



TERM 3 WEEK 9 2025 IMPORTANT DATES		
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 – Year 4 Recorder Performance GRADE 6 GRADUATION PHOTO LAST DAY OF TERM - FOOTY PARADE & 2.30 PM DISMISSAL
TERM 4 ADVANCE DATES FOR CALENDARS		
WEEK 1	OCT 6 – OCT 10 MONDAY	Return to school
WEEK 2	OCT 13 – OCT 17	Year 6 Canberra Tour
WEEK 3	OCT 20 – OCT 24 TUESDAY	Year 4 Mon-Wed & Wed to Fri - Camps to Candlebark Farm School Council
WEEK 4	OCT 27 – OCT 31 THURSDAY	Prep 2026 Transition process commences 9.30 – 10.30am SCHOOL DISCO P-2 5pm – 6pm 3-6 6.30 – 7.30
WEEK 5	NOV 3 – NOV 7 TUESDAY	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
WEEK 6	NOV 10 – NOV 14 FRIDAY	PUPIL FREE DAY to be confirmed ASAP
WEEK 7	NOV 17 – NOV 21 MONDAY FRIDAY	VISUAL ARTS WEEK AT BMPS Year 2 Day Camp PADDY'S MARKET
WEEK 8	NOV 24 – NOV 28 FRIDAY	Junior School Sports
WEEK 9	DEC 1 – DEC 5 MONDAY	Whole School Awards Assembly
WEEK 10	DEC 8 – DEC 12 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	2026 Leaders Assembly SCHOOL CONCERT Year 6-7 2026 Statewide Transition Gr 1-6 2026 meet teacher School Council Concert back-up date CELEBRATION OF LEARNING -11am – 6pm (No classes for students)
WEEK 11	DEC 15 – DEC 19 MONDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Year 6 Graduation Final day for all students YR 6 Farewell Assembly & Pool Party Final day for staff

GRADE 6 PRODUCTION this week – Charlotte's Web



CHARLOTTE'S WEB

As we enter our final week of term, we move into a special time for our Year 6 students. This week, we celebrate them as they take to the stage in our 2025 production, Charlotte's Web.

Monday September 15 - All day rehearsal.

Tuesday September 16 - Tech and final dress rehearsals.

Wednesday September 17 - 6J H & S – Performance 1 (Afternoon for students) and Performance 2 (Night 7pm – 9pm) for family and friends.

Thursday September 18 - 6M G & S – Performance 3 (Afternoon for students) and Performance 4 (Night 7pm - 9pm) family and friends.

Best wishes to our students, staff and production supporters for a great week.



RU OK?



We acknowledge and extend thanks to our Wellbeing team, who work tirelessly in support of our community (students, staff, and families). The spotlight that was shone across last week on the RU OK message endures as we work to check in, listen, and encourage action every day.



BOOK WEEK

We extend a big thank you to Hayley Bonnici, Michelle Visser, staff, students, and families for the leadership, planning, organisation, and hard work that went into another book week celebration at BMPS. More than ever, we get excited to put a spotlight on the joy of reading, and this year was no exception.

We commenced with our dress-up parade, and throughout the week enjoyed door and window displays completed by our students and staff. **(take some time to check these out across our school this week, if you haven't already)**

Our book swap was a big hit, and we have a few more titles that we will put out this week for students and families to collect, should they wish to.



Congratulations to Michelle Visser in partnership with her team and other staff supporters, for leading another book fair that saw \$3600 worth of books go back into our senior library.

Thank you very much to our students and families for the support that made this possible.





FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our appreciation is extended to Ally Edwards, parent and BMC student volunteers, and staff for another wonderful stall and Prep Father's Day sausage sizzle and get together.

Profit from our stall was \$2805.12, a terrific outcome and funds that will go toward our 2025 fundraising goal.



LAST DAY OF TERM FOOTY DRESS UP AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

This Friday, students are invited to come dressed in their team colours.

We are having a sausage sizzle lunch, and orders can be placed on QKR up until this **Wednesday, 17th September at 4 pm.**

The following items are available to purchase:

Sausage in bread - \$2.50

Veggie Burger in bread - \$6.00

Water - \$2.00

Can of Lemonade - \$2.50



Students will be dismissed at 2:30 pm.

YEAR 3 DAY CAMP TO SUNNYSTONES

Another great experience for our students was planned and facilitated by our Year 3 staff recently, and this was fabulously supported by our parent volunteers.

Our students stayed on and enjoyed their evening meal together, returning to school around 6.30 pm.





IMPORTANT RECORDER MESSAGE

Hello everyone, our awards for recorder will now be celebrated at tomorrow's assembly. We will also ask the Black Belt level recorder students to play Ode to Joy.

We invite you to attend if you are available.

Thanks very much. Scott Nelson.



WESTERN RANGES DIVISION ATHLETICS

Last Thursday, Keilor Little Athletics Centre hosted the Division Athletics for 2025.

In variable weather conditions, we sent 25 of our best athletes to compete against the strongest and fastest from the Melton and Macedon Ranges districts. Our students competed strongly, as they always do, and represented our school with pride.

Special mention to Evie Grant, who won and broke the division record in the 11-year High Jump and Discus. Indi Prosser also won the 11-year 100m, as well as a 2nd in the 200m. Our relay teams ran hard, with the 10-year-old boys missing out on 1st by 1/100 second.

Thanks to Alli Grant for coaching the relay teams throughout the year. Thanks to Sally Gillard, Scott Gillett, and our parent supporters for going along to support our students.

Well done to the following students who qualified for **Western Metro Regional Athletics on Tuesday, 21st October** at the same Keilor venue.

Evie Grant – 1st High Jump, 1st Discus

Taya Gillespie – 2nd Shot Put

Hunter Robinson – 2nd 1500m

Mitchell Tung – 2nd 1500m

Indi Prosser -1st 100m, 2nd 200m



PARENT OPINION SURVEY – PLEASE COMPLETE BY THIS FRIDAY

SURVEY ACCESS:

<https://research.orima.com/parent>

Our school's generic

PIN is: 196292



Department
of Education



2025 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback!

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation. Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

- The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from **Monday, 1 September to Friday, 19 September 2025**.

All families are invited to participate in the Bacchus Marsh Primary School survey.

The survey will be conducted **online**, takes only **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages, including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents/caregivers/guardians who speak a language other than English at home.

- Please reach out to our administration directly for survey guides in your language.

Survey results will be communicated to parents/caregivers/guardians through annual reporting to our school council, and we highly value this feedback to inform improvement and to celebrate the hard work of our staff, students, and parent/carer supporters and volunteers.

Please speak to your child's teacher, our administration staff, or Melinda Williams, Principal, if you would like more information.

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196292

Kind regards
Melinda Williams - PRINCIPAL



SHOUT OUT FOR TARGETED SCHOOL COUNCIL SUPPORT

Expressions of Interest - Bacchus Marsh Primary School Council

Bacchus Marsh Primary School (BMPS) is Victoria's oldest 'still operating' State School. In 2025, we are celebrating our 175th year of providing quality education to the township of Bacchus Marsh and the surrounding district. BMPS is committed to providing high-quality, relevant, and rigorous education for all our students so that they become empowered members of an enterprising and cohesive society. We operate within a strong framework of values and behaviours based on respect, kindness, learning, and teamwork.

We are currently seeking Expressions of Interest for Casual Vacancies due to unfilled positions on the School Council. The School Council plays a vital role in the governance of our school, working closely with the principal and school leadership to:

- Set the strategic direction of the school
- Approve and monitor the school's budget
- Develop and review school policies
- Support community engagement and fundraising initiatives

We are looking for individuals who are passionate about education and can bring a variety of skills and perspectives to our team. Desired skills and experience include:

- Strategic Planning and Governance
- Building and Grounds Management
- Community / Stakeholder Engagement
- Grant Writing / Policy Development; or
- Legal Knowledge

No formal qualifications or prior experience on a council are required, just a willingness to contribute and collaborate with others to support our students and school community. School Council meets 8 times over the school year, with opportunities to contribute to sub-committees or specific projects if desired. October 21 and December 9 are our two remaining meeting dates for 2025.

To express your interest, please submit a short statement (approximately 150 words) outlining your background, connection to the school or local community, and what you hope to contribute as a School Council member. Please email your expression of interest to: bacchus.marsh.ps@education.vic.gov.au

For more information, contact Melinda Williams – Principal, on 53672745.

Join us in supporting the success and well-being of all students at Bacchus Marsh Primary School.

Kind regards,

Steph Davidson – Secretary – Bacchus Marsh Primary School Council



TERM 4 DISCO – Save the date

🌟👤 Bacchus Marsh Primary School Disco 🕺🎵

Get your dancing shoes ready – it's time for the BMPS School Disco! Join us for a fun-filled night of music, lights, and laughter as our students take over the dance floor.

📅 Date: **Thurs 30 October 2025**

🕒 Times:

- Prep – Grade 2: 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- Grade 3 – Grade 6: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

📍 Location: Bacchus Marsh Primary School Gym

There'll be plenty of great tunes, glow sticks, and lots of fun for everyone.

Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase on the night.

🌟 Dress to impress in your best disco style – bright colours, sparkles, and big smiles encouraged!

Tickets are just \$10.00 and will be available via QKR! or via the office.

Don't miss out on this exciting event – it's sure to be a night to remember!





THANK YOU FOR HEEDING OUR ONGOING SAFETY MESSAGES

DROP OFF ZONE IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE – NO PARKING ZONE

We take this opportunity to clarify that our Drop Off Zone, off Young Street at the rear of our school, is not a parking space. Thank you for reading and following the signage displayed in several strategic places to assist with this clear safety messaging.

- Vehicles are not to be left unattended in this area.

OSH CLUB DROP OFF & PICK UP – Before 8.30 am and Post 3.30 pm.

No vehicles are to park in the staff parking area, and this area is not to be used as a walking thoroughfare.

Students are to be walked in through the student access gate along the pathway and are to exit via this same pathway, not through the car park.

Thank you most sincerely for following the signage to minimise any further concerns for staff when they are entering or leaving the car park.

Having said all of the above, we acknowledge the ongoing challenges posed by limited parking, but must put the safety of our students, staff, and community at the centre.

BUS ZONES ON LERDERDERG STREET

Our third reminder relates to the bus zones on Lerderderg Street.

All of the yellow line markings on the north and south sides of the street indicate **NO PARKING** before or after school to allow our buses to safely enter and exit the zone to collect our students.

Pulling up at the Prep entrance gate to collect students on Lerderderg Street is also contravening the safety signage, impacting pedestrian and vehicle vision on our crossing. This blatantly ignores the safety rights of our school community.

LERDERDERG STREET



HOW HIGH CAN WE GO?

Support our school
fundraisers and help
us achieve our
\$60K goal!

Your contribution helps us
provide better resources,
exciting programs and
improved facilities for all
students. Every donation
– big or small – makes
a difference!

Easter Raffle

Colour Run

Mother's Day Stall

175th BMPS Anniversary Tea Towel

School Disco

Parents Paint & Sip Night

Father's Day Stall

Paddy's Market



\$60K

\$50K

\$40K

\$30K

\$20K

\$10K

\$0

Colour -
Run

Easter Raffle



**JOIN US IN BUILDING A BRIGHTER
FUTURE FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**

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, hoola hoops or any items that our children can create and build with that will not be affected by the weather, we would **LOVE your donations**.



<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/UC7LzmzG9Sq>

This week it's Hoola Hoops being used creatively.

ENJOY this clip captured by Bec Blokland on Wednesday.

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 final week of term from the BMPS staff and students.



2025/26

LITTLE ATHLETICS

When & Where

Season commences on
Saturday 4th October
Masons Lane Reserve
Bacchus Marsh
8.30am

Registration Info



Scan me!

On Offer

Age - 5yo to 16yo (Under 6-17)
Events - sprints, distance,
shot put, discus, javelin, long jump,
triple jump, high jump and hurdles
Region & State Competition
Cross Country

REGISTER NOW



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BMLAC Registrar 0409 322 983





NEW

PLAYERS WANTED

**WE ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL PLAYERS
FROM 5-19 YEARS OLD**

**ENJOY THE FUN & EXCITEMENT OF
BASKETBALL, FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:
admin@bmbasketball.org.au**

**SATURDAY
U8-U14s**

**TUESDAY
U16-U18 BOYS
U16-U20 GIRLS**

**THURSDAY
U21 BOYS, SENIOR
MEN & WOMEN**



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Sharpen your footy skills at one of our School Holiday Programs in Regional Victoria
Suitable for kids aged 4-12.

BALLARAT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 9:00AM - 3:00PM
EASTERN OVAL

BACCHUS MARSH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 9:00AM - 3:00PM
DARLEY CIVIC HUB



BALLARAT



BACCHUS MARSH

MIXED AND GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE



Spring Holiday Program

Spring School Holidays 2025 by Moorabool Youth Services | Eventbrite

- Full two-week program with a range of events and activities
- Play Smart Fest (led by our Youth Action Group), a gaming event with a focus on positive behaviours online
- Plug-In & Play: Live Performance Setup is for emerging performers to learn about effectively setting up a stage and PA system



MOORABOOL

21 NOVEMBER 2025



A LEAP OF BRAVERY

**TO RECOGNISE AND
CELEBRATE 12-25 YEAR
OLDS**

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Kind Soul
- Hard Worker
- Leader
- Willpower
- Trailblazer
- Thrive
- Change-Maker
- Team Player
- Influential Adult

NOMINATIONS DUE

14 OCTOBER

Nominate using the QR
code



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to face time for your child**

✓ **Children 6 weeks to 6 years in a
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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



PLAY



AFL **Superkick**

AFL **PLAY**

**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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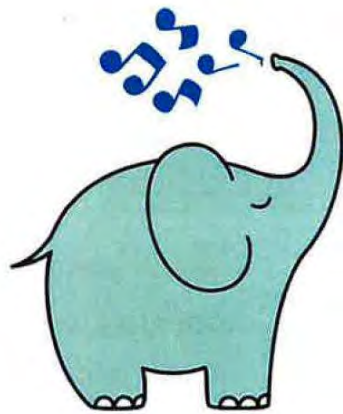


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**MID SEASON ENTRY
NOW OPEN**
**THE PERFECT TIME
TO GIVE IT A GO**



**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



GUIDES

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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Contact us to book into an information session

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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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Our program is available five days a week, with flexible session options designed to accommodate your family's schedule. Our Kinder program operates year-round for 50 weeks, ensuring consistent care and learning. We also provide nutritious meals daily, so you can leave the meals to us - giving you one less thing to worry about.

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



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>