



## The Podium

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### Achieving Optimal Academic Performance - Asking for Help

We have all grown up being very aware of fictional superheroes - whether it be Superman, “who could leap tall buildings in a single bound”, Spiderman, “who could detect danger with his spider-sense” or more recently, Marvel characters like Wolverine, Captain America or Natasha Romanova. We were amazed at their superpowers and often imagined what it would be like to possess such traits. Well, we don’t have to imagine. Asking for Help is a superpower that anyone can have but only some people use. It is brave to ask for help.

Whilst I was at University, I was drawn to the History Faculty. The Professors and lecturers within this school possessed some sort of mystery; they possessed a key that opened stories from the past that I wanted to be a part of. I attached myself to one Professor, Jim Quinn, who became a trusted advisor in my Honours year. One of the first things I asked him was how I could become a better historian; a better writer of historical stories. I asked him for help. His answer was plain and simple and has resonated with me since. “Andrew, you need to read a lot more and write a lot more. As an athlete you train everyday and often twice a day. You must apply this same philosophy to your historical studies.” This help was so simple. I loved words, I loved consuming them and I needed to create a lot more of them. Jim told me that if I read for at least one hour per day and I managed to take away one quality sentence or paragraph then I would have had a great day.

It is brave to ask for help; however, as Bacchus Marsh Grammar students, it is fundamental that we develop the confidence to do so. Within our community, there are so many people, teachers, peers, mentors and tutors who are willing to provide assistance to help you become the “Best” person that you can become. All you have to do is be brave and ask.

**Mr Andrew Perks - Assistant Principal: Optimal Performance Learning**

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*End of Term 3 – Friday 16 September  
Maddingley & Woodlea both finish at 2.15pm.  
Please refer to full bus information in the BMG Newsletter/Schoolbox.*

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## Independent Schools Victoria Poetry Competition 2022

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Bacchus Marsh Grammar is very proud to announce that we had some of our students placed among the winning entries of the 2022 Independent Schools Victoria Poetry Competition.

The competition, now in its third year, attracted a record number of more than 500 entries from students from Prep to Year 12 in Independent, Government and Catholic schools. For the first time, the competition included a performance category in which students recited and recorded their poems.

In the Performance Poetry category, our very own **Reneisha Patidar (1B)** received an Honourable Mention for her poem entitled, 'I Belong to Everything'.

Two of our Year 8 students also received Honourable Mentions for their poems:

**Tavnoor Singh (8H)** for his poem, 'A Day in the Life of Earth', and **Joshua Pittard (8H)** for his hilarious ballad, 'The Ballad of ScoMo'.

We warmly congratulate these students on their amazing success, as well as all other students of Bacchus Marsh Grammar who went beyond their comfort zones to enter this competition.

Please head to the website to read and listen to the winning poems. <https://artslearningfestival.com.au/news/student-poetry-competition-2022-and-the-winners-are/>

**Mrs Kelly Dilges - Director of Literacy Education and Development**

## Story Writing Competition 2022 - WINNERS

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Congratulations to the following students who have won the 2022 Annual BMG Story Writing Competition:

	Winner	Honourable mention
<b>Year 8</b>	Ishnoor Dhillon 8J	
<b>Year 7</b>	Samaira Venkat 7A	Kushpreet Kaur 7WB
<b>Year 6</b>	Pratika Mehrotra 6WD	Nahreen Shahed 6C
<b>Year 5</b>	Vivaan Ogale 5B	Reyansh Manthana 5WA
<b>Year 4</b>	Juliet Coombs 4B	Dia Ballu 4WA
<b>Year 3</b>	Sathvika Saikumar 3WD	Jared Simm 3WD
<b>Year 2</b>	Divissha Seth 2WA	Jimmy Kent 2B

Winners receive a \$25.00 QBD voucher. Thank you to all students who entered this year.

**Mrs Feona West - Junior School Teacher Librarian**

## ICAS 2022 Results

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For students who completed ICAS Assessments last month, please be advised that ICAS will send the certificates to the school for distribution. The certificates include an unique TAP ID code required to view results online.

We endeavour to post these at earliest convenience, however, this will depend on the arrival date of the certificates and available resources.

Thank you for your patience.

**Mrs Casey Ryder**

## Food for the Future

### Students making an impact on reducing food waste in the home while supporting locals in need.

The students in the Year 9 & 10 Food for the Future class are making an impact in their local community. This subject aims to educate students on the many issues related to the food industry and our impact as food consumers. Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at the impact of food and packaging waste on the environment. Did you know that, on average, Australians throw away 20% of the food they purchase every week?

In response to looking at ways to reduce the amount of food packaging, and especially cling wrap used in the home, the students learnt about alternative materials that can keep food fresh. They then made their own beeswax food wraps that they gifted to their families or kept for wrapping up their own lunches.

Then, as a way of reducing the amount of food waste from the BMG Food Department, the students have been using the excess ingredients from other classes to make nutritious meals for the local community support group, Soul Food. Soul Food offers a free weekly lunch to those in the community who may not have regular access to nutritious meals and it is also a means of offering social connection to those in the community who may feel isolated.

However, with the increasing cost of living and financial pressures, Soul Food has seen an increased level of food insecurity within our local community and has responded by providing take-home meals to several local families. As a response to this need, the Food for the Future class was proud to prepare and provide 50 nutritious meals this week as part of our ongoing support of Soul Food. To hear the stories of how our contribution is helping the local community put a smile on the faces of all involved.

Mrs Jacqueline Huxtable



## Junior School News

As part of our Literacy Week celebrations, a group of students from Year 3 and 4 went to visit our Early Learning Centre (ELC) students. They each read the students a book, sharing our culture and love of reading. The students read with great fluency, using expression and characters voices to engage the youngest members of our community. The students from the ELC were very curious, asked many questions about the stories and demonstrated some wonderful attentive listening skills. We look forward to seeing the ELC students more over the coming months as they begin their transition to school.

**Mrs Sally Savic – Head of Junior School: Woodlea & Ms Courtney Williams – Deputy Head of Junior School: Woodlea**

### Spotlight on Woodlea Year 3

On Wednesday 31 August, we went to the Early Learning Centre with Mrs Savic to read some stories to the students.

#### Report from Amitaz, Sophia, Asrat, Sathvika, Jarred and Chandani (Year 3 Woodlea):

We were put into two groups with one group going into the Wattle Room while the other group went into the River Gum Room. Before we went in, we were feeling a little nervous about reading to the students; however, as soon as we walked into the room our nerves disappeared and we became very excited. We each chose a story to read and at the end of each story the ELC students gave us a big round of applause. While we were reading, we focused on asking the students different comprehension questions and made sure we read fluently and with lots of expression. After all the stories had been read, the ELC students in the Wattle Room voted for their favourite story, while the students in the River Gum Room sang us a song about the Australian colours. It was great to see the learning spaces in the ELC and some of the work the students had completed. We would like to thank the ELC teachers and students for allowing us to come in and read to them for the afternoon. It was a privilege for us to see their smiling faces and for us to get to know the teachers and students.



### Spotlight on Maddingley Physical Education

It has been a fantastic start to Semester Two in Physical Education. Students have been enjoying a wide range of activities to further develop their fundamental movement skills. These have included jump rope and balance for the Prep to Year 2 students and target games and hot shots tennis for the Year 3-4 students.

Students in Year 1 and 2 particularly enjoyed the Jump Rope Ninja Challenge in which they earned their coloured belt certificates based on how many consecutive jumps they achieved.



## Individual Sporting Success

We would like to make a special mention of **Iyla Robinson (4A)** who represented Team Victoria in the Australian Cross Country Interschool Championships that were held in South Australia on Saturday 27 August. Iyla ran a 2km course against girls from each state and placed 27<sup>th</sup> overall with a time of 8 minutes 25 seconds. Team Victoria's under 10 year old girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, earning them the silver medal. Iyla featured in The Moorabool News this week; see the article here:

<https://themooraboolnews.com.au/silver-for-little-aths-superstar/>

**Maddingley -Junior School PE Team**



## Middle School News

### CHES

On Monday 29 August, a group of Year 7 and 8 students travelled to Alice Miller School in Macedon to compete in the Northern Star Chess Secondary Open Zonal competition. The students had the opportunity to compete against competitors from a wide range of different schools from across the state. They faced players ranging from Years 7 to 12, which resulted in many challenging games throughout the day. All students demonstrated our School Values during the competition, particularly those of Discipline and Respect during their interactions with opponents. Our players greatly enjoyed the experience, despite the rain and cold.

Well done to the following students who competed on the day:

**Rakshita Vij, Karan Savant, Lakshya Sharma, Niraj Prakash, Bianca Trivedi, Isabelle Beska, Sheikh Ahmed, Garvit Sharma, Avi Loya, Fateh Badesha, Jasnoor Singh Chatha, Riley Richard, Vethik Prasanna, Gurshaan Singh Virk, Daniel Sumuni, Aaditya Kaki and Mayson Olguin.**

A particular congratulations goes to Niraj Parakash of Year 7 who scored 4.5 points, qualifying him for the upcoming Secondary Open State Final. Well done to all of the students who represented Woodlea on the day.

**Ms Madeline Mather**

### Woodlea Global Studies – Excursion to Kryal Castle

On Thursday 1 September, the Year 8 students travelled back to the time of the Middle Ages while participating in an excursion to Kryal Castle in Ballarat.



During Global Studies, the students have been learning about the Medieval Era in Europe and Japan and also the Renaissance in Italy. The concepts of which they have a deeper understanding are artistic, cultural and scientific developments, and the daily lives of different social groups.



Year 8 students participated in a range of experiences such as the apothecary, peasant life, the executioner, Manorial Court, leather work and games. Tour guides role played and gave detailed information about life during that period in history. The children were engrossed in the activities and had a splendid day learning about Medieval history.

**Ms Simone Kyle**

## PE & Sport News

### BMPSSA Summer Sports Day - Maddingley

On Friday 2 September, the Maddingley Year 6 students proudly represented the school in cricket, rounders, Newcombe, basketball and red-ball tennis.

Whilst competing against other schools from the Bacchus Marsh area, BMG experienced a very successful day. Congratulations to the following teams who won their divisions:

**Newcombe (Division 1 & 2)**

**Basketball (Boys & Girls teams)**

**Tennis - Mixed**

A big thank you and well done to all students for upholding our school values to a very high standard and demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and team spirit.

Thank you also to all staff members who were involved and helped ensure the day ran smoothly and was enjoyed by all.

**Mr Matthew LaFranchi**



### FV & SSAV Premier Football Cup – Senior Girls Soccer

Well done to our Senior Girls' soccer team that competed in the Premier Football Cup in Broadmeadows last week. Although they didn't come out with a win, they were extremely competitive and contested well all day. The first game saw a brilliant goal from Joselyn Bennetts in a close 2-1 loss to St Monica's College. The girls rallied but unfortunately experienced a devastatingly close loss in the second game to Ivanhoe Grammar, with a goal scored against them in the final few minutes resulting in a 1-0 loss. In the final game, the team competed right to the end but unfortunately lost to Kardinia International 4-0. A big thank you to our Senior Girls' soccer coach Mr DeBortoli who has been coaching the team over the past few weeks to get them ready for this competition.

### Herald Sun Shield Div. 2 – Senior Girls AFL

Following the win in the ICCES carnival several weeks ago, our Senior Girls' AFL team was invited to compete in the Herald Sun Shield Div. 2 competition. It was an amazing experience for the girls to be involved in such a high-level competition and against some of the bigger schools around Melbourne. Fighting hard all day, the girls experienced some quality football at Highgate Reserve in Craigieburn. With this being BMG's first invitation to compete in the Herald Sun Shield, the girls leave the competition with a lot of lessons learned and now have an understanding of the level they need to aspire to in future years. Thank you to our coaches Mrs Garner & Ms Brown for the effort and work they put into organising and coaching the team.

## Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to **Saoirse Sandoval-Roche 6C** for her recent performance in the Aussie Gold Cheer and Dance State Championships held in Wantirna. Saoirse was placed first in the Junior Division Pom Dance Double category and awarded State Champions. This was a fantastic achievement considering she was competing against many older dancers within the 15 and under competition. Well done Saoirse!

Mr Bryce Durham - Head of Faculty: PE and Health

## Premiers' Reading Challenge

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

Kate Park 3WA	Xavier Stirrat 5A	William Cusmano 6B	Seerit Gill 6WC
Saanvi Sachdeva 3WB	Angel Baghe 5B	Charlotte Morton 6E	Rohan Gunukula 6WC
Muhammad Rohaan Ali 3WD	Rowel Khan 5B	Michelle Park 6WA	Eden Haymes 6WC
Max Ambrogio 5A	Keerthi Uppalapati 6A	Khushreet Kaur Aujla 6WB	Varoon Ravichandar 6WC
Dougall Buzza 5A	Rianna Attwal 6A	Vansh Goel 6WB	Senuk De Alwis 6WC
Sophia Conza 5A	Jobanpreet singh Deol 6A	Devshree Gohil 6WB	Harsimrat Kaur 6WC
Antonia Frisina 5A	Josephine Gribbin 6A	Tanvir Sajjan 6WB	Jazzmeen Sandhu 6WC
Cameron Huybens 5A	Harry Metcher 6A	Jatin Singla 6WB	Kushpreet Kaur 7WB
Arjun Varma Kallapalle 5A	Koko Shand 6A	Enara Wimalasuriya 6WB	Vaishnavi Poduri 7WB
Gunnika Singh 5A	Akshar Thatipelly 6A	Jasnaam Dhandli 6WC	Olivia Tilling 10I

Mrs Feona West - Junior School Teacher Librarian

## Middle School Productions – Tickets on Sale

### Disney The Lion King Jr

Come and see Woodlea Campus present Disney's "The Lion King Jr."

Step into The Clocktower to be transported to the Pride Lands of the African Savannah where you will meet Simba, Nala, Mufasa, Scar, Timone, Pumbaa and many of the other treasured African animals. Follow the journey of a young cub that grows into a wise and brave young lion that overcomes fear to reclaim his throne, and listen to classic melodies which come to life on stage. The theatrical talents of the Middle School students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar truly capture this story which has carried on for more than 25 years.

- **Dates:** Thursday 6 and Friday 7 October at 7pm
- **Venue:** The Clocktower Centre Moonee Ponds

Tickets available this Friday 2 September from 10am at: <https://clocktowercentre.com.au/bacchus-marsh-grammar-presents-the-lion-king-jr-early/>

Ms Amanda Middleditch

## Music Department

### Music Department - Student Success

Congratulations to the following student for their recent examination success:

Student Name	Section	Result
William Prissmall	AMEB Classical Guitar Comprehensive Grade 3	A Honours

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: [music@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@bmg.vic.edu.au).

## 2023 Instrumental Music Re-Enrolment

Parents will soon 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](mailto:music@bmg.vic.edu.au) with any queries in the meantime.

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

## Bus Information

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### End of Term 3 Finish Times – Friday 16 September

Maddingley campus will finish Term 3 at 2.15pm. All Private buses will depart 1 hour earlier than their scheduled timetabled times to coincide with the earlier finish time. All Country and PTV school buses will depart 30 minutes earlier than their scheduled timetabled times and the Town Service Student Transport Services will run as per normal timetabled times.

Woodlea Campus will finish Term 3 at 2.15pm. All Private buses will depart 1 hour earlier than their scheduled timetabled times to coincide with the earlier finish times.

### Trial Exams – Monday 3 October

With Year 12 trial exams taking place on Monday 3 October 2022, there will be no buses available on this day, students are required to make their own way to and from school.

### 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.

### Stop Allocations

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

**Mrs Leanne Robertson – School Bus Services Administrator**

## Events Calendar

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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

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### Phone Orders – 5367 4072

Uniform information and shop business hours are listed on the [school's website](#).



## Regular Contacts

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### Student Absentees

#### Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 or Absentee Email – [maddingley\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au)

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## Community News

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Bacchus Marsh Grammar Woodlea's  
Production of

Disney  
**THE LION KING**  
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Music and Lyrics by  
**Elton John and Tim Rice**

Additional Music and Lyrics by  
**Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin  
and Hans Zimmer**

Book by **Roger Allers and Irene Mecchi**

Based on the Broadway production directed by  
**Julie Taymor**

Music Adapted & Arranged and Additional Music & Lyrics and  
"Luuu Hawaiian Treat" written by **WB Van Dyke**

"It's a Small World" written by **Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman**

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

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Thursday 6th & Friday 7th October, 2022  
7:00 - 8:15 pm  
Clocktower Centre - 750 Mount Alexander Road,  
Moonee Ponds, VIC 3039

Tickets available to purchase  
\$10 Adult | \$20 Family  
Call (03) 9243 9191 or visit [www.cloctowercentre.com.au](http://www.cloctowercentre.com.au)

# Bacchus Marsh (Woodlea Campus) *Spring Holiday Program* September 19 - 30 2022 (7am - 6:30pm)

**MON SEP 19**  
**Clay Sculptures**  
Create your clay masterpiece to decorate and take home.

**TUE SEP 20**  
**OSHC Mini Sports**  
A rotation of mini sport activities to get you moving in the springtime sun.

**WED SEP 21**  
**Picnic in the Park**  
Enjoy a picnic lunch and play on the adventure playground.

**THURS SEP 22**  
**Football Clinic**  
Learn some AFL football skills with an AFL accredited coach.

**MON SEP 26**  
**Werribee Zoo**  
Jump on the Safari bus and tour the Savannah. Can you spot your favourite animals?

**TUE SEP 27**  
**Bath Bomb Bonanza**  
Make your very own bath bombs using natural ingredients.

**WED SEP 28**  
**Up and Away**  
Get busy making a flying object. Head to Aintree oval to test them out.

**THURS SEP 29**  
**Mini Golf**  
Test your mini golf skills at Gold Rush Mini Golf.

**FRI SEP 30**  
**Crazy Cookies**  
Decorate your crazy cookie afternoon snack.

● Venue ● Incursion ● Excursion

Scheduled activities and bus times may change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please confirm with the venue if needed.

For more information and to book call 0490 490 362 or visit [yballarat.org.au](http://yballarat.org.au)

