# BMG NEWS



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## Woodlea Scholarship Announcement

On Tuesday 29 March, the Woodlea campus was honoured to host esteemed guests from Winslow Group, VIP Properties and the Woodlea Estate Development Team. The guests were onsite to announce the newly established Dino Strano Scholarship. Mr Strano is the Founder and Director of the successful Winslow Group. This will be a long-term commitment to provide a full scholarship for a Woodlea student demonstrating the qualities of hard work and dedication to their schooling. The scholarship will be awarded later in the school year to a selected student residing in the Aintree estate. More information regarding applying for this scholarship will be communicated later this year.



Mr Strano was joined by Mr Peng Hong Wong, Executive Director of VIP Properties, Woodlea Project Director, Matthew Dean and Head of Danielle Campus, Mrs Copeman. The special guests were full of praise for the Woodlea campus and Bacchus the Marsh Grammar ethos of 'Education for Life.'

It was a very special event for all involved and Bacchus Marsh Grammar is incredibly grateful for the contributions of Winslow Group, VIP Properties and the Woodlea Estate Development Team.

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal

End of Term 1 – Friday 8 April Maddingley Campus – early finish at 2.30pm Woodlea Campus – early finish at 2.15pm Refer to the <u>Bus Information</u> for any changes to timetables.

## 2021 ICAS Medal Winner



ICAS is a school-based competition that students from Australia and international schools sit annually across six subject areas – English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling Bee, Writing and Digital Technologies, and which is administered in thousands of schools across the globe.

Victoria gained 151 first-place medals, including 11 double medal winners in 2021, in one of the largest and most prestigious global academic competitions for school students,

Students with the top score in each year level in each subject are awarded an ICAS medal and a medal winner's certificate. In Australia, the state by state medal tally was: New South Wales (169), Victoria (151), Queensland (132), SA (101), WA (89), Tasmania (64), ACT (19) and NT (10). New Zealand gained 125 medals.

Congratulations to **Maddox Edwards** who participated in ICAS 2021 and was awarded a first-place medal for Year 10 Mathematics.

Mr Kevin Richardson – Senior Deputy Principal

## **Swinburne Early Leaders**



Amongst the challenges of another COVID year in 2021, Year 11 students at the time – now current Year 12 students, had the opportunity to engage in the Swinburne Early Leaders' program. This program was to be completed, in addition to the students' usual academic demands, as a part of the Critical and Creative Thinking Program in a mostly remote-learning scenario.

Students were required to complete an Academic Paper (that was graded by Swinburne Academics) setting out their anticipated transition experiences from secondary studies into tertiary studies. Students also completed a Career Development Unit which was designed

to help increase their future goals for their Year 12 studies and beyond. Some students even took the option of completing the Creativity and Community Engagement Units.

All in all, these students embraced another challenge for their personal growth and development and we would like to thank Swinburne University for piloting the Early Leaders' Schools' Stream at our school.

Lauren Steer from Swinburne University attended the Senior School Assembly on Monday to award the BMG Early Leaders with their Achievement Packages. She spoke to all students and added that, "Success through hardship comes in all shapes and sizes and for those of you who were able to complete the program, I would like to express my congratulations to you on behalf of Swinburne."

Congratulations to the following students on their achievement:

| Isabelle Bloss | 5 | Ella Vanson         | Briony Mort   | Zeney Steyn     |
|----------------|---|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Molly Lardne   | r | <b>Cooper Pitts</b> | lesha Spiteri | Tashi Saini     |
| Odin Otteraa   | 1 | Tiahn Carlesso      | Paige Blake   | Sarah McInerney |
| Nava King      |   | Daniella Camacho    | Poppy Burt    |                 |
| Sarah Robins   | ; | Georgia Arthana     | Zachary Perry |                 |
|                |   |                     |               |                 |

Mrs Alice Wu-Tollis - Careers and Course Counselling Practitioner

## **Music Department News**

#### VCE Top Class Music 2022 Excursion

Last week, VCE/VET Music Industry Units 1&2 students travelled to the Melbourne Recital Centre and were treated to some wonderful performances by the 'best of the best' VCE Music students from 2021.

The VCE Top Class Showcases allow students to experience the standard required for excellence in VCE Performing Arts subjects, with each event featuring in-depth breakdowns of the ten criteria from the end-of-year external performance examination. Guest speakers often feature VCAA assessors and Heads of Subjects who provide insight into tailoring a cohesive, well-balanced and entertaining examination program.

Bacchus Marsh Grammar has had strong representation at these concerts in recent years with a number of Music and Dance students featured onstage - this year alone, three 2021 VCE/VET Music Industry students were invited to audition.

Congratulations and thank you to all students for their exemplary behaviour on the day.

#### Mr Steven Bell & Ms Caitlyn De Kuyper

#### Student Success

Congratulations to the following student on their recent music examination success:

| Student Name      | Examination                    | Result    |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Aanya Prasad – 5A | Piano Video Repertoire Grade 1 | B+ Credit |

Students who participate in instrument/voice lessons or other performing arts programs outside of Bacchus Marsh Grammar are also encouraged to forward any examination or competition results for acknowledgement in future newsletters: <u>music@bmg.vic.edu.au</u>

#### Mr Steven Bell - Head of Faculty: Music & Performing Arts

## Woodlea International Week – 4 April to 8 April

International Week will occur at the Woodlea Campus from 4 April to 8 April.

As part of Bacchus Marsh Grammar's ongoing commitment to supporting those in need, we have planned some special events during International Week. Funds raised during International Week will be donated to the Royal Children's Hospital.

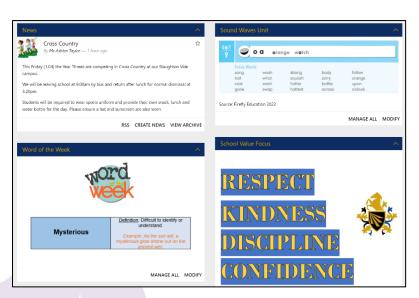
On Monday 4 April, the School SRC will run an "INTERNATIONAL DRESS DAY" in support of this cause. We are encouraging students to wear sports uniform to school and bring an item of clothing or an international costume they can wear over their sports uniform. Regulation BMG uniform shorts, socks and hat must be worn. No face painting or coloured hair is permitted. To participate in this day, students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to show their support in raising funds for the Royal Children's Hospital.

The School will host a "SPECIAL FOOD DAY" in support of this cause on Friday 8 April. Students will need to pre-order and purchase items online through Qkr! App. This will be active Monday 28 March to order.

When selecting the menu please ensure you click on WOODLEA SPECIAL FOOD DAY LOTE WEEK. Orders will close by 4pm Friday, 1 April 2021.

Mrs Jacinta Davie - Head of Junior School Asian Studies

## **Junior School News**



#### Schoolbox

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, the Family Engagement Pages promote communication between teachers and parents, whilst providing family members and carers the opportunity to engage in their child's school life.

They provide information on what is being studied in Years Prep to 4, with posts about events, work samples, hints and useful links to support the teaching and learning occurring in class.

We encourage you to take the time to view your relevant cohort's page with your child and engage in quality discussion about their classroom experiences.

#### **Student Pick Up - Maddingley**

From Week 9, we have been extremely pleased to welcome Prep and Year 1 parents back onsite for student afternoon pick-up. The school gates are open for parent/guardian access at 3:05pm. Thank you to the parents and guardians who have been walking to the designated pick-up area outside the Prep and Year 1 classrooms.

To ensure a COVID-19 safe environment for our students and teachers, parents are not permitted to enter classrooms. If parents require a meeting with a teacher or an extended conversation, this must be pre-arranged via email. The process for parents entering the school for meetings includes COVID-19 safe declarations and must be arranged via the teacher and through Reception. Thank you for your understanding.

Mrs Lisa Foster - Head of Junior School (Maddingley) & Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School (Woodlea)

## **Visual Arts News**



The Year 9/10 Visual Communication Design students are in the process of creating a brand identity for their café. To complete this task, they are required to develop a logo for the café, packaging and a floor plan with interior design. They have worked hard to develop their logos and then apply them to a takeaway coffee cup. They have also learnt to various use programs including Adobe Illustration; giving hands-on them experience that mirrors industry.

Ms Karin Nolta - Visual Arts Teacher

## **Sport News**

#### Elite Sport Athlete Snapshot – Ella Birk

This week's highlights - some achievements within the Year 10 BMG Elite Sport class.

• Ella Birk 10F recently competed in the Athletics Victoria State Championships for Wyndham Track & Field and won the U17G long jump and has qualified for the Victorian State Team in both the long jump and triple jump. She will now travel to Sydney to compete in the Australian Athletics Championships in the long and triple jump. She also competed at the Little Athletics Victorian State Championships for Werribee Little Athletics and won the U16G triple jump and was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long jump.

These wonderful achievements have been recognised by the WestVic Academy of Sport who would like to offer Ella a position in their WestVic Academy of Sport Scholarship Program. Congratulations Ella!

#### **Triathlon Club**

The Triathlon Club has been training twice a week, focusing on the fitness and skills needed to both complete and race in the sport of triathlon. It has been great seeing the interest and growth in the number of students taking up the opportunity to take part in this club. Mr Armstrong has been working diligently with this group all term and has provided a race report for one of the final races of the triathlon season held on the weekend.

#### **Team Report - Mr Nicholas Armstrong**

On 27 March, students represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the final race of the 2XU Triathlon Series and the Victorian Schools Championship in St Kilda. 16 students competed in total; students included were: Aarav Sharma, Benjamin Bowler, Kaitlyn Odgers, Leon Earnshaw, Ori Daniel, Riley Shirreff, Sahil Pandey, Uday Chaudhary, Zara Brigham, Ryan Brigham, Quinn Pearce, Tanisha Quilliam, Abbey Smith, Abbey McKerrow and Beau McKerrow.

Race morning started off brisk with many students wearing down-jackets and with their toes growing numb on the cold grass. We were all wondering when the sun would come up and it would start feeling like a summer sport again! But when the sun did come up, it quickly warmed up and offered perfect racing conditions – sunny, warm and the slightest of breezes to help cool you down during the run.

Standout results and efforts from the day included Benjamin placing 12th in his category, Kaitlyn placing 19th in her category, Zara and Ryan placing 16th in their category, and Beau completing his 6th race for the season having raced at every event throughout the 2XU Kids Tri Series. An awesome effort from these students!

Furthermore, many students who competed on the weekend were completing their first triathlon and having done so successfully deserve congratulations.

The club now enters the off-season where we will be reflecting on the lessons learned during Term 1 and setting goals that will keep us motivated throughout the winter and prepare us for next season!

The Bacchus Marsh Grammar Triathlon Club has proven to be very





popular this term with two training squads being formed as well as there being a waiting list. If your child would like to join the Triathlon Club, please register your interest with Nick Armstrong at armstrongn@bmg.vic.edu.au.

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

## Schoolbox and myBMG Parent Portal in 2022

To improve the effectiveness and immediacy of communication with our community, Bacchus Marsh Grammar has improved our online gateway for parents and guardians providing greater access to a wide range of information about their student/s and the School.

Parents and guardians will now be taken immediately to Schoolbox once they log into the school. This feature will allow parents/guardians to access the most relevant information relating to school news, student assessments and timetables with links to logging and tracking absences, finance details and Edsmart our online permission slip system.

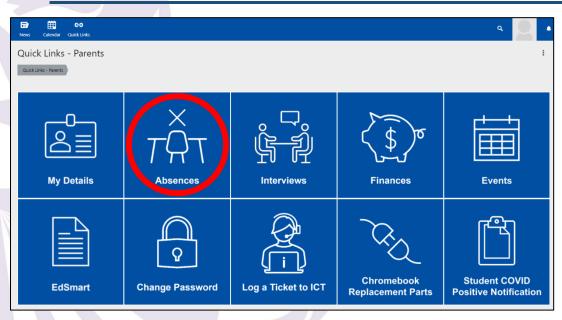
Access is via the School's website <u>www.bmg.vic.edu.au</u> by selecting the 'Parents' link on the menu, or by clicking myBMG and selecting 'Schoolbox' from the Community page.

Parents/Guardians who need assistance or have any issues accessing or using this feature can contact the school's ICT Service Desk during normal school operating hours or by servicedesk@bmg.vic.edu.au.

We encourage all parents/guardians to use this feature as an affective and quick way of accessing information relating to your students.

#### Mrs Janelle Waite - Information Systems Manager

## Administration Updates



#### Reporting a Student Absence

Parents can now report their student's absence via Schoolbox. Select "Quick Links" from the top of the page. Then click the "Absences" tile and this will take you to a Microsoft Form where you can fill in the relevant details.

#### **COVID-19 Update – Reporting a Positive Case**

To notify the School of a COVID positive student, please login to Schoolbox and select "Quick Links" from the top of the page.

Then click the "**Student COVID Positive Notification**" tile and this will take you to a Microsoft Form where you can fill in your details, the student with the positive test and relevant dates.

After you press the submit form you will receive an email to the address you entered confirming all the details provided.

To report Household contacts, please email <u>school@bmg.vic.edu.au</u> and report the absence via the relevant campus absentee email address or via Schoolbox (as per process indicated above).

Maddingley Campus – <u>maddingley absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au</u> Woodlea Campus – <u>woodlea absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au</u>

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

## **Bus Information**

#### Bus Information – End of Term 1 – Maddingley Campus

Last day of Term 1 students will finish at 2.30pm.

- Private buses will coincide with the earlier finish. Parents should arrive at designated stops 50mins prior to the scheduled arrival time. Please monitor Roll Call.
- Country buses will depart 30 minutes earlier than their usual timetabled times.
- Swans Road/Golf Links and Holts Lane will depart as per their usual timetabled times. Students will be supervised onsite until the bus departure time.
- West Melton, Toolern Vale & Kurunjang will depart 30 minutes earlier than their usual timetabled times.

#### **Bus Information – End of Term 1 – Woodlea Campus**

- Last day of Term 1 students will finish at 2.15pm.
- Private buses will depart to coincide with the earlier finish time. Parents should arrive at designated stops 55 mins prior to the scheduled arrival time. Please monitor Roll Call.

#### 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

## **Events Calendar**

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

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

Information was emailed to families in February 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: <u>https://www.bmg.vic.edu.au/community/camps-sports-excursions-fund-csef/.</u>

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 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (last day of Term 2). Parents must meet the eligibility requirements by:

- 1. Eligibility Date: 31 January 2022
- 2. 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.

## Book Club News – Catalogue for Issue 2 is out now



#### Issue 2 catalogue is out now!

If you wish to order, visit the <u>Scholastic website</u>.

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 <u>dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au</u>.

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

## **Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – The Y Ballarat**

The Y Ballarat operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the school website.

Before School Care will be available at the Woodlea campus starting in Term 2.

Email: <u>chrissie.ashmore@yballarat.org.au</u> Phone: 0490 178 638 W: <u>https://yballarat.org.au/</u>

Maddingley: maddingley.oshc@yballarat.org.au 0438 154 842 Located: South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

Woodlea: woodlea.oshc@yballarat.org.au 0490 490 362 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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## **Community News**

A message from Western Health

# MEALS ON WHEELS SEEKING ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS



Seeking volunteers to deliver meals from the Bacchus Marsh Hospital to support the clients of the Moorabool Shire.

Delivery of nutritious meals, increasing social interactions with regular visits from volunteers improves the clients' wellbeing and can help people live the lives they choose. Meals on Wheels enables many people to remain in their own homes.

Volunteers are usually rostered to deliver meals to clients once every three weeks. The packed meals are collected from the hospital and delivered according to the delivery sheet between 11.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

Contact the Coordinator of Volunteers on (03) 5367 9125 or email volunteer@djhs.org.au to discuss volunteering.



## **Community News**

#### A message from Melton Phoenix

## **LOCATION: MacPherson Park** COBURNS ROAD, TOOLERN VALE **Training Tues & Thurs**

**Matches on Sundays** 

Manted For Our Teams Under 10 Girls & Women's Teams -Kicking -Shooting -Dribbling -Teamwor

Email Your Interest To: meltonphoenixfcjuniors@gmail.com

## **Community News**

A message from BM Easter Fest Team

