

BMG NEWS

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Grease the Musical

Congratulations to all students and staff involved in last week's excellent production of Grease! It was wonderful to see so many parents, friends, family, staff members and alumni attend in support of Bacchus Marsh Grammar's return to the theatre following the past few years of disruptions.

You can view more photos via Schoolbox: <https://schoolbox.bmg.vic.edu.au/news/6049>

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





National Science Week

Bacchus Marsh Grammar recently celebrated National Science Week. The theme this year was “Glass - more than meets the eye”. Students and staff had a fantastic time celebrating this spectacular science week by participating in a variety of hands-on experiments and activities across all sub-schools during lunchtimes.

It was a busy fun filled week, full of lots of fun and insightful learning. It was wonderful to see student’s excitement and inquisitive nature spark to life. Activities linked to the theme included making a kaleidoscope, experimenting with jelly optical fibres or hot glue fibres, light bulbs, making a telescope, sugar glass decorations and so much more.

Thank you to all the staff and students that participated in the celebration of National Science Week.

On Schoolbox you can find our BMG National Science Week Page full of fun activities and experiments for students to explore and complete at home: <https://schoolbox.bmg.vic.edu.au/homepage/21909>

Upcycled Jar Competition

Thank you to all the students who submitted their Upcycled Jar. We have been overwhelmed by the submissions for the ‘upcycling’ glass jar competitions for both campuses. Please stay tuned as winners will be announced soon.

Science Teams – Maddingley & Woodlea



From the Deputy Principal

Mobile Phones

A reminder to parents/guardians that students are **not permitted** to use their mobile phone during the school day. Phones are to be placed in the locker on arrival to school. Currently, there are too many students contacting parents to come and collect them from school. Should your child be unwell, they are to attend the Health Centre. The School Nurse will make contact with a parent should this be deemed necessary. If your child contacts you requesting to be collected, please refrain from arriving at school. As your child is in breach of our mobile phone policy, they will be issued an afterschool detention.

Should your child need to make contact home for any reason other than illness, they can speak to their Year Level Coordinator or the staff at Reception and this can be managed accordingly.

Uniform

Parents/guardians are again reminded to check the school uniform policy, particularly regarding our school sports uniform. **Students are only permitted to wear sports uniform to school on days they have PE/Sport practical classes (not for theory classes)**. BMG logo tracksuit pants are to be worn with the polo shirt and rugby jumper with correct sports shoes. Casual street shoes are **not** permitted. Undergarments (ie long sleeved tops) are not to be visible under the polo shirt.

Students in Elite Sport classes are to get changed for class on Mondays only.

School blazers are to be worn to and from school **EVERY** day. Please ensure your child is correctly attired before they leave home in the morning.

Students out of uniform **MUST** provide a note in the diary from a parent with an explanation of why their child is not correctly attired for the school day. Students who are consistently out of uniform will receive an afterschool detention.

Public Transport

Bacchus Marsh Grammar has a number of students who travel to and from school on public transport, be that public bus or train. Parents are encouraged to remind their child/ren how to appropriately behave, especially when in public.

Students should:

- stand and offer their seat to adults/elderly patrons;
- be mindful of their language;
- be respectful of others around them; and
- represent BMG with pride and be an advocate for the school.

Mrs Debra Ogston - Deputy Principal

ICAS Assessments – Final Reminder

The last assessment for 2022 is for **Mathematics** on Saturday 27 August.

For students registered to complete this last assessment, parents/guardians should refer back to the information emailed via Edsmart on Monday 8 August for details on what to bring and site access depending on the campus selected.

Note: Access to Maddingley site will be at the Gatehouse entrance, with students entering for check in at the BMG Cafe (undercover area).

Students do not need to be in school uniform when attending the assessment.

What to bring:

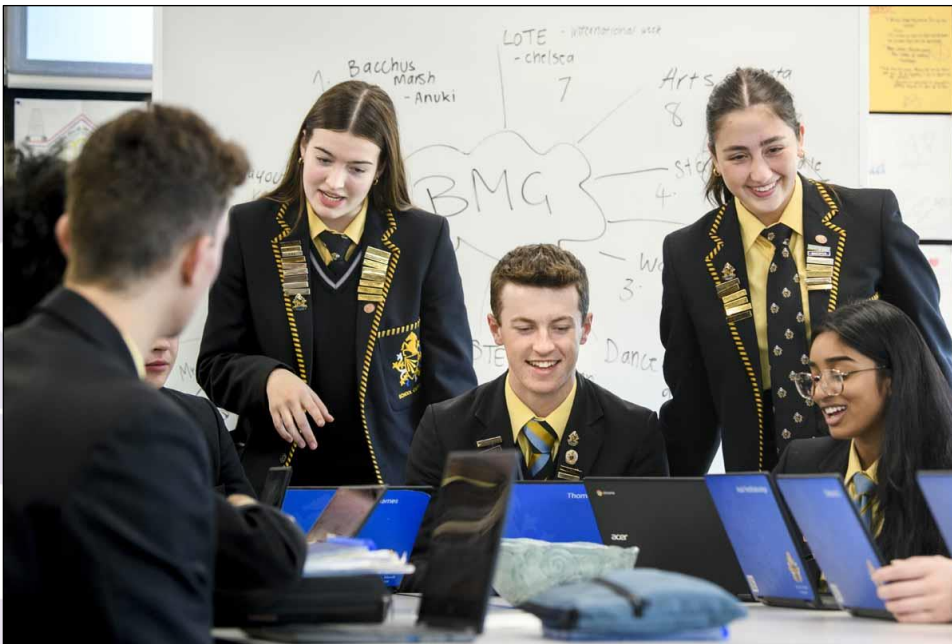
- Charged Chromebook - Students sitting assessments in Years 5 to 10 must bring their school chromebook charged ready to complete the online assessment. Students in Years 2 to 4 will be allocated a school chromebook upon check-in for use during their subject assessment.
- BMG Student ID Card - We also ask that students bring with them their BMG Student ID card to their assessment to assist in a quick check in process.
- Water bottle.
- A book to read should you complete your assessment early.

Contact Casey Ryder via email ryderc@bmg.vic.edu.au with any queries.

Senior School News

This week saw the return of the Year 11 Leaders' Day. This day is dedicated to potential 2023 Senior School Leaders who spent a day working with our current Year 12 Leaders and the Senior School Management team. The day is based around the students working in small groups to display and develop their leadership skills, with students completing activities that demonstrate their public speaking, team work, listening and creative skills. The day is also designed to push students out of their comfort zones and see them work with different students and take on challenges. It was great to see our Year 12 Leaders sharing their wisdom with this group of Year 11s and dedicating time to discussing how to manage Year 12 and Leadership. This day is always a positive one, and even more so this year after not having been able to run this for the past two years. We would like to thank all of the students who were involved in this day.

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



VCE English

Revision Period Begins

With oral presentations complete, Year 12 English students have been busily preparing for their final SAC of the year. This last written task will require students to conduct a detailed comparison of two set texts 'The Hate Race' by Maxine Beneba Clarke, and 'Charlie's Country' an acclaimed film directed by Rolf de Heer. In their final lesson of Week 5 students attended a master class led by one of our Year 12 English teachers, Leigh Radbourne. Leigh provided students with the inside scoop on how to do well in their upcoming SAC from the perspective of a VCE English assessor. The comparative assessment will take place in the last session of Week 9.

As the revision period commences, the Year 12 English team would like to encourage students to decorate their space at home with posters and notes to prompt their thinking. In English, students must memorise a selection of quotes and authorial choices from 'Station Eleven,' 'The Hate Race' and 'Charlie's Country.' Please encourage your child to use their time wisely by writing practice pieces which they then submit to their teacher for feedback, and memorising evidence from their set texts. Teachers are busily preparing a rigorous program of revision which will commence in Week 10, providing students with explicit teaching of the key knowledge and skills required to ace the examination.

If you have any questions about your child's work in English, please contact their English teacher.

VCE English Team

Music Department – Woodlea and Maddingley

2023 Instrumental Music Re-Enrolment

Later in the term, parents will be receiving EdSmart correspondence regarding the Instrumental Music Program and the re-enrolment process for existing students.

Please note that if a response to the EdSmart slip is not received, students will be automatically re-enrolled into the 2023 Instrumental Music Program with the same lesson format/s and/or Instrument Hire.

A new enrolment form should be completed for additional enrolment (e.g. a second instrument or additional AMEB Theory tuition) or, to add instrument hire.

Please contact music@bmg.vic.edu.au with any queries in the meantime.

Music Department – Woodlea Campus

Congratulations to Francesca Catipon, Krishna Pedapati and Evan Lin for their recent performances at our Junior School assembly. It was exciting to have our first ever drum kit item featured. All performers conducted themselves with composure and confidence – well done!

Bacchus Marsh Grammar music students, as well as those who receive instrumental lessons outside of School are encouraged to capitalise on upcoming performance opportunities – keep an eye out for sign-ups for both House Music and our after-school Concert Series. Parents/students should contact Ms. Kinsella if they have questions about either event.

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



Woodlea Year 7 Camp

As part of the ongoing camps and experiences offered at Bacchus Marsh Grammar, students in Year 7 at the Woodlea Campus participated in a unique 3-day/2-night recreational camp at Lake Dewar, which is located near Myrning.

The camp offered an extensive range of recreational activities for personal development, team building, and environmental activities. To help develop the students' camping skills and help prepare them for future programs, the Year 7 students were required, with the help of YMCA staff, to cook some meals on trangia stoves.

The Year 7 students should be commended on their behaviour as they showed resilience and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank Ms McMahon for organising the camp as well as the staff who attended.

Ms Natalie Rompel - Year 7 Coordinator

Disney Beauty and the Beast Jr - Tickets on Sale Now

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is excited to present the Maddingley Middle School Production of *Beauty and the Beast Jr*.

Visit the link - <https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bacchus-marsh-grammar-presents-beauty-the-beast-jr/>

See the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

- **Performance Venue:** The Clocktower Centre Moonee Ponds
- **Performance Dates:** Sunday 11 September @1pm and @5pm

Miss Elyse Zahra

Literacy Week - Monday 29 August to Friday 2 September



A reminder that Literacy Week begins on Monday 29 August.

There will be opportunities to participate in fun activities across the sub-schools – some individual, some in teams, but all engaging and fun.

All students from P-12 are invited and encouraged to dress as their favourite literary character next week :

Maddingley - THURSDAY 1 September

Woodlea - TUESDAY 30 August

Mrs Dilges, Mrs Copeman, Mrs Hunter, Mrs Savic, & Mrs West

Premiers' Reading Challenge

Please find below names of students who have completed the Premiers' Reading Challenge:

Avyukkt Mehta 3WD

Annika McMillan 4D

Ashnoor Singh Bajwa 6WC

Harveen Kaur 6WC

Ava Kaushik 6WC

Sanjay Kirisananthan 6WC

Ishika Miglani 6WC

Dhanush Sathish 6WC

Zoe Murzello 9F

Please note that the Premiers' Reading Challenge ends Friday 2 September. All entries must be verified by the end date.

Mrs Feona West - Junior School Teacher Librarian

Reminder: Father's Day Stall - Tuesday 30 August

BMG is hosting a Father's Day stall for students in Prep Reception to Year 6.

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.

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

For any questions regarding the Father's Day stall, please email slatterym@bmg.vic.edu.au or whiteways@bmg.vic.edu.au for Maddingley queries or call 03 5366 4900 for Woodlea queries.



Middle School Sporting News

AFL State Finals

Congratulations to our AFL Girls' team for their excellent performances at the State Finals at Anthony Beale Reserve, St Helena on Thursday 18 August. Everyone had an excellent day, and it was fantastic to have so many families there to cheer on the girls.

State Finals results

- BMG 33 defeated Bouchier St PS Shepparton 0.
- BMG 0 defeated by Canterbury PS 37.
- BMG 10 defeated by St Marys PS Echuca 12.

State Final Grand Final

- Canterbury PS 36 defeated Marymede PS 0.

Congratulations to Canterbury PS for becoming State Champions for 2022, it was a fantastic experience for our team to play against them.



Hockey Western Ranges Divisional Finals

Congratulations to our Girls' Hockey team for coming runners up in the Western Ranges Division Finals at Footscray Hockey Club on Monday 22 August. The team showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day, listening to all umpire instructions and were always encouraging of one another.

Most of the team had never played hockey before they started their training sessions in Year 6 Sport. They have worked hard to learn the skills and rules of hockey in a short period of time, rewarding them with some amazing results. Thank you to all the families who came down to support the team.

Western Metropolitan Regional Finals results

- BMG 4 defeated Yarraville PS 0.
- BMG 1 defeated by Newport Gardens 9.
- BMG 4 defeated Brookside 0.
- BMG 2 defeated Truganina South 0.



Mr Brendan McLoughlin – BMPSSA: Sports Coordinator

PE & Sport Update

Elite Sport Testing

Well done to all students who have attended the two testing afternoons over the last two weeks. We have seen a wonderful turnout, with over 90 students participating in the different testing protocols. The benchmarks for each fitness test have been posted in the Gym for students to see how they fared. This data will now be collated with other selection criteria to assist with making selections.

Information regarding successful candidates will be released over the coming weeks after the review process has been completed by our panel of staff which consists of former Commonwealth Games, National level and high-performance Coaches and an independent review from the WestVic Academy of Sport Executive Officer and team.

Unfortunately, we cannot offer a place to all candidates. However, we encourage all athletes to continue to train hard and strive for success. As in previous years we will review all applications and grade each one on the following criteria:

1. Level of competition the athlete has consistently been competing.
2. Quality of the athlete coach's reference.
3. Performance of the athlete at the testing afternoons and meeting benchmarks.
4. Commitment to representing the school in events (e.g. ICCES) within their athletic capabilities.
5. Approach to studies, attitude and results within Physical Education and Sport classes.
6. Behaviour and approach to studies within their academic subjects.
7. Meeting subject selection criteria as per the requirements of the year 9/10 elective program.

The standard of applicants was extremely high once again with a large number of athletes achieving either National or State representation within their chosen sport.

Sporting Events

Next week is scheduled to be a big week in sport for BMG.

- On Monday 29 August a Year 12 House Dodge Ball competition will be held in the Gym. This event will be a final chance for our Year 12s to compete and earn House points before they shift their focus to the upcoming VCAA examinations.
- Tuesday 30 August will see Maddingley and Woodlea teams take place in the ICCES Summer Trials afternoon in the following sports: Badminton, Cricket, Table Tennis, Tennis and Softball. This competition gives our students an opportunity to trial and also play a competitive match in the lead up to the ICCES Summer Tour to be held in Ballarat in Term 4.
- Wednesday 31 August is the FV & SSAV Premier Schools Girls' Football Cup Tournament in Broadmeadows. BMG has qualified for the first time, and this will be a great challenge for our girls team to compete against some Melbourne based schools.
- The Herald Sun Shield Girls' AFL Div. 2 Competition will take place on Thursday 1 September. Our Senior Girls' team will have the chance to see if they can continue the winning form following their victory at the ICCES AFL competition.
- On Friday 2 September BMG will compete in several BMPSSA events around the local area. Maddingley Campus will host the BMPSSA basketball competition in the Gym.

We wish all teams the best of luck and it is wonderful to see the number of sporting opportunities presenting themselves for our student athletes.

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

Junior School News

Woodlea Prep and Year 1 News

School excursions are a wonderful opportunity for students to spend time in small groups, observing, chatting, and learning. It is an opportunity to experience the curriculum in a different way.

As part of their Global Studies units, our Prep and Year 1 students recently spent time at Werribee Zoo enjoying new experiences and observing new things. This personal involvement and the memories created enabling them to have a deeper understanding of the learning subject.

During the excursion many of the Zoo staff commented on how the BMG Woodlea students conducted themselves. Respect, kindness, discipline and confidence were school values that our students demonstrated whilst spending time at the zoo. Well done to our Junior School students who shared our core values with the wider community.

Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School: Woodlea



Spotlight on Woodlea Year 3

This term in Writing, we are learning how to write Information Reports. To help us understand the structure of an information report, we came up with some actions and self-talk. We all thoroughly enjoy the final section of the structure where we say, "Stop! Don't forget the diagram". We have been searching the internet to find out important facts about animals and brainstorming these ideas using mind maps in our Writer's Notebook. To know if we have gathered enough information, we underline our brainstorm in the colours that match the structure. If we have enough information, then it is time to write! While writing, we are focusing on constructing complex sentences and varying how we start each sentence. We are looking forward to publishing our information reports.

Woodlea Year 3 Team



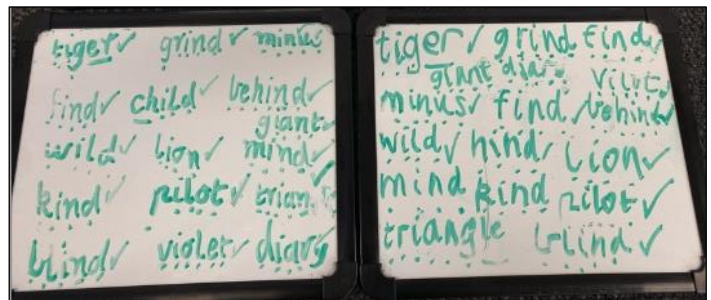
Spotlight on Maddingley Year 1

Year 1 students at Maddingley have been investigating and exploring a variety of texts written by award-winning Australian author Mark Carthew. Students have examined the characters, settings, problems, and solutions, and used this knowledge to retell the beginning, middle, and end of a story. Students are excited to have the opportunity to meet Mark Carthew this term during Literacy Week. STAR reading has continued to be a huge success with students eager to commence this each morning and share the books they have read. The students have certainly developed a love of reading.

Moving on from our Ancient civilizations of Egypt and Mesopotamia, we are now looking a little closer to home. Students are beginning to learn about the history of the Earth. This unit begins with an understanding of our town, our state, our country, and our continent and then moves into the Earth and its layers. Students will also explore rocks, minerals, volcanoes, and dinosaurs, providing them with many opportunities to apply and share their knowledge.

We have had a strong focus on vocabulary throughout the term with students applying this new knowledge to their oral language and writing. Students love using their whiteboards to practice new words using 'Tick it or fix it.' Recently they were introduced to the words 'fret' and 'triumph'. They were able to use these words when reflecting on texts they had read and by making personal connections about a time they began to fret. It is exciting to see their writing develop and their vocabulary expand.

Maddingley Year 1 Team



Recycle Your Pens & Markers - Woodlea



Woodlea is supporting Officeworks' recycling program which allows individuals to easily recycle a range of different items to help reduce landfill and make a 'positive difference'.

Students, families, teachers, and the wider Woodlea community can now deposit used pens, felt tips, highlighters, mechanical pens, correction tape, liquid paper, fountain pens/ink cartridges and markers in the Officeworks recycling box at Woodlea's Reception office.

By recycling your empty pens and markers, our school will also go into the draw to win a \$250 Officeworks voucher each term.

If you would like to recycle other items such as ink cartridges, e-waste, mobile phones, and batteries, visit your local Officeworks to make your contributions.

For more information, visit: <https://www.officeworks.com.au/information/about-us/peopleandplanet/recycling>

Ms Chloe Fava, Ms Lucinda Degiorgio & Mrs Amanda Pretty

Bus Information

Stop Allocations

If you have changed your child's stop which they board or disembark from as a permanent change, please advise the School Bus Service Administrator on 03 5366 4800 so this information can be updated on Roll Call and assist in the planning for the 2023 routes/timetables.

Roll Call – no need to make a change for one-off absence

If students are absent for the day/a period of time or not travelling on the bus as a once off, parents DO NOT need to remove their child from Roll Call. If a student does not travel, it will appear on Roll Call as NOT TRAVELLED. If a parent removes their child for a once off travel, it can remove the child from being allocated to the bus completely.

Private Bus Travel 2023

We are currently rolling students over from 2022 private bus travel to 2023 private bus travel.

If your child/ren's current bus travel arrangements are going to change or require to be changed (eg. Moving house, new address will no longer require a private bus) in 2023 please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email to discuss. If your child/ren do not require a private bus service in 2023 and parents do not advise, your child/ren will be allocated to a private bus and fees will apply.

Mrs Leanne Robertson - School Bus Services Administrator

Book Fair Updates

Maddingley update

Our Book Fair back orders from Scholastic have been processed and delivered to our students. We thank all our BMG Maddingley families for your patience in this matter. Orders have now closed.

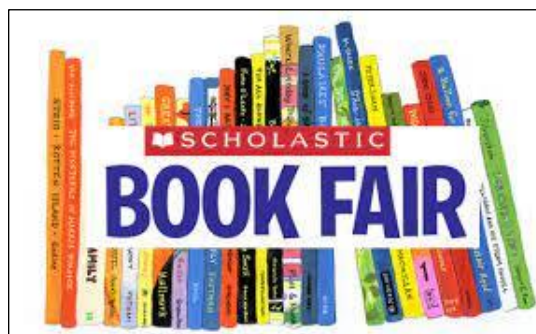
A number of our BMG parents have been contacted regarding any issues that have arisen. If you have any issues regarding your child's order please contact Mrs Diane Dunn at dunnd@bmg.vic.edu.au.

Woodlea update

Book Fair is now closed and no further orders will be taken.

Our back orders have started to arrive and the team will be processing and distributing our students orders as soon as possible. We thank you for your patience at this busy time.

If you have any issues regarding your child's order please contact Mrs Feona West at westf@bmg.vic.edu.au.



A message from Y Ballarat – Out of School Hours Care

Maddingley Families

All parents are requested to collect children from afterschool care via the carpark / Gatehouse and not enter via the Administration Office.

The gates are now open, so we request all parents to enter via Gatehouse please.

As you are aware, the OSHC program moves between the Library, Gymnasium and Playground / Oval areas, depending on what the children would like to participate in.

When you arrive to collect your child, we encourage you to call the service mobile to check where we are located at time of arrival.

Maddingley OSHC – 0438 154 842

Events Calendar

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

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Phone Orders – 5367 4072

Uniform information and shop business hours are listed on the [school's 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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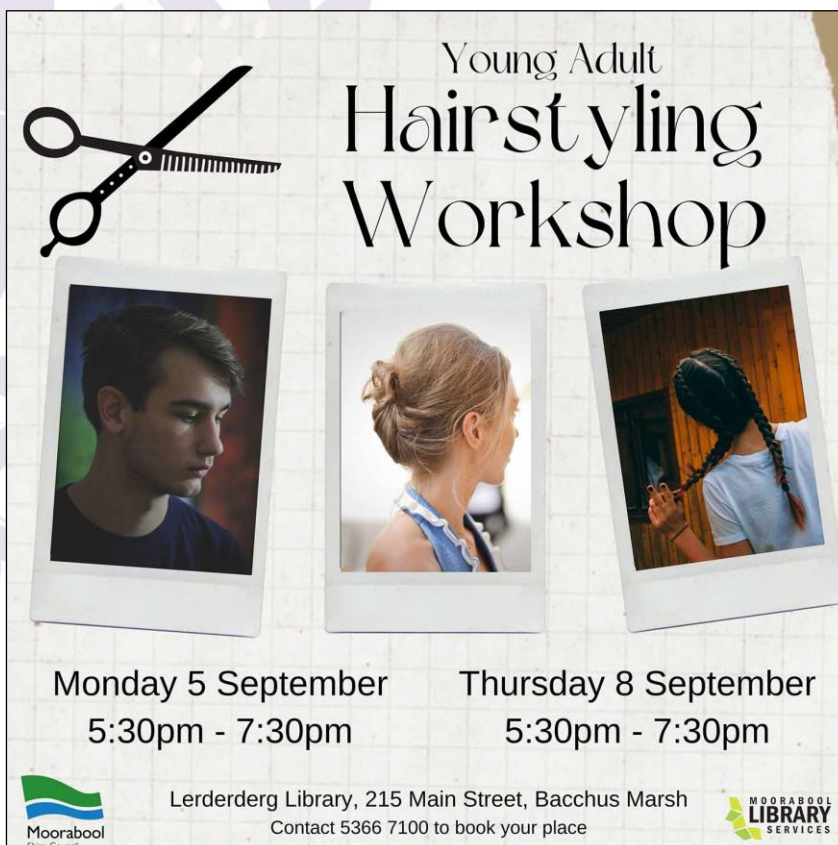
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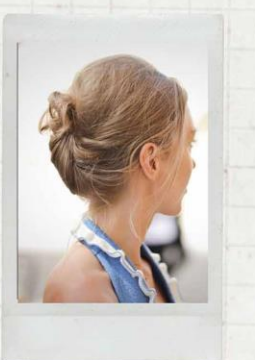


School Website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au

Community News

A message from Moorabool Shire Council



Young Adult
Hairstyling
Workshop




Monday 5 September
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 8 September
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Moorabool Shire Council

Lerderderg Library, 215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
Contact 5366 7100 to book your place



The Bacchus Marsh Grammar
Production of



Music by
Alan Menken

Lyrics by
Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by
Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by
Robert Jess Roth

Originally Produced by
Disney Theatrical Productions

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

WHEN:

Sunday, 11 September 2022 at 1.00pm & 5.00pm

WHERE:

Clocktower Centre - 750 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

TICKETS:

Please book via the Clocktower

<https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bacchus-marsh-grammar-presents-beauty-the-beast-jr/>

Community News

A message from Moorabool Light Orchestra

This event has been postponed until 16 October.

If you have any questions, please email Michael Love at lovem@bmg.vic.edu.au - President of the MLO.

Tickets Now Selling!



Sunday 16 October
Postponed to 16 October
August 2022

**Bacchus Marsh
Public Hall**

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$20
**Tickets at Bacchus Marsh
Florist (185 Main Street)**
Or online at Eventbrite.com

**See our FaceBook site or
Webpage**

Guest Conductor Sarah Barlow
Solo Guitarist Lachie Mansell
Featuring
Classical Gas from Tommy
Premiere of
The Unreachable Horizon
By Declan Postlethwaite
Rule Britannia
Pomp & Circumstance March
Country Gardens
I Still Call Australia Home
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