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2022 Leaders

On Monday, the 2022 Leadership team was presented at the Senior School Assembly to the school community. A tradition at Bacchus Marsh Grammar is for our Year 12 Leaders to sign our official Leadership Book. This book contains lists and the signatures of our Year 12 Leadership team from years gone by, and is a way of connecting our past leaders with our future leaders. I would like to congratulate all our Year 12 Leaders for being willing to serve the school community and look forward to working with them this year.

Leadership Team for 2022

Eloise Driver	Captain
Patrick Binks	Captain
Iesha Spiteri	Captain
Olivia Ogston	Captain
Madeline Wilson	Vice Captain
John Cusmano	Vice Captain
Deanna Rubino	Vice Captain
Emily Thistlethwaite	Vice Captain
Odin Otteraa	Vice Captain
Cooper Pitts	Academic
Isabelle Perry	Academic
Daniella Camacho	Academic

Charlotte Stevenson	SRC
Grace Sanders-Savage	SRC
Micah Toms	House - Braeside
Chloe Oughtred	House - Pentland
Sarah McInerney	House - Hilton
Ellie Ierodiaconou	House - Bacchus
Mari Aninon	Prefect
Tashi Saini	Prefect
Emily Attard	Prefect
Tiahn Carlesso	Prefect
Briony Mort	Prefect
Hannah Slee	Prefect

Tahlia Mort	Prefect
Mehtab Dosanjh	Prefect
Jemma Collins	Prefect
Aseka Ratnayake	Prefect
Nava King	Prefect
Bianca Gionzago	Prefect
Duraiz Dhingra	Prefect
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Paige Blake	Prefect
Zeney Steyn	Prefect

Mrs Erin Thornton - Assistant Principal: Head of Senior School

The Podium

Achieving Optimal Academic Performance

One of my great joys in recent years has been coaching and mentoring in the Olympic, and Commonwealth Games National Programs. The term mentor comes from the character, Mentor, in Homer's Odyssey. Many of you may have read this wonderful Greek poem. This character was the companion of Telemachus, Odysseus's son and gave him guidance and advice while he was away. Mentor is revealed at the end of the story to be Athena, Goddess of Wisdom.

This year we will introduce, as part of the Optimal Performance Learning Program, a Mentoring Program for our high performing VCE students. But what is mentoring and what does it involve? The mentoring program is a structured one-to-one learning relationship in an academic setting. It will connect students, increase knowledge and build skills for future goals and major milestones.

The mentor supports and guides the students to develop and achieve their optimal capabilities. Our mentoring program will be impactful and train mentors and mentees to have productive conversations, meetings, and provide them with tools and resources to accomplish set goals.

Implementing a successful mentoring program requires incorporating participant meetings/check-ins and consistent communication, whilst promoting and encouraging respect and trust. Mentoring programs in an academic setting are enjoyable, rewarding experiences for schools and their people. With mentoring, students can find a better direction, gain maturity and focus on the future (Gallagher; 1985).

I am personally looking forward to transferring the skills, knowledge and relationships that I have gained in the professional sporting arena to the academic setting and our brightest VCE students.

As noted by Ambrose, Allen and Huntley (1994), "Mentoring is extremely important for high achieving students, not only to develop skills and knowledge, but also for professional socialisation and personal support that is needed to facilitate success at school and beyond."

Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal: Optimal Performance Learning

Woodlea News

It has been a wonderful start to the 2022 school year at Woodlea.

Staff and students have been very busy diving into learning, as well as the additional activities on offer at the Woodlea campus.

Parent / Teacher interviews

Parent / teacher interviews occurred in Week Five and were a wonderful success. Thank you to all the families that met with their children's teachers. If you were unable to make an appointment but would still like feedback on your child and the manner in which they have settled into school life this year, please contact the teacher directly via email. Thank you to all staff for your efforts throughout the parent teacher interview process.

Middle School Co-Curricular

The Middle School co-curricular program launched this week! With many activities on offer throughout the week, the co-curricular program is a very large undertaking. It has been so pleasing to see so many keen students wishing to participate. Parents/carers please be advised that some co-curricular activities are now full: *a waiting list will apply*. Activities that are still available for sign up include:

- Monday Maths tutoring; Sport Club
- Tuesday Sharemarket Game; Futsal Girls
- Thursday English tutoring; Yoga Club

Students can email Mrs Hunter if they wish to join a club with current vacancies. A late bus service is available for students attending co-curricular activities. The cost of the late bus is \$15 per trip. Please be aware that this service travels a different route to the regular bus services.

Woodlea News continued...

STAR

The STAR (Students & Teachers All Reading) program launched at the start of 2022. It has been a wonderful success. It is fabulous to see the students engaging in class reading, individual silent reading or reading in small groups. To complement our focus on reading within the school, a number of Year 7 and 8 students will participate in the Before School Reading program. This program allows for our older students to interact with our junior students by listening to them read before the start of the school day. This is just another way to promote and celebrate reading at Woodlea.

School drop off and pick up

Just a reminder to parents/carers to obey the street signs and utilise safe practices when dropping off or picking up your child at school. Class pick up areas have been allocated for students in Years Prep to 3. Please ensure that you follow the school processes to maintain the safety of your child and every child at Woodlea. We appreciate your patience at drop off and pick up times.

Parents/ carers, please be aware that updates on school life will continue to be provided via the school newsletter. Please regularly check the newsletter for information.

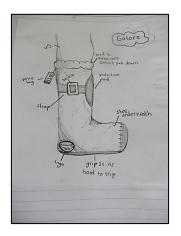
Mrs Danielle Copeman - Head of Woodlea Campus and Mrs Sarah Hunter - Deputy Head of Woodlea Campus

Year 6 Staughton Vale Day

Friday the 18th of February saw the Year 6 students head to their first Staughton Vale excursion for 2022. Students explored the subject Global Studies by completing a selection of fun activities. Two of the activities gave students the opportunity to show their creative side. The classes created a new design for gaiters which are worn while onsite and a new logo and name for the campus. They then learnt facts about many different entrepreneurs and had their knowledge tested while playing a game of 'Guess Who' entrepreneur style.

All students left with big smiles on their faces despite their exhausted appearance. A big thank you to all the staff involved in running the day.

Ms Elese Demarchi – Year 6 Coordinator: Woodlea



VCE Geography Update



The VCE Geographers undertook their fieldwork visit to the Woodlea housing development on Friday, 25 February. Woodlea is the largest development in Melbourne's West Growth Corridor and the fastest growing 'Masterplan' community in the country. It is the perfect location for our students' study of 'Land use Change'. We started off with an excellent talk by Woodlea's Sales Representative, Matt Howard. His insights into the processes and scale of the development were invaluable and the questions our students asked were excellent and elicited further details. From there, our students conducted interviews at Woodlea's new local town centre. This can be a daunting task but our students took to it

with great enthusiasm and gathered valuable information. We also used 'geotagging technology' to plot the distribution of litter around the site which demonstrated the students' ability to use geospatial methods in their work. Our VCE students were a credit to themselves and BMG as they gathered information throughout the day and were encouraged to consider the question 'where is the geography in this?

Mr Richard Murgatroyd - Assistant Head of Faculty: Humanities

School Administration News

Notifications for change of pick-up arrangements or appointments during the school day

Please ensure that any changes to your child's pick-up arrangements or notifications for collection to attend appointments during the school day are communicated through the school diary. It is important that for Maddingley campus collection, parents specify either the 'Main Office' or 'Gatehouse' as the collection point. A reminder to parents that the Main Office is on South Maddingley Road and the Gatehouse is within the Main Car Park entered via Gate 1.

For last minute or urgent changes to pick-up arrangements please notify the relevant campus prior to 2.15pm.

Maddingley: 03 5366 4800 or Woodlea: 03 5366 4900

Junior School News

Teddy Bear's Picnic

At the Maddingley Woods



The day began with the Prep children introducing their teddies to their classmates, making a teddy bear crown and reading teddy bear books. Afterwards, they gathered their teddies and snack to take down to the grassy hills to eat and show their teddies to all their Prep friends. The teddies then joined the Preps in a Maths class and helped them measure and compare using their Tiny Teddy biscuits and practise their number and counting skills. To finish the day, they enjoyed eating their Tiny Teddy biscuits and sharing why they loved their teddies and what activities they enjoyed doing with them.

At the Woodlea Woods

The day started similarly to the Maddingley Woods sharing with their classmates the features of their teddy bears and what they like to do with their teddies. Students then made a collage of their teddy bears using colours that matched their teddies. Afterwards, all the students met with their Year 4 buddies and enjoyed a picnic eating the delicious Tiny Teddy biscuits. For Maths, the students used their shape knowledge to make a teddy bear and share the features of the 2D shapes. Finally, students wrote phenomenal recounts using their understanding of complex sentences to recall their day with the teddies.



Maddingley & Woodlea Prep Teams

Junior School Music & Performing Arts

A comprehensive classroom Music program supports and enriches instrumental learning. It has been pleasing to see well over 500 students commence lessons and we look forward to many of you joining ensembles and choirs this year. The following co-curricular activities are available to Junior School students (please note that choirs will commence in Term Two):

Ensemble	Description	Prerequisites
Junior Orchestra	For Years 2 to 6 students who have been learning an instrument for at least 1 year. Open to all instruments.	Basic note reading is essential
Junior Strings	For all Prep to Year 6 strings students. Instrumentation: Cello, Double Bass, Viola, Violin	Note reading is an advantage
Junior Percussion Ensemble	Open to all Prep to Years 6 students with some experience learning drum kit or percussion instruments	Note reading is an advantage
Prep to Year 2 Choir	Open to Prep, Years 1 and 2 students. Contemporary and traditional repertoire.	No prior experience required
Years 3 and 4 Choir	Open to students from Years 3 to 4. Contemporary and traditional repertoire.	No prior experience required

Junior School Music & Performing Arts students have been busy establishing and consolidating key skills and knowledge. The excitement on the faces of our Year 2 students as they experience the challenges and complexities of learning the violin has been wonderful.

Years 3 and 4 Music students are currently focusing on mastering important concepts such as note names and values, drawing and identifying notes and establishing a strong sense of beat and rhythm.

A warm thank you to our dedicated and passionate Music & Performing Arts teachers who continue to deliver such a high-quality experience to our Junior School students.





Values

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, our school values are an integral part of our learning. We aim to support and encourage our students to be socially responsible through learning and by applying these values and contributing to their communities.

Our Prep to Year 4 students have been actively participating in sessions discussing the meaning of our school values, thereby deepening an understanding of their social and civic responsibilities.

These core values are the foundations of our school and it is rewarding to witness the students display their understanding and practice of these values in their everyday activities.

Respect Kindness Discipline Confidence Ambition Leadership

Mrs Sally Savic - Head of Junior School: Woodlea

Maddingley - Year 7 'Get to Know You' Day

Over the past couple of weeks, our Year 7 students have taken time out from classes to visit the Staughton Vale Campus.

All students were taught the importance of culture, belonging and service because these are some of the key principles of Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Their sense of identity and belonging was channelled into painting a thoughtful personalised piece of artwork that will be combined with every student's artwork and put on permanent display as a reminder that they are part of a much bigger whole.

During the day, some students went on a trek to reach the observation deck while others developed their skills working, in small groups, on challenges involving large wooden floor games such as Jenga and Finska. Other challenges included the game Minute to Win It.

Year 7 and school, in general, is a journey, as are the relationships we make during this time. Experiences like this must be provided to students to allow them to learn together and bond as a cohort with each other and their teachers.

A huge thank you must go to all the Tutor Teachers who planned their activities and Mrs. Nicole Heywood for her culture-based art activity.









Mr Dean Pepplinkhouse - Head of Middle School: Maddingley & Mrs Lisa Degnen - Year 7 Coordinator: Maddingley

Events Calendar

Dates for upcoming events/excursions and day camps can be viewed via the events calendar on the school website.

Junior and Middle School Sporting News

BMPSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all 38 students who represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the BMPSSA Swimming Carnival. All competitors who placed first and second in individual events and winning relay teams will progress to the Divisional Championships on Thursday 17 March at Melton Waves Leisure Centre. BMG has 20 students in individual events and 7 relay teams that will compete. Amazing results, well done team!

Congratulations to the following students who won their overall individual events on the day.

Freestyle	Backstroke
9/10 Girls – Lily Woodhall	11 Girls – Taylor Miller
9/10 Boys – Harvey Lewin	11 Boys – Billy Masood
11 Girls – Taylor Miller	12/13 Girls – Abbey Smith
11 Boys – Jack Coy	12/13 Boys – Magnus Strickland
12/13 Girls – Koko Shand	

Breaststroke	Butterfly
11 Boys – Jack Soley	9/10 Boys – Hamish La Franchi
12/13 Girls – Koko Shand	11 Boys – Jack Coy
	12/13 Girls – Abbey Smith

Brendan McLoughlin - BMPSSA: Sports Coordinator

Woodlea Swimming Carnival - Years 3 to 8

Winners - Correction

Age Group Swimming Champions - 12/13 Boys - Kristijan Cvetkovic & Devansh Vashishta

Mr Liam Gill - Head of PE, International Sport P to 8 Woodlea

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) – Applications for 2022

Information has been emailed to families relating 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's website: https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community/camps-sports-excursions-fund-csef/.

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 Department of Education and Training.

The form which outlines eligibility requirements needs to be returned to the School by 17th June 2022 (last day of Term 2). Parents must meet the eligibility requirements by:

- Eligibility Date: 31 January 2022
- 2nd CRN validation date (for failed CRNs only): 26 April 2022

Parents who received the CSEF at Bacchus Marsh Grammar in 2021 do not need to complete an application form in 2022, providing there has been no change to their family circumstances.

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

COVID-19 Update – Testing and Reporting

Reporting a Positive Case

In the event that your child is required to isolate, either as a confirmed COVID-19 positive or as a household contact, we request that you notify the school via school@bmg.vic.edu.au with the following information:

Student Full Name	
Date of Birth	
Form/Class	
Campus	
Last Date of Attendance	
Symptoms eg. None, Symptomatic,	
Asymptomatic, Unknown	
Test Date:	
Test Type eg. PCR or RAT	
Symptoms Onset Date:	
Exposed/Infected Outside of School	

If your child is absent from school due to COVID, their teachers will provide lesson materials via Schoolbox in the event that they are well enough to complete some learning at home. Your child's tutor group teacher will also be in contact to check-in and to see if any other support is required.

Rapid Antigen Testing After a COVID-19 infection

Students who return to school after their seven day isolation with a COVID-19 infection do not need to do Rapid Antigen Testing for a 30 day period.

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

Health Centre News

COVID Vaccination Clinic

BMG will be running another COVID Vaccination Clinic this weekend. If you need a booster and first vaccination please refer to the information emailed earlier this week (emailed from stanleyj@bmg.vic.edu.au) which includes the relevant booking links.

Immunisation – Collection Notice

Please refer to the information at the end of the newsletter, which relates to Secondary School Vaccine Program and collection of contact information. Any questions, can be directed to the Health Centre at either BMG Campus.

Mrs Jo Stanley - School Nurse

Bus Information

Late Buses

Maddingley Campus

The late bus for Maddingley campus has commenced as of Thursday 24 February. The late bus out of Maddingley will depart at 4.40pm, operating on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The late bus has been split into two routes. Late Bus 1 covers Melton, Caroline Springs and Tarneit. Late Bus 2 covers Manor Lakes, Werribee and Hoppers Crossing. Please refer to the school website to access the timetables. The late bus is available for students in Year 4 to Year 12 only. Students are required to write their name on the sign-up sheet for their relevant Late Bus (1 or 2), under the stop they will disembark, before the end of lunch on the day of travel. Students must be involved in an afterschool class or activity to travel on the late bus. The cost of the late bus is \$15 per trip.

Woodlea Campus

The late bus for Woodlea campus will commence as of Monday 28 February. The late bus out of Woodlea campus will depart at 4.40pm, operating on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Please refer to the <u>school website</u> to access the timetable. Students are required to write their name on the sign-up sheet under the stop they will disembark, before the end of lunch on the day of travel. The late bus is available for students in Year 5 to Year 8 only. Students must be involved in an afterschool class or activity to travel on the late bus. The cost of the late bus is \$15 per trip.

Student Permission Cards

Students in Prep – Year 6 require a green permission tag on their bag if they are to disembark the bus to be picked up by someone other than their parent/guardian. Students in Year 5 and 6 can disembark the bus on their own if they have a green permission tag on their bag for the driver to check. Student Afternoon Bus Arrangement & Permission Notices are available on the myBMG Parent Portal. Please return Student Afternoon Bus Arrangement & Permission Notices to bus@bmg.vic.edu.au. 2021 Student Permission tags were removed from the students' bags on Friday 18 February 2022. Any student requiring an updated tag for 2022 must have an updated Student Afternoon Bus Arrangement & Permission Notice completed and returned at earliest convenience.

Roll Call

If parents require their child to change their AM or PM stop permanently, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator for Roll Call to be updated. It is very important student stops are up to date on Roll Call for the safety of students and the drivers. If students are to disembark at a different stop on their designated route as a one off, parents are required to update this in Roll Call prior to 1.30pm on the day of travel.

Note: If students are not travelling via a private bus in the morning, parents **DO NOT** need to advise the school. If your student is absent from school, parents are to call the absentee line at their child's campus and leave a message. If students in Prep – Year 6 are not travelling home via bus, a note in the child's diary is required in advance for the class teacher.

Parent Parking

It is recommended parents pull off the road into a service road or designated car park whilst dropping and picking up their child/ren. Parents need to be mindful not to park cars in the way of a bus and to ensure that the bus has enough space to safely drive into and pull out of the stopping area. Also, as there are bus stops in residential areas, it is important parents not park across residential driveways.

Mask Wearing

It is <u>compulsory</u> for ALL students in Year 3 to Year 12 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. It is not compulsory for students in Year 2 and under to wear a face mask on the bus, although it is highly recommended.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Book Club News - Catalogue for Issue 2 is out now



Issue 2 catalogue is out now!

If you wish to order, visit the Scholastic website.

As your order will incur a postage & handling fee of \$5.99, we encourage you to place one order per family.

If you have not ordered before, you will need to set up an account. It is advised that you set up the account under your own name.

When you place an order, it will ask you to nominate a teacher. Please see the chart below to determine who to nominate at each campus. If you are ordering for more than one child then you only need to nominate one teacher.

Year level	Maddingley Campus	Woodlea Campus
Prep	Mrs McKerrow	Your child's class teacher
Year 1	Ms Bens	Your child's class teacher
Year 2	Ms Durham	Your child's class teacher
Year 3	Mr Al-Bazi	Your child's class teacher
Year 4	Mrs Di Mieri	Your child's class teacher
Year 5	Mr Hilton	Your child's class teacher
Year 6	Mr McLaughlin	Your child's class teacher
Middle/Senior School	Mrs Dunn (Years 7-12)	Mr Monaghan

Maddingley/Woodlea Campuses: If you have any issues or need to seek further advice then you can contact Mrs Dunn at the Maddingley Campus on 5366 4800 (ask for the Senior Library) or you can email dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au.

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

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: chrissie.ashmore@yballarat.org.au Phone: 0490 178 638 W: www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

Maddingley: Woodlea:

maddingley.oshc@yballarat.org.au woodlea.oshc@yballarat.org.au

0438 154 842 0490 490 362

Located: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340 Located: 111 Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Phone Orders - 5367 4072

Uniform information and shop business hours are listed on the school website.

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 or Absentee Email – maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

Woodlea Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4988 or Absentee Email – woodlea absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

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School Website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au

Immunisation – Collection Notice

HPV & Boostrix Year 7 Maddingley – March 16th and October 12th HPV & Boostrix Year 7 Woodlea – March 25th and October 21st Meningococcal W Immunisation Year 10 – July 25th

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to help make sure students and communities are protected from diseases such as diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, human papillomavirus (HPV), chickenpox and meningococcal W.

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009* authorises secondary schools to provide their local council with student and parent/guardian contact information for any student scheduled to receive a vaccination. This information assists local councils to follow-up parents/guardians of students with incomplete or missing consent cards.

What information goes to local council?

Schools provide the following basic student and parent/guardian contact information:

- Student name, gender, date of birth, year level, class, language spoken at home
- Parent/guardian name, phone number, postal address

Why do schools provide this information?

- To ensure all eligible students are offered the opportunity to access free vaccinations at school.
- To improve communication with parents/guardians regarding their child's vaccination needs
- To reduce the administrative burden on school staff to follow-up consent cards

What do I need to do?

Your information will be provided to Moorabool Shire Council. If you do not wish for your details to be provided, please advise the school in writing before Friday 4th March

Every day vaccination saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and disability caused by many infectious diseases.

For further information please go to the following Privacy Policy link or contact the Health Centre at either BMG Campus.

www.bmg.vic.edu.au/policy/privacypolicy

Community News

Moorabool Shire Council – Moorabool Movies Series

What's up Wallace?! You're up next! As our second film experience in the three free #mooraboolmovies series and in celebration of #internationalwomensday2022 we invite you to feast on the female power of two films! For the teeny kiddlets we have the ever thought provoking animation Purl by Pixar and for the family, the Australian classic Michelle Payne story - Ride Like A Girl.

And of course to settle you into the festivities we have new food trucks, the soulful female sounds of local musician Bec Peel and FREE Pony Rides for the kids!

And yes there will also be the door prize of \$150 to dine at Wallace Hotel. Woo hoo!

So be sure to register, especially because spots ARE LIMITED. Limited due to the fact this film experience is a Drive-in. So you'll need your car. We're excited to bring to you all of the wonderfully fun things about Women and Wallace on Friday the 11th of March. So register your car and we'll see you there! Register at: https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/Events/Moorabool-Outdoor-Movie-Series



Gisborne Soccer Club

** U/13, U/14 & U/15 boys needed for Gisborne soccer club **

Gisborne Soccer Club is urgently looking for boys born in 2007, 2008 and 2009 to complete our sides for this season.

Training is underway now, with a mid-April start to the season. Games are Sundays with away games handily located in Melbourne's west.

The season will finish just in time to watch the Socceroos win the 2022 World Cup $ilde{ imes}$

Please contact paul.brazil@gisbornesc.com to register your interest or for any questions.

