



TERM 3 WEEK 1 2025 IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 1	JUL 21 – JUL 25	<p>MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY</p> <p>STUDENTS RETURN GRADE 5 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WESTERN RANGES NETBALL</p>
WEEK 2	JUL 28 – AUG 1	<p style="color: red;">Year 6 swimming this week – details via Seesaw</p> <p>PUPIL FREE DAY GRADE 5 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL COUNCIL 100 DAYS OF PREP – details via Seesaw GRADE 4 INQUIRY EXPO – details via Seesaw GRANDPARENTS DAY – 9.30am - P,1,2, 11.30am - 3-6 BACK TO BMPS 175th celebration for ex-students staff and families</p>
WEEK 3	AUG 4 – AUG 8	<p style="color: red;">Year 5 and 6 swimming this week – details via Seesaw</p> <p style="color: purple;">ICAS – Digital Tech and Writing this week</p> <p>ASSEMBLY WESTERN RANGES TEE-BALL SCIENCE FAIR</p>
WEEK 4	AUG 11 – AUG 15	<p style="color: red;">Year 5 swimming this week – details via Seesaw</p> <p style="color: purple;">ICAS – English this week</p> <p>MONDAY – WEDNESDAY GRADE 5 ROSES GAP CAMP</p>
WEEK 5	AUG 18 – AUG 22	<p style="color: red;">Year 5 and Prep swimming this week – details via Seesaw</p> <p style="color: purple;">ICAS – Science and Spelling this week</p> <p>ASSEMBLY – SHAVE FOR A CURE FUNDRAISER</p>
WEEK 6	AUG 25 – AUG 29	<p style="color: red;">Prep swimming this week – details via Seesaw</p> <p style="color: purple;">ICAS – Mathematics this week</p> <p>175th CELEBRATION TREE PLANTING SCHOOL COUNCIL BMPSSA SUMMER SPORTS DAY</p>
WEEK 7	SEPT 1 – SEPT 5	<p>BMPS BOOK WEEK and BOOK FAIR</p> <p>MONDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY</p> <p>ASSEMBLY AND BOOK WEEK DRESS UP BOOK WEEK WHOLE SCHOOL INCURSION FATHER'S DAY STALL & PREP FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION TBC</p>
WEEK 8	SEPT 8 – SEPT 12	<p>MONDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY</p> <p>YEAR 3 DAY CAMP TO SUNNYSTONES WESTERN RANGES DIVISION ATHLETICS NATIONAL RU OK DAY GRADE 1 WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION</p>
WEEK 9	SEPT 15 – SEPT 19	<p>GRADE 6 PRODUCTION WEEK 😊</p> <p>MONDAY FRIDAY</p> <p>ASSEMBLY TBC due to Production Week GRADE 6 GRADUATION PHOTO LAST DAY OF TERM - FOOTY PARADE & 2.30 PM DISMISSAL</p>

Dear students, parents and carers,

We blinked and landed back in our first week of Term 3.

Our hope is that you have all enjoyed the break from our school routines and are looking forward to a great term of learning and connecting wherever possible.

Engagement with our 3-Way Interview process was wonderful, and we commend all families for the spirit in which you embrace this opportunity for our students to grow as reflective learners in partnership with home and school.



Term 3 dates:

Our dates are posted above, and we draw your attention to the following details.

Pupil Free Day – Monday, July 28 - OSH Club will be available to support families.

Grandparents Day - Friday, August 1

We very much look forward to welcoming our students' grandparents and significant adults for some time spent in classrooms on this day. In support of parking and numbers, we have staggered our times:

- **9.30-10.30 Grade P-2** (being mindful of siblings, there will be a room change opportunity)
- **11.30-12.30 Grade 3-6** (being mindful of siblings, there will again be a room change opportunity)

Tea and coffee will be available from 9 a.m. for early arrivals or those who bring their grandchild to school for the start of the day.

A light morning tea will also be available from 10.30 – 11.30, for grandparents staying for the second session.

Back to BMPS 175th celebration – Saturday, August 2, for ex-students, ex-staff and interested members of our community. See details in the flyer to follow.

Thank you for forwarding to any ex-students or staff that you are in touch with or have contacts for.



As the oldest still-operating government primary school in Victoria, Bacchus Marsh Primary School celebrated its 175th anniversary on May 13.

This was a wonderful celebration for our current students, and we now invite former students, staff, and families to join us for an afternoon of reconnecting and reminiscing to continue our celebration.

BACK TO Bacchus Marsh Primary School

Saturday 2 August 2025
12pm - 4pm

12.00pm - 2.00pm

Registration, Refreshments and
School Tours

Photos 1.00pm - 1.45pm

1940's - 1980's and below

2.00pm - 3.30pm

Acknowledgement of Country
Official Welcome, Reminiscing &
Afternoon Tea

Official Dedication

Photos 1980 - 2000 and up

Please **RSVP** names in support of our planning
to bacchus.marsh.ps@education.vic.gov.au by
Friday July 25 or phone 53672745



MOBILE PHONE and CHILD SAFE STANDARDS POLICIES

We take this opportunity to remind our families of the Department of Education Mobile Phone Policy, put in place to ensure mobile phones and smartwatches are not used by students when they arrive at school and during the school day, in support of social and emotional wellbeing and academic learning.

We encourage all of our students to speak to a trusted adult in the first instance at school, and thank parents and carers for your ongoing support.

The link below will also take you to our Child Safe Standards Policies as a mid-year prompt, should you wish to familiarise yourself with these documents, ask any questions, or give any feedback.

<https://bacchusmarshps.vic.edu.au/policies>

On Wednesday, August 6, the SHRU (Sexual Harm Response Unit) from the Department of Education will brief our staff, specifically in the area of Grooming. This is confronting content, and we remain committed to ensuring our staff are well supported and educated in this space.

Again, as part of our Child Safe processes, our students will receive ongoing reminders at assembly and via their classroom teachers that they are not to be inside without adult supervision.

175 MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING

We are very appreciative to be partnering with Moorabool Landcare Network, Moorabool Shire, and the Rowsley Nursery to undertake a mass planting at Telford Park so that our students can see their legacy develop over the next 25 years when BMPS celebrates 200 years.

Our aim is for a plant to go into the ground for all of our 2025 students and staff, and there will be signage to commemorate the planting.

When: Monday, August 25

How: Families will be invited to register their availability and interest to assist, and some students will be bused to the site to assist on the day.

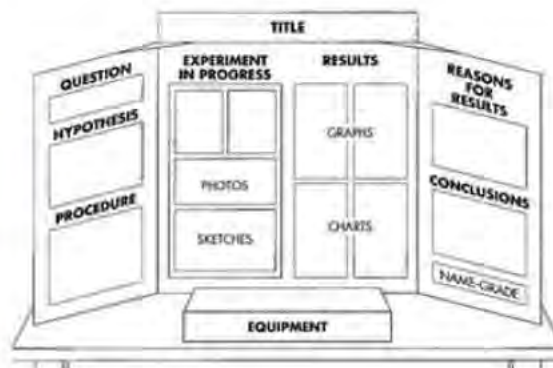
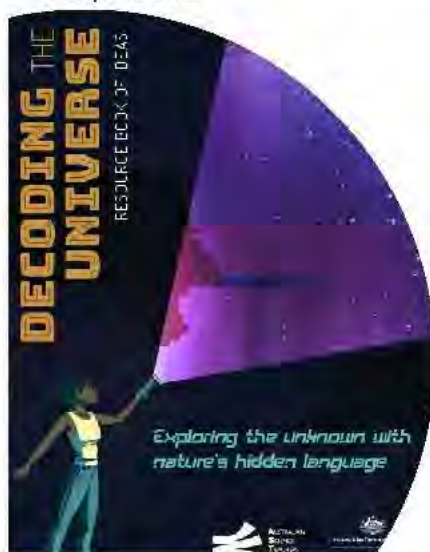
All students will receive a certificate to mark this event taking place on their behalf.





9am Wednesday morning 6 August 2025

- Science Fair is open to all students
- The theme for this year's science fair is "Decoding the Universe: Exploring the unknown with nature's hidden language"
- Projects can be science experiments, engineered designs or research-based displays/posters. They can relate to/be inspired by the theme or be something that is of interest to the student.
- **Everyone wanting to participate MUST submit an entry form at the office by Friday 25 July – that's the end of WEEK 1 in Term 3**
- Projects are to be completed at home
- No experiments with animals
- Nothing harmful to people, environment or property (think sustainably!)
- Any experiments with food must keep all food items in sealed containers
- A brief written explanation of the project must be displayed with the project
- Students name(s) should be displayed clearly
- Families are welcome to attend the Science Fair at 9am Wednesday 6 August
- Below is an outline that older students (years 5 and 6) could use to display their science experiments



Project Examples:

Science experiments -

Colour Changing Flowers by Hazel D.



Creating Propulsion by Hudson B



Engineered designs -

Hydraulic Hand by Rhylee C.



Candle Carousel by Hannah B



Research based displays -

Coral Reef Discovery by Carter D.



Rocks, Crystals and Minerals by Rishika S.





Science Fair Entry Form

due Friday 25 July (end of Week 1, Term 3)

Student Name(s) and Grade(s):

Question for Investigation (project title):

Which type of project is the best way to answer your question? (circle)

science experiment

engineered design

research-based display

All projects need to be completed at home. Write a brief plan of what your project will be.

What materials do you think you need to complete your project?

Can you find them all at home? YES NO

Will you be having a "messy" demo that is better suited to outside? YES NO

Teacher feedback – save this space for Mrs Clancy and Mr Heywood

Approved for INSIDE

Approved for OUTSIDE

CONGRATULATION

We extended our congratulations to teachers Kealy Buchen, 5M, and Indya Chilton PC, having completed their first semester as professional educators at BMPS. Kealy and Indya are the epitome of hardworking, reflective educators doing all they can to support our students to be their best. We're very fortunate to have them and we wish them all the very best for a wonderful semester 2.



Congratulations to Damien Pogkas, who came away from the 2025 Oceania Karate Championships in Noumea, New Caledonia, with a silver medal representing Australia.

BMPS is very proud of you, Damien. We admire your skill, character strength and the hard work required to achieve this reward.



2025 OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS & CUP TEAM



WESTERN METRO CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 19th June, 7 of our best runners headed to Keilor Park for the Western Metro Cross Country Championships. There is stiff competition at this level, with many students doing semi-professional training to get to the next level. Well done to our students, Billy, Atlas, Hunter, Evie, Mitchell, Owen, and Yasmine, for competing so hard on the day.

GIRLS AFL DAY

Perfect weather greeted our students for the annual Girls AFL Day at Darley Park last term. BMPS competed in Division 1 and Division 2 on the day, with both teams competing hard and finishing 2nd overall in both divisions. Thanks to Mr Richards for coaching, and congratulations to the girls for their efforts.



Just a snippet of what's happening at BMPS when no one is watching



WESTERN RANGES DIVISION HOCKEY

On Monday 30th June, our Boys/Mixed Hockey team played St Anthony's (Melton) to decide who would progress to the Regional competition. St Anthony's started well and got out to a 3-0 lead at half time. Our team showed great spirit to come back and score 2 second half goals. In the end, St Anthony's won 3-2.

Congratulations to both teams for excellent sportsmanship throughout the game. Huge thanks to Miss Jonas for coaching the team and David Arnold for umpiring the game.



SHAVE FOR A CURE

6H students Arthur, Lucas, Ilija, and Jack will shave their heads at assembly this term as they strive to raise much-needed funds to find a cure. This is very close to home for Arthur and the O'Neill family at this time, and we know BMPS will get behind the boys.

Stay tuned for the link to be posted asap this term via Compass – well done boys!



175th Anniversary Whole School Installation

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- This installation will be in place for our grandparents' day and back-to-school celebration on August 1 and 2.

Shannon Nolan's 1N class is planning to capture the cultural diversity of Bacchus Marsh in the present day.

Shannon is reaching out to anyone who has immigrated from another country (1st and 2nd generation immigrants) and is now residing in Bacchus Marsh. All ages welcome. Reach out to others in your community if you wish - they do not need to attend BMPS to be involved but need to be living in Bacchus Marsh. If you or anyone you know fits the brief, please send in a headshot and list your country of origin. These will be converted to black and white with your flag in the corner. Shannon and 1N are hoping to have many images to fill the box, so please get involved and don't be shy.



Adults - please send in your headshot.

Students - either send in a headshot or give permission for a student photo to be taken at school by a student in 1N. (They are developing their photography skills 😊)

Please send all your images to:
shannon.nolan@education.vic.gov.au



TOYS IN TIME

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The Prep classes are focussing on toys in time. If you have any toys from the last 175 years that you will be willing to donate or let us borrow, we would really appreciate it.



ICAS Assessment registrations are open for our Grade 2 – 6 Students. ICAS is a historic academic competition that has been sat by over 10 million school students from 16,000 schools across 41 countries since 1981. It recognises academic performance with engaging, fun questions designed by psychometricians, education measurement experts and experienced teachers to test students' higher order thinking skills.

There are 6 different types of assessments: English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling, Writing & Digital Technologies.

Assessments will be completed at school within the below date range window and the specific days for each test will be communicated closer to the dates.

Digital Technologies & Writing – Week of 4th – 8th August

English – Week of 11th - 15th August

Science & Spelling Bee – Week of 18th – 22nd of August

Mathematics – Week of 25th - 29th of August

These are voluntary assessments. If you would like your child to participate, please follow the link below to sign up and pay for your child to sit the assessment/s. **The last day for parents/carers to register for their child's ICAS participation via the link below is the 28th July, 2025.**

Parent Code: PRA165 Parent Page Link:

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/PRA165>



PLAYGROUND 28 – SHOUT OUT FOR HELP WITH EQUIPMENT!

Our students **LOVE Playground 28**, and we opened it for our Year 1 students for the first time last week.

If you have access to plastic crates, tarps, ropes, pool noodles, or any items that our children can create and build with that will not be affected by the weather, we would **LOVE your donations**.



ALWAYS REACH OUT

- Thank you to the parents and carers who are reaching out to their child's classroom teacher or any of our staff below if we can assist in any way.

Melinda Williams – Principal

Leanne Holt – Business Manager

Wellbeing:

Daniel Morris - Assistant Principal - Wellbeing & Engagement / Disability Inclusion

Liz Stonka – Leading Teacher – Daily Organisation / Student Medical Health & Wellbeing

Tiff O'Brien - Learning Specialist - Inclusion – Trauma Informed Practice / Art-Therapy

Bec Blokland - Disability Inclusion - Profile Facilitator

Belinda Horne - Wellbeing Educator

Sharon Cartledge - Inclusion Coach working across Darley PS, Pentland PS, & BMC

Literacy and Numeracy:

Bec Conroy - Leading Teacher – Curriculum / Teaching and Learning

Hayley Bonnici - Learning Specialist / Literacy

Kelly Watson – Numeracy Leader – Learning Specialist

Damian Richards Gr 5 & 6 & **Janaya Walker** Gr 3 & 4 - **Numeracy** - Learning Specialists

Best wishes for a great Week 1 from the BMPS staff and students.

Ballarat Gem, Crystal, Mineral & Fossil Show.



Date: 16th & 17th August 2025.

Time: 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Sat.

9.00 am to 3.00 pm Sun.

Entry: \$5, Children U12 Free

(When Accompanied with an Adult)

Where: **Victoria Bowling Club**

231 Victoria Street, Ballarat.

"Access via Gent Street"



← **Ballarat Melbourne** →



Demonstrations :

- Silver Smithing
- Gem Faceting

Food and Beverages available

Stalls Selling:

Minerals Specimens,
Gems, Fossils, Beads,
Jewellery, Findings etc.



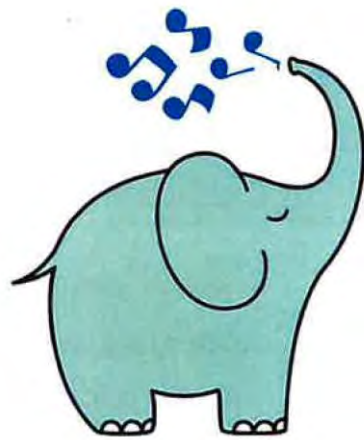
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**MID SEASON ENTRY
NOW OPEN**
**THE PERFECT TIME
TO GIVE IT A GO**



**BACCHUS MARSH AUSKICK
CENTRE**
Maddingley Park
Saturday's 8.30-10am



mainly music^{est. 1990}

**Mondays 10am-11.30am during school term
meeting in the hall of
Holy Trinity Anglican Church Bacchus Marsh
\$5 each family per session**

For babies, toddlers, pre-
schoolers with their parents
and carers.

30 minutes of
music, story, activity.

Morning tea and
free playtime.



contact Carol 0411 232 692

A ministry of Bacchus Marsh Anglican Church for all people



Play with your
child with fun
music, rhymes
and dance

Meet other
parents and
carers with
children

morning tea for
adults and
children

Share the joys and
struggles of
parenting in a
safe space

Be cared for by the
volunteer team



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WE WANT YOU!

JUNIOR NETBALLERS

SEEKING GIRLS TO JOIN THE COBRAS IN
2025.

**Come and join the
Bacchus Marsh Football & Netball
Club**

**We are seeking players for our
Under 11 (girls & boys) team and our
13 teams!**

Enquiries or more info contact:
Meaghan Nixon: 0418 140 925

mnixon@bmfnc.com.au



FUN *and* **FRIENDSHIP** **ADVENTURE**

JOIN TODAY

Bacchus Marsh Girl Guides
Contact:
sarah.hopkins@guidesvic.org.au



We offer a safe space for girls of all backgrounds to decide and plan what activities they want to do in their term program – it could be cooking, celebrating national/international days, games, craft, outdoor skills and activities, going to camp, working on earning a badge or just having a fun night together! They make new friends, work together in teams and develop leadership skills and resilience in a non-competitive environment. In Bacchus Marsh, we have units for girls aged 7-9 years (Tuesday) and 10-13 and 13-17 years (Wednesday).

Girls can come and try guides for a free, three-week period. Visit guidesvic.org.au/join-now or contact as above for more information.



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To provide children with a holistic environment enriched with opportunities which can freely explore and be guided by their own interests and abilities. Through the delivery of our educational program, we strive to provide children with a strong and balanced foundation to approach all future endeavours with confidence and Resilience.



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3 & 4 Year OLD FUNDED KINDERGARTEN

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AGE GROUPS

Nest - 12 months to 20 months
Burrow - 20 months to 30 months
Adventurers - 30 months to 3 yrs
Discoverers - 3 to 5 yrs
Explorers - 3 to 5 yrs

CONTACT US TO BOOK A TOUR OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

8547 9585

admin@maddingleymontessori.com.au

Foster Care

Information Sessions On Now

Foster Care is about creating a safe space for children in our community. Take the next step in becoming a foster carer with Cafs.

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Other Types of Care

Permanent Care • Kinship Care • Adoption



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PENTLAND CALISTHENICS COLLEGE

Calisthenics is a unique combination of dancing, singing, gymnastics and technical skills for children to adults.

Calisthenics develops strong, confident performers through teamwork in a fun and friendly club environment, where families connect and performers develop skills and friendships that last a lifetime.



Tots & Tinies (3 - 7 Years)

Saturday 9 - 11am

Sub Juniors (8 - 10 Years)

Wednesday 4.30 - 7pm

Juniors (11 - 13 Years)

Monday 4.30 - 7.30pm

Intermediates (14 - 17 Years)

Tuesday 5.30 - 8.30pm

Seniors (18 Years+)

Thursday 6.30 - 9.30pm

Masters (26 Years+)

Wednesday 7 - 9.30pm

CaliFit (26 Years+)

A recreational program that promotes movement and socialising in a supportive, inclusive space.
Monday 10.30am - 12pm



Contact Us

0419 622 714

admin@pentlandcalisthenics.com.au

www.pentlandcalisthenics.com.au

**CLASSES START 1ST FEBRUARY
AT OUR MADDINGLEY STUDIO**

* For new participants



Aussie Hoops Program

This program is a fantastic introduction to basketball for young children and a great way for them to build skills and confidence in a fun environment.

The program is aimed at new participants aged 5 to 9. Follow the link below to register your child:

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/org/bacchus-marsh-basketball-association/6663f749/register>

Life Coaching, Hypnosis, & Therapy Dog Services

What Coaching Can Do For You:

- Understand yourself and others better
- Quiet your inner critic
- Overcome imposter syndrome
- Empower you to find and own your voice
- Achieve your personal and professional goals
- Improve relationships
- Help you gain clarity and confidence
- Shift your mindset
- Break negative patterns and behaviours
- Grow and evolve



For Young People (8+), Adults, and Groups

Are you ready to quiet that inner critic, overcome limiting beliefs, and step into your power?

I'm Linda, a Life Coach working with young people and adults, offering personalised support through:

- **One-on-One Coaching & Hypnosis**
- **Face-to-face or via Zoom**, we'll work together to ease imposter syndrome, help you own your voice, and improve relationships. Whether you're struggling with negative patterns or striving for a mindset shift, coaching can help you understand yourself and others more deeply.
- **Women's Group Coaching**
- A supportive space for women to connect, grow, and empower each other. We'll tackle self-doubt, build confidence, and work towards living your best life.
- **Workshops & Training**
- Tailored personal and professional growth sessions, including corporate events to improve team dynamics and boost morale.
- **Therapy Dog Support with Ollie**
- Experience the calming presence of my therapy dog, Ollie, during sessions to reduce anxiety and promote emotional well-being.

Services Available for:

- Young people aged 8 and above
- Adults
- Groups & Corporate Events



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Women's Seasonal Mini Retreats 2025



Step into the rhythm of the seasons with our 4-hour Women's Seasonal Mini Retreats! These thoughtfully designed retreats are your chance to nurture your mind, body, and spirit through activities like coaching, journaling, meditation, craft, and more—each retreat refreshed with unique, seasonal touches. Enjoy a welcoming atmosphere with delicious food, drinks, and a curated gift bag to take home. Whether it's spring renewal or autumn reflection, these retreats provide a space to slow down, reconnect with yourself, and celebrate your personal growth with a community of like-minded women.

<p>Autumn Retreat Harvesting Wisdom: Let Go & Gather Strength</p> <p>Join us for an Autumn-themed mini-retreat focused on letting go and self-reflection. Embrace the season's energy with practices to release what no longer serves you, create space for renewal and reconnect with yourself. Through guided activities and meaningful moments, find clarity, reset, and step forward with intention.</p> <p>Date: Sunday 2nd March Time: 1 pm - 5 pm Location: Darley Neighbourhood House - Anna Curry Building Cost: \$97 per person</p>	<p>Winter Retreat Winter's Warmth: Nurture Your Inner Light</p> <p>Embrace the calm of winter with a mini-retreat focused on inner work and deep rest. Slow down, reflect, and reconnect with your core through guided practices and intentional rest. Replenish your energy, find clarity, and embrace the season as a time for restoration and growth.</p> <p>Date: Sunday 1st June Time: 1 pm - 5 pm Location: TBC Cost: \$97 per person</p>
<p>Spring Retreat Awakening Growth: Seeds of Potential</p> <p>Celebrate the energy of spring with a mini-retreat dedicated to renewal and growth. Shed the past, plant seeds of intention, and embrace new beginnings. Through guided activities and meaningful connection, awaken your vitality and step into the season with clarity and purpose.</p> <p>Date: Sunday 31st August Time: 1 pm - 5 pm Location: TBC Cost: \$97 per person</p>	<p>Summer Retreat Radiating Confidence: Shine & Thrive</p> <p>Step into the vibrant energy of summer with a mini-retreat focused on confidence and joy. Reconnect with your inner light, celebrate your strengths, and embrace playfulness and self-assurance. Through uplifting activities and meaningful connections, shine brightly and fully embrace the joy of being unapologetically you.</p> <p>Date: Sunday 30th November Time: 1 pm - 5 pm Location: TBC Cost: \$97 per person</p>

Message me at www.inspiringpotentiallife.com to secure your spot. I can't wait to welcome you!

