



The Podium - Optimal Academic Performance

On “The Podium” this week we have the fantastic opportunity to discuss the upcoming examinations, beginning at the end of week seven and progressing through week eight. Students at Year 7 will undergo “walk through” examinations as well as completing traditional examinations in History and Geography. Year 8 to 11 students will all sit traditional examinations. I am sure all students and parents will agree that this is a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge and test themselves.

Academic success is largely dependent upon the attitude that students take into the examinations and their preparedness for the tasks ahead. I would encourage parents to talk to their children about the importance of the examinations and to set high but realistic expectations. Establishing high expectations does not mean demanding your child earns perfect scores on all their examinations, rather, setting high expectations means challenging your child to achieve beyond what they think they can achieve. If your child is a “C” student in Mathematics, expressing the expectation that he or she strives for a “C+” or a “B” will help them set their sights above and beyond what they think is possible and help them achieve their optimal performance.

When preparing for the examinations it is important that students start their examination preparation early to give themselves the best chance of retaining the information they need and giving it the meaning that will help them excel in their examinations. The staff have been and will continue to work and guide students with their examination preparation. I would encourage all students during their preparations for examinations to:

- Be Accountable – take responsibility for and the ownership of your decisions.
- Be Decisive – make decisions in a timely and effective manner.
- Have Courage – courage cannot exist in the absence of fear. Although you may fear the examinations ahead, access the ability to confront the challenges, take them head on and strive to achieve your best.
- Strive for Excellence – achieve your Optimal Performance and beyond.

I wish all students well for the upcoming examination period.

“Aim for the highest cloud, so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain.” Maori Whakatauki

Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal: Optimal Performance Learning

Note: For exam schedules between 4 and 11 June, please refer to the [Events Calendar](#).

Optimal Academic Performance

Years 5 – 8 Maths Enrichment (Maddingley)

Enrichment Maths classes for Years 5 to 8 are well underway and students are competing in the Australian Maths Olympiad and the Australian Maths Challenge. Time spent in these classes is devoted to developing problem solving skills from previous Maths Olympiads and previous Maths Challenges. After two Maths Olympiad challenges the leaders so far in each year level are:

Year 5: Haneet Mahal 5D

Year 6: Agam Judge 6B

Year 7: Eknor Gill 7B

Year 8: Hamdhi Zakeer 8A

MAV Games day

For the past few years, the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Maddingley campus has been sending our strongest students in Mathematics to represent BMG at The Mathematical Association of Victoria Games Days. The dates and venues for this year are listed below. Team lists will be posted closer to the dates – stay tuned.

Year Level	Date	Location
5	Tues 27 July	PEGS, Essendon
6	Friday 10 September	Lumen Christi, Point Cook
7	Mon 16 August	Overnewton Anglican, Keilor
8	Wed 25 August	PEGS, Keilor East
9	Thurs 12 August	Williamstown High, Williamstown



A Maths Games Day is an opportunity for students to:

- develop their mathematical talents and thinking skills in a setting where Maths is regarded as fun and worthwhile;
- work with like-minded students from a diverse range of schools;
- participate in mathematical activities without the usual classroom pressures;
- win prizes and rewards; and
- get excited about Maths.

Maths Games Days are a very effective vehicle for getting young people – particularly in the middle years of schooling – enthused about Maths. Problem solving and mathematical games address the Victorian Curriculum proficiency strands.

Maths/Science – Academic Performance

We would like to highlight and congratulate the following students who have achieved outstanding results in their first Unit 3 / 4 SACs:

Further Mathematics	Chemistry	Specialist Mathematics	Psychology
Maddox Edwards 10F	Ella Noorman 12A	Megan Llanaeza 12C	Madeline Chincarini 12D
Jaiden Micallef 11G	Jack Prelec-Smith 12C	Victoria Ly 12C	Jaz Ward 12F
Braedon Mulheran 12B	Mia White 12A	Ella Noorman 12A	Lily Thomson 12G
Kieran Todd 10E		Jack Prelec-Smith 12C	

Special mention must also be made of Hayley Carlesso 9B who has achieved outstanding results in her first two assessments in PreVCE Psychology.

Afterschool Maths/Science (Maddingley)

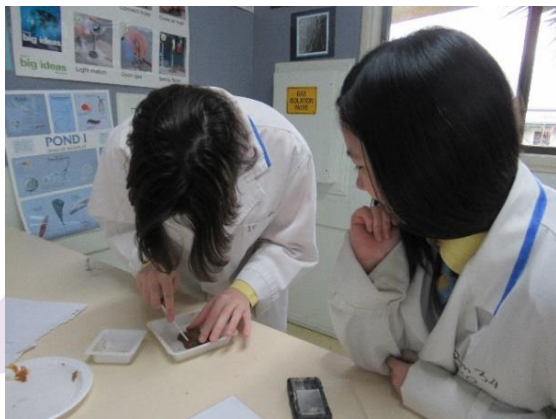
Afterschool Maths/Science is running for Years 5 to 12 every Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15pm along the bottom floor of the L-block. No bookings required, just come along to get help with your Maths and Science subjects. You can work together in peer groups, ask staff to help you catch-up on work 1-1, ask staff for extension work or seek support with your homework tasks. Stay tuned for announcements of particular activities that may run in particular rooms as the year progresses. Don't forget to book the late-bus if needed. Students receive a stamp in their diary to indicate their attendance.

The Podium continued....

Lunch-time help (Maddingley)

Lunch-time classes occur across most subjects within the Maths/Science faculty depending on student need and upcoming assessments. Some sessions that are currently occurring are:

- **Biology** - Wednesdays Unit 3 & 4 Room - Upstairs floor of L Block.
- **Specialist Maths/Maths Methods** - Wednesdays Room - L7.
- **General Maths (Year 11)** - Mondays and Wednesdays Room - L4.
- **Physics/Further Maths/Year 10 Methods** - Thursdays Room – L8.



This photo is of an investigation of autopsy procedures on a Caramello Koala by the Forensic Biology Year 9/10 class.

Dr Debra Penny - Head of Faculty: Science and Mathematics

Rocketry at BMG



Students at BMG have opportunities to develop knowledge and skills related to flight technologies. In Year 8 at Maddingley Campus this year, students have been designing, building and testing water rockets in their Design and Technology class. Students research physical laws relating to flight and apply these to their design, based on a customised plastic drink bottle. Students test and evaluate to make improvements to the success of the design. Plans are underway for Woodlea students to undertake the same design process. In Years 9 and 10, students may elect to take a class designing and building a fixed wing aircraft (Flight Technology – Fundamentals) and additionally, a class where they design, build and test a quadcopter (Flight – Multirotor). Students further develop their knowledge of physics as it applies to flight, as well as their design and engineering skills.

Ms Phillipa Loton - Head of Faculty: Art and Technology

National Simultaneous Storytime 2021



This week we celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime, along with the rest of Australia, New Zealand and many other countries.

This year, the story was Give Me Some Space! by Philip Bunting.

The Woodlea Preps got together to watch astronaut Dr Shannon Walker read the story from the International Space Station.

Mrs Feona West - Coordinator: Library P-6

School Colours

Double Middle School Colours

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

Maddingley	Woodlea
Aysha Masood 7E	Sai Chenna 8WA
Justin Robins 7E	
Tavnoor Singh 7H	
Thomas Carroll 8F	

Middle School Colours

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

Maddingley		Woodlea	
Charlotte Burr 6A	Imogen Lidgett-Egan 6E	Ori Daniel 7F	Christian Cardona 7WC
Samuel Davie 6A	Tina Ma 6A	Roby Gorton 7E	Ishnoor Singh 7WC
Tylar Forsyth 6E	Lily Normington 6A	Sahil Pandey 7F	Aryan Bhatnagar 8WA
Charlotte Kaye 6E	Abbie Sadler 6E	Bailey Birmingham 8F	Davesh Kalron 8WB
Baylea Kelly 6A	Zara Tzanabetis 6A	Gurdev Kaur 8E	Akshu Bansal 8WB
Mila Mijatovic 8F	Meha Modi 8H		

Mr Dean Peppinkhouse – Head of Middle School

Year 12 VCE VET Hospitality



Over the past three weeks, the Year 12 VCE VET Hospitality students have been completing their practical assessments for the unit Prepare and Serve Non-Alcoholic Beverages. For this task, students had to make 6 drinks, hot and cold, within a 15 minute time frame which also included bar set up and pack down. All students performed well and made considerable improvements each time they undertook the task. Drinking the drinks after their demonstrations, I think, was the real highlight for each of them. The class will be conducting a

similar assessment for Prepare and Serve Espresso Coffee in a couple of weeks' time.



Over the July school holidays, these same students will also embark upon their first of two weeks' placement at William Angliss restaurant in the city. Parents and friends are welcome to make bookings at the restaurant to support these students and enjoy their service, as well as a delicious and cheap three course meal.

Mrs Nicole Garner - VCE VET Hospitality Teacher

Woodlea – Year 6 Global Studies



In Global Studies this semester, the Year 6 students are currently learning about The Federation of Australia. Whilst learning about Federation, we have focused on important people, documents, landmarks and events that enabled the colonies to federate in 1901 and its ongoing effects. On Tuesday 11 May and Thursday 13 May, students and their teachers were given the opportunity to experience a walking tour around Melbourne city. There, students were assigned the identity of a significant person who made a difference to Australia around that period. They walked around the streets of Melbourne and stopped at various places where they learnt new information while consolidating

previous learning. Students enjoyed learning about how Melbourne contributed to The Federation of Australia and also its historical places. It was great to see the students fascinated by the guided tours led by historians - it was a great learning experience!

Ms Simone Kyle - Head of Global Studies (Year 5 – 8) Woodlea

Individual Sporting Achievements



Tina Ma (6A) competed in the recent 2021 ACT Junior Squash State Title and won the Under 13 ACT State Championship. This event is a gold level event attracting almost 80 children from the ACT, NSW and VIC.

In the Girl's Under 13 title, Tina displayed her great talent and won all four of her matches. In the finals, Tina beat New South Wales' second seeded player in four hard matches.

Congratulations to Tina on her fantastic achievement.

Mrs Alicia Bermingham – Year 6 Teacher

Music Department - Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses

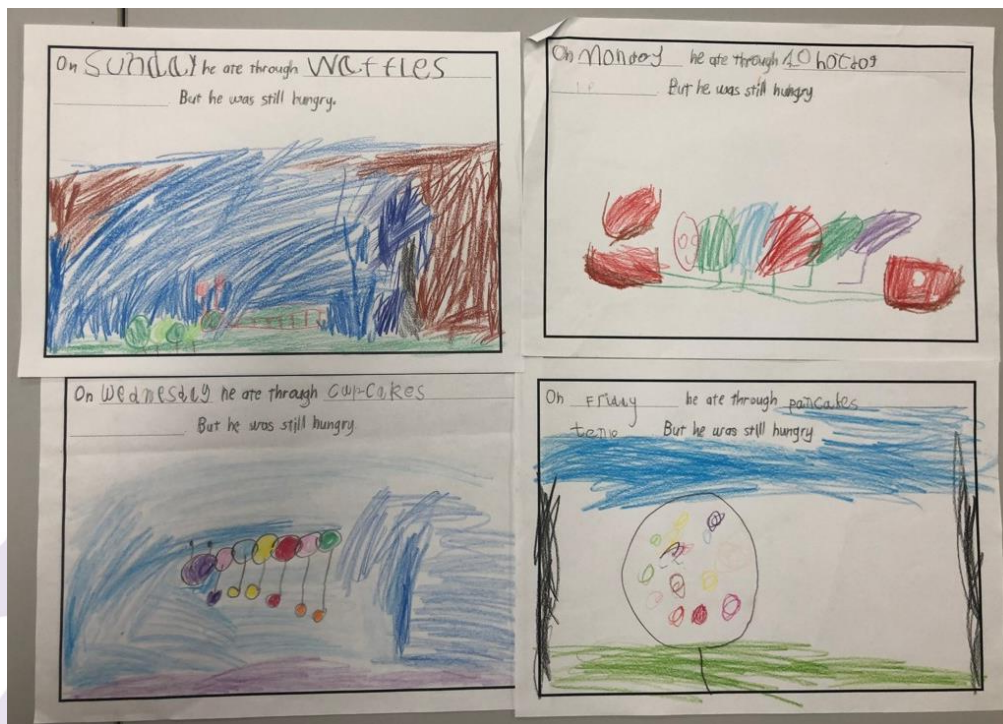
Expressions of Interest for Instrumental Music Enrolment

Limited places are available for Semester Two commencement of instrumental lessons. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the Bacchus Marsh Grammar website:

<https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/assets/uploads/2020/11/Instrumental-Music-Enrolment-Form-vInteractive.pdf>

Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music

Woodlea Prep Reading



This term within reading, the Prep classes are doing an author study on Eric Carle. Throughout this study we are exploring the different stories, making predictions, text-self connections and rewriting our own repetitive text. Here are some examples of our own version of the Hungry Caterpillar and Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?

**Ms Alanna Kappler –
Prep WE**

Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Premiers' Reading Challenge at Bacchus Marsh Grammar has begun!

All Prep to Year 2 students are completing the Challenge in their classrooms.

Year 3 to 10 students have all been enrolled and passwords have been issued.

Year 3 to 6 students were given their passwords on a note by their classroom teacher.

Year 7 to 10 students can ask their Tutor Group teachers for their usernames and passwords.

We are experiencing two issues currently with the Challenge:

1. Passwords are 6 digits long. Some passwords were printed with only 5 digits. The missing digit is a 0 at the start of the number.
2. Students who have transferred from one campus to the other. Please let me know if your child has not been allocated a username and password. This has most probably occurred because of a transfer. Issues can normally be rectified in a matter of days.

Mrs Feona West - Coordinator: Library P-6

Book Club News – Catalogue for Issue 4 is out now



Visit the [school website](#) for more information regarding the latest catalogue and how to order.

Also, May is Scholastic National Family Reading Month! Click [here](#) for more information.

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

Conveyance Allowance Information

Families in rural and regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus. This is known as the Conveyance Allowance.

The Conveyance Allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport
- private car
- private bus

whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

The Conveyance Allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

Eligibility

The conveyance allowance is available to families who meet certain criteria.

Students attending a school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible;
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary for 3 or more days per week;
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus; and
- be of school age at the time of application and reside in Victoria.

Please note that a Private Bus or Private Car conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a free school bus or public transport service

Following a recent decision by the Student Transport Unit of the Education Department, it appears that there may be some movement in the way the Department makes a judgement on what is the nearest appropriate school.

If your decision to send your children to Bacchus Marsh Grammar was because you felt that it was the nearest appropriate school that both respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration, then you may (subject to other Conveyance Allowance rules) be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance.

If this statement applies to you, whilst I can make no guarantees, I believe it in your interest to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2021. Applications forms are available from the main office and from the Parent Portal. The application should be **accompanied by a simple letter** stating the reasons why you believe Bacchus Marsh Grammar is the nearest appropriate school because of its values and its lack of a requirement to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration of any particular faith.

Please note: if you have already submitted an application for 2021, you are not required to complete another application unless your details have changed.

For more information on the Conveyance Allowance, please refer to the School's Business Notice.

Please contact Kerryn Browne if you have any questions.

Ms Kerryn Browne - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager

Camps Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Final Applications Due

This is applicable to families who hold a valid Centrelink pensioner concession or Health care card number (CRN).

If you are yet to return your CSEF form, please ensure this is returned to the Administration Office no later than 28 May 2021 to ensure ample time for your application to be processed. Further information and the CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [school website](#).

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

Ms Sharon de Vries – Finance Officer

BMG Community Contacts

An update to Noone Uniform shopping:

Uniform Purchasing, Ordering and Payments

We will no longer be taking phone orders or payments. You may shop and order and pay in person at the Werribee or On Campus stores.

We also offer online shopping at www.noone.com.au

Werribee Store – Rushfords	On Campus Store – Maddingley
Mondays to Fridays 9.00am to 5.00pm Saturdays 9.00am to 12.00noon	Normal Hours (during School Term) Mondays 12.30pm to 4.30pm Wednesdays 8.00am to 12.00noon Fridays 12.30pm to 4.30pm

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](#).

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Events Calendar

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

Regular Contacts

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