

BMG NEWS

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From the Principal

As you are aware, given the nature of the year, the school has taken a more lenient approach to haircuts, appearance and uniform this year. As we approach the end of the year many of the constraints that existed which made that leniency appropriate are disappearing.

It is our intention to remain appropriately lenient until the end of this year, however, with school photographs coming up we ask for your support in ensuring that students are conforming to the formality which underlies the School's dress and appearance policies. In particular, we would ask that students are appropriately dressed and that their appearance (particularly hair styles) are appropriate for formal photographs.

I also give fair notice that any student who arrives with hair or uniform that is unreasonably outlandish or deliberately provocative will either be denied access to any photographs that are taken.

In short, we are looking to be reasonable given the year we have had and ask for that sentiment is shown.

It is good to see students returning to wearing summer uniform in greater numbers. Normal uniform is available from our suppliers and the traditional stance of the school in relation to uniform and appearance will reapply from the commencement of 2021.

Mr Andrew A. Neal

Please be advised that the School will close for the Christmas Holidays on
Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Maddingley Administration Office will re-open Monday 11 January 2021 to Monday 25 January 2021
between 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Woodlea Administration Office will re-open on Wednesday 27 January 2021.

2021 Term Dates are available on the [school website](#).

Junior School News

Day Camps

The students in the Junior School continue to enjoy the planned Day Camps in the regional area around Bacchus Marsh. Day Camps provide all students with an opportunity to develop and apply their independence skills whilst having fun with their peers. We are very fortunate to be able to provide our students with these camps after the remote learning terms we have all experienced.

We wish the Year 2 and Year 3 students a great time at their respective camps next week and we look forward to reading more about their experiences and adventures in next week's Newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff involved in making these Day Camps possible. In particular, we would like to thank Ms Rachel McMahon (our Camp Coordinator) and Mr Neal for supporting and encouraging these valuable learning opportunities.

The Junior School Team

Year 1 – Staughton Vale visit

On Friday 13 November, Year 1 students from both Woodlea and Maddingley campuses enjoyed a fun Day Camp experience at Staughton Vale campus. The day was full of exciting outdoor adventures. Students participated in various activities, including Indigenous games, a scenic hill climb, drawing, worm hunting, vegetable picking, gardening skills and an absolute highlight - yabbing! It was fantastic to see the students enjoying themselves in the vast, open space that Staughton Vale offers. Special thanks to Ms McMahon for planning, organising, and managing the day.

Year 1 Teams – Maddingley and Woodlea



Library returns

As we are now getting close to the end of the year, this is the perfect time to have a look around at home for library books and perhaps take home reading books (for younger students) which may be hiding.

We are always excited to see lost materials returned.

Please return any BMG books you find to the Junior or Senior Libraries.

Mrs Feona West – Library Coordinator

Middle School News

Woodlea Middle School Colours

Congratulations to the following Woodlea students that have been awarded Middle School Colours for their contributions across a range of areas. Despite a year of significant disruption, these students have continued their involvement in school life, highlighting an enthusiasm and commitment that makes all members of the BMG Woodlea community very proud. Well done!

Colours

Jasreet Kaur Aujla

Saumya Bansal

Sai Chenna

Abhi Farmah

Arnav Kaur

Aadhya Kiran

Skanda Munigoti

Akul Prabhakar

Stefan Rados

Lakshya Sharma

Tavnoor Singh

Vasish Vasireddy

Mrs Sarah Hunter – Deputy Head of Woodlea Campus

School Administration Information

Sustainable School Shop

The school offer the 'Sustainable School Shop' service for parents to buy and sell second-hand uniforms and text books.

To list any 'Wanted' or 'For Sale' items, simply register on the Sustainable School Shop website at <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>. Current price lists from Rushfords Schoolwear and the School's booklists are loaded onto the system to make the ad listing process easy, fast and accurate. Assistance is also provided by the Sustainable School Shop to accurately price items.

Buyers contact sellers, and arrange when and where to carry out the transaction.

2021 Booklist

All 2021 Booklists have been finalised and are available for online ordering.

The 2021 Booklist provider is Champion Education. Below are instructions on how to complete your child's online booklist. It is strongly recommended that all items are obtained through Champion Education. This will avoid unnecessary problems with reliability of materials, especially textbooks.

A PDF copy of the 2021 Booklist can be accessed via the Bacchus Marsh Grammar website:

<https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community/booklists/>

Due to the uncertainty with COVID-19 restrictions, there will not be a dedicated 'booklist collection day' at the Maddingley or Woodlea Campus. **Booklist Orders placed online by Friday 4 December will receive free home delivery.** Orders placed after this date will attract a postage charge. Please note there is a \$5.95 processing and packaging fee on checkout which includes the free postage.

If you have any queries regarding your child's 2021 Booklist please feel free to contact Michelle Graham on 5366 4800.

HOW TO ORDER YOUR RESOURCES ONLINE (instructions are also on the Bacchus Marsh Grammar website

<https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community/booklists/>)

You can order all your booklist requirements online in 7 simple steps:

1. Go to www.champion.com.au and click on the red 'Order Here' button for Parents & Students
2. Create a Champion Education account in less than 1 minute, or sign in using your existing username and password.
3. Enter your School Resource List (Booklist) code.
4. Select the appropriate year level resource list.
5. Select the resources you need and complete your details.
6. Select your delivery option.
7. Submit your payment.

For more information and instructional videos go to: <https://www.champion.com.au/parents/how-to-order>

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

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.

School Photographs

School Photographs will be taken at Bacchus Marsh Grammar on the following dates:

Maddingley Campus

- **Prep Reception - Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 - Thursday 26 & Friday 27 November**
- **Years 6, 7 & 8 Monday 30 November**

Woodlea Campus

- **Monday 23 & Tuesday 24 November**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions being eased the school is now able to schedule School Photographs. Information has been emailed directly to families by Mrs Perconte, however, it is also available on the myBMG Parent Portal under relevant year level folders.

All students from Prep Reception to Year 11 will have official School photographs taken throughout the remainder of Term 4. The photos will include individual student and School Class Group photographs.

It would be preferable for students to be dressed in their Full School uniform, however, they may have their photo taken in either their summer or sports uniform. Full winter uniform includes jumpers, blazers and ties for students in Years 5 to 11, and jumpers and ties for students in Prep Reception to Year 4. It is important that students are well groomed and neatly presented, including hairstyles in line with the school's uniform policy as outlined in the Student Diary. *It is suggested that Junior School students who have Physical Education on these days bring runners to change into for PE.*

The School photographer for 2020 is Arthur Reed Photos. Ordering and payment arrangements for School Photos and Family Portraits will need to be completed **online** with [Arthur Reed Photoswww.arphotos.com.au](http://www.arphotos.com.au). **Parents/Guardians will not be required to pre-register or pre-pay prior to the school photo days.** Information on how to register, view and order images will be distributed to students on their scheduled School Photo days.

The school is unable to offer family portraits this year.

School Leadership Photos

School Leadership Photos will be limited this year and these will be determined by each Head of School for each respective school campus.

Year 6 Graduation Photos will be produced in a composite format.

If you have any queries in relation to ordering or payment please contact Arthur Reed Photos on (03) 5243 4390 or visit their website www.order.arphotos.com.au.

Please note that these photos are exempt from the "Exclusion from Multimedia". If you have any concerns, please contact Casey Ryder or Cathy Perconte on 5366 4800. ***All students will be photographed regardless of an order being placed.***

If you have any other queries in relation to school photographs, please contact Cathy Perconte on 5366 4800.

Sport News

Strength and Conditioning Lunchtime Program

The Physical Education Department has recently started a new program to encourage students from Years 9 to 12 to increase their physical activity patterns whilst at school. Students are being encouraged to use Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes to train in the Strength and Conditioning Room, with structured programs and tuition from our S&C staff. This program is being conducted in accordance with safe COVID regulations. Last week, inductions were performed for students, and programs were presented to those students in attendance. This program has the benefit of being safe, structured, informed and supervised by qualified strength and conditioning staff who provide our students with fantastic mentorship as well as being wonderful role models. The two staff members leading the program are:

Ben De Bortoli – ASCA Strength and Conditioning Coach, National level Athlete, AFL Sportsready Graduate and currently studying Physical Education and Health at Victorian University

Charlie Perks – ASCA Strength and Conditioning Coach, AFL TAC Cup Athlete, AFL Sportsready Graduate, Assistant S and C Coach at North Ballarat FC and currently Studying Exercise Science Strength and Conditioning at Deakin University.

For more information please contact Mr Andrew Perks.

Mr Andrew Perks - Director of Sport

Downball Tournament



In 2019 we witnessed the inaugural Downball Tournament here at BMG. It was a hard-fought competition, bringing together the most skilled players from the four corners of the school. As the tournament progressed, the field was whittled down to a handful of battle-hardened warriors. Ethan McMinimee was our eventual champion and, after a long wait during COVID-19, he was finally able to get his hands on the trophy. Ethan, who graduates from BMG this academic year, described holding the trophy as one of the highlights of his time at school.

Now we have all returned to school, it is about time we started this prestigious competition for 2020. Please look out for the announcements in the daily bulletin on Schoolbox - all of the details will be on there soon. Get your practice in and get ready to battle!

Mr Stuart Proud

Music Department – Woodlea and Maddingley

2021 Instrumental Music Enrolments

Learning and appreciating music is part of a high-quality education. Music education increases language and literacy skills, encourages cross-disciplinary learning, and improves health and wellbeing.

The re-enrolment process for existing students has now concluded - a warm thank you for your timely responses via EdSmart.

We are now accepting expressions of interest for new student entry to the Instrumental Music Program for 2021. Parents/guardians have been emailed relevant enrolment information. Please take note of the upcoming deadline to submit an expression of interest, being **11am on Monday 23 November**.

With some instrument disciplines being incredibly popular, we encourage you to list several lesson format preferences.

We look forward to welcoming your child to the Instrumental Music Program next year.

Hire Instruments

Could parents/guardians kindly arrange for hire instruments to be returned to the Music Administration no later than **Friday 11 December** in order to allow for maintenance over the holiday period? Please ensure that all accessories (e.g. keyboard stands, power packs, etc.) are accounted for. Any loss or damage should be flagged upon return of the hire instrument.

Parents wishing to purchase an instrument for use over the summer break are encouraged to seek advice from the relevant instrumental teacher or email music@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music

BMG Community – Seeking Support

A QUICK GUIDE TO YOUR #ITSINTHEBAG DONATION

BMG would like to encourage individuals and families to support the 'Share the Dignity' campaign. Our school has a long standing connection with the organisation and, whilst we would normally collect items on behalf of the school community, this year, we are asking individuals to make their own bags and donate.

SHARE THE *Dignity*

Please follow guidelines listed below for any donations. All completed bags can be taken to Bunnings Melton between 20 to 29 November.

All donated items must be new, with the exception of a donated handbag. The handbag can be second-hand but in good to excellent condition.

Suggested items:

- For an adult bag: shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, roll on deodorant & sealed period products.
- For a teen bag: Period products suitable for a youth, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap & roll on deodorant.
- Mum & Bub Bag – maternity pads, breast pads, newborn nappies, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, roll on deodorant, disposable nappy bags, baby wipes, dummies, baby wash & nappy rash cream

Please do not include: Sharps (eg: scissors), Food or Pharmaceuticals (eg: Panadol).

For more information visit www.sharethedignity.com.au

Mrs Sarah Hunter – Deputy Head of Woodlea Campus

Book Club News – Issue 8 available now

Issue 8 catalogue is now out and ready to accept orders until the end of Term 4. Your Scholastic order will be delivered to your home (postage and handling fee \$5.99). Orders can still be placed with Issue 7 but they will incur a separate 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](#).

Werribee Store - Rushfords

Reopening to customers from Wednesday 28 October 2020. Phone orders are still welcome on 9741 3211.

- Monday to Friday (9.00am- 5.00pm)
- Saturday (9.00am – 1.00pm)

On Campus Store - Maddingley

Reopening to customers from 28 October 2020. Phone orders are still welcome on 5367 4072.

- Monday (12.30pm - 4.30pm)
- Wednesday (8.00am - 12.00pm)
- Friday (12.30pm - 4.30pm)

2021 New Student Uniform Fittings

As official school uniform supplier, Noone will be conducting new student uniform fittings for Bacchus Marsh Grammar commencing Wednesday 4 November, 2020. For further details – [click here](#).

The uniform store is located at: Bacchus Marsh Grammar, South Maddingley Road, Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340.

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.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Full details available soon.

Programs will commence from Monday 14 December to Wednesday 16 December at both Maddingley and Woodlea campuses.

It will then be closed over Christmas, reopening on Monday 11 January 2021 at Woodlea campus only.

Bookings are being accepted now.

Email: chris.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

Maddingley Campus

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Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

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F +61 3 5366 4850

Woodlea Campus

111 Frontier Avenue
Aintree VIC 3336

P +61 3 5366 4900

F +61 3 5366 4950

Woodlea Early Learning Centre

5-7 Quarry Road
Aintree VIC 3336

P +61 3 5366 4999

General School Email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au

School Website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au

Community News

Update from Western Water

Western Water is advising that Parwan Road, between East Maddingley Road and South Maddingley Road, will have a single lane open to traffic due to sewer and water pipeline works in the area.

The single lane will be in operation weekdays from 15 October until 2 December from 7.30am to 5.30pm.

Traffic management will be in place during this time and priority will be given to school buses accessing the school. Parents can avoid delays on Parwan Road by accessing the school via either South Maddingley Road or East Maddingley Road.

For more information: <https://www.westernwater.com.au/Network-Upgrades/Bacchus-Marsh-and-surrounds/Maddingley-Sewer-and-Water-Project>



Moorabool Shire Council – Christmas Collection

The Moorabool Shire CASI's Local Support Network including Neighbours Place, BM Rotary, local community groups and charity organisations are collecting donations which will be distributed to Moorabool residents in need this Christmas.

Donations of non perishable food items, Christmas items such as Christmas cake or plum pudding, Christmas crackers, lollies and chips as well as toiletries and essential items would be much appreciated.

You can donate at:

- Moorabool Libraries Bacchus Marsh, Ballan and donations will be accepted by the Mobile Library
- Neighbours Place 77 Main St, Bacchus Marsh
- Foodworks Bacchus Marsh (donation bin for Neighbours Pl)
- Bendigo Community Bank Bacchus Marsh - 2/137A Main St Bacchus Marsh 3340
- Ballan and District Community Bank – 135 Inglis Street Ballan.

Financial donations can be made also, please call Neighbours Place (03) 5367 6222 if you need their bank details to make a direct deposit.

COVID-19 is causing financial hardship for many, if you need any support or need some extra help in preparation for the Christmas season please contact the CASI Community Connector at Moorabool Shire on 0437 704 397.

Thank you,

Melissa Hollitt | MRM/Community Connector



SES Bacchus Marsh – Rotary Bacchus Marsh
Christmas Tree Sale 2020

This year buy your *freshly-cut* Christmas Tree
from SES Bacchus Marsh-Rotary Bacchus Marsh.

When: Saturday 5th December & Sunday 6th December
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th December

Where: SES HQ, Gisborne Rd, Bacchus Marsh

Cost: Freshly cut local trees from \$60.00

HOME DELIVERY: \$10* **HOME PICK-UP:\$10****

** Same day home delivery.*

*** Pick-up on Saturday 9th Jan. 2021-place tree curb-side prior to 7am.*

Stands: Small: \$30.00 (suit 4' to 6' trees) Large: \$40.00 (suit 6' to 10'+ trees)

Pre-orders: **Bacchus Marsh Rotary 0452 587 973**

Take-away /
Home Delivery
/Home Pick-up



School Photos 2020 - Important Information

School Photographs will be taken at

Bacchus Marsh Grammar on the following dates:

Maddingley Campus

Years 9, 10 & 11 - **Wednesday 18 November, 2020**
Prep Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3 - **Thursday 26 November**
Years 3, 4 & 5 - **Friday 27 November, 2020**
Years 6, 7 & 8 - **Monday 30 November, 2020**

Woodlea Campus

Prep, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4 - **Monday 23 November, 2020**
Years 5, 6 & 7 - **Tuesday 24 November, 2020**

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

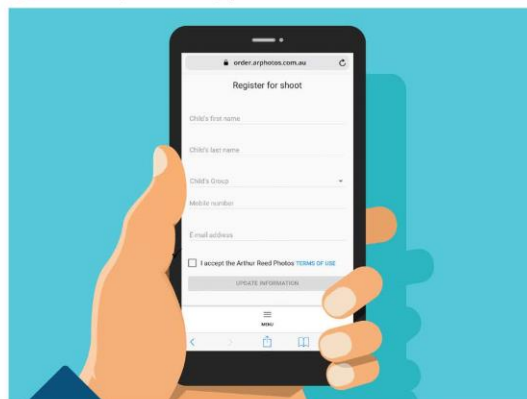
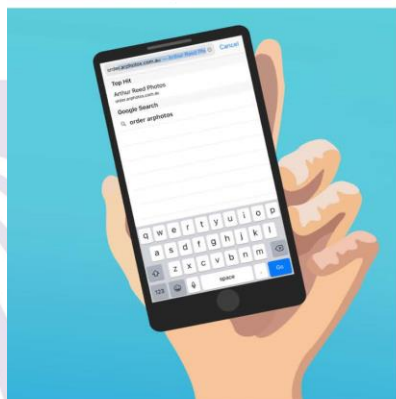
When you receive the flyer with your child's unique code . . .

Follow these 3 easy steps below -

1 Grab your phone and go to order.arphotos.com.au

2 Enter the unique **2020 image code** for your child (6 character code)

3 Fill in your mobile number and email address* **Do this for each of your children at this school**



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when 2020 images are ready to view in our secure webshop
Registration is required each year to link student images for the current year with your contact details.

- Order on any mobile device
- Share the images with family & friends for FREE
- Create a photo package with any layout + YOUR choice of images
- Digital Downloads

****PLEASE WAIT for notifications to view images before placing your 2020 order****