



Staughton Vale News

It has been a wonderful return to the farm in 2021 and students in both Years 6 and 8 have begun their middle years' program which sees students visit the farm on a regular 3-week basis. All students have completed their induction to the program which included an A to Z walk around the property looking specifically at being safe on a working farm. Students also participated in a gardening induction and a healthy food session.

This week has seen the Year 8s explore the Bacchus Marsh area and look at responsible production and consumption regarding land use. Achieving economic growth and sustainable development requires reducing our ecological footprint by changing the way we produce and consume goods and resources. A visit to Tripod Farms afforded the students a first-hand look at the planting, harvesting, packaging, transportation and selling of locally grown produce. We would like to thank Frankie Ruffo and Lok Chow for their educational tours of their facilities.



Staughton Vale campus has also seen the return of camp programs. The VCE outdoor and environmental students used it as a base early in the term and the Year 5 camps have had a number of activities running over the last two weeks. These included yabbing, cooking and hiking on the new purpose-built nature trail.

The program will be strengthened with the addition of two new staff members in Mr Coombs and Ms Stacey. Both bring valuable expertise within environmental education and will be a welcome resource for our students.

We look forward to lots more hands-on experiences and opportunities for our students to continue learning in the wonderful farm environment.

Mr Bryce Durham – Staughton Vale Coordinator

Reminder : School Term 1 ends on Thursday 1 April – Dismissal at 2.05pm

Woodlea - Middle School Leaders 2021 - Introductions

Sai Chenna



My name is Sai Chenna and I am one of BMG Woodlea's School Captains. I have been a student in Bacchus Marsh Grammar since Year 5 and have always loved and appreciated the peaceful learning environment we have.

As a student I have always wanted to be part of Bacchus Marsh Grammar's service leadership team so that I can help students and teachers in difficult situations.

This year, I hope to implement a project where students from the middle school interact with students from the primary school. I hope this will address the lack of social interaction during COVID-19 and create valuable relationships between the younger and older students of the school.

I cannot express how grateful I am for this position and will assist the school and its community in any way possible. It is an honour to be your leader.

Vasish Vasireddy



I would like to sincerely thank the selection panel for entrusting me with the opportunity to be a voice for the students and a face of the school.

Leadership to me is an honest commitment to respect, portray and promote school values with perseverance, integrity, humility and patience. It is a continuous process to learn and lead by example, and be a role model of the school's values in a way that inspires and educates others.

Reflecting on my journey as a leader in various capacities, I realised how much I have learnt along the way. Leadership provided me with a multitude of opportunities to assist my peers and the extended BMG community. I firmly believe that a lot can be achieved as a team rather than as an individual and I would like to thank everyone along the journey thus far for their contribution, encouragement and support.

Outside of school, I indulge in reading, which is a pleasant plunge into worlds of fantasy or science, all of which intrigue me. Piano, sketching and computer programming are some other fields of interest that stimulate my creativity and contribute to my wellbeing.

Along with the wider leadership team, I will continue to help the broader BMG community to the best of my abilities and hope to achieve greater success in my leadership efforts.

2022 Scholarship Program

Applications for the Callow Scholarship and Indigenous Scholarship close on **Friday 17 April**. For further information and to review the eligibility criteria, please refer to the [School's website](#).

The 2022 Scholarship Program for the John Leaver and van den Hende Scholarships have closed. Results will be forwarded to registered candidates before the end of Term 1.

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

Creative and Critical Thinking

In Creative and Critical Thinking across Years 5 and 6, students have been discussing the important school value of 'kindness'. Students have been considering the importance of random acts of kindness and the role that these acts can play in our daily lives.

Class 5WD has written a poem together to share with the school community:

*It is not hard to be kind,
It is an easy thing to do,
Think of the ways to be nice,
And that goodness comes back to you.*

*Kindness should matter to everyone,
It brings joy to our community,
Helping and sharing plays a part,
Thoughtfulness is the key.*

*Being nice to everyone,
Should be the goal for all,
Like playing with someone new,
Or answering the call.*

*A call can come from anywhere,
From those most in need,
And we can all play a part,
In spreading kind deeds.*

*Helping out your neighbour,
Smiling at your peers,
Sharing a pencil or pen in class,
Listening to someone's fears.*

*A random act of kindness,
Changes the world in small ways,
But we want to remind you,
That it should be a part of your every day.*

*So be kind, be nice, be friendly,
Don't forget your kind thoughts,
Because kindness is the best thing to share,
That's what we have been taught.*

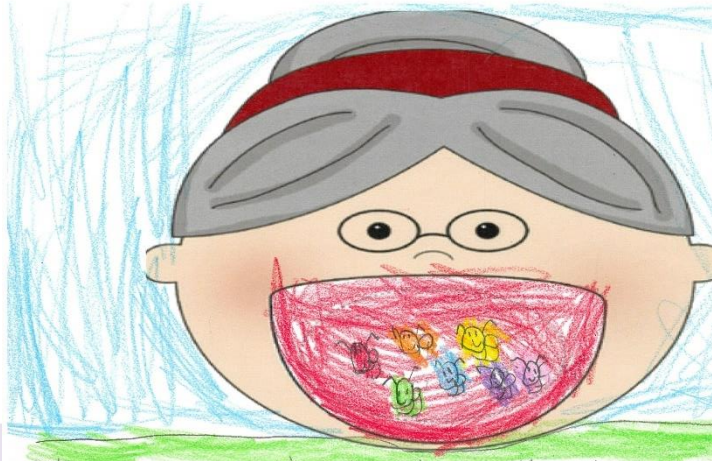
Mrs Rosalind Pittard: Deputy Principal & Mrs Sarah Hunter: Deputy Head of Campus Woodlea

Junior School News

Prep Woodlea

In Prep at Woodlea, we have been exploring the way authors use repetition as a text feature in their books. We read 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly', by Pam Adams which inspired us to create our own class book. Here are two examples of our creativity:

Ms Courtney Williams – Prep Coordinator – Woodlea



There was an old lady who swallowed an ant.



There was an old lady who swallowed a unicorn.

Year 1 Woodlea

This week, the Year 1 students at Woodlea have been exploring the book *The Magic Hat* written by Mem Fox. They have enjoyed learning new vocabulary and have enjoyed responding to the text in a variety of ways. The students were immersed in designing and describing their own individual magic hats, thinking critically and problem-solving.

Mrs Aimee La Franchi – Year 1 Coordinator Woodlea



Woodlea Year 3 - Science



Grade 3 students have been eager to get into the science lab this year. Focusing on Biology this term, students have observed how plants grow, sense and follow the sun and absorb water and nutrients. Last week, Grade 3 students conducted the Colourful Carnations experiment. We were very excited to find that our hypothesis was correct and we have ended up with beautifully coloured carnations.

**Woodlea Year 3 Teachers:
Miss Samantha Bowden, Miss Ashlee Taylor
& Miss Kaitlin White**

Maddingley Year 4 - Sunflower Excursion



In Science this term, the Year 4 students are currently learning about Biology, focusing on both plant and animal life cycles. Whilst learning about flowering plants, we have focused on the life cycle of a sunflower. On Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 March, students and their teachers were lucky enough to visit the Greendale Sunflower Farm. There, we met with the farmer Simon, who explained the processes involved in working the 6 hectare farm. Students had fun walking amongst the 2-3 metre flowers, stopping to observe the various stages of growth along the way. As we walked through the fields, students were able to cut their own sunflowers to take home.

It was fantastic to see such beaming smiles for the rest of the day!

Student reflections:

Walking around in the 360,000 sunflowers was magical. It just looked like a mixed patch of yellow and green but in a beautiful way. Our trip to the sunflower farm is not one I'll soon forget!

Elise Holland – 4C

WOW!! So many beautiful giant sunflowers, like 360,000 flowers! We picked one each but there were so many to choose from. It was so hard to choose but we finally chose one. It was so much fun. I really hope we can go again.

Annie Frisina – 4C

Mrs Samantha Alexander – Specialist Teacher

Middle School News

Maddingley - Middle School Colours

Single Colours

The following students have been awarded Middle School Colours throughout last week. They are to be congratulated on their service and commitment to representing the school. Each student has received a Middle School Colours badge in recognition of this achievement.

Kristian Attard

Aniela Baniluk

Ethan Bloss

Benjamin Bowler

Miah Bradbury

Jack Calleja

Alisha Chaudhary

Suhavi Chhabra

Aleeka Clark

Adam Farren

Kieren Hickcox

Kayden Hopkins

Yashi Joon

Olivia Karcoushkas

Ansh Khanna

William Mizzi

Luke O'Hara

Tanisha Quilliam

Diana Scalzo

Daniel Schukin

Juliet Strang

Jaxon Tzounos

Ishaan Venkatesh

Tayla Wray

Double Colours

The following students have been awarded Double Middle School Colours throughout last week. They are to be congratulated on their continued service and commitment representing the school. Each student has received a Double Middle School Colours braid which is to be sewn on their blazer pocket in recognition of this fantastic achievement.

Poppy Emini

Thomas Fowler

Ruby-June Fowler

Alexa Georgievski

Tabitha Gibson

Aashi Goregaonkar

Felicity Gribbin

Nishi Gupta

Ruben Gurung

Lucas Harper

Tristan Kleiner

Hunter Knight

Chloe Lang

Alyssa Normington

Gus O'Donnell

Alessia Riepsamen

Eva White

For more information about Middle School Colours there is a link on [Schoolbox](#) that explains the process. I would recommend that all families of Middle School students explore this link to see how they can represent the school and receive Middle School Colours.

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School

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 Art



Here are examples of Junior School and Middle School artworks currently in progress: Year 3 owls for their 'Owl on a Blue Moon' artwork and Year 8 self-portrait acrylic paintings.

**Ms Nicole Heywood -
Head of Art - Prep to 8**

Bus Information

Last Day Term 1

On the last day of Term 1 (Thursday 1 April) students will finish at 2.05pm.

- Private buses will coincide with the earlier finishing time and depart from the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses **1 hour earlier** therefore, students will arrive at their normal stops 1 hour earlier.
- Public/Country buses will depart approx. 35-40 minutes earlier than their timetabled times.
- Toolern Vale Interchange Bus - PTV and Student Transport have advised us that there will be no network service running on the last day of school.

Student ID Cards

ALL students have now been issued with their student ID cards. Any student travelling on their allocated private bus without their student ID card will be sent to their Year Level Coordinator. If a student misplaces or has a damaged Student ID card they can obtain a replacement printed by the ICT department.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Service Administrator.

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



Visit the [school website](#) for more information.

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](#). Dates have been added reflecting operating hours during the school holidays.

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](#).

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0490 490 362

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Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

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