

## BMG Community

A special piece of art has been created by one of our BMG parents – Gretta O'Mahoney.

It shares a special message and is a beautiful representation of our School Community during a difficult time.



## The Podium

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### Achieving Optimal Academic Performance

I am sure, along with me, many of you have been “glued” to the Olympic Games coverage, barracking and supporting your sporting heroes. One event in particular caught my attention during the first week of the games and it was not only because it highlighted an outstanding athletic performance. Austrian women’s cyclist, Anna Kiesenhofer, showed us how a love of both academics and sport can result in an optimal performance in both. Anna was a professional cyclist who left her professional team Lotto-Soudal in 2018. Although she continued to compete in cycling at a National level, she decided to pursue her passion of Mathematics, completing a Masters in Mathematics at Cambridge University and then moving on to completing a Ph.D. in Mathematics at the University of Cataluña. What is outstanding, apart from these already amazing accomplishments, is the way that she “meshed” these together to create her gold medal winning performance in the women’s road race. As well as training physically and incredibly hard in the lead up to the games, Anna mathematically modelled the optimal core body temperatures required in the Japanese heat and humidity, as well as modelling the wattage required to ride at, to place her in a position to contest for a medal. On the day of the race, she broke away from the field, rode at her pace and continually monitored her core temperature as well as wattage, not worrying about what was happening behind her. With the ounce of luck that all athletes need she stayed away from the peloton to win Austria’s first cycling gold medal since 1896.

After her win, she obviously was overjoyed and commented that as an athlete and academic you should always follow your passions, combine your loves, work hard, dedicate yourself to the task and believe in yourself. As we move into another academic semester, these are extremely wise words and show us that different spheres of life can complement each other if we are passionate and motivated.

**Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal: Optimal Performance Learning**

### Junior School – Maddingley & Woodlea

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Routines are especially important during remote learning. Keeping a daily schedule including your morning and evening routines will support your children to remain focused and positive during lockdown.

The morning routine includes waking up, dressing, having breakfast, cleaning teeth, ready in time to start the school day.

In the afternoon/evening, it is recommended that students have a set time for homework and extra-curricular activities. Dinner, bathing time, brushing teeth and bedtime routines help students to wind down and have a good night’s sleep. Getting to bed early will ensure students have plenty of sleep and be well prepared for the next day.

Some helpful hints:

- Once they have been completed, pack diary and readers in school bags. This will ease the pressure caused by looking for items in the morning.
- Have a set bed time and wake up time to ensure students are getting plenty of sleep and will be ready in time to start the day.
- It is very important that students eat breakfast so they have the energy to learn.
- Make the morning routine fun. Play a song for children to brush their teeth to.
- Timers are also a great way to motivate students to complete their routines.
- Read a story to students in bed as part of the bedtime routine before saying goodnight.
- Talk to your children about the routines so they know what is going to happen and what to expect.
- Encourage screen free time prior to going to bed.

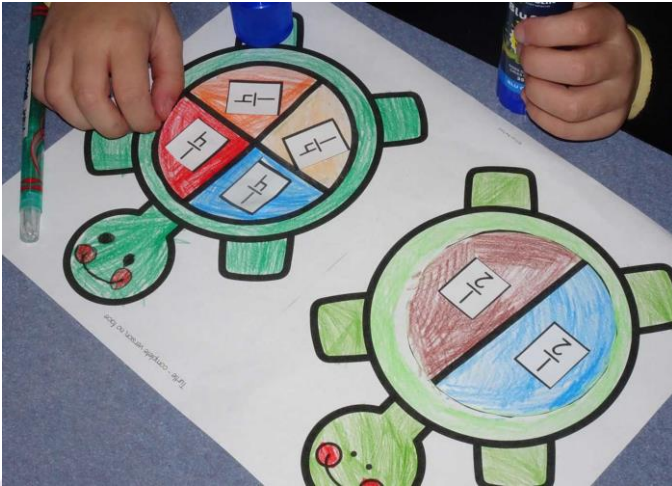
There are many books and resources available if you are trying to set up routines but need some extra assistance.

If there is any information that may affect your child’s learning and needs to be passed on, please make contact with the classroom teacher.

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

## Spotlight on Year 1 Maddingley

Students in Year 1 have started learning about fractions. They have enjoyed exploring halves and quarters with different shapes.



Upon returning from remote learning, students explored folding strips of paper into halves, quarters, eighths and thirds. They completed a fractions craft activity which allowed them to identify and label different fractions. Students are showing an understanding that a fraction is a part of a whole and that all parts of the whole are equal in size.

- “We have been learning about halves. Halves means there are two pieces the same size.” – Noah 1B
- “When I folded the paper, it turned into halves and quarters. One fold for halves and three for quarters.” - Wynn 1B

Year 1 Team – Maddingley

## Woodlea - Year 7 Design Technology

Throughout Term 3, in Design Technology, Year 7s will design a habitat for a native animal that lives in the Staughton Vale area. As an immersion into the existing habitat and the needs of the animals that live there, on Wednesday 14 July, students spent a day investigating the bushland at the back of the property.

While looking for native fauna, students investigated the native flora that the animals rely on for food and shelter. They discovered that the native trees on the property are relatively young, as they have not developed any natural hollows yet.

As a result of their excursion, students will research and plan possible improvements to the site, ranging from grasses and trees that could be planted to support the fauna, through to creating nesting boxes to help increase the population.

### Student Reflections:

**Diya Patel 7WB** - The thing I enjoyed most was the walk. It was fun and the drawings of the habitat were really fun as well. I liked how we got to see the kangaroos and other animals.

**Saharsh Baddam 7WB** - On Wednesday I had a great experience. It was interesting as we got to investigate what sort of animals lived in different locations and that one tree can be a home to several animals. Overall, it was very educational and it gave me a better idea of what I had to do for my Design Technology project.



Mr Daniel Screen - Head of Information Technology: Woodlea Campus

## Maddingley - Food Technology

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Year 8 Food Technology students are currently learning about the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating and the benefits of understanding the guidelines. Last week during online learning students focused on the Grains food group and were given the opportunity to cook Pretzels whilst at home.

**Ms Kristy Homburg**

## Sport update

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### ICCES Winter Tour – Rescheduled to Thursday 19 August

In some exciting news the ICCES Winter Tour has been rescheduled to take place on Thursday 19 August in Bendigo. Students who were selected for teams in Term 2 will have the opportunity to represent the school at the Independent, Coeducational Country Schools Association Winter Tour:

The sports that athletes will represent BMG in are;

- Senior Hockey
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Girls' Netball
- Junior and Senior Boys' and Girls' Basketball
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer

**Uniform, equipment and food:** Selected students will need to wear the correct school sport uniform and appropriate athletic shoes. Personal protective gear such as mouthguards, shin guards and tape are the responsibility of each individual student. Students will need to ensure they have snacks, lunch and an adequate amount of water for the day.

**Times:** Students are to be at school by **7:45am** to depart by 8:00am and return between 5.30pm and 6.00pm. *Please note that students will need to arrange their own drop off and pick-up at school as these times are outside the normal bus times.*

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

## School Photo Update

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School Photos are currently not permitted under the COVID-19 permitted activities for Victorian Schools. We hope to be able to reschedule the outstanding Classes, Tutor Groups, Middle School Leadership and BMG Sibling photos prior to the end of Term 3.

Unfortunately, due to school photos not being complete this has also delayed Arthur Reed Photography from releasing the photos already taken in Term 2. The School Community will be kept up to date via the weekly newsletter.

### School Photos to be rescheduled:

#### Maddingley Campus

- Classes 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, Maddingley Middle School Leadership Groups and BMG Sibling Portraits.

#### Woodlea Campus

- Prep to Year 8 including, Woodlea Leadership Groups and BMG Sibling Portraits.

**Mrs Cathy Perconte – Events and Community Development Coordinator**

## Reminder: ICAS Assessments 2021 – Years 2 to 10

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For those families interested in registering their child/ren for ICAS Assessments 2021, you can access the full information and relevant BMG booking code via the myBMG Parent Portal under Documents/Whole School/General Forms. The remaining booking windows for Mathematics and Science will begin closing from 8 August.

Mrs Casey Ryder

## Bus Information

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### 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

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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

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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)

# Conveyance Allowance

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## Conveyance Allowance Semester One 2021 Payment

Travel Conveyance Allowance payments have now been made via EFT into parents nominated bank accounts for Semester One, 2021

If you have any questions in relation to the payment, please contact Mrs Suzanne Pollard.

### What is Conveyance Allowance?

Families in rural and regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus.

The Conveyance Allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport
- private car
- private bus if their 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 and 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.

Application forms are available from the main office and from the Parent Portal. The application should be **accompanied by a simple letter** stating the reason that 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 Suzanne Pollard if you have any questions.

**Mrs Suzanne Pollard – School Administration Assistant**

## BMG Community Contacts

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### 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](http://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](#).

**Email:** [chrisie.ashmore@ymca.org.au](mailto:chrisie.ashmore@ymca.org.au) Phone: 0490 178 638 W: [www.ballarat.ymca.org.au](http://www.ballarat.ymca.org.au)

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Located: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

#### Woodlea:

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

## Regular Contacts

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### Student Absentees

#### Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 or Absentee Email – [maddingley\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au)

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School Website: [www.bmg.vic.edu.au](http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au)

## Community News

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Junior registrations are now open for  
Season 21/22

Join the EAGLES NEST as we fly into our very  
own true home ground in Eynesbury!

U11, U13, U15 & U17  
Register online at [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)  
Search for Eynesbury Cricket Club

Get in quick as cricket season is just around  
the corner!