



## TERM 1 2026 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>JAN 26 – JAN 30</b> MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Australia Day Staff return 1:1 Getting to Know You Interviews (P-6) Pupil Free Day – Teacher Professional Learning 1:1 Getting to Know You Interviews (P-6)
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>FEB 2 – FEB 6</b> MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	All Year 1-6 students return (Half Prep Classes) (Half Prep classes) Prep Literacy 1:1 Interviews All students P-6 All students P-6
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>FEB 9 – FEB 13</b> MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	<b>ASSEMBLY</b> Prep Literacy Interviews BMPS SWIMMING TRIALS AT BACCHUS MARSH POOL
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>FEB 16 – FEB 20</b> MONDAY WEDNESDAY	Leadership Photos and Year 3 Hockey Clinic
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>FEB 23 – FEB 27</b> MONDAY-FRIDAY FRIDAY	<b>ASSEMBLY</b> <b>BOOK FAIR</b> BMPSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING AT MELTON
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>MAR 2 – MAR 6</b> MONDAY FRIDAY	
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>MAR 9 – MAR 13</b> MONDAY TUESDAY	<b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> WESTERN RANGES SWIMMING AT MELTON WAVES
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>MAR 16 – MAR 20</b> MONDAY FRIDAY	
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>MAR 23 – MAR 27</b> MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	<b>ASSEMBLY</b> Year 6 Ecolinc Year 6 Ecolinc Senior Sports Day
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>MAR 30 – APR 3</b> MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Year 6 Ecolinc Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Final Day of term – 2.30 pm dismissal <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>



Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to moving into our second full week of settling back and reinforcing our classroom and playground routines and processes in support of our commitment to a happy, safe environment for all.

Your support in working with us is very much appreciated, and it was wonderful to speak to so many of you during our 'Getting to Know You' interview opportunity. Reaching out to your child's classroom teacher in the first instance, and specific wellbeing or teaching and learning staff, should you wish to, is encouraged, so we can address any concerns that may arise early and ultimately keep our lines of communication open.

## **SMILE SQUAD**

Thankyou to the families that have registered for their children to be seen by the Smile Squad. All children, regardless of circumstances, are eligible to be seen by the Smile Squad dental service. Teeth on Wheels will not be attending BMPS this year as we transition to this government-supported service.

The attached form was due back last Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, so any further interest must be actioned as soon as possible, Monday morning, February 9.

## **ASSEMBLY**

Our first assembly for 2026 will take place this Monday morning and our Prep students will not attend as they focus on settling into their classroom routines.

**WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUN OUR CONSISTENT SAFETY AND ROUTINE MESSAGES AGAIN THIS WEEK, AND APPRECIATE YOU SPEAKING TO YOUR CHILDREN TO DISCUSS AND REINFORCE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE SAFETY ROUTINES.**

## **SAFETY MESSAGES**

**SCHOOL CROSSINGS** – Thankyou for ensuring school crossings on Gisborne Road, Young Street and Lerderderg Street are used at all times.

Adult modelling of the important use of our crossings is vital in support of safety.

**8.35 AM – YARD SUPERVISION** – All students will be receiving reminders that 8.35 am is the morning arrival time and when our yard will be supervised by staff.

Students arriving before 8.35 am will be directed to the undercover area near the staff room and are to remain there until they are dismissed by a staff member.

**Breakfast Club** will be available from 8.00 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from our school house and can be accessed via the Lerderderg Street driveway. Students will be dismissed from Breakfast Club at 8.35 am.

**SUNSMART HATS** – Last week gave all families the opportunity to have hats ready and named to ensure play is not restricted. Teachers will be rigorous with hat routines to support our students to be responsible with their belongings. Students without hats will be directed to the undercover area for passive play.

**HELMETS** – See the below message reinforcing the importance of bike and scooter helmets

- Thankyou for partnering with us to ensure these safety routines are respected.



### THE SIMPLE HELMET FIT CHECK



Two finger widths above the eyebrows.



Helmet straps must be correctly adjusted with no twists. The straps should form a 'V' shape around the ears.



The buckle fastened and two fingers can fit under chin strap.



If the helmet moves out of position easily it is not correctly fitted – straps are loose or helmet is too big.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- o Wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle reduces the risk of head injury by 74%.
- o Head injuries are very common for skateboarders not wearing helmets.
- o Every year in Victoria, about 250 children are hospitalised as a result of scooter accidents, with head injuries common.

**CHILDREN AND ADULTS SHOULD WEAR A HELMET AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING A BICYCLE, SCOOTER OR SKATEBOARD.**



### Set a good example

Children's behaviour is shaped by what their parents/carers do. When it comes to wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard, you need to be a good role model for your own and other children.

### Make sure your helmet is safe

- o Choose a helmet that carries the Australian Standard mark. This means it is safety approved, legal and meets the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2063.
- o If possible, choose a helmet with Multi-Directional Impact Protection System (MIPS) technology. A MIPS helmet has a low friction layer between the helmet and the head, designed to reduce brain trauma in the event of a crash. For more information, visit [www.mipsprotection.com](http://www.mipsprotection.com)
- o The helmet needs to be the right size and correctly fitted. See the Helmet Fit Check in this guide.
- o A helmet is designed to protect a head for one impact only. Replace it if it has been in an accident, dropped or has any damage, such as cracks in the foam or worn or frayed straps.
- o Don't wear a cap under a helmet as this can affect how the helmet fits and protects the head in an accident.

### The law on bicycle helmets

It's against the law to ride without a helmet. The fine for not wearing a helmet is \$201 (as at 1 January 2019).

### Other safety gear for skateboarding

Falls can be common so wrist guards and knee and elbow pads are strongly advised to reduce injuries.



## ROAD TO ZERO

### HELMETS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### GUIDE FOR PARENTS



### Find safer places to cycle, scoot and skate

- o For younger children, the safest places to ride, scoot and skate are the backyard or a park, well away from traffic. Driveways are not safe places for play.
- o Children under 12 years of age shouldn't ride on the road. They are allowed to ride on footpaths and adults can legally ride with them.
- o Victoria has an extensive network of paths for safer cycling, scooting and skating. Many of these paths travel through parklands and are well away from roads.

### Where to get more information

This guide provides broad road safety advice only. For more comprehensive information about Victorian laws regarding the use of bicycles, scooters and skateboards, visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au).

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## ONGOING CONSISTENT MESSAGES:

### DROP OFF ZONE – off Young Street

- CARS **MUST NOT PARK** IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE AS IT IS A KISS AND DROP AREA ONLY.
- VEHICLES ARE NOT TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN THIS SPACE
- PLEASE DO NOT ACCESS THE STAFF CARPARK AREA AT ANY TIME.

## LERDERBERG STREET ENTRANCE

Thank you for your ongoing support with these changes:

- STUDENTS DO NOT USE THE FRONT ENTRANCE AS A THOROUGHFARE INTO OR OUT OF THE SCHOOL
- THE DRIVEWAY GATE ALONGSIDE THE ART ROOM WILL BE THE BREAKFAST CLUB AND MORNING ENTRANCE POINT
- PREP ENTRANCE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8.35 AM
- STUDENTS ARRIVING BEFORE 8.35 AM ARE ASKED TO WAIT IN THE UNDERCOVER AREA UNTIL DISMISSED.
- **FORMAL YARD SUPERVISION COMMENCES AT 8.35 AM**

## HATS TO BE WORN FOR ALL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN TERM 1

Ongoing reminder that navy blue SunSmart hats must be worn by all students in the yard during term 1 and 4.





## 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 contravening the safety signage and impacting pedestrian and vehicle vision on our crossing. This blatantly ignores the safety rights of our school community.



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK  
OVER DRIVEWAYS.**

**OUR NEIGHBOURS  
HAVE ALWAYS  
APPRECIATED THE  
RESPECTFUL MANNER  
IN WHICH OUR  
COMMUNITY LIVE  
OUR VALUES**

## ALWAYS REACH OUT

- Thank you to parents and carers for reaching out to your 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** – Assistant Principal – Daily Organisation / Student Medical Health & Wellbeing

**Tiff O'Brien** – Leading Teacher – Mental Health in Primary Schools – Trauma Informed Practice - Art-Therapy

**Bec Blokland** - Disability Inclusion Co-ordinator

**Belinda Horne** - Wellbeing Educator

### *Literacy and Numeracy:*

**Catherine Moody** – Assistant Principal - Curriculum / Teaching and Learning

**Kirsty Younger** - Leading Teacher – Literacy

**Janaya Walker and Jayde Clayton** – Leading Teachers – Numeracy

**All the best for a wonderful week 3 from the BMPS team**



# Autism Connect

Autism Connect is an expansion of Amaze's Autism Advisor service delivered in Victoria for 12 years, helping over 20,000 people.

Autism Connect is available to anyone seeking support related to autism. The service was created for autistic people seeking guidance around diagnosis and services, their families or friends, and anyone supporting an autistic adult or child in education, health settings or workplaces.

**"I got diagnosed at age 40 and I found that really enlightening and validating. You've got the ability to send a five-second message and then get a human response. They were friendly, patient and empathetic. They were really just nice to deal with on the phone and it felt like the easiest thing ever."**

**- Catherine, Autistic mother of 2 autistic boys.**



**For more information, visit  
[amaze.org.au/autismconnect](https://amaze.org.au/autismconnect)**



**If you need an interpreter, contact the TIS National Contact Centre on 131 450 and ask to speak to Autism Connect on 1300 308 699.**

**Autism Connect is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services**



**BACCHUS MARSH LITTLE ATHLETICS**

# ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL *RELAYTHON*

RELAYTHON IS LITTLE ATHLETICS VICTORIA'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOR WELL OVER 50 YEARS.

BMLAC athletes and members will take part in a continuous relay at Masons Lane Reserve, running for 5 hours to raise funds for the Good Friday Appeal.

**DONATE  
VIA QR CODE**



**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
7AM - 12NOON



**MASONS LANE RESERVE**  
**BACCHUS MARSH**



# NEW YEAR

# NEW LOO

Bring a toilet roll  
to Peppertree Park  
on Saturday 7 Feb  
and join the  
campaign for a  
Parkrun Loo!





# GRAND OPENING

21 Osborne Street, Maddingley



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

5PM *til* 7:30PM

*Our name reflects our commitment to developing athletes from A to Z, on & off court, at a space built entirely for them to train, grow, compete, and become the next generation of ballers - right here in Bacchus Marsh!*

Follow us on



[azbasketball.com.au](http://azbasketball.com.au)



Scan QR Code for Season Schedule & Session Options





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**BACCHUS MARSH**  
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HAWKS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION





## *Tyetedji Cultural Immersion Day*

### **Details:**

When: 19<sup>th</sup> february 2026, 11:30 arrival - 2:30 finish

Where: MCG, Meet at Gate 3

 [tyetedji.hawthornfc.com.au](http://tyetedji.hawthornfc.com.au)

 [www.hawkscommunityfoundation.org.au](http://www.hawkscommunityfoundation.org.au)

 @tyetedji

Hawthorn Football Club acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the lands and water on which we live, learn, work and play. We pay respects to Elders both past and present and stand together with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders of today and tomorrow.

## Cultural Walk

Be led through the parklands surrounding the MCG and stop at some of the culturally significant sites. This includes one of the scar trees... older than "Melbourne" itself!



## National Museum of Sport

Explore the Museum of Sport, located inside the MCG. There are over 95 sports featured, interactive exhibits, as well as play in the Game On area!

## Footy Clinic

Join some of our Hawks players in a skills session, practising all the skills you need to one day wear the Brown and Gold!

## TYETDJI YULK

Immerse yourself in our Tyetdji Yulk space, where you will see all of our Sir Doug Nicholls round gifts, past and current Indigenous Guernsey designs, and much more! there will be activities, snacks, and yarns to be had!

