

BMG NEWS



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Literacy Week

What an exciting week had by all! The week offered a wonderful distraction from the remote learning programs and we would like to thank all our students, staff and parents for getting involved in this year's Literacy Week. Although offered in a different format, we are incredibly pleased with the excitement it created.

Some of the highlights were the whole school dress up day, guest speaker sessions, writing workshops, lunchtime activities, staff sharing their favourite picture story books and the associated letter puzzle competition, the video message from Shane Jacobson for our Year 4 students who have been studying *Oddball*, and the fantastic lessons that were created by our wonderful teachers.

We would like to thank all staff for creating an amazing experience for our students and a special thank you to Nicole Heywood for creating this year's mascot, Reid A Lot.

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

To view more photos from Literacy Week, please visit the [school website](#). Thank you to all the families who shared their photos this week. We were not able to fit all photos submitted, however, we hope to display more in the Yearbook and Grammarian.



Literacy Week - "Curious Creatures, Wild Minds"



Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week



This week we stopped in our busy and slightly up-side-down world to celebrate the amazing work being achieved by our Teacher Aides at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

It was a fitting week to celebrate their commitment and love for their job as they immersed themselves in Literacy Week by helping students to engage in activities, dressing up to

bring a smile to everyone's faces and decorating rooms to ensure students really connected to the literacy theme. It was a day filled with witches, mad hatters, Thing One and Thing Two, trees and foxes, just to name a few.

Teacher Aides (TA) always play a key role in supporting students in schools. The work they have taken on during the current COVID-19 lockdown confirms the strong connection they make with students and teachers. Teachers have been able to deliver lessons to students while the support staff has been able to guide students through the work that has been set for them.

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we are fortunate enough to have our intern program which allows past students involved in post-secondary learning to fulfil the role of assistants in our school. Every day, TAs and interns welcome students into the school, either meeting them from the bus or at the gate on their arrival.

A huge thank you to our team of assistants across the school; the work you do to support staff and students is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

Mrs Wendy Green – Assistant Principal and Mrs Lisa Scotson - Unit Manager: Student Services

Maddingley Parent/Teacher Interviews – Middle and Senior School

Thank you to all the parents who made appointments to speak with their child's teachers over the past two interview sessions.

The final session for interviews will be held via Zoom next Wednesday 9 September from 3.30pm – 8.30pm. Bookings are still available via the myBMG Parent Portal until 12.00 noon midday Tuesday 8 September.

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School & Mrs Debra Ogston – Head of Senior School

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Delivering the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bacchus Marsh Grammar School during COVID-19 has provided some unique challenges. There are currently no camps scheduled to take place in 2020 and Year 9 students will instead take part in a virtual online camp to fulfil that component of the award. The other three components of the award, namely skill, service and physical recreation, are all able to be completed at this time.

Until Christmas 2020, the Duke of Edinburgh International Award office has relaxed restrictions on who can be an assessor. As a result, parents or other family members are at present able to assess components of the award.

A flyer, containing ideas to enable students to complete each component of the award, will be sent home shortly. Tutor teachers are also working with students to assist them in obtaining this award. Any questions regarding the Duke of Edinburgh award can be sent to Mr. Michael Howell or me at any time.

Mr Tony Castrignano – Year 9 Coordinator

Junior School News

Year 3 – Woodlea Crazy Hair

Recently, Woodlea Year 3s got creative with a Crazy Hair Day. The hair designs were imaginative, artistic and resourceful with students using items they found around the home. Students then used their persuasive writing skills to create a poster using strong modal verbs encouraging others to vote for them. Well done to all students for their effort and fantastic persuasive pieces.



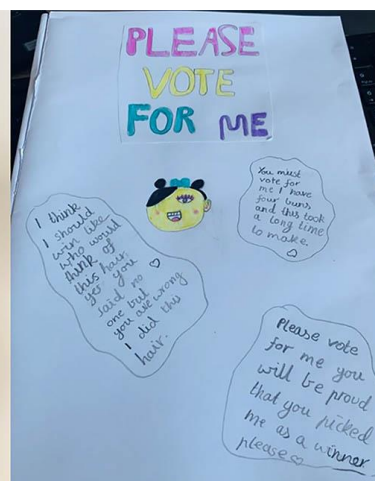
Navdeesh Bains – 3WB



Samarah Hussein -3WA



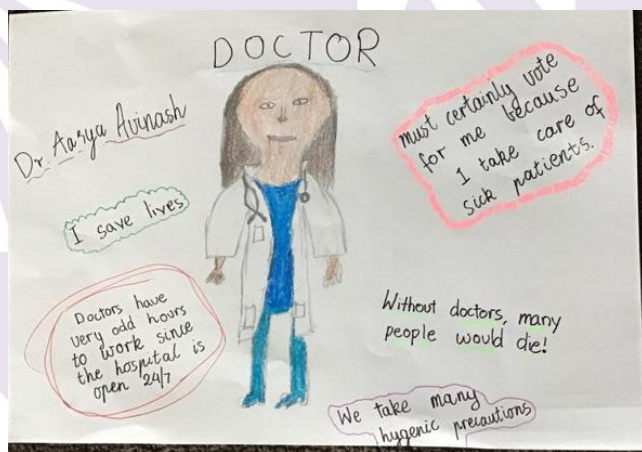
Anahita Anand - 3WC



Year 3 Woodlea Team: Miss Samantha Bowden, Miss Ashlee Taylor and Miss Kaitlin White

Essential Services Worker Day

Last Friday Class 4WC celebrated Essential Services Worker Day! This was to pay tribute to all the essential service workers who are working so hard during this pandemic to keep us safe. Students dressed up as essential workers such as retail staff, nurses, pharmacists, doctors, aged care workers and construction workers. Students then made a poster to convince me to vote for them as we are learning persuasive writing skills during this term. There was great participation and we had conversations around being extremely grateful for the services offered by essential workers.



Aaryya Avinash – 4WC



Aaban Ahmed – 4WC

Mrs Sharmeen Hussein - Teacher 4WC

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who recently completed the Challenge:

Vasish Vasireddy 7WA	Daniel Graham 9B
Keneisha Dubey 6WC	David Graham 6B
Luca Butler-Nguyen 5C	Guntas Kaur 3C
Nathan Roberts 4C	All Woodlea Preps

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

Country Bus Travel

Application to Travel forms for 2021 for those students who reside in country areas have been sent to parents via post. A reminder that forms are due back today Friday 4 September. These must be completed annually and failure to return this form by the due date may result in your child not being eligible for travel in 2021. Please return forms to the school or via email to bus@bmg.vic.edu.au.

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.

Email: chrissie.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

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CALL OUT FOR ZINE SUBMISSIONS



- individual and/or group submissions
- format – googledoc
- text type – any
- complete piece or extract
- single or multiple pieces
- up to 500 words

- new writing or previously written pieces - coursework etc
- submissions must be your own original work - *any use of published texts should be referenced*
- tone/style – free choice
- content/theme – open
- *sensitive themes and content will be subject to approval*

POETRY



ballad, pastoral, sonnet, free verse, verse-fiction, lyric, elegy, epic, narrative, blank verse, rhymed, ode, shape, haiku, villanelle, song lyrics

NON-FICTION



discursive essay, news article, feature article, opinion article, newspaper column, TedTalk, review, biography, memoir, speech, advertising copy, travel writing, journal, creative non-fiction, interview

FICTION



fantasy, science fiction, comedy, romance, thriller, horror, adventure, children's literature, picture book, young adult, historical, graphic novel, screenplay, play-script

short story, opening chapter, descriptive passages

SUBMISSION DEADLINE



MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

SUBMISSIONS to clarkje@bmg.vic.edu.au
for further information contact clarkje@bmg.vic.edu.au
for inspiration join Creative Writing Club on SchoolBox

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

