

Teddy Bears' Picnic

The Preps were very excited to bring their favourite teddy to school for the Teddy Bears' Picnic. The day began with introducing their teddies to their classmates, making a teddy bear hat and reading teddy bear books. We took our teddies with us to have a picnic in the yard and share our teddies with all our Prep friends. The teddies joined the Preps in measuring and comparing using their Tiny Teddy biscuits during Maths class and some students even made complex patterns. Finally, we got to eat our Tiny Teddy biscuits. It was wonderful to meet everyone's furry friends.

Prep Teams – Maddingley and Woodlea



Maddingley - Middle School Leaders 2021 - Introductions

Sonix Aiga



It is an absolute honour to have been elected as the 2021 Middle School Captain for Bacchus Marsh Grammar. I am looking forward to becoming part of the Leadership Team and collaborating with all members of the group. It is important to lead through our actions and find ways to improve our learning environment in a fun and respectful manner.

When moving from a different school to Bacchus Marsh Grammar in Year 7 for my first year, I encountered a few challenges like the school's culture and environment which was all new to me. However, I was able to adapt to new routines, habits and other methods that provided a healthy and balanced learning lifestyle. With the support of my inspiring teachers, friends, and especially my family, I am always able to strive to do well and be open to learning more.

In my spare time, I love to transform my ideas into reality using my computer programming skills, playing musical instruments, reading a variety of books and inquiring into STEM. I have gained some great insights and experiences from all these key skills that will help me to identify my strengths and areas that need improvement.

Importantly, staying active and healthy is a vital part of my daily life. It allows me to balance my workload and keep fit at the same time. It boosts my confidence and keeps me positive. I exercise more than three times a week and engage in different outdoor activities. I also make quality time to spend with my family and socialise with my friends - among other things I love to do.

I am a committed, organised and responsible student who will always support other students in key areas of their learning and provide help whenever possible. I am excited to be working with the Leadership Team and I look forward to the opportunities this year will hold for all of us.

Joanne Joseph



I am immensely grateful for being appointed to the role of Middle School Captain and I hope to fulfil this role to the utmost of my ability.

I have been at Bacchus Marsh Grammar since Year 2 and the school has helped me grow as an individual. I have had many positive experiences like competing in ICCES sport, participating in the Middle School Musicals, being in the debating team and many more.

I have proudly achieved my personal goals like being awarded the John Leaver Scholarship, becoming the Dux of Year 6 and being appointed to the prestigious position of Middle School Captain.

I want to keep moving forward and striving to better myself in every way possible.

My primary goal is to give back to the school for all that it has given me.

My primary initiative that I want to work on this year is placing a bigger focus on extracurricular activities. I believe that due to participating in a wide range of activities, I have learnt many skills and improved my overall understanding. I want to use the Newsletter, Schoolbox and assemblies to highlight the importance of these activities. With this goal in mind, I want to work together with the Leadership Team and increase the awareness and participation of students in extracurricular activities.

I am an ardent squash player outside of school. I have been part of the State team for many years and also part of the Australian National Junior Under 13 Team which played against New Zealand. The competitive environment, the camaraderie and the emphasis on "Practice makes Perfect" have taught me many important life lessons. This experience has instilled in me many leadership skills and a passion for teamwork. I want to bring this same enthusiasm to the Leadership Team, where everyone's voice is heard and we all work effectively together.

I have many ambitions for my future. During my time at school, I want to keep increasing my knowledge and attain impressive results. I hope in the future I will still be active within the Leadership Team and that I make a true contribution to the school community.

As the Captain, I want to always have a positive influence on everyone I meet. Being a role model is truly important to me and I want to bring this to the Leadership Team. I am so excited to be working with this group as it is one of the largest Leadership Teams we have ever had. I am really looking forward to the year we have ahead of us!

Student Wellbeing

Talking to children about difficult topics in the news

Children of all ages will at some stage hear and see TV, radio, social media and other media coverage of natural disasters and distressing news which include coverage of bushfires, floods, earthquakes, terrorism, wars, accidents, violent crime and more. They will also hear adult conversations about the news and children won't always understand what is happening. Children might feel frightened by what they see or hear, or become upset by the distress that adults around them are feeling. They might worry that their family and friends might get hurt, or they might feel overwhelmed by the constant coverage and think the event is recurring. Children cannot always express how they feel and, as a result, you might see a change in their behaviour. Common reactions include becoming more clingy, having trouble sleeping, becoming more irritable or having outbursts or tantrums.

Your child will manage better if they have accurate, age-appropriate information about disasters and other distressing events in the news. They will also need plenty of opportunities to ask questions and talk about their feelings. Make time to talk, acknowledge what has happened and find out what your child knows. Explain what has happened, keep making time to talk and encourage open conversations. Consider encouraging children with positive news topics through resources such as [Squiz Kids](#) which is an Australian news podcast for 8 – 12 year olds. In a few minutes, Squiz Kids gives a rundown on news events delivered free of opinion, with positivity and humour. Designed to slip easily into families' morning routines, it drops at 7am each weekday. The ABC's [Behind the News](#) is another great resource for age-appropriate news stories.

For more information please visit the [Raising Children Network](#) and [Beyond Blue – Healthy Families](#).

Student Wellbeing Team

Junior School News

School Uniform and Dress Code Policy

The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory for all students. Please refer to the School Uniform and Dress Code Policy in the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Student Diary, to ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform and is following the jewellery, make-up and hair guidelines. Staff will be monitoring this in the coming weeks.

Maddingley Junior School Athletics Carnival

Students in Years 3 and 4 will be participating in the House Athletics Carnival this Tuesday 16 March. The Carnival will take place on and around the Bacchus Marsh Grammar school oval and gymnasium. If you are planning to attend this event, please ensure that you abide by the School's requirements with regards to entering a school site. This information is available from the Edsmart email notification broadcast sent to you earlier this week.

Mrs Kim Blundell - Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Prep to 4

Easter Colouring Competition

To recognise the upcoming Easter holidays, the Student Representative Council (SRC) is holding a colouring competition. Students in Prep to Year 6 at both campuses will each be given, by their classroom teacher, a colouring sheet to colour in and submit for judging if they would like to participate.

Students in Years 7 and above at Maddingley will be able to collect copies from the Senior School Library where there will also be a submission box for entries. Woodlea students in Year 7 and 8 can collect copies from their Tutor Teacher.

Entries are to be submitted by Wednesday 24 March.

The winners will be judged by a panel and contacted before the end of term. Prizes will include a selection of Easter chocolates. There will be one winner per year level.

For entries to be considered, please make sure that the student's full name and the Tutor Group name are written clearly on the back of each entry.

Thank you in advance for your support.

SRC Committee

Physical Education Department Update

Rebel Sport Community Givebacks Award

The school would like to thank the Rebel Sports store in Melton for the recent community award issued to the Physical Education Department at the Woodlea campus. This award enabled the department to purchase a range of sporting equipment to facilitate the units on offer in our PE and sporting programs. Rebel Community Givebacks is a program designed to allow schools to earn instore credits at Rebel to purchase essential sporting equipment. Registered schools are rewarded with 5% back on sales linked to a student who is a Rebel active member. We would like to thank students and their families for supporting this program.



Muscular Skeletal Screening for BMG Athletes

As part of the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Elite Sports Program all students will be scheduled to undertake a Musculo-Skeletal Screening in Term 2. This is conducted by PhD Exercise Physiologists from Federation University working in conjunction with Bacchus Marsh Grammar and the WestVic Academy of Sport. These screenings are vital in providing the program with information that will enable coaches to accurately design and implement programs for the athletes in Strength and Conditioning. These screening are also extremely accurate in “picking up” any body misalignments or muscle weaknesses/ imbalances that may result in injuries in the future.

Fantastic Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to the following students who have been performing brilliantly in their chosen sports:

Zali Ward Year 12 – Zali is a BMG Elite Sport/ FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport Scholarship athlete who has been selected by Hockey Australia to attend an Australian Squad training camp at the AIS during the Easter break. It is fantastic to see National Squads training in earnest again after the disrupted 2020 year due to COVID19. We wish Zali all the best for the training camp.

Corey O’Neil – Year 12 – Corey is a BMG Elite Sport athlete who was recently selected to play for the Victorian Blues State Hockey Team. This has come off the back of a lot of hard work and dedication. This will be the first time Corey is representing the Blues State Team. Congratulations on this great effort.

The Bacchus Marsh Grammar High Performance Program, 2021, sees the continuing partnership of BMG and FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport.

In consultation with the Academy of Sport, Bacchus Marsh Grammar has selected 10 athletes who will now have scholarships to the Academy of Sport. This will enable these athletes to have:

- Coaching and support within the specific structure of the FedUni WestVic Academy of Sports e.g. The ACE Program, musculoskeletal screening, nutritional advice etc.
- Specific Strength and Conditioning coaching by Academy staff.
- Professional workshops based around the notion of being an elite athlete e.g. Career advice, managing finances, social media, sponsorship etc.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded program scholarships by our Principal Mr. Neal and the Executive Officer of the WestVic Academy of Sport, Mr Nick Wealands.

Olivia Ogston	11G	Basketball
Summer Wray	9H	DH Skiing
Jai Copland	9F	BMX
Amy O’Hara	11A	Basketball
Devin Leahy	9D	Baseball
Zali Ward	12G	Hockey
Harvey Young	12D	Golf
Rye Penny	11F	Volleyball
Jacob Attard	12A	Karate
Aseka Ratnayake	11C	Basketball

PE Department Update – continued.....

BMPSSA & ICCES Swimming / Badminton and Table Tennis

Unfortunately, due to heightened government restrictions and our own risk analysis, the school was unable to participate in the recent inter-school events. We thank students and families for their support in this decision and encourage all students to continue participating in their own individual and club sporting events. It is hoped that in the coming weeks, conditions are such, that we can move closer to normality. If this occurs, we look forward to recommencing our sporting calendar with our upcoming athletics carnivals and events.

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: Physical Education and Health

Senior School Production – The Sweetapples vs the Zombie Apocalypse

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Presents



**THE SWEETAPPLES
VS
THE ZOMBIE
APOCALYPSE**

Wednesday, 31 March @ 4 pm and 7.30 pm
and Thursday, 1 April @ 7.30 pm
Platform Arts Theatre, Geelong
Tickets available at www.trybooking.com



Bacchus Marsh Grammar is excited to announce that tickets for the Senior School production are on sale now.

The play follows the Sweetapple family, who live in a small town not far from a bustling metropolis, through their daily antics and struggles with school, work, love and identity. You would think that would be enough. Little do they know that a strange disease spreading amongst inhabitants of the nearby city is changing people into brain-eating monsters. The Sweetapples, and the whole town, must not only confront their personal demons, but the slobbering, smelly ghouls threatening their very existence.

Session Times:

Wednesday 31 March at 4.00pm and 7.30pm

Thursday 1 April at 7.30pm

Venue:

Platform Arts Theatre in Geelong
60 Little Malop St, Geelong, VIC 3220

Cost:

\$10 per ticket (plus \$0.50 booking fee)

Tickets on sale via TryBooking.

Note: the play contains mild coarse language and horror that might frighten very young audience members.

Mrs Helena Stratakos – Production Director

Maddingley pick-up and drop-off

Notifications for change of pick-up arrangements or appointments during the school day

Please ensure that any changes to your child's pick-up arrangements or notifications for collection to attend appointments during the school day are communicated through the school diary. It is important that for Maddingley campus collection, that parents specify either the 'Main Office' or 'Gatehouse' as the collection point. A reminder to parents that the Main Office is on South Maddingley Road and the Gatehouse is within the Main Car Park entered via Gate 1.

For last minute or urgent changes to pick-up arrangement, please contact Reception on 03 5366 4800 prior to 2.15pm.

A further reminder that students are not to be dropped off or picked up via the parking area on South Maddingley Road during peak times. It is not suitable for students to be accessing the Main Office when busses are accessing this road to the bus terminal. Student entry must be via the Main Car Park/Gatehouse.

Year 9 Health - Baby Think It Over Program 2021

The Baby Think It Over Program will be commencing with the Year 9 Health classes in Week 8 this term and will continue into early Term 2. As part of their assessment, students will be required to care for a baby simulator over 3 days/2 nights. Given the nature of the program, a COVID safe plan will be followed by students and staff in regards to the regular sanitising of the equipment provided, before, during and after each student's care of the baby simulator.

More information will be provided to students during Health lessons before commencing the program over the next two weeks.

Mrs Nicole Garner - Head of House: Bacchus 7-12

Maddingley Art

Year 2 students have been weaving, painting and using collage to create colourful artworks of houses and their surrounds.

Year 6 students have been inspired by the historical buildings of Amsterdam to create their printmaking artworks.

Ms Nicole Heywood - Head of Art - Prep to 8



Conveyance Allowance

We request that parents who have emailed their Conveyance Allowance application to the School, also submit the original copy of their application to the office.

Please contact Kerryn Browne on 03 5366 4800 if you have any questions.

Ms Kerryn Browne - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Information

Information was emailed to families this week in relation to the CSEF. This is applicable to families who hold a valid Centrelink, Pensioner, Concession or Health Care Card number (CRN). The CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [School website](#).

To encourage people to make an application, the School will provide a rebate equivalent to the Building Levy for those families who submit applications which are approved by the Education Department.

The form which outlines eligibility requirements needs to be returned to the School by 18 June 2021 (last day of Term 2). Parents must meet the eligibility requirements by:

- Eligibility Date: 27 January 2021
- 2nd CRN validation date (for failed CRNs only): 19 April 2021

Parents who received the CSEF at Bacchus Marsh Grammar in 2020 do not need to complete an application form in 2021, providing there has been no change to their family circumstances.

Enquiries should be directed to Ms Sharon de Vries at accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Ms Sharon de Vries – Finance Officer

Book Club News – Catalogue for Issue 2 is out now



If you wish to order you can place one through the [Scholastic website](#).

As your order will incur a postage & handling fee of \$5.99, we encourage you to place one order per family.

If you have not ordered before, you will need to set up an account. It is advised that you set up the account under either your own name or the name of one of your children.

When you place an order it will ask you to nominate a teacher. Please see the chart below to ascertain which teacher to nominate according to each campus. Note: You only need to nominate one teacher when you place an order.

Year level	Maddingley Campus	Woodlea Campus
Prep	Kylie McKerrow	Your child's class teacher
Year 1	Ashley Flower	Your child's class teacher
Year 2	Sian Rawlinson	Your child's class teacher
Year 3	Narelle Bens	Your child's class teacher
Year 4	Samantha Di Mieri	Your child's class teacher
Year 5	Trevor Hilton	Your child's class teacher
Year 6	Wes McLaughlin	Your child's class teacher
Middle/Senior School	Diane Dunn (Years 7-12)	Year 7-8

Maddingley/Woodlea Campuses: If you have any issues or need to seek further advice you can contact Diane Dunn at the Maddingley Campus on 5366 4800 (ask for the Senior Library) or you can email dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au

Scholastic Book Club Coordinators - Mrs Diane Dunn (Maddingley Campus) & Mrs Feona West (Woodlea Campus)

Events Calendar

Dates for upcoming events/excursions and day camps can be viewed via the events calendar on the [school website](#).

BMG Community Contacts

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Phone Orders – 5367 4072

Both Maddingley and Woodlea parents are welcome to make phone orders and pay with a credit card. Orders will then be delivered at Maddingley through the pigeon hole system, to classes or Tutor Groups, and to the Woodlea Campus Reception on Wednesday afternoons.

Uniform information and shop business hours are listed on the [school website](#).

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the [school website](#).

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

Maddingley:

bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au

0438 154 842

Located: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

Woodlea:

woodlea.oshc@ymca.org.au

0490 490 362

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

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

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

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