

## Year 7 Artwork – ‘Getting to know you’



At the beginning of Term 1, Year 7 students visited the Staughton Vale Campus to explore a range of pastoral activities led by their enthusiastic Tutor teachers.

Throughout the day, all students were taught the importance of culture, belonging and service as these are some of the key tenets of Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Their sense of identity and belonging was channelled into painting an individualised laser-cut piece of woodwork. With thanks to Mrs Heywood, these individual pieces of art have now been brought together into an amazing display in the school grounds. It provides all Year 7s with a place to visit and reflect on their role in shaping the school culture and also reflect on their growth as individuals as they progress through BMG. Year 7, and school in general, is a journey and it is relationships that help to underpin its success. Whether they are student-teacher, peer, or parent-child relationships, it is vital that experiences like this are provided so that students and teachers can learn, laugh and bond together.

A huge thank you must go to Mrs Heywood for her culture-based art activity and tireless work to complete the project to date, all of the Tutor teachers who planned these amazing activities and to Mrs Degnen for organising this experience.

To view more images please visit the [school website](#).

**Mr Dean Peplinkhouse - Head of Middle School**



## School Administration Information

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### Term 4 commences Monday 5 October

As per an email sent from the Principal on Monday 14 September, Term 4 will commence on Monday 5 October, rather than Tuesday 6 October. This will either be remote learning or face-to-face teaching. The school is awaiting advice on commencing Term 4 and will email information regarding these arrangements within a week.

### 2021

This is a reminder to all our current families that if your child is not returning for the start of the 2021 school year, that a term's notice must be provided as per the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Business Notice Rules. If you require any further assistance, please contact the School Registrar on 5366 4800.

### Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Extended Eligibility Due Dates

This is applicable to families who hold a valid Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health Care Card number (CRN).

In recognition of the impact of COVID-19 on schools and families, the Department of Education and Training (Vic DET) has extended the cut off date to apply for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) in 2020.

Further information and the CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [School's website](#).

If you have yet to return your CSEF application form, please ensure this is returned to the Administration Office no later than 27 November 2020.

Please contact Kerryn Browne for further information via [brownek@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:brownek@bmg.vic.edu.au).

## Student Wellbeing

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### Keeping your children safe online

As parents, we are aware of how to keep our children safe. We easily manage the black and white 'rules' such as making sure they're wearing a seat belt, teaching them how to cross a road safely and ensuring they eat well. However, it can be challenging to know how to keep them safe online when so much of their lives now involves engaging in the cyber world.

The [eSafety Commissioner website](#) offers a wide range of information for [children](#), [young people](#) and [parents](#) around staying safe and managing engagement in online activities. It tackles the 'big issues' and even offers free webinars for parents focussing on how to assist their children build the necessary skills to be safer online. [ABC Life](#) also offers advice around these issues, with [an article on what to do when your child sees something disturbing online](#), as well as [popular apps and online platforms](#) teens are using to communicate with each other. Being informed and up to date is a great way to maintain a dialogue about online safety with your child.

Student Wellbeing Team

## An update from Mr Cooper – Year 11 Coordinator

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### A Virtual Interview Process

One of the challenges of this year has been trying to adjust the 2021 student leadership selection process to suit the restrictions in place due to the pandemic.

This has not been so much an issue for the interviews themselves, which have taken place via Zoom, but the usual activities that allow for the refinement of skills associated with teamwork and public speaking.

Similarly, candidates would usually get to freely discuss with the current leadership team the challenges around Year 12 and leadership in a convivial and more student-oriented setting. It is encouraging that, with the reduction in restrictions, there will be an opportunity to engage in these activities in the early part of Term 4, albeit with appropriate adjustments. Some things, such as the rehearsal for addressing large groups of people, are somewhat stifled by being "remote".

What has not been stifled has been the evergreen enthusiasm, compassion and investment displayed by all the candidates in their interviews, despite the novelty of the process. It is always so very gratifying to work alongside the young people at the Grammar; it would be folly to say it keeps one "young" but it does leave one feeling very optimistic about the future. I look forward to continuing the process in Term 4. The information from the applicants' history of service both in school and the wider community, the interviews, the feedback from the various activities and the Student/Staff votes, will all contribute to what will once again be a difficult decision in Term 4 when deciding which of the senior students will represent and serve the Bacchus Marsh Grammar community in 2021.

Mr Justin Cooper - Year 11 Coordinator

## Junior School News

Congratulations to all staff, students and parents on making it through remote learning in Term 3. On the whole, the students have amazed us with their resilience and their ability to be flexible during this term. We are so very proud of them all!

We would like to thank those parents who have contacted the school to show their appreciation and gratitude for the professionalism and dedication of the staff. This includes all the great work that our support staff have provided to those students being supervised onsite.

We would like to wish all our families a safe and restful holiday and we look forward to another great term starting on Monday 5 October.

### Literacy Week Competition

Last week, we published the names of the overall winners for the Picture Story Book Letter Competition. As mentioned, the number of entries was overwhelming and it is with pleasure that we list the winner from each grade in the table below. Thank you to everyone who got involved. It certainly proved a highlight for many students during this year's Literacy Week.

**The Junior School Team**

Class	Winners	Class	Winners	Class	Winners
PA	Thomas Kandelaars	1WC	Cerunthini Gopalakrishnan	3WA	Samarah Hussein
PB	Aurora Lopes	1WD	Abbie Willingham	3WB	Leila Jacobi
PC	Anderson Hyde	2A	Adi Sanders	3WC	Class Award
PD	Rishik Jakkula	2B	Class Award	4A	Class Award
PE	Mohammad Kaleem	2C	Class Award	4B	Veekshana Jakkula
PWA	Class Award	2D	Joel Kandelaars	4C	Rafan Parvez
PWB	Class Award	2WA	Class Award	4D	William Kandelaars
PWC	Jai Mullapudi	2WB	Amelia Warnick	4WA	Jack Warnick
PWD	Class Award	2WC	Class Award	4WB	Aiden Jacobi
1A	Class Award	3A	Class Award	4WC	Aarya Avinash
1B	Max Frisina	3B	Jonas Tzanabetis	5WC	Yuv Mehta
1C	Class Award	3C	Class Award	6A	Lachlan Hunter
1D	Class Award	3D	Vivaan Ogale	6WA	Daniel Lee
1WA	Class Award	3D	Adesh Singh Pannu		
1WB	Class Award				



## Spotlight on Year 4 – Literacy Week wrap-up

What a term we have had! The Year 4 teachers cannot speak highly enough of how our students conducted themselves online this second time around.

They worked incredibly hard during such challenging times and even had time to enjoy some very special moments that really stood out.

Literacy Week 2020 saw the Year 4 students and teachers re-engage with their love of books. Students rose to the occasion by dressing up as their favourite book characters. The teachers even got into the spirit and dressed up as characters from *Oddball*, a text they are studying this semester. However, the highlight was a special message to all our Year 4 students from none other than 'Swampy' himself (Shane Jacobson).

During the week, students engaged in a range of activities based around our favourite books. They were also able to attend an incursion via 'Zoom' and participate in the 100 Story Building sessions. Students were taught how to write 'choose your own adventure' stories, which they have continued to work on well after the sessions.

- 'On Tuesday morning, for two periods, we did story writing with Brendan from 100 Story Writing AKA Mr 100 Story. We wrote our own 'you choose your own ending' books.

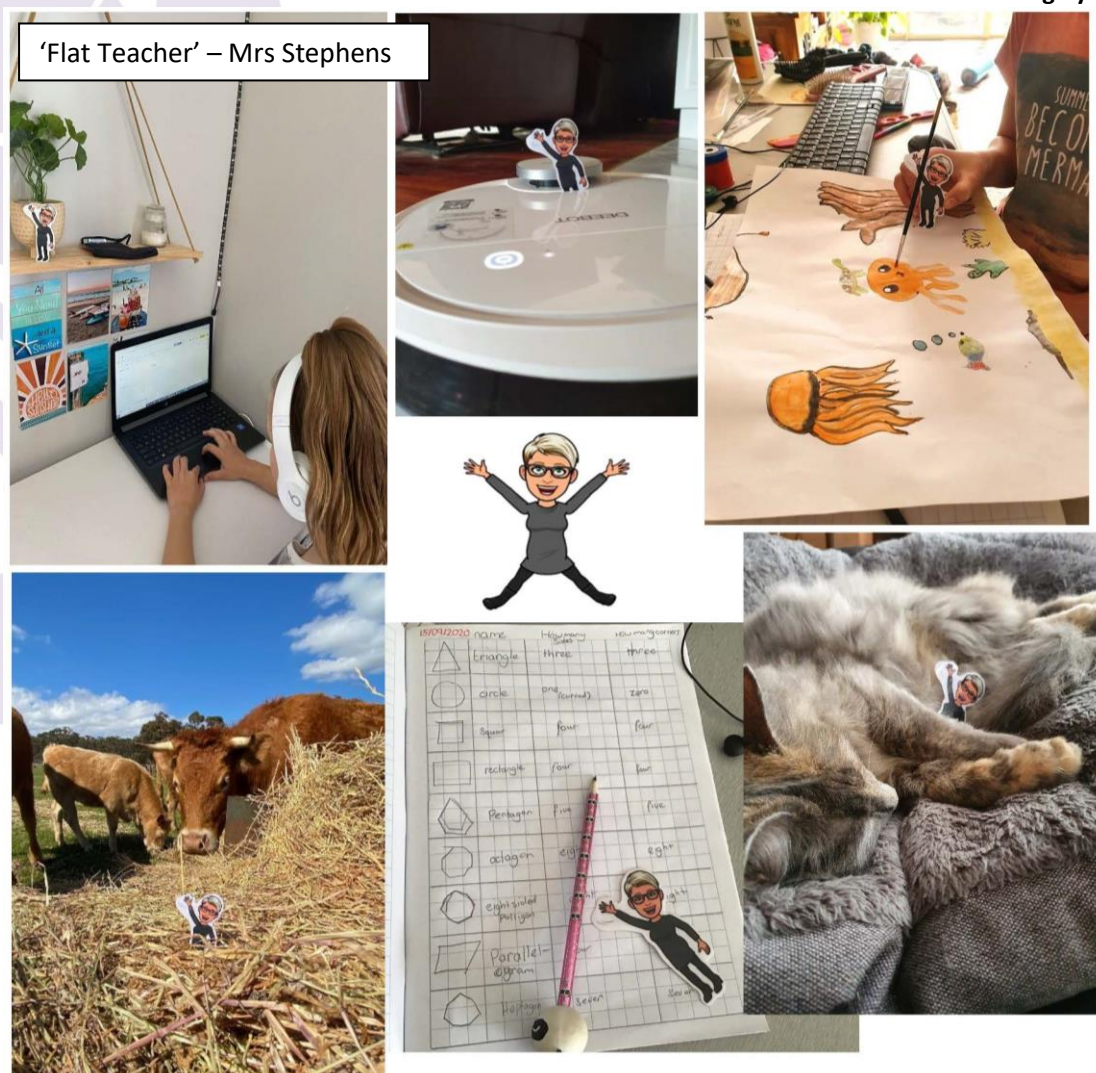
*The 100 Story Writing was 110% amazing. I just felt free with writing my own story and I didn't have to have one ending, I could have multiple endings. We could just write whatever we wanted.'* **by Abbey Smith 4C**

A final highlight of Literacy Week this year was our Flat Teacher Adventures. After reading 'Flat Stanley', the Year 4 teachers decided to create their own 'Flat Teachers'. These were carefully made and secretly posted to each child. Students were encouraged to take their 'teacher' on as many adventures as possible. Oh the adventures we went on, the things we saw, the fun we had! I'm not sure who was more excited, the students or their teachers.

It just goes to show, anything is possible. Students were able to fully engage in Literacy Week, despite not being physically at school.

This term, once again, students have shown us what they are capable of. They have developed resilience, adapted to change and become independent learners. We are all ready and looking forward to returning to face to face learning in Term 4.

### Year 4 Teams – Maddingley & Woodlea



## Music News - Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses

Years 3 and 4 Music students have done a fantastic job developing their rhythm reading skills throughout Term Three. Well done everybody!

Students also had the opportunity to explore instrument making and 'found sounds' - creating musical instruments using objects sourced at home. We were most impressed with both the inventiveness and artistic skills shown across all classes!

**Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music**





## Music News continued....'Students creating musical instruments'



## 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

## Art News – Year 4

This week in Art Year 4 students have been drawing 'Animals with Attitude'. With remote learning came a lot more time spent with our pets – who are LOVING it! Students have drawn their pet (or their dream pet) to reflect its personality. We've had a lot of fun getting to see pets in class. Some are sleepy and some are cheeky! Here are some beautiful artworks from Maddingley students.

Art Department



Lucy O'Donnell 4D



Tanish Taneja 4B



Jack Gent 4D



Zoe McDowell 4D

Zoe McDowell – 4D

This is my guinea pig 'Sprinkle'. She is 1 year old. She is so funny that one time I was about to get food for her but instead she jumped out of the tray we put her in and she ran to the fridge.



Jenna Baker 4D

Frankie is a great dog, he loves cuddles and to annoy me when I'm doing online school. He's cute cuddly and loves people but not other dogs in particular. He has high expectations with a lot of things but mostly he loves food. He's a bit of a sweet tooth. Once I dropped a Skittle on the ground and he raced forward and ate it up!

## DAV Online Debating

On 11 September, Anika Kanneganti, Isabelle Holmes, and I from 8E all debated against Shelford Girls' Grammar School. Our topic was 'We regret the use of participation awards' and we were the negative team. Our team debated how participation awards help motivate individuals and contribute to their mental health. We employed solid statistics and utilised anecdotes from famous Olympic swimmers, while the opposition employed statistics from their own classroom data. Overall, our team did very well and won the debate. 'Best speaker' went to Isabelle our second speaker. All in all, the experience was great fun and was a great opportunity to improve our speaking ability.

Nishi Gupta 8E

## Story Writing Competition 2020 Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have won the 2020 Annual BMG Story Writing Competition:

	Winner	Runner-up
Year 2	Armannjot Kaur Sidhu 2WB	Evie Richards 2B
Year 3	Vivaan Ogale 3D	Elise Holland 3A
Year 4	Madeleine De Vera 4WB	Nahreen Shahed 4A
Year 5	Haylie Witt 5WB	Alyssa Walton 5A
Year 6	Maddison Weeks 6B	Isaac Busuttill 6WC
Year 7	Alessia Riepsamen 7C	Vasish Vasireddy 7WA
Year 8	-	-

Mrs Feona West - Coordinator: Library P-6

## Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020 is now finished. Congratulations to the following students who recently completed the Challenge:

Aryan Bhatnagar 7WA	Justin Robins 6C	Ethan Lang 4B	Khushreet Kaur Aujla 4WB
Aliza Ahmed 7WB	Daniel Robins 6D	Alika Brown,4B	Aaban Ahmed 4WC
Jasreet Kaur Aujla 7WB	Surya Sureshkumar 5WC	Allegra Deagan 4B	Arjun Kallapalle 3D
Aathanah Akilan 7B	Alyssa Farley 4B	Magnus Strickland 4B	Ruhaan Biring 3WB
Harsh Kaur 7C	Tanish Taneja 4B	Charlotte Morton 4C	All Prep students
Alisha Conway 7E	Beau McKerrow 4B	Ethan Sayers 4C	All Year 1 students
Eva White 6A	Amelie Beazley 4B	Cooper McKerrow 4D	All Year 2 students

Any names missed on this list will be published in the next myBMG News next term.

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 be changed 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

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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

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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](#).

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

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### Student Absentees

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