



TERM 3 WEEK 2 2025 IMPORTANT DATES		
WEEK 1	JUL 21 – JUL 25	
	MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY	STUDENTS RETURN GRADE 5 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WESTERN RANGES NETBALL
WEEK 2	JUL 28 – AUG 1	
	MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY	SWIMMING – 6J 6S 6H 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 175 th celebration for ex-students staff and families
WEEK 3	AUG 4 – AUG 8	
	MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY	SWIMMING – 6G 5R 6M ICAS – Digital Tech and Writing this week ASSEMBLY WESTERN RANGES TEE-BALL SCIENCE FAIR
WEEK 4	AUG 11 – AUG 15	
	MONDAY – WEDNESDAY	SWIMMING – PH PC PS ICAS – English this week GRADE 5 ROSES GAP CAMP
WEEK 5	AUG 18 – AUG 22	
	MONDAY	SWIMMING – PR PE 5Y ICAS – Science and Spelling this week ASSEMBLY – SHAVE FOR A CURE FUNDRAISER
WEEK 6	AUG 25 – AUG 29	
	MONDAY TUESDAY FRIDAY	SWIMMING – 5OP 5M 5H ICAS – Mathematics this week 175th CELEBRATION TREE PLANTING SCHOOL COUNCIL BMPSSA SUMMER SPORTS DAY
WEEK 7	SEPT 1 – SEPT 5	
	MONDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	BMPS BOOK WEEK and BOOK FAIR ASSEMBLY AND BOOK WEEK DRESS UP BOOK WEEK WHOLE SCHOOL INCURSION FATHER'S DAY STALL & PREP FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION TBC
WEEK 8	SEPT 8 – SEPT 12	
	MONDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	YEAR 3 DAY CAMP TO SUNNYSTONES WESTERN RANGES DIVISION ATHLETICS NATIONAL RU OK DAY GRADE 1 WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION
WEEK 9	SEPT 15 – SEPT 19	
	MONDAY FRIDAY	GRADE 6 PRODUCTION WEEK 😊 ASSEMBLY TBC due to Production Week GRADE 6 GRADUATION PHOTO LAST DAY OF TERM - FOOTY PARADE & 2.30 PM DISMISSAL

PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY, JULY 28 – Week 2 Term 3

175TH ANNIVERSARY BACK-TO-Celebration - IMPORTANT DATES TO BE SAVED

TERM 3 FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 – GRANDPARENTS DAY

TERM 3 SATURDAY AUGUST 2 - BACK TO BMPS EVENT

ARTHUR, LUCAS, JACK, AND ILIJA ARE GETTING A NEW 'DO TO HELP STOP CANCER!!

Please support this fundraiser for
Cancer Council Victoria

**Donate
here!**



Open your phone camera and aim it at
the QR code above. You will be directed
to a fundraising page where you can
make a tax-deductible donation.



6H students Arthur, Lucas, Ilija, and Jack will have their hair shaved at assembly on Monday August 18 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 on behalf of Arthur's Aunty Emily and so many of our BMPS families.

NAPLAN 2025 – Coming home this Tuesday

Naplan results have arrived for our Year 3 and 5 students and will come home in a sealed A4 envelope with your child this Tuesday.



Dear families,

It really is a very exciting week at BMPS with something for everyone.

- Don't forget our **Pupil Free Day tomorrow – no school for students and OSH** Club is available to support families.

Swimming commences for 6J, S and H, our Preps celebrate 100 Days of School, Year 4 round off their Term 2 Inquiry with an expo on Thursday, Science Fair entries are due, and we look forward to some fun with **Grandparents Day on Friday**.

- **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 3-6 session.

PERSPEX BOX INSTALLATION

We have been speaking about our 175th anniversary Perspex Box installation for some time in our Updates, with our teachers and students working hard to create their piece for the display in celebration of our 175th anniversary.



To follow is a little sneak peek into a couple of our boxes that will be launched for public viewing on Friday and Saturday this week – big thanks to our staff for bringing this vision to life and to Dr Georgia Stannard, BMPS parent for your passionate seed of an idea.







Back to BMPS 175th celebration – this coming Saturday, for ex-students, ex-staff and interested members of our community. See details in the flyer to follow and thank you for forwarding to any ex-students or staff that you are in touch with or have contacts for to ensure they have **RSVP'd**



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.

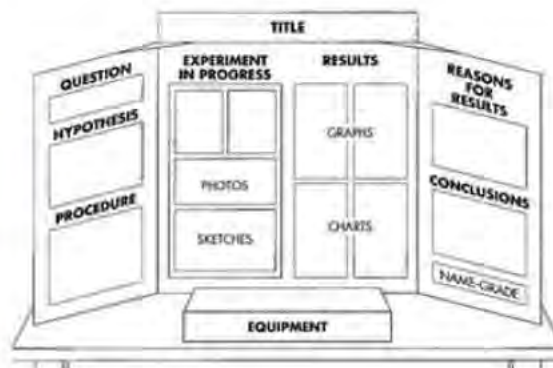
All students will receive a certificate to mark this event taking place on their behalf.





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

WESTERN RANGES DIVISION NETBALL

Last Thursday, our Grade 6 Mixed Netballers headed to Sunbury for the division round of competition, after winning the District title. They competed hard all day and won 2 out of 3 games, going down to the eventual winners, Braemar College.

Great effort team! Thanks for Jodi Griffiths and Marg Turner for coaching the team.



ICAS – University of NSW Academic Assessments

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 it is now open every Wednesday as a minimum and more often when possible.

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 2 from Ollie and 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.



GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

Melton & Surrounds All Girls Auskick

**Masons Lane Recreation Reserve, Bacchus
Marsh**

THURSDAYS AT 4:30 - 5:30

STARTS 14TH OF AUGUST





AFL Superkick

LEVEL UP YOUR FOOTY

Learn through skills and tackle-free, match-based sessions.

BACCHUS MARSH ALL GIRLS SUPERKICK

MASONS LANE RECREATIONAL
RESERVE, BACCHUS MARSH

THURSDAYS 4:30 - 5:30PM

STARTS 14TH OF AUGUST



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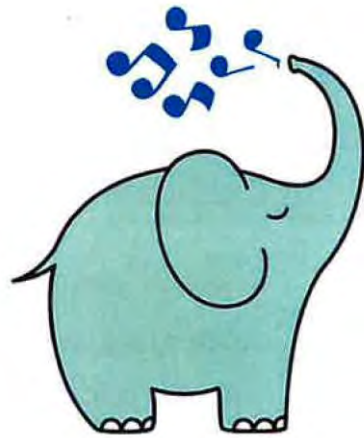
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**MID SEASON ENTRY
NOW OPEN**
**THE PERFECT TIME
TO GIVE IT A GO**



**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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bacchusmarshanglican.org.au



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

**GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
VICTORIA**



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.



Add **colour** to their story.
Become a foster carer today!

Contact us to book into an information session

www.anglicarevic.org.au



ENROL NOW 2025

OUR SERVICE

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.

Foster Care

Respite Care • Short-term • Long-term • Emergency Care

Other Types of Care

Permanent Care • Kinship Care • Adoption



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Visit cafs.org.au or call 1800 692 237

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WE CARE



2 FREE CLASSES*

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



Get in Touch Today

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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!

