



## From the Principal

I welcome parents and students back to Term 4. It has been wonderful to see students back on-site in some numbers. What impressed me about the Year 12 cohort in the last few days is both their good humour and their joy at being back at school. As a group, they have had a tough two years and we will do everything we can to make their last few weeks of schooling as positive as possible.

The school is spending considerable time and effort at the moment making the school as COVID safe as possible. One of the things that parents and students can do to assist in our movement back to normality is to seek vaccination. I have been extremely proud of those students who have sought vaccination, not only out of a desire to protect themselves, but to protect our general community, particularly the most vulnerable.

This term and the start of next year are again being dominated by COVID. Sitting alongside our emergency response has been significant work on new and improved programs and resources. A particular focus will be literacy in general and reading in particular. These will be discussed in depth over the next few months.

**Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal**

## Senior School News – General Assessment Task

After many delays and a lot of change, the GAT finally took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. Following such a difficult 18+months for them, it was wonderful to hear the laughter of Year 12, 11 and 10 students before the examination. An observation by the Assisting Chief Supervisor was that they were very focused and industrious as a group in her exam room; she stated they worked well throughout the three hours. It was good to learn this was the impression gained across the sixteen plus rooms used in the L Building. (Sixteen rooms were required to “spread the students out”). Above all, the conduct of the students was universally polite and respectful. On a personal level, this is another reminder of just how lucky we all are to be part of this community.

With the longest and biggest examination out of the way, there will be a few VCE performance and language exams taking place here and there before the main event - English VCE on the 27<sup>th</sup> October. As I write this, there are a mere three weeks to go, so still time to get cracking on practice examination questions, refining response techniques and making this last bit of time really, really count. At the time of writing, in six week’s time, writing time will be finished for the last VCE examination of 2021. Good luck everyone!

**Mr Justin Cooper – Year 12 Coordinator**

## Student Wellbeing

### Mental Health Week

Next week is Mental Health Week at BMG. The week is aimed at raising the profile of Mental Health in our community and encouraging students to participate in activities which promote wellbeing and conversations around mental health. The focus of the week is to explore strategies students of all ages can employ to maintain good mental health. During Mental Health Week, we will be providing a variety of lunchtime activities online and resources that teachers can utilise in the classroom. Some of the lunchtime activities include mindfulness workshops, drawing classes, Zumba and more!

Students will explore the timetable for the week with their Tutor Group teacher and are encouraged to join in the activities as they discover what may be a good fit for them to enhance their mental health.

Student Wellbeing Team

## Junior School News

### Co-Curricular Program Cancelled

It is with regret that we inform parents that due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions the Co-Curricular Program for Prep to Year 4 will be cancelled.

We are committed to providing a diverse and enriched offering of co-curricular opportunities for our students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar and look forward to presenting a full co-curricular program in 2022.

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

### Spotlight on Maddingley Prep

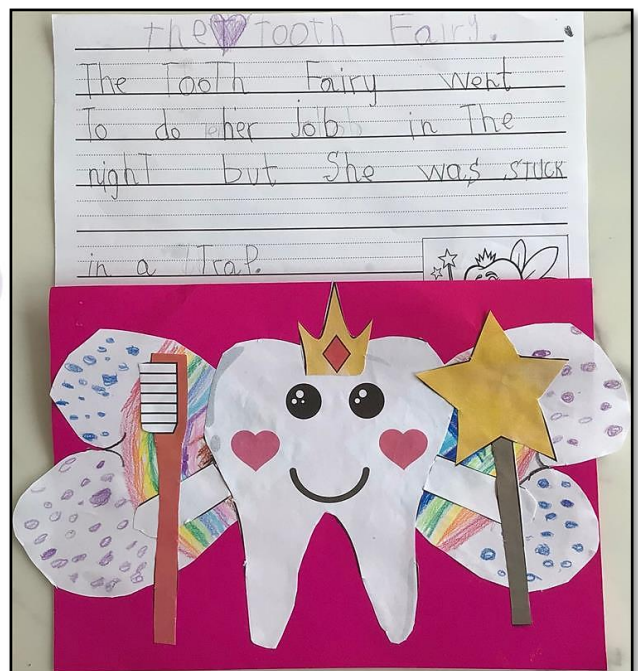
As we start the term again in remote learning, the Preps have continued to impress us with their amazing resilience and positive attitudes, given the ongoing situation in which we find ourselves.

It was a big Term 3 in remote learning, but we still managed to enjoy a wonderful Literacy Week! We had a fun week of investigating different picture story books, not to mention the great craft we made! We also had an incursion with the author, Lucinda Gifford, who shared with us how she writes books and we had lots of fun drawing crazy animals with her. Dress Up Day is always the highlight of Literacy Week and the Preps looked spectacular. Well done to our Prep parents!

This term, during Literacy, the Preps will be learning to create and follow simple procedural texts. We will have a lot of fun writing and participating in how to make and do things such as brush our teeth, make a mask and make popcorn. This also links in with our Integrated Studies topic 'We Eat', in which the students will participate in some great interactive food science activities.

Our focus in Numeracy will be consolidating and further developing our addition and subtraction skills. We will also be learning about problem solving using the four operations.

Fingers and toes crossed that we are all back learning together in the not so distant future when we can finish off what has been, although challenging, a great learning journey and experience for us all.



Prep Team – Maddingley

## Spotlight on Woodlea Year 4

During Term 4, Year Four Woodlea students will study different narrative texts to continue enhancing their knowledge and skills and thus enabling them to create their own narratives. The students will be using mentor texts each week to focus on a particular area of narrative writing. To start the writing process, our mentor text for Week 1 was 'What Do You Do With An Idea?' by Kobi Yamada. This book was chosen to help students to be confident with their ideas.

Students completed their own Heart Map showing all the different things they like and in which they enjoy participating. Students will expand these topics, using a Mind Map, to create ideas for their narrative writing throughout the term.

Year 4 Team - Woodlea



## UPDATE - ICAS Assessments 2021 - Years 2 to 10

As previously communicated, the ICAS sitting windows for English, Mathematics and Science were extended further into Term 4.

- ICAS sitting window in Term 4 is from 5 October – **26 November 2021**

Bacchus Marsh Grammar intends to host the assessments once students return on-site. Priority will be for students to settle back into their classes. Dates are yet to be finalised and are subject to advice from both ICAS and DHHS regarding COVID-19 guidelines. If the assessments cannot be completed on-site, arrangements to complete them at home will be considered.

Mrs Casey Ryder

## Bus Information

### 2022 Private Bus Travel

As we begin to look at private bus capacities for 2022, this is a reminder to parents that if your child/ren's current private bus travel arrangements are going to change or require changes next year (eg. moving house, new address) and 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



## Conveyance Allowance Information

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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 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 or contact Mrs Suzanne Pollard with any questions.**

**Mrs Suzanne Pollard - Administration Assistant -School Administration**

## 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](#).

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## School Contacts

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## Community News

### Bacchus Marsh Rotary Club Youth Project

**ASK AT SCHOOL**

NOTES  
Years 5-7  
&  
Years 8-10

**An Essay**  
200-400 words

**Competition**

**"My Personal Lockdown"**

- What I found out about myself
- How I'll contribute to a better world
- What I'll tell my children

**\$200 Winner Prize**  
**\$50 Runner Up**

**1.**Create your own Free DropBox Account  
**2.**Upload your entry  
**3.**Invite the organiser to join your folder: (paulnicola@gmail.com)

A Rotary  
Bacchus Marsh  
Youth Project

**ASK AT SCHOOL**

**\$50 RUNNER UP**

**\$200 WINNER'S PRIZE**

**MY PERSONAL LOCKDOWN**

**A 1 MINUTE VIDEO CLIP**

**1.**Create your own Free DropBox Account  
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A Rotary Bacchus Marsh Youth Project



Season 2021/22

# Junior Cricket

Girls only

U13, U15 and U17 teams

Games played Friday nights



## Register your interest

Jenny Bates  
batesjenny@gmail.com



Season 2021/22

# Junior Cricket

Boys, Mixed and Girls only teams

U11, U13, U15 and U17 teams



## Register your interest

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