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Year 12 exams are over!

Our students have done an amazing job, despite the year that they have had. They walked into those exams with positivity and determination to do their best. The Chief Supervisor spoke highly of the cohort, reporting, that they all worked hard and wrote for the entire time.

I want to take this opportunity to thank ALL of the teachers who contributed to the Year 12's education here at BMG. It is because of your dedication and passion for learning that these students kept moving forward, particularly during the most challenging times.

A special thank you to parents/guardians, Year 12 teachers and Administration staff who supported the students during this time.

Ms Natalie Desira – Year 12 Coordinator

Last day of Term 4 is Friday 11 December:

Maddingley campus finish at normal time.

Woodlea campus finish at 2.05pm.

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](#).

Student Achievements

Upstart Challenge

The Upstart Challenge is an entrepreneurial program that asks students to consider possible solutions to community or world problems. By considering a range of issues, students from Ballarat and surrounding areas were provided with an opportunity to exercise and develop skills such as personal creativity, critical thinking and entrepreneurial skills (just to name a few). These are all skills and traits of a 'career agile' person.

As we have all experienced dynamic changes and challenges throughout this year, developing career agility means that we can adapt and evolve to push through hard times by considering a range of possible solutions from multiple perspectives. By doing so, we can look for effective ways to solve problems. Nowadays, career agility is more important than ever.



This year we were proud to have Year 9 students, Zoe Daniel, Carmen Miguelez Gallardo and Joshua Di Mieri showcase their ability to adapt and respond to change as team 'Hydrozoid'. As creative changemakers of the future, these students tackled their usual study demands and still found time to invest in developing concepts with mentors to address the social issue of non-renewable energy sources and reliable sources of electricity. As a result of their hard work and independent research, they were able to devise 'Hydrozoid' as a concept. Hydrozoid is a renewable, clean energy device that generates electricity through currents of water and is aimed at providing rural communities in the developing world with easier access to power. With mentoring by business leaders, the team

impressed the judges and the audience at the finals and were awarded the 'People's Choice Award' and a cash prize of \$300. To read more, please visit the [school website](#).

Mrs Alice Wu-Tollis and Mr Stuart Proud

Education Perfect STEALTH Challenge



During the remote learning period, students in the Middle School at both campuses were given the opportunity to participate in a cross-curricular competition run by Education Perfect called the STEALTH Challenge. This Challenge required students to think critically about how they might work towards solving the issue of micro-plastics and their devastating effect on our oceans. The tasks themselves were both challenging and time consuming, and I would like to extend sincere congratulations to all students who opted to participate. After viewing many of the entries, I have to say I was thoroughly impressed by the high standard of work submitted and the effort of these students is to be commended.

Excitingly, one of our Woodlea Year 5 students, Surya Sureshkumar, was placed third in the Year 5 to 7 category. This is an amazing achievement considering the huge number of entries from both Australian and New Zealand schools. The judges collectively agreed that Surya's submission was of an extremely high calibre and they were very impressed by the work he had put into the task. Congratulations to Surya on this remarkable achievement.

Mrs Kelly Dilges – Deputy Head of Middle School

ICAS Results

Please be advised that ICAS are in the process of distributing the official hard copy versions of the certificates and we endeavour to post these as soon as they are received.

Mrs Casey Ryder – Administration

Junior School – Prep Reception to Year 4 – Christmas activities

Christmas and the close of the 2020 school year will be celebrated in the final week for students, **from Monday 7 until Friday 11 December**. All students will be involved in the various exciting activities on both campuses which are outlined below:

Dress Up

Students are permitted to dress up in Christmas themed clothes in the final week of school. Christmas t-shirts may be worn with Sports Uniform shorts and runners. Special hair decorations will also be allowed, however, no hair colouring or face paint. Students may also choose to wear Christmas earrings.

Special Activities

All students will be involved in a plethora of exciting and fun activities to celebrate Christmas and the close of the 2020 school year. We expect that it will create some engaging family conversations around the dinner table during this week.

We plan to ensure all students celebrate the end of year and the Christmas season with renewed energy and ensure that the 2020 school year ends on a positive note.

Junior School Teams – Maddingley and Woodlea

Year 2 – Camp Sunnystones

Maddingley

The weather could not have been more different for our two Day Camp adventures.

On Monday 23 November, classes 2A and 2B were met with an overcast sky and sporadic showers. The students braved the soggy weather as they hiked through mud and canoed a flooded creek to reach Camp Sunny Stones.

On Wednesday 25 November, classes 2C and 2D were greeted by hot, sunny weather. The mud had dried and during the hike through the Long Forest Nature Conservation Reserve, the group appreciated the shade of the forest canopy. Following the trek into camp, students enjoyed an afternoon of hut building, bush cooking and archery.

A special thank you to Ms Mc Mahon for organising the event and to the staff who assisted on the day.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience as evidenced in their written reflections:



*A muddy, rocky terrain all around me.
A steady shower drizzling on the group.
The smell of saltbush mingled with the fresh rain.
The noisy laughter of children chattering.
The squelchy feel of mud on my shoes.
The taste of fresh raindrops on my tongue.*

Gabriel Lopes 2A

*The mud was very gooey, the breeze felt nice and calm.
The birds were tweeting, the frogs were croaking.
The rocks were spiky and steep.
The sweet damper and butter, fresh rivers and running water.*

The nice smell of the forest outside.

Dylan Coelho 2A

Woodlea



On Friday 27 November, the Year 2 Woodlea students braved the heat and headed off for their Day Camp adventure to Sunny Stones. The students enjoyed trekking through the bush on our walk into camp, exploring nature and the creatures who call this habitat home. Once we arrived at camp, students participated in activities such as hut building, archery and rope courses. We would like to say a huge thank you to our students who were magnificently behaved. They showed the values of perseverance and teamwork and whole heartedly embodied the culture of our school. Well done!

Year 2 Teams – Maddingley and Woodlea

Year 3 - Day Camps at Staughton Vale

Woodlea

A fantastic time was had by all at the Year 3 Day Camp! Students enjoyed a variety of activities including a hands-on experience fishing for yabbies, using their engineering skills to design and construct boats out of recycled materials and exploring nature through gardening and bug hunting. A big thank you to Ms McMahon, the Year 8s and all other teachers involved in making our day one we will never forget.

Maddingley

The Year 3 students had a wonderful day at Staughton Vale on Tuesday 24 November. Students witnessed the beautiful panoramic views of Fairy Park, the You Yangs, the city and farms. They weeded and found bugs while enjoying the delicious snow peas. They put their engineering skills to great use building boats as a team and racing them across the dam. Class 3B were the yabby champions, catching 72 yabbies in total. A great day was had by all. Thanks to Year 8A and 8B students for their assistance during the day.

Year 3 Teams – Maddingley and Woodlea



Middle School News

Middle School Colours

The following students have been awarded School Colours throughout this week. They should be congratulated on their service and commitment to representing the school. All students have received a badge in recognition of this achievement. We are very proud of your ongoing service to the school.

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School

School Colours

Myra Bhanot	Ethan Flood	Zachary Dalli
Madeline Clinton	Laura Daisley	Joshua Pittard
Sienna Mas	Ella Birk	Olivia Shin
Tejas Hari	Makenzie Copland	Eva White
Jordan Talia	Thomas Jackson	Alana Fenech
Karthikeya Rallapalli	Shae Stiegler	Christian Funina
Joshua Shin	Calum Fisher	Pari Patel
Oliver Eldering	Thomas Huybens	Brooke Park
Nehan Imtiaz Ahmed	Sienna Persico	Eknoor Gill
Logan Gregorio	Aneruddh Nandakumar	Marcus Sfetcopoulos
Makenzie Jarvis	Anagha Mirajkar	Hena Pasricha
Ruby Payne	Michael Fragapane	Harrison La Franchi
Declan Beggs		

The following students have been awarded Double School Colours throughout last week. They should be congratulated on their outstanding service and commitment to representing the school. All students have received a Double Middle School Colours braid in recognition of this achievement.

Double School Colours

Shea Cain Wherret	Aathanah Akilan
Malakhai Galvin	Benjamin Nolta
Savannah Mollica	Murphy O'Connor
Alpay Sarman	Lachlan Hunter
Will Coleman	Tilly Campey
Anna Seymour	Noah Karcoushkas
James Murphy	Vaani Sharma

Equestrian

The Equestrian Team is very excited to finally be able to saddle up and get back out on the competitive circuit at the Senior Victorian Equestrian Interschool Championships this weekend. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, entries were strictly capped. We are thrilled to have three riders representing BMG. Best of luck to Chanel Radburn, Chloe Oughtred, Grace Riddell and their horses.

Mrs Georgia Low

Year 6 Day Camps



On 18 and 20 November, the Year 6s were lucky enough to participate in a Day Camp. We cycled from the school all the way to the Werribee Gorge. We dismounted along flat surfaces, hills and many different terrains, taking in the outstanding scenery along the way. By the time we arrived at the Werribee Gorge, we had cycled 14km and we were both physically and mentally exhausted. When we arrived at the Werribee Gorge we relaxed for half an hour and enjoyed lunch in the shade with a 'Zoooper Dooper' icy pole.

We then proceeded on a hike through native Australian bushland and forest. We had the opportunity to see native shrubs, trees, plants and animals of all kinds. We learned about the land and even some history of the people who had lived there long ago. The views offered by the gorge were absolutely stunning and contained trees, roads, plants, rocks and land formations.

Thank you to all the teachers and the YMCA staff who helped make this day possible. It was a splendid experience and we really appreciate it!

Here are some people's opinions of the day camp:

- "It was hard, testing and challenging." -Grace Mizzi
- "It was fun going downhill but the rest was certainly a challenge." - Alana Fenech
- "I quite enjoyed myself for most of it but the part that was most challenging was riding uphill, but everything else was a lot of fun." - Brooke Park
- "It was a tough experience but it was extremely fun and the big incline was very hard and made my thighs hurt a lot. The walk was enjoyable with amazing views." - Charlotte Muir
- "I wish we could have ridden down the school hill but the downhill part into the Werribee Gorge was awesome." - Harry La Franchi
- "Overall it was fun, although going up the hills was tough." - Joshua Pittard
- "To be fair, by the end I couldn't feel my legs. There's my monthly workout done." - Ruby Gorton

**Tilly Campey, Alana Fenech (Year 6 Literacy Captains)
& Eva White, Ruby Gorton, & Calum Fisher and Alexander Buntine**



2021 Private Bus Allocations

Bus allocations for students' private bus travel for 2021 were emailed to parents on Friday 20 November via the school's email notification system, EdSmart. A reminder: to confirm your child's seat on a bus service in 2021, acceptances are due back no later than 5pm Friday 4 December. If your child/ren no longer require private bus travel in 2021, and you have received an allocation email, please advise via email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au prior to 4 December.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Coordinator

School Administration

Booklists 2021

To receive free postage, [Booklists](#) needs to be submitted online to Campion Education by midnight Friday 4 December. A \$5.95 processing & packaging fee will be charged which includes free postage. There will be NO onsite school pick up – postage only.

Update from the Health Centre

Updating Medical Information

This is a reminder to parents to please check that you have updated your child/ren's medical information. This can be done via the myBMG Parent Portal, under My Details.

High Pollen Count

With the high pollen count over the last few weeks and the predicted high counts in the future, could you please ensure that if your child suffers from Hayfever, they are given antihistamines before they come to school. Even if they do not have symptoms at home, they generally get symptoms when they get to school. Medicating at home helps with the prevention of Hayfever symptoms.

If you are interested in knowing what the pollen count is for each day, you can install the "MELBOURNE POLLEN COUNT AND FORECAST" on your phone.

Mrs Jo Stanley – School Nurse

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 have not 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

Phone orders are still welcome on 9741 3211.

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

On Campus Store - Maddingley

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

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

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

Bookings are being accepted now. [YMCA Bacchus Marsh Grammar Summer Vacation Care](#)

Email: chrisie.ashmore@ymca.org.au **Phone:** 0490 178 638 **W:** www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 or Absentee Email – maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

Woodlea Campus

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Woodlea Early Learning Centre

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

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

Community News

Woodlea Soccer Academy (WSA), working with BMG for the children in Woodlea!

WSA is a not-for-profit project of WOODLEA and is the only one of its kind in Australia, providing professional coaching by renowned international soccer stars. The clinics are for all levels of participation. Our hope is that through soccer, we can build a vibrant and physically healthy community here in Woodlea, investing in the children. We look forward to forging a strong partnership with BMG, to that end.

Upcoming Woodlea Soccer Academy coaching clinics will be held at the Bacchus Marsh Grammar – Woodlea Campus oval on the following dates and times:

- Saturday December 5th: 3pm to 6pm
- Saturday December 12th: 3pm to 6pm
- Saturday December 19th: 3pm to 6pm

Age group breakdown:

- 5 to 7 year old : 3.00pm to 4.00pm
- 8 to 11 year old : 4.00pm to 5.00pm
- 12 to 15 year old : 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Registration details: <https://bit.ly/wsa5Dec>

Coaching Staff Profiles:

- Carlos Luciano da Silva (Mineiro) is a former Brazil National Team soccer player who played professionally for some of the top clubs in the world including Chelsea (England), Sao Paulo (Brazil) and Hertha Berlin (Germany). Mineiro represented Brazil in the 2006 FIFA World Cup, and in 2018 he was inducted into the Sao Paulo FC Hall of Fame, career highlights include scoring the winning goal against Liverpool FC in the FIFA Club World Club Finals in 2005.
- Gabriela Garton (Gaby) is the current Argentinian National Team goalkeeper. Gaby played in the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2019 and will be involved in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup to be hosted by Australia and New Zealand.



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

