

Parent Teacher Interviews

Maddingley Middle School (Year 5 to 8) and Senior School (Year 9 to 12) Interviews

The Middle and Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews for all students from Years 5 to 12 will be conducted over three nights in Week 7, and 8 of this term. The dates include:

- Tuesday 24 August – Senior School (Years 9 to 12)
- Thursday 26 August – Middle School (Years 5 to 8)
- Monday 30 August – Senior School (Years 9 to 12)
- Wednesday 1 September – Middle School (Years 5 to 8)

This will provide parents with an opportunity to meet their child's teachers and discuss their child's progress. Given the current circumstances, all interviews will be conducted via the video conference program, Zoom. Information regarding dates and specific booking details will be emailed via the 'Edsmart' notification system. In preparation, we ask that parents download the Zoom app to their device.

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse – Head of Middle School & Mrs Erin Thornton – Head of Senior School

Maddingley Junior School (Prep to Year 4) and Woodlea (Prep to Year 8) Interviews

The Term 3 Maddingley Junior School and Woodlea Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted via the Video Communications App ZOOM. They are scheduled in Week 7 and 8 on:

- Wednesday 25 August (Week 7); and
- Tuesday 31 August (Week 8).

ZOOM interviews will be of 10 minutes duration. If you or the class teacher believes a longer time session is required, then this will be organised directly by the class teacher.

For Junior School, your child's parent teacher interview will be conducted by their class teacher and discussion will encompass all curriculum areas. If, in discussion with the class teacher you would like further clarification from a specialist teacher, please note this in the School Diary so that this can be organised.

Parents will receive an email notification next week with details on booking interviews.

Mrs Danielle Copeman – Head of Woodlea Campus & Mrs Lisa Foster – Head of Junior School: Maddingley Campus

Semester One Reports

As recently communicated, our usual reporting schedule has been impacted by all COVID-19 Lockdowns this year. It is our intention that parents have access to Semester One reports on the myBMG Parent Portal and via email by the end of next week. Printed copies will follow once resources and site capacity are available.

As always, we thank parents for their patience and should you require support with your child's wellbeing or engagement, please get in contact with their Class Teacher/Tutor Group Teacher.

Mrs Emma Kannar - Assistant Principal: Teaching & Learning

School Communication

There has been some inconsistency with receipt of school emails ([please also check 'junk mail'](#)). Current updates relating to COVID-19 restrictions which affect the school will be loaded onto the myBMG Parent Portal - Documents/Whole School/ COVID-19 School Communication.

Please ensure you have updated your email address via the myBMG Parent Portal.

BMG Reading Decathlon Challenge

I recently came across a quote from American intellectual, Mason Cooley, who stated that 'reading gives us some place to go, when we have to stay where we are.' In our current circumstances, this really resonated.

We know that reading can be life-changing for children of any age. Studies examining the habits of kindergarten to Year 12 students have found that just six extra minutes of reading time per day can help a struggling reader reach – and even surpass – the year level's benchmark. Students in the same study, who read for 15 minutes or more per day, improved their reading skills at an accelerated rate. Research also clearly indicates the positive impact of having reading role models in the home and at school, highlighting the importance of establishing a reading culture among families and the influence this can have on determining literacy outcomes for children.

Students of today are faced with many modes of entertainment and live in a fast-paced, information rich world. They have vast technology at their fingertips and can find answers to their questions in seconds with a quick Google search. In many ways, it is understandable that reading for pleasure has taken a backseat for some of them, but it is vital that we encourage students to read as much as possible and do what we can to instil a love for reading that they can take through life. There really is no other skill as important.

In an endeavour to motivate students to increase their reading, we are running an exciting competition for the next few weeks. The Bacchus Marsh Grammar Reading Decathlon Challenge is open to all students from Prep to Year 12 and we encourage you to get involved by supporting and encouraging your children to participate. The Challenge consists of ten 'events' aimed to encourage reading and literacy in the lead up to Literacy Week in Week 8 of this term.

In designing this competition, we have taken inspiration from the amazing Decathlon Bronze Medal performance of Ashley Moloney, who last week became the first Australian in history to place at the Olympics in this event. Just as the varied nature of the decathlon allows athletes to demonstrate great skill and versatility, providing a variety of literacy experiences at home and at school affords children the same opportunity to shine.

Details regarding participation and entry into the Reading Decathlon Challenge are available on Schoolbox and in myBMG Parent Portal under Documents/Whole School.

For further information, please contact your child's tutor group teacher or alternatively contact me via: dilgesk@bmg.vic.edu.au.

We look forward to seeing many entries over the coming weeks!

Happy reading!

Mrs Kelly Dilges – Assistant Principal - Literacy Development

Student Wellbeing

Parent resources regarding online safety

The [eSafety Commissioner](#) provides excellent resources which are produced based on evidence gathered from Australian and international best practices, as well as eSafety's own research for all members of the wider community. We would recommend you take some time to explore these resources and also encourage your child to do so. There are resources specifically for [kids](#), [young people](#) and [parents](#) in age-appropriate formats which are easy to navigate.

One publication you may find particularly useful is the [Australian edition of the COVID-19 Global online safety advice for parents and carers](#). Children and young people are currently spending more time at home and online, and there are many great ways they can use devices to learn and play. However, this additional time online can also pose risks. This guide addresses some of the key online safety issues and includes a range of practical tips and advice on what to do if things go wrong.

Student Wellbeing Team



Student Achievements

Celebrating Student Success in Creative Writing!

We would like to congratulate **Joselyn Bennetts** of 10C for being placed as a runner-up in the Years 9-10 category of the prestigious VATE 'Stories that Change' writing competition.

Joselyn's story 'The Whistling in the Wind' is a thoughtful and cleverly crafted study of the challenges of growing up in modern, multi-cultural Australia.

She received a prize of two fantastic novels by Australian authors. Joselyn's story and other entries are available to view on the website at: idiom.vate.org.au/stories-that-change

Well done to all BMG students who entered this competition and a special congratulations to Joselyn!

The English Faculty

Individual Sporting Success – Athlete Spotlight

WestVic Athlete and skier Summer Wray is currently training on the slopes of Mt Buller and is working hard at fine tuning her craft in the snow. For the past seven years, Summer and sister Kaylee have been involved in an intensive elite ski program during Term 3. Summer has managed to combine her school commitments and training over the past few weeks, to produce some wonderful results in her most recent events;

- 2nd place in the Parallel Slalom race
- 1st place in the Giant Slalom race



We wish Summer and her family all the best for the remaining snow season and look forward to her returning to the Elite Sport and WestVic Programs in Term 4.

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

Junior School – Maddingley & Woodlea



Numeracy is the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that students need in order to use mathematics in a wide range of real life situations. It involves recognising and understanding how mathematics can be applied in the world and having the capacity to use mathematical knowledge and skills purposefully. Mathematics gives students access to important mathematical ideas, knowledge and skills, while numeracy connects this learning with their personal and work lives.

Number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability are the three areas of mathematics that we teach and assess to achieve our curriculum standards.

While much of the teaching of concepts and skills to support numeracy happens in the mathematics learning area, it is strengthened as students take part in learning experiences that connect their learning in the mathematics classroom within the context of other curriculum areas.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar values, such as confidence and discipline, also support achievement in numeracy.

At home, you can strengthen your students' understanding of numeracy by including them in real world mathematics. Can students help you calculate which is the cheaper option at the supermarket? Include students in cooking and gardening embedding mathematics concepts into family activities. Ensure you use mathematical vocabulary in everyday life, including your children in the rich learning opportunities at home.

Mrs Danielle Copeman – Head of Woodlea Campus & Mrs Lisa Foster – Head of Junior School: Maddingley Campus

Junior School Spotlights

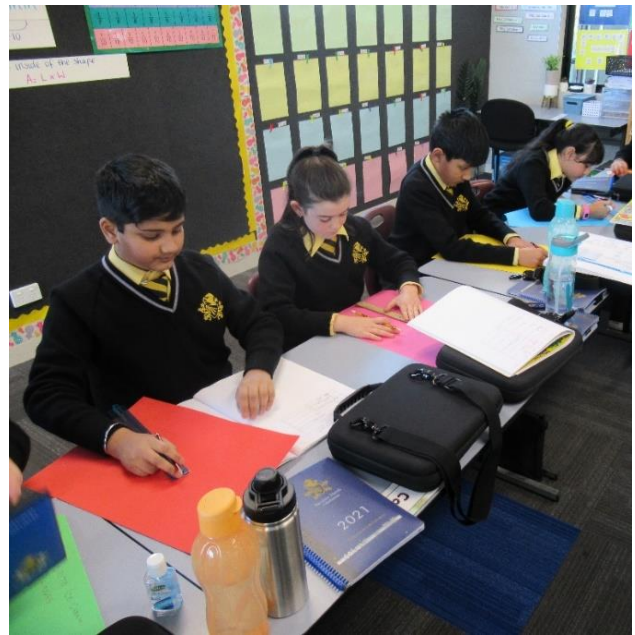
Spotlight on Year 4 - Woodlea

Probability and Statistics in Year 4

During the most recent Online Learning Maths lessons, Year 4 students at Woodlea have been furthering their knowledge and skills around Probability and Statistics.

Students have worked on the concepts of the probability of an event occurring using fractions and complementary events. Within statistics, they have collected their own data, created various data displays and learned how to effectively evaluate that data.

Year 4 Team – Woodlea



Spotlight on Year 3 - Woodlea

On Wednesday 4 August, the Year 3s from Woodlea were lucky enough to spend the day at Staughton Vale. After walking to the observation deck to admire the views over Staughton Vale, the students were separated into two groups to participate in a scavenger hunt and mini Olympics. The students focused on using team work and leadership skills in order to be a successful.



Student Reflections

Vivaansh 3WA – “The whole day was fun, active and energising”.

Azka 3WA – “The scavenger hunt involved teamwork and sticking together. All the Grade 3s had a wonderful time”.

Griffon 3WA – “We learnt a lot about teamwork which is very important”.

Shaurya 3WB – “The best thing was going to the observation deck because we had a great view of Staughton Vale”.

Hitarth 3WB – “The mini Olympics were hard but that’s what made it fun”.

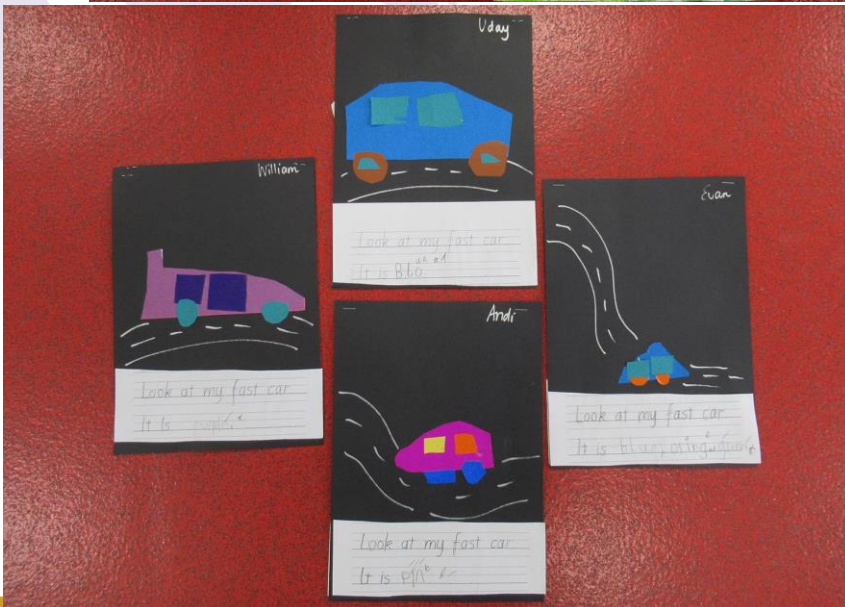
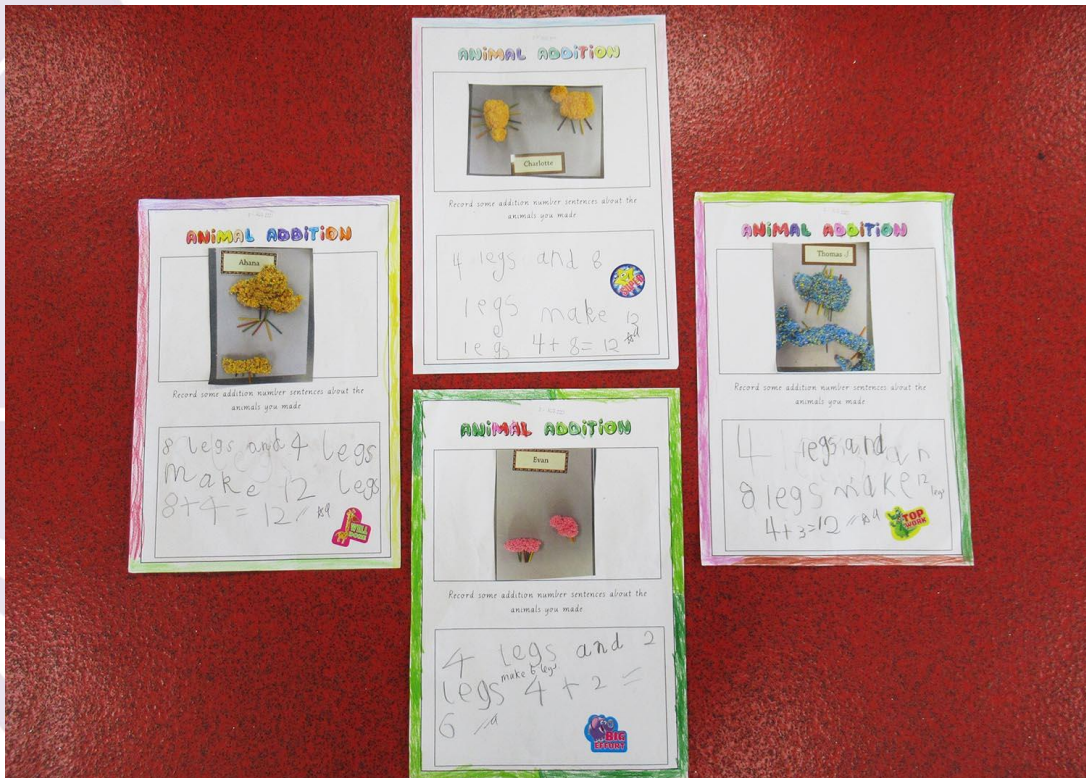
Irene 3WC – “The Year 3s had an amazing time at Staughton Vale. They participated in the mini Olympics and were divided into seven teams. The winners were to be announced on Friday. Everyone had an amazing experience”.

Spotlight on Prep - Maddingley

What a term it has been! We could not be more proud of our Preps as they navigate the roller coaster ride of 2021! Each week the Maddingley Preps focus on a word of the week that builds their understanding of phonics and reading. Earlier this term, the word of the week was car. The Preps were online so they were given the challenge of building a car or car track from materials they had at home. Their imagination blew us away.

We have also been working hard to learn to skip count. We had fun skip counting by tens using our flowers and by twos using our eyes. We were very creative making some animals out of play foam and then we made some addition sentences to add their legs together. Our Preps have certainly developed their knowledge of time; some of us can even read half past and other times. We worked hard on our posters to show different parts of the day.

We are looking forward to celebrating Pyjama and Popcorn Day on Thursday - so look out for more photos. It is going to be a busy term in Prep!



ICCES Winter Tour Update

The ICCES schools met this week and unfortunately due to the uncertainty surrounding the current COVID situation, the hard decision was made to cancel the Winter Tour for 2021. The PE department would like to thank all students for their hard work and training. We encourage them to continue participating and working on their skills to prepare for future sporting opportunities and events.

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

ICAS Assessments – Sitting dates postponed to Term 4

Please be advised that ICAS has moved the assessments to Term 4 to be completed between **October 5 and October 29, 2021.**

Specific details and dates will be provided closer to the sitting dates.

The closing date for all subjects is Sunday 19 September:

| SUBJECT | NEW SITTING WINDOW | CLOSING DATE FOR PARENTS TO PURCHASE VIA PPS** |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| English, Science, Mathematics | Tuesday, 5 October 2021 to Friday, 29 October 2021 | Sunday, 19 September 2021 |

Mrs Casey Ryder

Bus Information

Face Masks

It is compulsory for ALL students aged 12 and over to wear a fitted face mask whilst they are travelling on a school bus, (this includes to and from school, excursions and camps), unless they have a medical exemption.

2022 Private Bus Travel

As we begin to look at private bus capacities for 2022 this is a reminder to parents that should your child's travel arrangements be changing in 2022 (eg – moving house, new address, will not require private bus service), please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 to discuss.

Mrs Leanne Robertson – School Bus Services Administrator

BMG Father's Day Stall

BMG is hosting a Father's Day stall for students in Prep Reception to Year 6. There will be a range of gifts to choose from for the special men in their lives.

Vouchers will be printed at school and provided to the students directly. They will visit the stall at allocated times during the school day.

Stall dates:

Maddingley – Wednesday 1 September

Woodlea – Thursday 2 September

All gifts are \$5.00 each.

Gifts are required to be paid for online through the Qkr App, Father's Day Stall Tab no later than 5.00pm Friday 27 August - (Please ensure you select your child's campus first).

Don't forget to send along a bag to ensure the gifts make it home safely.

Book Club News – Catalogue for Issue 5 is out now



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

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

BMG Community Contacts

An update to Noone Uniform shopping:

We will manage online and click and collect orders from the retail stores, but will leave the campus shops closed.

www.noone.com.au

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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Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

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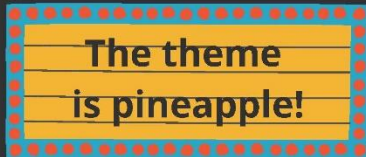
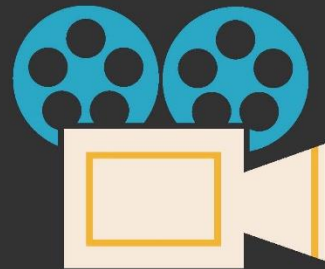
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PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR OF YOUR OWN
SHORT FILM?



SATURDAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 4 UNTIL OCTOBER 9 2021

MECHANICS INSTITUTE BALLAN
10:30AM - 12:00PM
STARTING SEPTEMBER 4

TO SIGN UP FOR THE BALLAN
WORKSHOP VISIT:
www.trybooking.com/BTDCG

BACCHUS MARSH TOWN HALL
1:00PM - 2:30PM
STARTING SEPTEMBER 11

TO SIGN UP FOR THE BACCHUS
MARSH WORKSHOP VISIT:
www.trybooking.com/BTDCA

