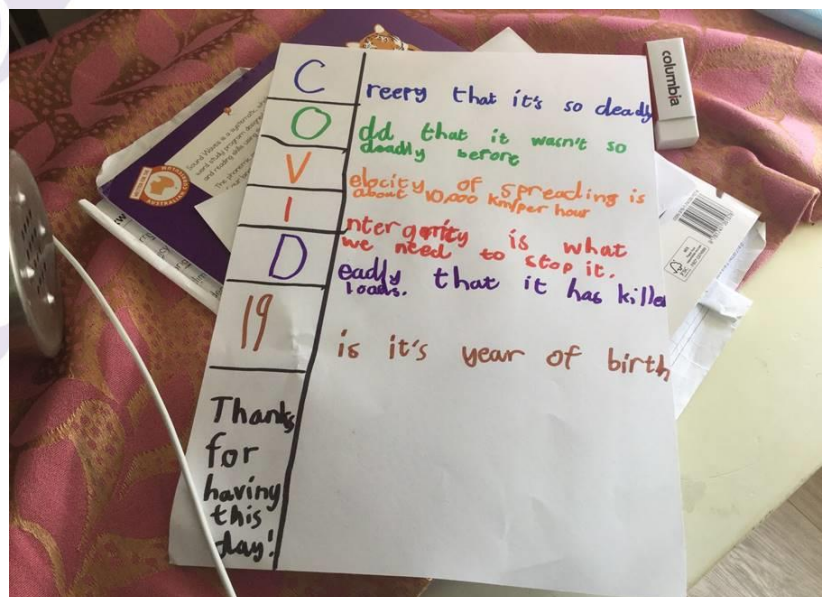
Brightening the neighbourhood

To brighten up their neighbourhood, Jayde Coady 2A and Jasmine Coady 4D shared a message of hope and positivity by decorating their front lawn with pictures and words made from painted rocks.



Year 2 Poetry

Year 2 Maddingley have been focusing on poetry during Writing. During the Screen Free Day, Aarav Kukdeja 2A wrote an acrostic poem to share his thoughts and feelings about the current pandemic.



Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who recently completed the Challenge:

Alessia Riepsamen 7C	Alisha Rizvi 7D	Vaishnavi Poduri 5WC	Anish Manthena 4C	Kumayl Rizvi 2C
Sonix Aiga 7F	Yashwin Joon 6A	Madeleine De Vera 4WB	Navdeesh Bains 3WB	

If your child has completed the Challenge, please email westf@bmg.vic.edu.au to advise. Currently, students cannot be finalised and verified until this email is received.

Mrs Feona West - Coordinator: Library P-6

Bus Information

2021 Bus Travel Arrangements

If your child/ren's current private bus travel arrangements in 2020 are going to change or require to change for 2021, (eg – moving home, updated address, no longer require a private bus service) please contact the School Bus Service Administrator on 5366 4800 or email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au to discuss options and availability.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Book Club News – Issue 6 available now

Issue 6 catalogue is now out 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 5 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

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Uniform

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

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. View the upcoming Vacation Care program at the end of the Newsletter.

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Woodlea:

woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au or 0490 490 362

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

Student Absentees

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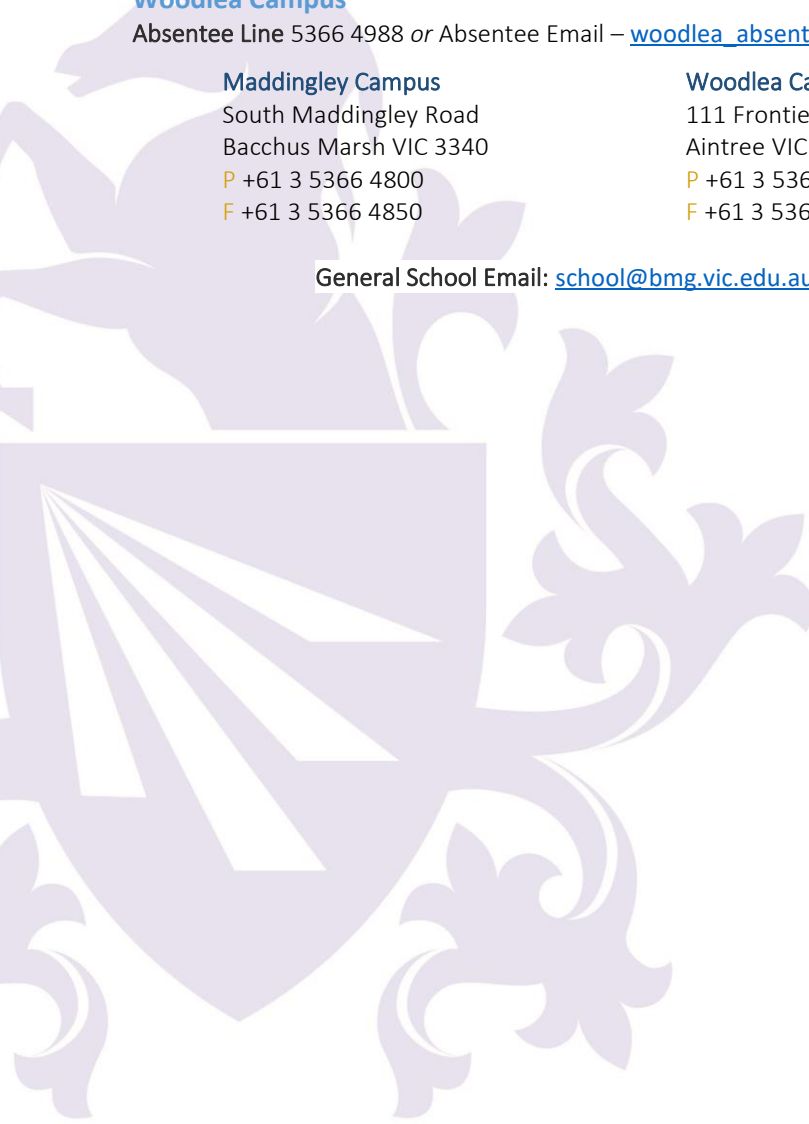
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YMCA Ballarat – Vacation Care program 21/9 to 2/10



7.00am - 6.30pm

111 Frontier Ave, Aintree Ph: 0490 490 362

\$100 per day, less your CCS entitlements

* Includes excursions and incursions

What to bring every day:

Sturdy footwear for active play, a healthy nut-free lunch, a drink bottle and a SunSmart hat.

Sunscreen will be provided, but if your child has sensitive skin, please supply your own.

Week 1

MON SEP 21 **Hawaiian Dress Up Day**
 Aloha! Welcome to Hawaii!
 Come dressed in your favourite tropical themed outfit. Create your own Lei and rainbow in a Jar. Finish off the day by making a refreshing tropical smoothie.

TUES SEP 22 **Rainbow Scratch Art**
 Everything is coming up unicorns and rainbows! Have you ever tried scratch art? Learn how to make your own scratch art paper, create a rainbow unicorn poster and hidden treasure jar.

WED SEP 23 **Kids In The Kitchen**
 Put your culinary skills to the test with a busy day of cooking. On the menu is Cheesy potato triangles and pizza pinwheels, lets get cooking.

THU SEP 24 **Far Away Friends**
 Do you have a friend that would love a mailbox surprise? Why not let them know what you have been up to. Decorate your envelope, pop on the stamp and we will post your letter.

FRI SEP 25 **Spring Crafts**
 Come and get busy in our art room and enjoy a craft day. Paint a beautiful blossom tree and create your own spring chicken and much more.

Week 2

MON SEP 28 **The Busy Box**
 Open the busy box to reveal your craft delight. The busy box is bursting with resources; all that is needed is your imagination.

TUES SEP 29 **The Craft Crate**
 Time to get busy making sustainable toys to take home. Why not have a go at making a Viking ship or maybe a spinning top is more your thing.

WED SEP 30 **Mini Master Chefs**
 Roll up your sleeves and get busy making pizza from scratch. Help make the dough, chop the veggies, and top your pizza with all your favourites.

THU OCT 1 **Clay Art**
 Let's have some fun with air dry clay. Put your creative caps on and get busy designing, creating, and decorating your very own masterpiece.

FRI OCT 2 **Pjs and Movie Day**
 Wind down and relax with your favourite movie on the big screen. Bring a DVD from home to watch with your friends. Come dressed in your jammies and bring your comfy pillow or blanket.

VENUE **INCURSION**

Scheduled activities and bus times may change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please confirm with the venue if needed.

HOW TO BOOK:

All new families are required to enrol first. Enrolments and bookings are made through Xplor Home app, payment via direct debit. See www.ballarat.ymca.org.au for details

