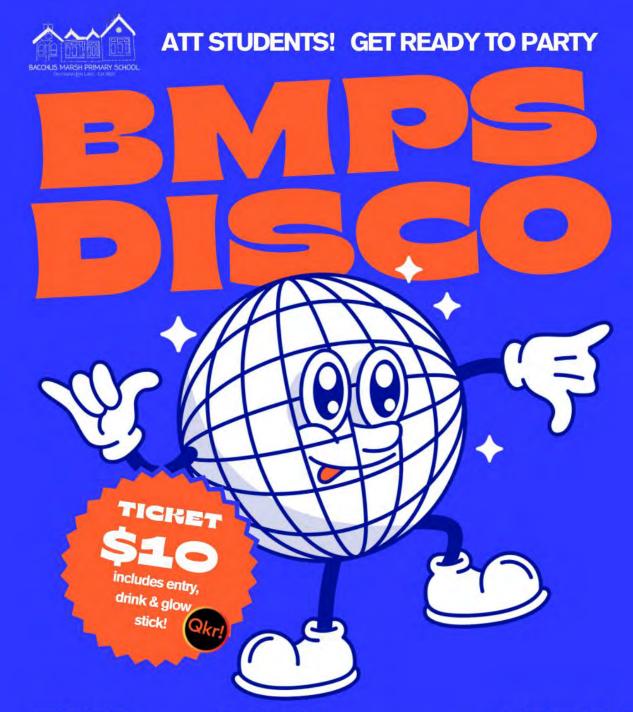


TERM 4 WEEK 1 IMPORTANT DATES		
WEEK 1	OCT 6 – OCT 10	
	MONDAY	Return to school
	WEDNESDAY	Western Ranges Division Volleyball
	FRIDAY	Western Ranges Division Basketball
WEEK 2	OCT 13 – OCT 17	Year 6 Canberra Tour
	WEDNESDAY	Grade 5 golf
WEEK 3	OCT 20 – OCT 24	Year 4 Mon-Wed & Wed to Fri - Camps to Candlebark Farm
	TUESDAY	School Council
	FRIDAY	Grade 2 Ecolinc
WEEK 4	OCT 27 – OCT 31	
	THURSDAY	SCHOOL DISCO P-2 5pm – 6pm 3-6 6.30 – 7.30
WEEK 5	NOV 3 – NOV 7	
	TUESDAY	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
	THURSDAY	Prep 2026 Transition 1 & parent session 9.30 – 10.30 am
	FRIDAY	BMPS has got talent (PM)
WEEK 6	NOV 10 – NOV 14	
	THURSDAY	Prep 2026 Transition 2 9.30 – 10.30 am
	FRIDAY	PUPIL FREE DAY CONFIRMED
WEEK 7	NOV 17 – NOV 21	VISUAL ARTS WEEK AT BMPS
	MONDAY	Year 2 Day Camp
	THURSDAY	Prep 2026 Parents & Carers meet teachers – 4.30 – 5.30 pm
	FRIDAY	PADDY'S MARKET
WEEK 8	NOV 24 – NOV 28	
	FRIDAY	Junior School Sports
WEEK 9	DEC 1 – DEC 5	
	MONDAY	Whole School Awards Assembly
	THURSDAY	Prep 2026 Transition 3 9.15 – 10.30 am
WEEK 10	DEC 8 – DEC 12	
	MONDAY	2026 Leaders Assembly
		SCHOOL CONCERT TBC Week 1 term 4
	TUESDAY	Year 6-7 2026 Statewide Transition Gr 1-6 2026 meet teacher
		School Council
	WEDNESDAY	Concert back-up date
	THURSDAY	CELEBRATION OF LEARNING -11am – 6pm
		(No classes for students)
WEEK 11	DEC 15 – DEC 19	
	MONDAY	Year 6 Graduation
	THURSDAY	Final day for all students
		YR 6 Farewell Assembly & Pool Party
	FRIDAY	Final day for staff

YEAR 6 CANBERRA TOUR Week 2 - Term 4

Pupil Free Day – Friday, November 14





THUR 30 OCT

PREP - GRADE 2 5.00pm - 6.00pm BMPS SCHOOL GYM

GRADE 3 - GRADE 6 6.30pm - 7.30pm LIVE DJ GAMES LOLLY BAGS



Warm welcome back to all students and families, and we hope you have all enjoyed a really nice break from school routines.

As we move into term 4, we look forward to supporting everyone to be their best with an ongoing focus on calm and orderly classrooms and movement into, around and out of our school.

CURRENT WORKS

Having mentioned 'movement around our school' we are currently undertaking extensive works to update ramps and decks, improve access from the drop off zone and Lerderderg Street entrances and generally enhance access to all areas of our school.

These works come with some inconvenience, and we thank our Out of School Hours Care team and our families for managing alternative arrangements throughout our term break.

Please note:

DROP OFF ZONE

- THERE ARE ONGOING WORKS IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE AND WE ASK THAT THE UTMOST CARE IS TAKEN ON RETURN TO SCHOOL
- CARS MUST NOT PARK IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE AS IT IS A KISS AND DROP AREA ONLY.
- STUDENTS MUST USE THE NEW CONCRETE PATH AS THE ONLY ENTRY FROM THE DROP-OFF ZONE.
- NO ADULTS OR STUDENTS ARE TO ACCESS THE STAFF CARPARK AREA AT ANY TIME

LERDERDERG STREET ENTRANCE

From the commencement of term 4 can we please ask that:

- STUDENTS DO NOT USE THE FRONT ENTRANCE AS A THOROUGHFARE INTO THE SCHOOL
- THE DRIVEWAY GATE ALONGSIDE THE ART ROOM WILL BE THE ENTRY POINT ONCE OPENED.
- STUDENTS ARRIVING BEFORE 8.30 AM ARE ASKED TO WAIT IN THE UNDERCOVER AREA UNTIL DISMISSED.
- FORMAL YARD SUPERVISION COMMENCES AT 8.35 AM

We thank you all most sincerely for your support with these processes to enhance safety at drop off and reduce congestion in our administration area.









CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Congratulations to Corey Hall, Scott Nelson, year 6 student actors, dancers, chorus members and live band, staff and talented program creators and admin supporters for the community treat that was Charlotte's Web across four packed audiences in the last week of term 3.

This was such a wonderful way to finish the term, and we're extremely proud of your hard work and dedication.



















LAST DAY OF TERM FOOTY DRESS UP AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Appreciation and a big shout-out to Ally Edwards, our parent and carer volunteers and our wonderful leadership and admin staff for your work rounding of the term with a sausage sizzle for our students.

You're all the gifts that keep on giving, and we're again extremely grateful.





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



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









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/UC7LzmzG9Sg

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 first week of term from the BMPS staff and students.





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

Registration Info



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

- lavic.com.au/membership/
- BMLAC Registrar 0409 322 983





MADDINGLEY

- Longday Care 6.30am-6.30pm Providing your family flexibility across 52 weeks a year
- Free Kinder 3 & 4 years old Participating in the Government funded 3 and 4 year old free Kinder program
- Individualised, Montessori Program

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- ✓ 5 meals a day prepared by a chef
- Weekly music/sport incursion
- ✓ ECTs 52 weeks a year, extra face to face time for your child
- ✓ Children 6 weeks to 6 years in a purpose built, specialist centre





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, preschoolers 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

Share the joys and struggles of parenting in a safe space

morning tea for adults and children

Be cared for by the volunteer team





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bacchusmarshanglican.org.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 <u>guidesvic.org.au/join-now</u> or contact as above for more information





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.





Maddingley Montessori

Stand Tall, Happy & Proud

Kindergarten & Long Day Care

3 & 4 Year OLD FUNDED KINDERGARTEN

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