BMPS ANZAC PROJECT
A school project to commemorate 100 years of the Anzacs

A number of groups in Moorabool have begun to plan for the 100 year anniversary of the ANZACS 2013 – 2018. We would like to contribute with our own special project.

We would like to publish a book by our students in Prep to Year 6. The book will be about our Avenue of Honour in Bacchus Marsh. Children’s stories and pictures will be printed to be part of the book.

PROJECT
Children to write about the Avenue of Honour (their story, history of a relative, feeling about the Avenue of Honor, Poem, whatever they wish to write about. An illustration, painting, photograph, collage, 3D is also needed.

TASK
Picture and story on A4 page
Picture and story children’s choice

Works will be selected to be published in a colour book.

TIME FRAME
Start April 22nd – Final work to be submitted by 19th May.
Please ensure names are on work.

We look forward to seeing a huge range of stories, research about the Avenue of Honour.

Please see your teacher if you need assistance.
MOTHER’S DAY – MAY 12TH

We wish all our Mums a wonderful day and hope you get very spoilt as you should be. Our Mother’s Day Stall is on Friday 10th May. We are celebrating Mother’s Day at a special lunch on Thursday May 9th at the Plough Inn Myrning. Tickets are $40 each, which includes your meal and a glass of champagne. Tickets are available at the school office or at the Plough.

CYBER SAFETY www.cybersmart.gov.au

Thanks to the parents who attended our Cybersafety night. If you missed this very important night please access the above website. It is essential to understand how to keep our children safe online, protect them from potential risks and to use technology in a safe learning environment. We wouldn’t let children play on the road because of the obvious danger so therefore should not let children out on the Internet without knowing the safety rules first.

Do you know what your children are accessing and what they can access? Do you know who they are talking to: (by blog, online, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, KIK)?

3 WAY INTERVIEWS JUNE 27TH - ONLINE BOOKING OPENS 20TH MAY

This year we are trialing a new booking system for making appointments for 3 Way Interviews. You will be able to book your preferred interview time online.

Online booking will open on 20th May. More information will be available before this date. On May 13th at 9am there will be a Parent Information session regarding the 3 Way Interviews.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR THIS TERM

- 3 Way Interviews – May 13 9am (after assembly)
- ICT – June 3 9am (after assembly)
- Head Lice – June 24 9am (after assembly)

BALI SCHOOL VISIT

We had a wonderful and rewarding trip to our Sister School in Bali. Our staff learned lots as well as being able to provide professional learning for the teachers at the school. We really enjoyed working with the children. The staff and children were ‘over the moon’ with the 10 iPads we gave them and it will really assist with their learning of English. BMPS has and is making a huge impact on the lives of a whole village (Sudimara) in Bali. Our contribution is assisting children to get an education and thus providing a way out of poverty. We also gain greatly from the experience.

Many of our parents and children visit the school in Bali. If you would like to be involved or visit please let me know.

BALI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Our school sponsors 32 children at the school. If you would like to assist sponsoring one of the students please let the office know. It costs $100 a year to sponsor a student and this money enables them to attend school and continue an education. One of our sponsor children has recently graduated and is starting tourism school which will enable her to gain employment.

BACCHUS MARSH INDOOR POOL

A group of enthusiastic and dedicated Bacchus Marsh residents are working hard to get an indoor pool for our community. If you would like to find out more information or support this project please email Joce Williams joce@scottyhouse.com

WORKING BEE

There will be a Working Bee on Saturday 25th May from 9am to 12pm. We are going to be working on the front garden and the drop off area, as well as the Science garden. We would really love a good turn up especially to help rejuvenate the front garden.
NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will begin soon. Following is some information about NAPLAN. This is one measure of a child’s performance. We strongly encourage you and your children not to become stressed or too concerned about the testing.

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- Language Conventions includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- Numeracy includes number; space; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.

How can I help my child prepare for the tests? NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child’s preparation for NAPLAN, you should make a time to speak with their teacher.

The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

For more information about NAPLAN:
- Visit www.nap.edu.au
- Contact your child's school
- Contact your state or territory’s education authority (details available on the NAP website)

Ian, Pam & Leanne
MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON
The Plough Inn, Myrniong
THURSDAY 9TH MAY, 2013  12.00PM

Calling all Mums, Grandmas, Aunties - Come and enjoy some fabulous company and a great lunch with our BMPS Mums. Bring along your friends.

$40 includes 2 Course Meal and a glass of Champagne

Contact BMPS office on 5367 2745 for bookings, tickets or information.
MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Friday 10th May
Gifts $5
Please provide a bag for your child to place the gift in.

If you could help at the stall we would appreciate it, please contact Sharlene on 0425 713 696.

Thank you
Fundraising Committee
PAYMENTS
Payments for Excursions, Incursions, Booklists, Camps etc can be made by BPAY, please contact our office for your BPAY details.

ART
As a lot of art work this term involves paint, your child will need a smock for all lessons. This can be a smock, old shirt, apron or an old T Shirt. Thank you to all parents who sent egg cartons. This was greatly appreciated. I would be grateful for some newspapers if you have any you don’t want.
Thanking you, Wendy Sartori

HAVE FUN WITH BUDDIE AND LEARN ABOUT CYBERSAFETY

WORLD 4 KIDS
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE
An enrolment form must be completed fully before your child/children attends Before School Care and After School Care in 2013.
Payment of attendances can only be paid by direct debit or direct credit and this is now debited from your bank account in advance.

NOTE...The Before School and After School Programs have a new phone number.
0405 640 148
For all enquiries or information please contact Di Jones on the above phone number.
Thank you, Di, Gill and Niki.

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Mothers Day At The Races

Sunday May 12 2013

FREE Kids Activities
- Electric Go Carts
- Pony Rides
- Rock Climbing Wall
- Animal Farm
- Merry-go-round
- Wii Games
- Craft

Mothers Day Lunch
- Bistro meals from $25
- Pack a pic-nic
- On site take away
- BBQs for hire

Hearts of FREE Kids Activities

Proceeds from the day will go to the Ballarat Health Services Foundation

Book Early for A Great Day Out with the Whole Family

Dowling Forest Racecourse
240 Kennedys Road
Miners Rest
5334 8273
www.ballaraturfclub.com.au

Gates open from 11am
Racing from 12:30pm

Adults: $10
Kids (under 18): Free
Concession: $5
‘To rhyme or not to rhyme, that is the question.’

Mapping Moorabool in Poetry Unveiling

When: Saturday May 4th
Where: Lederderg Library Arena Area
Time: 11.30am – 12.30pm

The shire is a Community of Voices, and local poet Jennie Fraine has set about finding out what these voices have to say.

Over the last few months Jennie has been speaking with people from the towns of Moorabool Shire and working with them to create poetry that reflects the area. With the support of the Moorabool Shire Council Library Services Jennie has put this poetry into map format.
Is your child 2, 3 or 4 years old?

Is your child ready for early years education? What are the signs of readiness? What are your options?

School and Kindergarten Readiness Night
With Dr Shona Bass
May 15, 2013  6.15 - 7.45pm
in Bacchus Marsh

Light Supper Provided
Free Childcare is available, bookings essential
To book please contact Nichole on 5366 7100

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"Little Sponges" Children & Parents

Free Program

Reward for Parents

Venue
Dixey Neighbourhood House and Learning Centre Inc.
33-35 Jonathon Drive, Dixey, 3240

Transport and Childcare
In discussion with the Coordinator, transport to/from sessions where required may be provided and childcare for younger siblings considered.

Parenting can be hard work on... send your child into their "Little Sponges" room and then share a "cuppa" with us.

With assistance, "cook up a child" to take home for a family meal.

Reward time - share some lunch with your child whilst taking the opportunity to "have a chat" with us or just relax.

So... join us and take the opportunity to have your efforts as a parent acknowledged.

The Program will Provide:

- Age related activities for 3 and 4 year old children with child care and early learning professionals
- Food to cook a healthy family meal with assistance from Centacare's Family Mentor
- The possibility of transport to/from sessions and childcare for siblings
- A healthy lunch for parent/carer and child with weekly "rewards"
- A chance to enjoy social interaction with other parents and swap ideas on parenting
- The opportunity to get some tips on your child's nutritional needs from a Dietitian - including how to manage those "fussy eaters."

There is no cost to participants.

Parents / Carer's Program:

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32 Grant Street Bacchus Marsh
PO Box 380 Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340

Telephone 5367 9500

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April to June 2013

Three and Four Year Olds