

From the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff and students for their hard work and commitment to what has been a long and challenging term.

I wish you all a well-deserved break and I hope that it is both relaxing and cheerful.

2023 Scholarship Program

The 2023 Academic Scholarship Program has concluded. Congratulations to those students who have been awarded either a van den Hende or John Leaver Scholar Scholarship. Unsuccessful candidates have been notified in writing and have received a copy of their Edutest Parent Report.

Mr Andrew A. Neal – Principal

Applications for the Callow Access Scholarship and Indigenous Scholarship have been extended

The closing date for the Callow Access Scholarship and Indigenous Scholarship has been extended to **Friday 10 June 2022**.

The **Callow Access Scholarship** enables students from Years 7 to 12 in 2023 who would otherwise not attend Bacchus Marsh Grammar to attend on a Full Scholarship. Parents of students must be in receipt of a current Centrelink Health Care Card to qualify for a Callow Access Scholarship and need to provide a copy of the relevant card. The Callow Access Scholarship does not require students to sit an entrance examination, however, they are required to complete a Portfolio which can be accessed through the [School's website](#). Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the Principal.

The **Indigenous Scholarship** is open to current and new students from Years 7 to 12 in 2023. Indigenous Scholarship applicants must provide a copy of the applicant's Confirmation of Aboriginality document. The Indigenous Scholarship does not require students to sit an entrance examination, however, they are required to complete a Portfolio which can be accessed through the [School's website](#). Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the Principal.

NAPLAN 2022

Please refer to a letter from the Principal's Office at the end of this newsletter regarding NAPLAN scheduled for May 2022.

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

Student Wellbeing



Butterfly Foundation Webinar.....Save the Date!

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is pleased to announce that the next parent webinar will be presented by the Butterfly Foundation. This is a relaxed and informal seminar for parents and carers that gives knowledge, practical information and tips on promoting positive body image in the home throughout childhood and adolescence. This webinar looks at the power of positive role modelling, reducing appearance based talk and importantly how to respond when a child expresses negativity towards themselves or others. This session is open to all parents and carers and will be conducted over Zoom on Thursday 5 May 2022 from 7pm to 8:15pm. Please save the date and look out for registration information on Schoolbox and the BMG eNews in the first week of Term 2.

Student Wellbeing Team

School Uniform

A reminder that students need to be in Full School uniform for Term 2 and 3.

Please refer to the student diary for all uniform requirements.

Uniform Outlet information can be accessed via the [school website](#).

The Podium

Achieving Optimal Academic Performance - Sleep

Recently, the school gave feedback to parents via Parent Teacher Interviews. A common thread in the interviews that I conducted, as well as conversations that I had with my colleagues, was concern regarding sleep or the lack of sleep that many of our student population are experiencing. The evidence regarding sleep and optimal academic performance is indisputable and researchers like Dr. Andrew Huberman, Professor of Neural Biology, Stanford University as well as Dr. Matt Walker, Professor of Neural Science, University of California have written extensively around this area.

Many parents described how their children were often stressed during times of academic assessment and this increased anxiety led to disrupted sleeping patterns. Dr. Huberman has produced a Sleeping Toolkit that simplifies the essential requirements for quality sleep.

Toolkit for Sleep

1. Create a regular routine (go to sleep and wake at the same times each day).
2. View sunlight by going outside within 30-60 minutes of waking. Do that again in the late afternoon, prior to sunset. If you wake up before the sun is up and you want to be awake, turn on artificial lights and then go outside once the sun rises. This will help set your internal clock and set circadian rhythms of the body.
3. Wake up at the same time each day and go to sleep when you first start to feel sleepy. Pushing through the sleepy late evening feeling and going to sleep too late (for you) is one reason people wake at 3 am and can't fall back to sleep.
4. Avoid caffeine within 8-10 hours of bedtime.
5. Avoid viewing bright lights—especially bright overhead lights between 10pm and 4am. This also includes phones and tablets.
6. Limit daytime naps to less than 90 min, or don't nap at all.
7. Expect to feel really alert ~1 hour before your natural bedtime. This is a naturally occurring spike in wakefulness that sleep researchers have observed. Don't freak out if it happens. It will pass!
8. Keep the room you sleep in cool and dark and layer on blankets that you can remove. Your body needs to drop in temperature by 1-3 degrees to fall and stay asleep effectively. Body temperature increases are one reason you wake up. Thus, keep your room cool and remove blankets as needed. 18 or 19 degrees is often reported as ideal.
9. Don't stay awake in bed. If not asleep within 25 mins get up, do something else and reset when you are tired.

I hope this easy-to-follow toolkit for optimising sleeping patterns is of help to all. I have also included the link to the Huberman Lab Podcast which many may find interesting. It provides a discussion on peer reviewed research in this area, as well as Dr Matt Walker's best-selling book, *Why We Sleep*.

<https://hubermanlab.com/master-your-sleep-and-be-more-alert-when-awake/>

References: Walker, M. (2017). *Why we sleep: The new science of sleep and dreams*. Penguin UK.

Year 12 English Extension

The Bacchus Marsh Grammar 40+ Club has had an extremely successful term with students getting involved in a series of workshops to advance their studies of the set text 'Station Eleven.'

This week, we were privileged to have the VCE English Chief Assessor Karen Graham visiting the school, and all students were encouraged to attend her lunch-time lecture to get some valuable insight into how to achieve their personal best this year in English.

As we move towards the holidays, all Year 12 English students should be aiming to complete as much practice as possible during the break in order to arrive next term fully prepared for their next English SAC.

The 40+ Club will move towards a focus on section C of the English exam which comprises Analysing Argument in Term Two, with a series of dedicated workshops and resources targeted at building the academic achievements of the most advanced students.

Students seeking additional support in English are encouraged to speak with their English teachers to arrange further help and to attend our weekly English Club on Thursday afternoons in the M Building.

For any further information on extension English, please see Ms Radbourne or Mr Perks.

Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal: Optimal Performance Learning

High Results - Humanities

The Humanities Faculty wishes to congratulate the following students for achieving outstanding results in recent SACs:

Alisa Blokkeerus, Tiahn Carlesso, Harrison Cook, Garv Kumar, Declan Madden and Arpit Singh
in Unit 3 **Business Management**

Mel Wang, Tyler Keys and Tirth Thakkar in Unit 3 **Accounting**

Jonathan Kalms, Kyle Escobar and Isaac Fisher in Unit 3 **Australian History**

Phoenix Menz and Daniella Camacho in Unit 3 **History: Revolutions**

Nava King, Jackson Brown, Ethan Marchington, Isabelle Perry, Lori Collins, Emily Gerolemou and Abbie McDonald
in Unit 3 **Legal Studies**.

Ms Celia Patterson - Head of Faculty: Humanities

International Week

Over the last two weeks, students were able to experience an incredibly wide range of activities run by both teaching staff and external providers. International Week is a celebration and an appreciation of the cultural diversity we have within our school and community. It was exciting to see many students come to school dressed in traditional dress from their own or another culture. Gold coin donations from this event were an incredible \$1,548.10 from both campuses, with all proceeds going to the Royal Children's Hospital. This diversity was also showcased at the end of the week with an incredible performance of international dance and music by our wonderfully talented students. Students from both campuses came together to share music and dance from their own cultures, creating an amazing festival atmosphere.

I would like to say a huge 'merci' to all the staff who helped manage and supervise events and activities, with a special 'arigatō' to the Music Department for helping with the performances, and of course, 'terima kasih' to the LOTE department.

Mrs Jacinta Davie - Head of Junior School Asian Studies



Performing Arts

Congratulations to our talented performers who recently entertained students at the Maddingley campus as part of International Week celebrations.

I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding contributions of the following students for sharing performances from around the world:



Trisha Kapur 5C, Gauhar Duggal 5C, & Sophia Kalra 5D - Indian Dance

Zoe Murzello – Russian Piano Piece

Gunnika Singh 5A, Kiarah Kapil 5A & Anaahat Kaur 5D - Indian Dance

Taksh Kapur 7G – Japanese Karate Demonstration

Shrita Rangaraju 8H – Indian Folk Song

Keisha Tau 9A & Katrina Tau 10F
Traditional Tongan Song

Jupleen Kaur 5B & Aleena Hoque 5C – Indian Dance

Emma Patterson 11B – Aboriginal Country Song

Stefania Robu 5B – Romanian Folk Song

Avani Singh 2A, Rheeva Chaggar 7G, Anam Kaur Chaggar 11H & Anchal Singla 11H – Indian Dance

Alexa Georgievski 9B & Tahlia Srbimovski 9B - Impromptu Macedonian Dance

A warm thank you to the incredible audience (pictured above) who attended in support of this important occasion.

International Week continues to be a highlight of the school calendar. I urge all interested students to commence planning and practising for next year's concert.

Music Department – Past Student Success

2020 VCE/VET Music graduate Ally Eley has been shortlisted for The Voice Australia! I have strong memories of the Year 6 Ally sharing some negative musical experiences at a previous school. To her credit, she flourished at Bacchus Marsh Grammar and seized all performance opportunities offered to her. We look forward to a detailed 'Past Student Reflection' from Ally later in the year.

Receiving hugs from Rita Ora and wonderful comments from Keith Urban following her first performance, this is a series not to be missed by the wider Bacchus Marsh Grammar community. Ally's series of The Voice Australia commences on Easter Monday. We're all so excited for and proud of you - go Ally!

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



National Leaders' Day

Report from our Year 6 Leaders



On Wednesday 23 March 2022, the Year 6 leaders from both campuses went on an excursion to Melbourne for National World Leaders' Day. The event we attended was run by Halogen, who have been running the event for more than 20 years. We were lucky to get to meet some young Australian icons and listen to their inspirational stories of hard work and success. The icons that we met were an Australian legendary swimmer Cate Campbell, Lachie Smart, the youngest human to ever fly solo around the world in a single engine plane, the writer and director Guy Edmonds and the Australian bowler, Matthew Flemmings.

We would like to sincerely thank all guest speakers for attending the event and inspiring us to be better leaders, and a very special thank you to Halogen and our school teachers for running this event and giving us this opportunity.

Maddingley & Woodlea Year 6 Leaders

Sport News

Ultimate Frisbee High School State Championships



The BMG Year 7 - 9 girls' team won the High School State Championship in Ultimate Frisbee held at Royal Park in Parkville this week. With multiple silver and bronze medal results for both genders over the years, and having missed the competition due to COVID the previous two years, it was fitting that we finally have a team crowned State Champions. The girls' team also won Spirit which is an award for the team that displays the best sportsmanship and fair play. A big congratulations to all the girls in this team and to Mrs Garner for successfully coaching the team to victory. Well done

to all the boys involved in the BMG Year 7 - 9 boys' team which finished 5th overall and came 2nd in Spirit. This event has become a great addition to the sporting calendar and we have had many students go on to represent Victoria and Australia at the U19s level after representing the school. A big thank you to Mr Castrignano, Mrs Garner and Mr Oldaker for organising training sessions and coaching teams over the last few weeks.

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

Woodlea News

What a wonderful Term 1 we have experienced at the Woodlea campus!

There have been many highlights and all students should be very proud of their efforts!

Education Perfect competition

Woodlea recently participated in a competition conducted by online learning specialists -Education Perfect. There were 44 schools participating in the competition and we are thrilled to announce that in the Literacy Competition we placed 1st and in the Numeracy event we placed 2nd!

We had several students receive a commendation and a place in the Top 10.

Congratulations to:

Literacy

Hardeep Kaur Khangura- 2nd overall

Atharv Jindal- 6th overall

Ved Patel- 10th overall

Numeracy

Atharv Jindal- 1st overall

Hrishaan Upneja- 4th overall

Ved Patel- 5th overall

Navdeesh Bains- 7th overall

Hardeep Kaur Khangura- 10th overall

Congratulations to all Year 5 students for such amazing work!

Wynspeak

Woodlea conducted an intraschool public speaking competition for interested students in Years 7 and 8. All participants presented engaging and thought-provoking speeches on wide ranging topics such as 'game hunting,' 'the plight of refugees' and 'technological advancements.'

Congratulations to Surya Sureshkumar and Areeba Azam for being selected to represent Woodlea at the interschool Wynspeak competition in May. Best wishes also to Geet Mata, who was named as the reserve for the competition.

School drop off and pick up

It was wonderful to welcome families back onsite for school pick up. It was very emotional to have so many smiling parents and carers return to the school grounds after a two-year hiatus. We kindly remind families about being conscious of safety during busy drop off and pick up times. Please ensure that we are mindful and courteous to others around us and obey road safety rules.

Staughton Vale

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is very privileged to be able to access the Staughton Vale farm campus to enhance and complement class learning. Most year levels have had their first Staughton Vale experience for the year in Term 1. Year levels that have not yet visited the site, will attend in Term 2. Term 1 also had several year levels attend Staughton Vale for day- camp experiences. Many students commented upon their highlights, such as the mountain bike riding or wildlife experiences.

Success Integrated - Darren Pereira

The Woodlea campus hosted Darren Pereira from Success Integrated for numerous sessions throughout the term. Darren started his career as an Accountant at KPMG and soon realised this was not his calling. He then moved into leadership and management training and achieved national recognition within two years. He started his own business at 29, conducting life and business coaching, as well as running corporate training sessions for the biggest multi-nationals in the world. He now spends most of his time running study, resilience, motivation, careers and leadership seminars for secondary school communities here and around the world. Since then, he has inspired more than 450,000 people across 7 countries, over a 20-year period. It was wonderful to have Darren onsite to host sessions on study skills for Year 7 students and parents, as well as leadership training for Student Leaders in Years 6 and 8.

These amazing highlights are just a few of the wonderful experiences we have had in Term 1. More details regarding your child's learning can be found in the Community Engagement pages (Prep to Year 4) on Schoolbox. Middle School parents are encouraged to engage with their child's learning through Schoolbox, the newsletter or discussions with your child.

We would like to wish all families a safe and joyful Easter break. We look forward to seeing everyone return in Term 2.

Mrs Danielle Copeman – Head of Campus: Woodlea & Mrs Sarah Hunter – Deputy Head of Campus: Woodlea

Woodlea Middle School News

This term has been an extremely busy, exciting and productive one for our students, staff and the wider community. As the new Head of Middle School, it has been a privilege to get to know many of the students here and work with them across a variety of areas and I look forward to continuing this as we move into Term 2.

This is the first term over the past two-years that COVID has had a minimal impact on the day to day running of the school. Students have embraced this by being part of face-to-face lessons as well as having opportunities to collaborate in each lesson and with camps taking place alongside numerous sporting activities.

Throughout this term, there has been a wide range of events and activities taking place to further enrich the curriculum and provide opportunities for our students. This started with the Year 7 Staughton Vale excursion which focused on team building and the development of relationships as they started the new academic year. Alongside this, further Staughton Vale trips took place for our students in Years 5 – 8, encompassing a wide range of opportunities to further enhance our curriculum. Staughton Vale is a fantastic resource for our students, and we look forward to using this facility throughout the rest of the year.

As we draw Term 1 to a close, I would like to congratulate several students on achieving their **Middle School Colours**. Our Colours Program has been streamlined this term to ensure that our students are awarded points for the areas that they are contributing to and it's extremely pleasing to see students already achieving their colours. The following students have achieved their first set of Middle School Colours and are moving on to Double Colours.

Khushreet Aujla 6WB

Felicity Annetta 6WB

Reeyanaa Sethia 6WD

Samaira Yadav 6WD

Alexis Sharp 8WA

There will be plenty of opportunities for students to receive points for their achievements and I would encourage them all to continue to work with their tutors to collate these. Well done and please continue to keep up the good work!

Mr Thomas Meakin - Head of Middle School: Woodlea

School Photos 2022

Formal School Photos will take place in Term 2 on the following dates:

Maddingley Campus – 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 May 2022

Woodlea Campus – 16, 17 & 18 May

Please note - Timetables are yet to be confirmed.

Mrs Cathy Perconte – Events & Community Development Coordinator

Junior School News

Term 1 Culminating Assembly (Maddingley)

To celebrate an amazing term of learning, the Junior School held an assembly on Monday morning. Mr Sher, Hamish La Franchi and Harrison Lovett presented the Term 1 Sport Report from the Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country Carnivals. Congratulations to the age champions of each event. Please see Mr Sher's sports article for more details.

Each year level delivered a presentation featuring the *knowledge* they had gained this term. Prep to Year 4 representatives spoke with confidence and clarity as they shared their exciting learning in English and History and Geography. We heard about Ancestry, Homes and Maps in Prep, Fables and their morals in Year 1, Fairy tales and Continents in Year 2, values and "The Wind and the Willows" in Year 3 and Revolutionary Explorers in Year 4.

Thank you to the Senior and Junior School dancers who presented a Bollywood dance presentation after an amazing International Week last week.

Finally, the Junior School was very excited to hear about the past civilisations they will be learning about in Term 2. Mrs Blundell and Mrs Foster donned Viking hats to inspire the students to get excited about the knowledge that awaits them in Term 2.

We wish the Junior School a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Lisa Foster - Head of Junior School (Maddingley)



Woodlea Prep and Year 4 Buddies

The Year 4 Buddies got together with their Prep Buddies to explore the school value of kindness. The Year 4s assisted the Preps to sort what a "kind choice" and "unkind choice" is. It was wonderful to see the Year 4s take on a leadership role and support the Preps in defining kindness and depicting scenarios in which they can demonstrate this school value. The Preps really enjoy spending time with their Buddies and the relationships that have been built are wonderful to see.

Ms Courtney Williams (4WC) and Ms Elle Pelly (Prep WB)

Reading at Home – Bright Idea



Word Sorts

Copy the Speed words (Snappy Words) or write them onto paper and cut them out.

Ask your child to sort the words into groups according to the medial (middle) vowel sound, for example: /e/ (tells, well, yell, less, mess); /o/ (off, boss); /i/ (fills, will); /u/ (fuss).

Some decodable texts provide notes offering ideas for word sorts appropriate to the stage and the focus of the book.

Spotlight on Junior School Visual Arts at Woodlea

Visual Arts in Term 1 has been exciting for all students involved. It has been great to be back in the classroom for the whole term and being able to be hands-on with the materials we have within the Art Room.

Prep lessons have included manipulating paper, learning a range of paper skills and creating an abstract self-portrait based on the work of Pablo Picasso. The students in Year 1 have been focusing on printing and created an autumn leaf artwork based on this. The Year 2 students have been focusing on collage and weaving and have created a dream house. The students in Year 3 and Year 4 have been participating in Art lessons each week. Lessons included creating an owl on the moon, focusing on the work of Roy Lichtenstein, and making turtles out of oil pastel and air-drying clay.

During this term, students have begun the co-curricular art lunchtime classes. All students are welcome to these classes that are offered to Prep to Year 4 students throughout each week on different days. The fun activities that students have been involved in so far are manipulating clay, using oil pastels, painting, decorating Australian natives for a school mural and learning how to draw in an abstract way. We look forward to creating many more artworks in Term 2 during co-curricular time.

Junior School Art Team – Woodlea

Spotlight on Junior School Art at Maddingley

It has been an exciting start to the year in Art in the Maddingley Junior School. Students from Prep Reception to Year 4 have created some amazing Art pieces with a focus on Paint and Printing, experimenting with acrylic, ink wash and watercolour paints.

Prep Reception students have created art works inspired by some of their favourite stories such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They have been introduced to a variety of ways in which they can apply paint to their art pieces, including brushes, sponges, printing tools and even their hands!

Students in Prep have been introduced to a range of different line and brush techniques and have enjoyed applying these techniques to their work to create some beautiful art pieces including a self portrait and a beautiful watercolour butterfly.

The Year 1s have recently been busy creating Fairy Castles, a work of art involving painting, printing and collage.

In Year 2, students have been consolidating their knowledge of the colour wheel and have demonstrated their understanding of primary, secondary and complimentary colours through their works of art.

The Year 3s have been very engaged in learning about Vincent Van Gogh and his famous work 'Starry Night.' They have studied the many different brush techniques he used to create Starry Night and have applied some of these brush strokes when creating their own version of Starry Night.

Students in Year 4 have enjoyed discussing the still-life paintings of artists such as Henri Matisse and Paul Cezanne, using the work of these artists as inspiration to create their own still-life watercolour fruit bowl.

Junior School students at Maddingley have enjoyed admiring the work of their peers through regular gallery walks. Families can also enjoy the masterpieces created by our students through the Lou Callow Online Gallery accessible through Schoolbox.

Junior School Art Team - Maddingley



Spotlight on Maddingley Junior School Science

Year 3

This term, the students have been studying Biology and what defines a living or non-living thing using the mnemonic “MRS GREN” - all living things must Move, Respire, show Sensitivity, Grow, Reproduce, Excrete wastes and gain Nutrition. As part of this unit, the Year 3 students grew Crazy Grassheads by planting radish seeds, recording their growth weekly and completing an experiment to test the MRS GREN process of Sensitivity shown by plants in response to light, or lack thereof. Students dissected flowers to learn how plants reproduce and examined the process of photosynthesis that supports life in plants. We are all looking forward to learning about Weather and Climate in our Term 2 unit.

Year 4

In Term 1, in our unit focus on Biological Sciences, the Year 4 students studied life cycles, incomplete and complete metamorphosis processes and finding living, once-living and non-living things in our school environment. In a BMG first, the Year 4s have planted their own Sunflower Garden which is visible from the South Maddingley Road parent car park entrance. They have been recording growth, making observations on speed, destruction by pests and how the weather effects their Sunflower growth. We have also discussed how stimulus and response effect plants in their environment and cause the plant tropisms to kick in, and how living things are made up of cells, tissues, organs and organ systems which we built with LEGO to represent like cells forming tissues and organs. Students learnt how animal senses, in particular in humans, are required for survival and how we can adapt by relying on other senses when our hearing or sight is limited or not functioning. We revised the unit's vocabulary by heightening our sense of touch in the absence of sight by learning to read Braille cards with the vocabulary on them. We are all excited about learning how our Earth was formed in our Term 2 unit.



Junior School Science Team - Maddingley

Senior School News

We would like to congratulate the Senior School students on the completion of Term 1. It has been a long term that has thrown us many curve balls, especially in the form of isolation periods for students and staff. However, both have taken this in their stride, continued to focus on teaching and learning and the students have managed to get through assessments, SACs and engage in classroom activities. We would like to remind students that they need to be in full school uniform for Terms 2 and 3. Please use the holidays as a time to ensure that the full school uniform fits appropriately and is ready to go on day one Term 2.

It was pleasing to see the large turn-out at the Senior School Athletics last week and a real pleasure to see our Senior Students encouraging each other. A real highlight was the Year 12 and Teacher relay! The teachers gave it their best shot but age may not have been on their side in this event; however, they were gallant in defeat!

The last two days of this term will see our Year 9 and 10 students participate in the Development Program. This program is focussed on our School Values: Discipline, Leadership, Ambition, Respect, Confidence and Kindness. We aim to offer student experiences through the two years to develop their understanding and abilities in each of these areas. This term our Year 9 students will be focussing on ambition and discipline by attending Elevate Education sessions focussing on enhancing their study skills and exam preparation. Confidence, kindness and respect will be addressed through a presentation on body image by the Butterfly Foundation and Tutor Group activities. Our Year 10 students will home in on ambition and discipline through their tertiary visit on Thursday and a presentation by Elevate Education on Friday.

We wish all students and families a restful and enjoyable break.

**Mrs Natalie Desira – Deputy Head of Senior School: Maddingley
& Mrs Erin Thornton – Head of Senior School: Maddingley**

Junior School House Cross Country Carnival

A little bit of sunshine and a little breath of wind made conditions perfect for the Junior School House Cross Country Carnival at Staughton Vale last Friday. It always makes for a special morning when students from Maddingley and Woodlea come together for such a Carnival, and both staff and students had a great time running the 2km course that stretched through the orchards and paddocks of the Staughton Vale farm.

Place getters were:

MADDINGLEY				
	8/9 Year Old Boys	8/9 Year Old Girls	10 Year Old Boys	10 Year Old Girls
1 st	Harry Holland	Alegrah Forsyth	Harrison Lovett	Iyla Robinson
2 nd	Henry Schoemaker	Chelsea Romanski	Hamish LaFranchi	Hailey Baugh
3 rd	Liam Way	Isabelle Gent	Zach Humphrey	Jayde Coady
4 th	Jay Lee	Alana Baugh	Akshaj Kantamani	Shiloh Fragapane
5 th	Lachlan Wharton	Reet Lamba	Frederick Gribbin	Anabelle Tollis
6 th	Neel Bhatt	Alanah Pante	Dallas Webster	Eden Tountzis
7 th	Robinson Duan	Ella Soley	Arnav Bhatia	Tamara Mandic
8 th	Yuvraj Kherha	Hermione Tyrrell	Mitchell Durovic	Chelsea Fastuca
9 th	Axel Wier	Aira Sharma	Charlie Berbecaru	Ava Bens
10 th	Kash Scott	Lucille Cutting	Marcus Ruffo	Charlie Metcher

WOODLEA				
	8/9 Year Old Boys	8/9 Year Old Girls	10 Year Old Boys	10 Year Old Girls
1 st	Oscar Sismanovic	Sehaj Kaur	Arnav Avinash	Amber Screen
2 nd	Carter Li	Isabella Cochrane	Levi De La Huntly	Irene Kaur
3 rd	Evan Lin	Eloise Quirin	Arnav Singh	Hardeep Kaur Khangura
4 th	Samuel Proudfoot	Sajjal Dhillon	Rayan Singh	Mehak Cheema
5 th	Divneet Gill	Shanaya Bathla	Anhad Rathore	Kiera-Lee Rybicki
6 th	Sidak Dhillon		Jaydrien Chand	Peyton Cox
7 th	Japvir Nijjar		Mahtab Singh	Charlee Borg
8 th	Krishiv Arora		Atharv Jindal	Tara Rados
9 th			Arjun Mullapudi	Grace Sidhu
10 th			Farhan Khan	Saanvi Patel

Well done to all students, staff and parents who participated, contributed or were spectators at our House Carnivals this year. It is you who make these events successful.

Mr Nick Sher - Sport Coordinator (Maddingley) & Mr Liam Gill - Head of PE (Woodlea) Prep to Year 8

Junior and Middle School Sporting News

Maddingley Junior School Carnival - Age Champions

Congratulations to the Age Champions for each Maddingley Carnival:

ATHLETICS

- 9 Year old girls: Isabelle Gent
- 9 Year old boys: Henry Schoemaker
- 10 Year old girls: Jayde Coady and Ava Bens
- 10 Year old boys: Harrison Lovett

CROSS COUNTRY

- 9 Year old girls: Alegrah Forsyth
- 9 Year old boys: Harry Holland
- 10 Year old girls: Iyla Robinson
- 10 Year old boys: Harrison Lovett

SWIMMING

- 9 Year Old Girls: Paige Smith
- 9 Year Old Boys: Chace Hildebrand-Brown
- 10 Year Old Girls: Charlie Metcher
- 10 Year Old Boys: Hamish La Franchi

(Pictured right: Medals recently presented at Junior School Assembly)

Mr Nick Sher - Sport Coordinator (Maddingley)



Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships

Congratulations to the 9 students who represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Carnival in Geelong. The students had a fantastic day supporting one another and all swam exceptionally well.

Taylor Miller won both her individual events and will now progress to the SSV State Final on Friday 29 April at MSAC. Good luck Taylor!



Breaststroke	Butterfly
12/13 Girls – Koko Shand (5 th)	9/10 Boys – Hamish La Franchi (9 th)
12/13 Girls – Magnus Strickland (9 th)	11 Boys – Jack Coy (4 th)
	12/13 Girls – Abbey Smith (9 th)

Relays
Boys Open Medley (4 th place) – Magnus Strickland, Liam Collins, Jack Coy and Harry Metcher
12/13 Girls Freestyle (2 nd place) – Taylor Miller, Abbey Smith, Koko Shand and Kate Batchelor

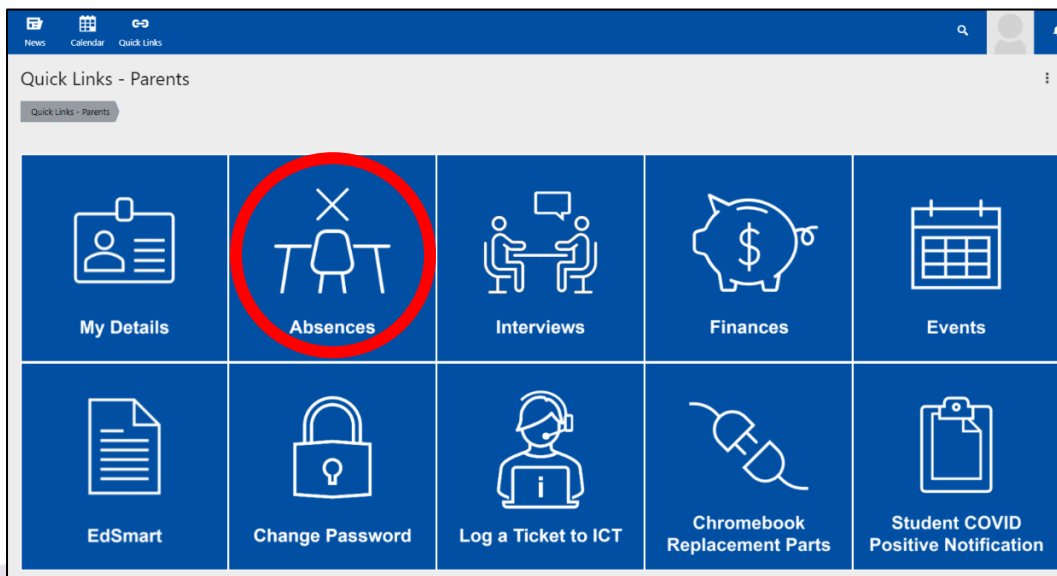
Western Ranges Division Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to Anika Tran and Thomas Tran for being selected to compete in the Western Ranges Division Tennis Tournament against some of the best tennis players within the Bacchus Marsh, Melton and Macedon Ranges districts. Thomas finished third in his pool with one singles win. Anika was able to win all four of her singles matches to be crowned Girl Champion. Anika will now progress to Western Metropolitan Regional Tennis Singles Finals on Tuesday 26 April at Bayside Tennis School.

Mr Brendan McLoughlin – BMPSSA: Sports Coordinator



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 school@bmg.vic.edu.au and report the absence via the relevant campus absentee email address or via Schoolbox (as per process indicated above).

Maddingley Campus – maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

Woodlea Campus – woodlea_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

Mrs Michelle Graham – Executive Assistant to the Principal

Bus Information

Hopetoun Park – Bus Fare Increase

To align with Public Transport Victoria's ticketing price increases, a small increase will be applied to the School Bus Program's fare for ineligible travellers. This change represents the first increase in the School Bus Program's fare price since 2016.

The new fare is \$125 per term (\$500 per year) which is an increase of \$5 per term (\$20 per year).

The fare increase will take effect from the beginning of Term 2, 2022 (note that Term 1, 2022 fare prices remain at \$120).

Student ID Cards

All students have now received their Student ID cards. These must be placed on or in each student school bag in order for students to tap on/off the bus each morning and afternoon as part of the Roll Call system. Students who do not have their ID card for bus travel will be reported to the Year Level Coordinator.

Bus Information continued.....

Mask Wearing

It is compulsory 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

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: <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:

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.

Mother's Day Stall

BMG is hosting a Mother's Day stall for students in Prep Reception to Year 6. There will be a range of gifts for the students to choose from, with all gifts priced at \$5.00 each.

Maddingley Stall – Wednesday 4 May

Woodlea Stall – Thursday 5 May

Gifts are required to be paid for online through the Qkr App, Mother's Day Stall Tab, no later than Friday 29 April 2022 by 5.00pm.

Students in Prep Reception to Year 4 will visit the stall at allocated times during the school day. Those in Year 5 and 6 will have an opportunity to visit the stall at recess or lunchtime on this date.

Please don't forget to send along a bag with your child to ensure the gifts make it home safely.

Any questions with regards to the Mother's Day stall, please contact:

- Maddingley: Monica Slattery (slatterym@bmg.vic.edu.au) 5366 4265
or Symone Whiteway (whiteways@bmg.vic.edu.au) 5366 4143
- Woodlea Reception 5366 4900.

To avoid missing information relating to events and activities at BMG please ensure you subscribe to BMG news via the school website www.bmg.vic.edu.au.

Events Calendar

Dates for upcoming events/excursions and day camps can be viewed via the events calendar on the [school website](#).

Book Club News – Catalogue for Issue 2



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) – 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: chrisie.ashmore@yballarat.org.au Phone: 0490 178 638 W: <https://yballarat.org.au/>

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

Maddingley Campus

South Maddingley Road
Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

P +61 3 5366 4800

F +61 3 5366 4850

Woodlea Campus

111 Frontier Avenue
Aintree VIC 3336

P +61 3 5366 4900

F +61 3 5366 4950

Woodlea Early Learning Centre

111 Frontier Avenue
Aintree VIC 3336

P +61 3 5366 4999

General School Email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au

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



NAPLAN 2022 – Information from the Principal’s Office



**Bacchus Marsh
Grammar**

April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are held in May each year. In 2022, the NAPLAN Online test window is between Tuesday 10 May and Friday 20 May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement.

NAPLAN Online delivers numerous benefits including:

- a ‘tailored test’ design that adapts to correct and incorrect student responses providing a more precise understanding of student achievement;
- innovative use of technology, including a more engaging test design and a wider range of item types; and
- the extension of the ‘test window’ to two weeks, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN Online tests. Catch up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days up to and including Friday 20 May 2022.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a student withdrawal form. These forms are available at the school.

While it is anticipated that NAPLAN Online will be successfully implemented in 2022, there are a range of contingencies in place to deal with the unlikely occurrence of significant issues.

These contingencies include extended testing windows and the printing of paper-based tests for all participating schools.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about NAPLAN Online, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Andrew A. Neal
Principal

Bacchus Marsh Autumn Holiday Program

Woodlea Campus
April 11 - 22 2022
(7am - 6:30pm)

Planned
for children
by children

HOW TO BOOK

All new families are required to enrol first. Enrolments are made through Xplor Home, payment via direct debit. See yballarat.org.au or call 0490 490 362 for details.



SCAN QR CODE FOR
PROGRAM DETAILS
or visit yballarat.org.au



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK



VICTORIA POLICE



Participate in the Annual Victoria Police Community Sentiment Survey - 2022

As part of our commitment to Neighbourhood Policing, Victoria Police is seeking information about the community's safety concerns, engagement preferences, and experiences of police in local areas.



Or visit: engage.vic.gov.au/annual-vicpol-community-sentiment-survey-2022

If you are keen to know more about Neighbourhood Policing, speak to a member at your local police station or visit police.vic.gov.au

Community News

A message from Fun Swim

FUN SWIM

FUN SWIM provides young swimmers with a fun and engaging program to explore racing, and develop and improve 'race ready' skills.



**TOTAL SWIM
TIME**



**7-12 YEAR
OLDS**



**RACE READY
SKILLS**

WHEN:

10am-12pm
Wednesday 20th April, Thursday 21st April & Friday 22nd April

Session 1: 10am-11am Wednesday 20th Session 2: 11am-12pm Wednesday 20th
Session 3: 10am-11am Thursday 21st Session 4: 11am-12pm Thursday 21st
Session 5: 10am-11:30am Friday 22nd

WHERE:

MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

1A Raleighs Rd
Melton

COST:

\$5 per Session or \$20 if attending all 5 sessions

Get in touch to find out more!



0412 603993 Ros Jones (Melton Swimming Club)



vicepresident@meltonswimmingclub.com.au



Community News

A message from Auskick



Scan QR Code below to register for Auskick in 2022



play.afl/auskick

Basketball Club contact details



For enquiries please contact the club via email: magic.basketball@yahoo.com



For enquiries please contact the club via email: panthersbasketballclub@hotmail.com

Junior Basketball Clubs in Bacchus Marsh Contact information



For enquiries please contact the club's Registration Manager via email: sjbc.regos@gmail.com

Happy to join any club?
Email Jo Blain:
admin@bmbasketball.org.au
and she will find out which club needs players in your age group.



For enquiries please contact the club's President: David Champness via email: davidc.lightningbasketball@gmail.com