

It Was Sixty Years Ago Today!



And that's a wrap! On Saturday August 10, over 160 students took the stage at the Clocktower Theatre in Moonee Ponds to celebrate The Beatles' music.

The event highlighted the impressive talent within our Performing Arts Programme at Maddingley, featuring music performances, dance numbers and original drama sketches.

We marked the 60th anniversary of The Beatles' visit to Melbourne and their profound impact on popular music and culture.

A huge thank you to our incredible team for their dedication in bringing this event to life. While there are too many contributors to name individually, your efforts are deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Narelle Pritchard for her behind-the-scenes work including directing sketches, choreographing dance sequences and managing logistics. A shout-out to Jake Parton for his original sketches, and gratitude to our Leadership team for their support and participation. Most importantly, a heartfelt thanks to all the talented students at Bacchus Marsh Grammar who made this event a reality. It's a privilege to work in a school with such extraordinary talent.

Photographs of the event will be available on Schoolbox early next week!

Mr Troy Westgarth – Head of Faculty: Music and Performing Arts

Reminder: MID-TERM BREAK - Friday 16 August

Premier's VCE Awards – Anahita Rahman



The annual Premier's VCE Awards recognise students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

Individual Graded Assessment scores are used to determine the order of merit and identify the best students. A total of only 300 Study Awards were presented across all VCE subjects.

Anahita Rahman was a recipient of a Study Award for General Mathematics and recognised as one of the best students in this subject in a ceremony held on Wednesday 17 July.

This is an outstanding achievement and a highly prestigious award for Anahita that recognises her outstanding diligence and work ethic. Congratulations Anahita.

Mr David Hunter – General Mathematics Teacher (pictured left) and Mr Tony Castrignano – Yr 12 Coordinator 2023

Early Learning Centre

Mini Olympics at the ELC



The Paris Olympics has been something that the children of the ELC have been eagerly learning about in the lead up to the games and throughout. The children have broadened their understanding of the history of the Olympics, the different countries participating, the competition events, the medals and sportsmanship that comes with competing.

On Friday 9 August, the children of the ELC gathered to partake in their very own Olympic games. The children proudly participated in a walk out onto the oval where they displayed their team uniforms and banners before the competition began. The events of the day included running races, equestrian riding, obstacle courses, egg and spoon races, bean bag throwing and last, but not least, the momentous sack races.

The children participated with enthusiasm and with a sense of good sportsmanship. It was a wonderful day for all and great for our smallest members of the school to challenge themselves to be the best that they can.



Ms Geraldine O'Connor – Kindergarten Teacher

Junior School

Spotlight on Teaching and Learning at Maddingley Campus

Building Reading Fluency - Repeated Reading

'Engaging children in repeatedly reading texts aloud improves reading ability.' (based on studies by S. Jay Samuels (1979) and Carol Chomsky (1978))

Extensive studies have shown the importance of 'automaticity' to reading. Automaticity, reading accurately and at an appropriate rate, refers to the ability to read without thinking about decoding. This frees up working memory or thinking space in the brain so that the reader can get meaning from the text.

When children are learning to read, they initially struggle to read words accurately. When these students apply decoding strategies and master accuracy in reading, the speed or rate of their reading tends to be very slow.

Repeated Reading is an effective, evidence-based approach to help build reading automaticity. When done correctly and regularly, repeated reading can help readers to read words accurately and with sufficient speed. Once a child can efficiently read words, they can give their attention to gaining meaning from text.

For repeated reading to be effective, children are **required to read the same text at least four times**. This is why your child will bring home the same books to read each night for a week. They may also bring home the same titles again in later weeks for interleaved, recursive practice.

Parents can support reading development at home by encouraging repeated reading of texts as part of the nightly reading routine. Supporting repeated reading requires the following:



- listening to your child read aloud the same text for at least 10-15 minutes each night (four repetitions)
- modelling fluent reading to your child by reading parts of the text to them
- discussing vocabulary and word meaning before reading the text
- prompting your child to track the text using their finger
- cueing your child to focus on pace and meaning as they read
- providing positive feedback and correction
- asking questions during and after reading to monitor comprehension

Further information about repeated reading and other evidence-based reading practices can be found on the following websites:

<https://fivefromfive.com.au/fluency/evidence-based-fluency-instruction/repeated-reading/>

<https://www.littlelearnersloveliteracy.com.au/blogs/assessment/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/discipline/english/literacy/readingviewing/Pages/repeated-oral-reading.aspx>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/reading-101/reading-and-writing-basics/fluency>

Ms Sian Rawlinson – Deputy Head of Junior School, Teaching and Learning: Maddingley Campus

Year 3 Woodlea



The Year 3 Woodlea students recently enjoyed a fun-filled, Olympic-themed day at Staughton Vale. The day was packed with a variety of engaging activities including giant world flag puzzles, a scavenger hunt and Olympic round-robin events. This exciting experience gave students the opportunity to showcase their team-building and problem-solving skills.

Throughout the day, the students worked together in groups, demonstrating remarkable collaboration and embodying our school values as they tackled each challenge. It was inspiring to see how they supported one another to achieve success.

The day concluded with each student receiving a gold token which was a small acknowledgment of their participation and effort.

Mrs Aimee LaFranchi – Head of Year 3 Woodlea

Literacy Festival 2024

Bacchus Marsh Grammar Literacy Festival - 26 August – 30 August

The Bacchus Marsh Grammar Literacy Festival is fast approaching and we are positively bursting to celebrate reading and literacy in all its glory here at Bacchus Marsh Grammar! Literacy is, of course, a strong focus for us all year round, but it will be fabulous to spend the week shining an extra special spotlight on the many wonderful ways in which reading can enhance the lives of our students.

We have some amazing guest speakers joining us to inspire our Prep to Six students to embrace literacy and follow their dreams. These speakers are always well-received and highly anticipated by our students.

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

Dress Up Days:

Literacy Dress Up Day will take place on Thursday 29 August at the Woodlea Campus and Friday 30 August at Maddingley Campus. The theme this year is “Reading is Magic”, which pretty much means the options are endless. We can’t wait to see the students all dressed up and enjoy the excitement of the day. Remember, there is absolutely no need to spend money on a costume – ask children to get creative with what they have at home.

We can’t wait to share this week with our wonderful students.

Mrs Kelly Dilges - Assistant Principal: Director of Literacy Education and Development

Middle School

MAV Maths Games Day

On Friday 9 August, Year 5 Woodlea students represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar at the Mathematical Association of Victoria (MAV) Maths Games Day at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School in Essendon.

The BMG Woodlea Year 5 Girls Team consisted of Shanaya Bhagwani, Cerunthini Gopalakrishnan, Aarna Sheth and Shanaya Yadav. Working together on challenging worded problem-solving was lots of fun for the girls. This was the first task for the day and each team had five booklets to solve within a given time limit. There were different types of questions in each booklet, asking students to employ skills in algebra, measurement or numeration. Upon reflection, the girls felt that they would have done better with more time to complete all the questions.

The BMG Woodlea Year 5 Boys Team was made up of Divneet Gill, Yadish Prasanna and Riaan Sachdeva. The boys focused on the next two activities of the day - rotating table games with students from other schools and then a mega round of mental maths. The table game rotations included activities such as Traffic Lights, Honeycomb, Sprout and Pentominoes. The boys performed really well on the table games and mental maths, completing all these tasks in good time.

Throughout the day, there was a lovely spirit of respectful competition exhibited by each school team and the love of Mathematics was evident in all who participated. Although we did not achieve a podium place for either team, our students, nevertheless, represented Bacchus Marsh Grammar Woodlea with pride and mathematical excellence.



Dr Melvin Tan – Teacher

Physical Education, Health and Sport News

ACS Cross Country

Last Friday was a fantastic day at Bundoora Park where Bacchus Marsh Grammar participated in its first-ever Association of Coeducational Schools (ACS) Cross Country Championship, with 61 students representing the school. The weather couldn't have been better, as the sun shone all day, making the challenging course an enjoyable experience for many. Each of our students gave their all, pushing through to secure the best possible results for the school. We also watched some outstanding individual performances, with the following students earning well-deserved spots on the podium:

Year 9 Girls: Abbey Pellow (9WD) - 3rd place

Year 10 Girls: Ruby Gorton (10E) - 2nd place

Year 11 Boys: Samuel White (11K) - 2nd place

Year 12 Boys: Nicholas Cassar (12C) – 3rd place

BMG finished in a very respectable 6th place with the overall school results as follows:

Rank	School	Ranking Points
1st	Westbourne Grammar	67 pts
2nd	St Leonard's College	62 pts
3rd	St Michael's	47 pts
4th	Loyola	39 pts
5th	Overnewton	37 pts
6th	Bacchus Marsh	33 pts
7th	St Aloysius	9 pts



WestVic High Performance Day – VIS Tour

On Monday, 12 August, our WestVic scholarship holders had the incredible opportunity to participate in a high-performance day which included an exclusive tour of the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) facilities in Albert Park. This immersive experience was designed to provide insight into the demands of being an elite athlete and to offer a glimpse into what a day in their life might entail.

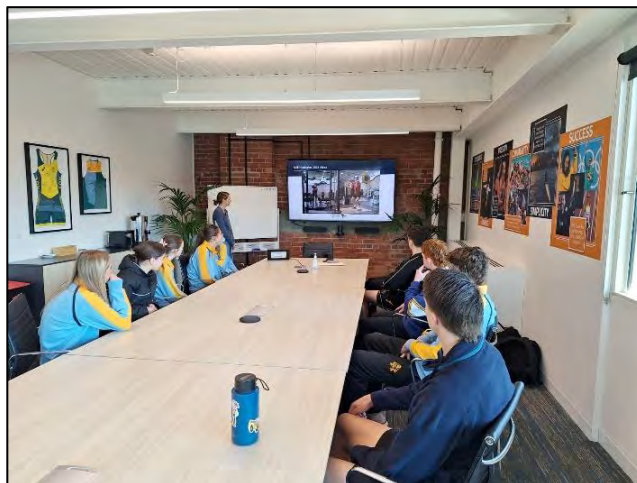
The students were privileged to attend an athlete presentation by current VIS hockey player Charlotte Hodgson. Charlotte shared valuable insights about the VIS, its support systems for athletes, educational pathways in



sport, and potential careers in the sports industry. Following the presentation, she led the students on an in-depth tour of the VIS facilities, including the indoor training pool, strength and conditioning centre, medical facilities, recovery room, and the high-altitude and temperature training room.

The VIS tour concluded with an engaging Sports Science presentation by one of the VIS biomechanists who covered key topics such as exercise physiology, biomechanics, skill acquisition and performance analysis. This session provided the students with a deeper understanding of the extraordinary lengths elite athletes go to in their pursuit of excellence.

To cap off the day, the students participated in an intense fitness challenge back at school. This high-intensity circuit, consisting of 10 demanding exercises, pushed them to their physical limits, reflecting the rigorous training required to achieve peak athletic performance.



Maddingley Elite Sport Applications 2025

Thank you to all students/athletes who applied for the Elite Sporting Program for Years 9 and 10 in 2025. The first testing afternoon took place this Thursday for our current Year 8 cohort and the second afternoon will be held next Monday 19th for our current Year 9 cohort. These sessions will gather important data about the applicants' current fitness parameters and resilience.

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 by the WestVic Academy of Sport Executive Officer and team.

Unfortunately, although we cannot offer a place to all candidates, 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 at which the athlete is currently playing and consistently competing.
2. Quality of the athlete coach's reference.
3. Performance of the athlete at the testing afternoons and their meeting benchmarks.
4. Commitment to representing their House and the School in events (e.g. ICES/ACS).
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 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.

Individual Sporting Achievements

BMG had four students compete for Victoria in the recent Australian National Karate Championships which were held from 2 to 4 August.

- **Emilia Feketa** (Year 6) won gold in her individual weight division kumite.
- **Cooper Black** (Year 7) won gold in both his individual weight division kumite and children's team kumite.
- **Gemma Reid** (Year 10) won gold in each event of individual weight division kumite, cadet open kumite and cadet team kumite.
- **Justin Robins** (Year 10) won silver in his individual weight division kumite, bronze in junior open kumite, and gold in junior team kumite.

Some fantastic achievements from all students on the national stage. Well done!



Mr Bryce Durham – Head of Faculty: PE and Health

Western Metropolitan Regional Hockey Finals

Date: Monday, 12 August 2024

On Monday our BMG Girls team competed in the Western Metro Regional Hockey Finals at Footscray Hockey Club.

A massive credit to the girls on making it to the Regional level and for their efforts on the day.

Unfortunately, the girls missed out on qualifying for the next round after coming up against some very tough opposition.

A big thank you to Head Coach Mr Trent Oldaker for his coaching and work with the girls' hockey team.

Mr Matt Harris – Administration: PE & Health

Woodlea Debating & Public Speaking Report

ICCES Debating

On 30 July, we had a group of Senior and Middle school students who attended the Maddingley Campus for the 2024 ICCES Debating Competition.

Our Senior team consisted of Iian Ahmed, Sehaj Kaur, Ashvika Biradar, Alexis Sharp and Kanveer Sandhu. All members of this team were first time debaters and delivered well-thought-out arguments on the topics of 'We should incentivise people to move to the country' and that 'That the economy is a poor measure of a nation's success.'

Our Junior team consisted of Surya Sureshkumar, Tharul Abeyratne, Tanish Krishna, Seerit Gill, Yashita Garg and Chashan Rai. Many of these students had previously participated in the DAV competition and the skills that they had learnt served them well when debating the topics of 'The Paris Olympics should be the last' and 'That we should teach manners in school.'

Overall, we had a very successful and enjoyable day. Our Senior students were narrowly defeated, while our Junior students won both of their debates and were awarded the overall winners of the competition on the day. An additional highlight of the day was seeing the personal and collaborative growth of our students and the sportsmanship and engagement our students had with the other schools.

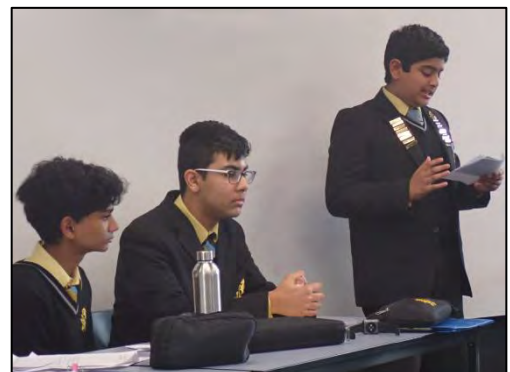
I would like to thank Year 7 students Aadrika Choundhary and Eva Purewal for assisting as timekeepers on the day.



ACS Public Speaking Competition

On 5 August, Surya Sureshkumar represented the Woodlea Campus at the intermediate level of the ACS public speaking competition. Surya delivered a powerful speech on the downfalls of geoengineering. Against very tough competition, Surya secured third position on the night. I wish to congratulate Surya on all the success he has had this year in his individual and team public speaking events.

Mrs Lee Tadic – Debating and Wynypeak Coordinator



Administration

Maddingley Parent Carpark

A reminder to parents when leaving the school grounds that the speed limit along South Maddingley Road is 40km per hour. Parents who then turn right into Gaynor Street are reminded that this is a residential street with a speed limit of 50 km per hour. Your consideration of residents in this street is appreciated.

Parents who exit the carpark via East Maddingley Road are reminded to look both ways when exiting; there have been several near misses involving trucks travelling along South Maddingley Road.

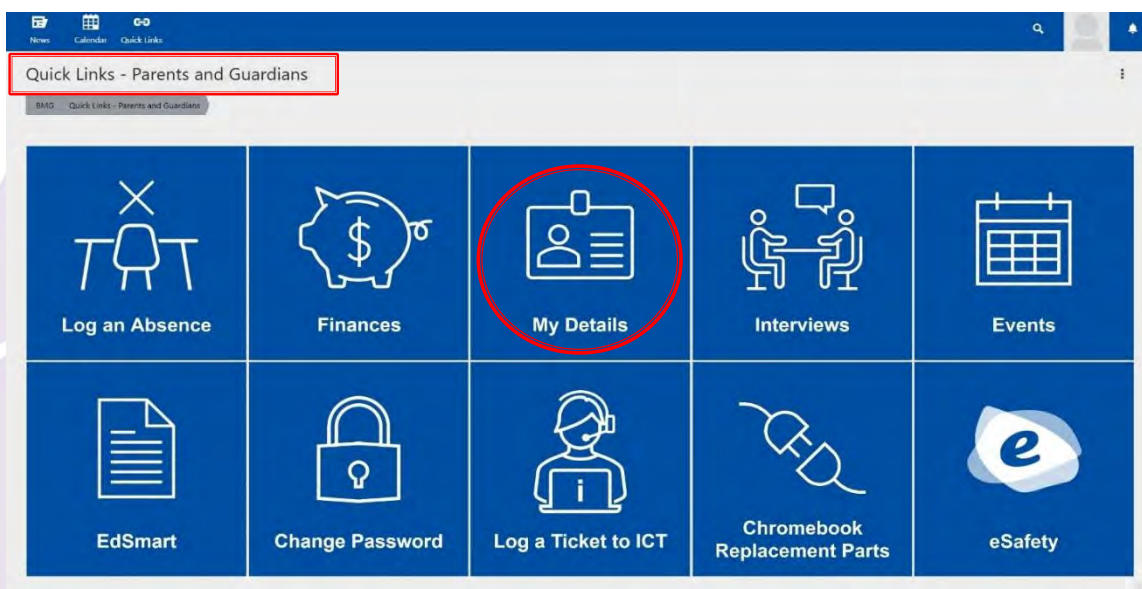
Mrs Michelle Graham – Director of Administration

Updating Medical, Dietary and Emergency Contact Information

We ask that parents/guardians log into Schoolbox to ensure that their child/ren's emergency contacts/medical/allergy/dietary information is all up to date. There may have been changes to your child's information since the beginning of the year, so it is crucial that these details are correct.

To review and update information, please visit Schoolbox / Quicklinks / My Details and select your child's name in the drop down menu.

Step through each category and edit accordingly. Updates can take 24 hours to roll over within the school's system.



Mrs Casey Ryder – Executive Assistant: Maddingley

Co-Curricular

Clay Target Shooting

A huge congratulations to our BMG Clay Target shooting team.

On Tuesday 6 August, our team competed in the SEZ (South East Zone) championships where there were 19 schools competing involving 51 Senior Boys' teams, 34 Junior Boys' teams, 11 Junior Girls' teams and 11 Senior Girls' teams.

BMG was the overall school team winner (pictured right) with a senior team consisting of:

Nicholas Cassar, Hayley Carlesso, Blair Copeman, Thomas Morton and Harry Peterken.

This team will go on to compete at State Titles on September 2 in Echuca. We wish them all the best for this event.

Nicholas Cassar also came home as the Senior Boys' winner with Blair Copeman coming in 4th place. Hayley Carlesso came in 2nd place in the Senior Girls' division.

A special mention goes out to Jackson Ryder who competed in his first ever shoot in the Junior Boys' division. Well done Jackson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL



Thanks to Holly Marsland Kelsey and Trent Oldaker who will be assisting Rachel McMahon with this co curricular group.

Any students who are interested in joining our BMG Clay Target team, please email mcmahonr@bmg.vic.edu.au or check out our School box page for more information.

Please note, all students must, or must have already, submitted an application for a Junior Gun licence with the Victoria Police.

Ms Rachel McMahon - Director of Camps and Experiences Programs

Green and Gold Day

Students at Maddingley took part in a week-long series of Olympic events during lunchtimes in the Gym and in the Sports Precinct. From tennis to rowing, and athletics to golf, students were able to “have a go” every lunchtime.

To complement the week, we welcomed a visit from Emily Hamilton Smith who gave a presentation to the Elite Sports students while the Olympics, shown on the big screen, featured a range of events. In addition, students had the opportunity to wear Green and Gold on the Thursday.

The Green and Gold Day will now become an annual feature of the School year, with more events planned for 2025.



Mr David Gorton – Director of Student Engagement / Head of Staughton Vale Campus

ICAS

ICAS Assessments – Update for registered students only

Information has been sent to parents/guardians via EdSmart notification 6 August 2024.

Please be advised that registered students will sit their subject assessment/s during school hours on the allocated dates below, at times determined by the Heads of Campus and Class Teachers. Due to the volume of students participating and the challenge of coordinating the assessments within the school’s existing timetable, there will be no opportunity to provide parents with additional notice of the exact sitting time for your child.

Any key updates will be added to Schoolbox.

ENGLISH

- Now Completed

SCIENCE

- Tuesday 20 August - Years 2 to 4
- Wednesday 21 August - Years 5 to 10

MATHEMATICS

- Tuesday 27 August - Years 2 to 4
- Wednesday 28 August - Years 5 to 10

Students in Years 2 to 4 will be supplied with a school Chromebook to complete their assessment. All other year levels should ensure they have their Chromebooks ready and charged on the day.

Refer to [Schoolbox](#) for more detail.

Mrs Casey Ryder – Executive Assistant: Maddingley

From the Library

BOOK CLUB NEWS AUGUST 2024

Issue 6 is out now!

The latest issue of the Scholastic Book Club catalogue is out now. Click on the link below to go to the How to order page.

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/>

Check out all the wonderful books available and place your order and have it delivered to your home.

If you have ordered before here is the link below to both Issue 5 and Issue 6

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/>

Mrs Diane Dunn – Scholastic Book Club Coordinator Maddingley

The Premier's Reading Challenge is open to all students from Prep to Year 12

The Challenge ends on September 6, 2024. Students who complete the Challenge must advise Mrs West either via an email from a parent or a signed printout of their completed Challenge list. The entry will then be verified.

Students who have recently completed the Challenge: Reyan Handa 5A, Ariana Sharma 5A, Lorelei Westphal 5B

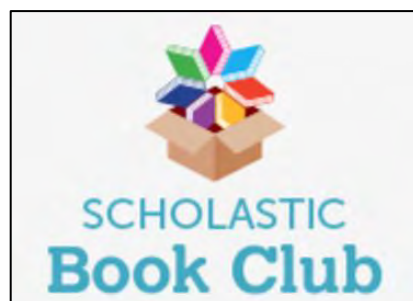
Mrs Feona West – Teacher Librarian

Bus and Transport Updates

PRIVATE BUS TRAVEL 2025

We are currently rolling over students from 2024 private bus travel to 2025 private bus travel.

If your child/ren's current bus travel arrangements are going to change or require to be changed (eg moving house, will not require private bus travel) for 2025, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au to discuss. If your child/ren will not require a private bus service in 2025 and parents do not advise, your child/ren will be allocated to a private bus and fees will apply.



ALLOCATED ROLL CALL STOPS

If you have changed your child/ren's stop that they board or disembark as a permanent change, and have not notified the school, please contact the School Bus Services Administrator on 5366 4800 or email bus@bmg.vic.edu.au. This information needs to be up to date on roll call for emergency services and will assist in the planning for 2025 routes/timetables.

COUNTRY BUS TRAVEL 2025 – MADDINGLEY CAMPUS

Applications for Permission to Travel forms have been sent to families last week via Edsmart notification to parents for children who are eligible to travel on a Country bus to Bacchus Marsh Grammar Maddingley Campus in 2025. Application forms are due back by Friday 6 September 2024. Please note that failure to submit this form to the office by the due date may result in your child/ren not being eligible to travel on a Government Operated Bus Service in 2025.

Kurunjang Public Bus Service to Maddingley Campus via Long forest Road – PM CHANGE

Due to road works on Coburns Road in MELTON, we were originally advised the stop change would only affect the AM stop, we have been advised it will now affect the PM stop also. The PM stop has moved to:

3.44pm Corner Coburns Road & Barries Road (PTV)

This stop is across the road from the AM stop.

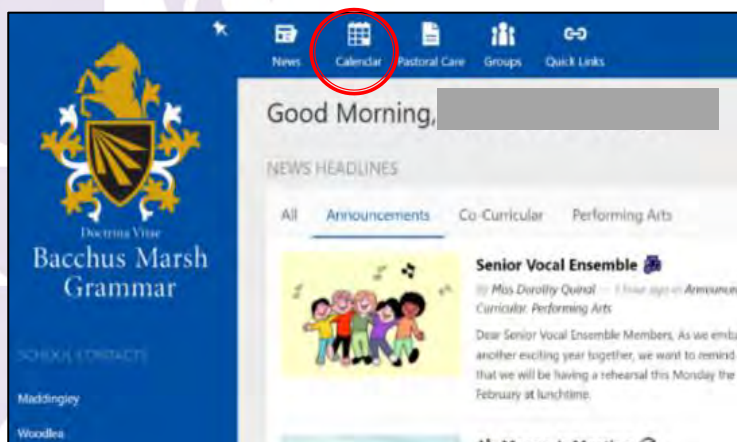
Mrs Leanne Robertson – School Bus Services Administrator

2024 & 2025 Term Dates

Both the 2024 and 2025 Term Dates are published on the [school's website](#).

Events Calendar

All upcoming events feature on the Schoolbox Calendar for both students and parents/guardians to view.



Uniform Shop

Uniform information and shop business hours for both the Maddingley Campus Onsite Shop and Rushfords in Werribee are listed on the [school's website](#). Please note that uniforms can also be purchased online via <https://www.noone.com.au/>.

Health Centre

New Contact Method for Maddingley and Woodlea Health Centre

We would like to inform all parents that the Maddingley and Woodlea Health Centres have transitioned to using mobile phones as the primary means of communication with parents. This change is intended to streamline and improve the efficiency of our communication.

Contact Information:

Maddingley Health Centre Mobile Number: 0409 660 290

Woodlea Health Centre Mobile Number: 0448 281 290

Please save these numbers in your contacts to ensure you can easily recognise calls from the health centres.

Families can still reach the Health Centre through Reception if they wish to do so.

We encourage all parents to update their contact lists and ensure that these numbers are accessible. This change aims to provide a more direct and prompt communication channel between the Health Centre and parents. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Health Centre Team

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

The Y Ballarat operates the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. Enrolments are completed online. For full information please visit the [school's website](#).

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

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Register via QR code

Thursday 26 September
1 - 4 PM

Darley Civic & Community
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FREE!

AGES 5-12





MOORABOOL YOUTH AWARDS

keep growing

AWARD CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- Kind Soul
- Hard Worker
- Leader
- Willpower
- Trailblazer
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- Team Player
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Young people who are
12-25 and live, work
or study in
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NOMINATIONS DUE 30 SEPTEMBER
Nominate using the QR code



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