



TERM 3 WEEK 1 2026 IMPORTANT DATES		
WEEK 1 JUL 13 – JUL 17	MONDAY THURSDAY	STUDENTS RETURN Grade 1 Ecolink
WEEK 2 JUL 20 – JUL 24	MONDAY ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY	GRADE 5 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT Parents 6pm-7pm Year 4 Inquiry Expo in Gym
WEEK 3 JUL 27 – JUL 31	WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY THURSDAY	Grade 5 Camp to Roses Gap PREP 1 2 BRAVEHEARTS Incursion
WEEK 4 AUG 3 – AUG 7	MONDAY ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY	SWIMMING – YEAR 6 ICAS – Digital Technology and Writing PREP 100 Days Of School Celebration
WEEK 5 AUG 10 – AUG 14	MONDAY THURSDAY	SWIMMING – YEAR 6 ICAS – English SCIENCE FAIR Science Team Ecolinc Excursion
WEEK 6 AUG 17 – AUG 21	MONDAY ASSEMBLY THURSDAY	NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK SWIMMING – PREP ICAS – Science and Spelling Bee National Science Week Planting Day
WEEK 7 AUG 24 – AUG 28	WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	SWIMMING – PREP and YEAR 5 ICAS – Mathematics WELLBEING at BMPS – Community Open Session MSO Excursion – YEAR 2 Senior School Summer Sports Day
WEEK 8 AUG 31 – SEPT 4	MONDAY ASSEMBLY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	BOOK WEEK and BOOK FAIR SWIMMING – YEAR 5 Book Week Parade TBC Year 1 Ecolinc Book Week Incursion Father's Day Stall and Prep Father's Day afternoon
WEEK 9 SEPT 7 – SEPT 11	MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	Year 3 Day Camp to Sunnystones Western Ranges Athletics PUPIL FREE DAY
WEEK 10 SEPT 14 – SEPT 18	MONDAY ASSEMBLY FRIDAY	YEAR 6 PRODUCTION WEEK Year 6 Graduation Photo Last day of Term 3 FOOTY DRESS UP – HOTDOG DAY & 2.30 DISMISSAL

PUPIL FREE DAY
TERM 3 (To Be Confirmed)
Friday September 11
 On School Council agenda for approval at our July meeting.



Dear families,

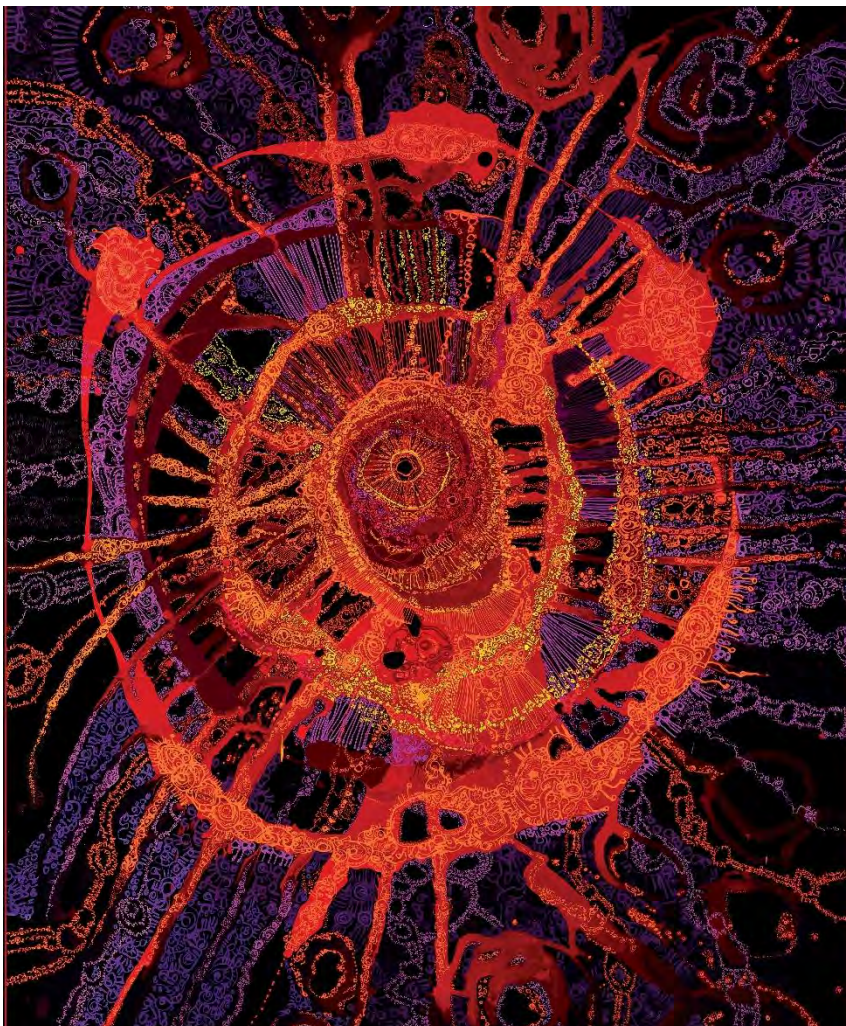
With a mixed bag of weather across the term break, I hope everyone has enjoyed a happy, safe break. Learning celebrations were delightful across our final week of term, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back tomorrow as we settle our students in for a great Term 3. Important reminder that we encourage proactive, respectful communication in support of our students and staff. Our teachers are the first point of contact via Seesaw, should you wish to communicate any concerns, book a meeting or share your child's achievements so they can be celebrated and acknowledged as part of our home-school partnership. As research and theory comes and goes, positive relationship development remains at the top of the list as an enduring protective factor for us all.

See our Term 3 planner above and thankyou for keeping your eye on it each week, as tweaks are sometimes required as we move through the term.

NAIDOC WEEK

As NAIDOC Week formally comes to a close, I hope you have had the opportunity to celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As educators, we look for these opportunities daily with our students, but annually across Australia this week provides a vital opportunity for all Australians to learn, be curious, develop accurate historical understanding and connect in a myriad ways with the oldest continuous living culture on Earth.

Thankyou for encouraging your children to speak about their NAIDOC Week experiences when they return to school.



2026 NAIDOC WEEK POSTER WINNER

Poster title

Paralpi

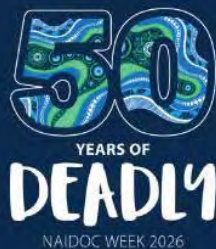
Artist

Zaachariaha Fielding

“Paralpi is about movement — movement through generations, through memory, through song and story. It speaks to the strength our people carry and the beauty of culture continuing to evolve while staying deeply connected to who we are.”



Be a deadly ally during NAIDOC Week and beyond!



NAIDOC WEEK
5-12 JULY



PREP FARM VISIT

The excitement that was built in anticipation of our Prep students' first school excursion to the farm was quite delightful in our final week of Term 2. The joy that then followed on their return was palpable and just the tonic we all needed as the term came to a close.

Thankyou to our Prep team and the staff who joined the excursion, for the wonderful planning that ensured our students were well supported for a very positive experience.

A special thankyou is further extended to our parent volunteers who put in a big day in support of all of our students.





PREP, Grade 1 and 2
Bravehearts INCURSION
Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show



Our highly regarded Bravehearts **Personal Safety and Abuse Prevention** incursion will take place at BMPS in **week 3** on **Thursday 30th July**. Keep Safe Adventure show has been educating Australian children since 2006, providing them with personal safety tools and strategies while supporting positive self-esteem and resilience-building.

- A hard copy permission and payment slip went home with your child in the last week of Term 2.

This form is also attached, along with other specific and important information for your interest.

- **Please make payment - \$11.00 per child**, as soon as possible via QKR, CSEF (if eligible) or Cash/Eft at the office.

IMPORTANT INVITATION TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Any parents/carers who wish to attend the session with their children's class to hear firsthand these important messages are welcome.

- Prep – 10 am
- Gr 1 and 2 – 11.30 am

If you have any questions about the Bravehearts program, you can get in touch with them via phone [1800 272 831](tel:1800272831) or at <https://bravehearts.org.au/education/>

- This program is an important support in upholding our **Child Safety Standards**.



Ditto's 3 Rules for keeping safe

Rule 1

We **ALL** have
the right to feel
safe with
people!

Rule 2

It's OK to say
NO if you
feel unsafe or
unsure!

Rule 3

Nothing is so
yucky you can't
tell someone
about it!

Remember,
If you ever feel
UNSAFE or **UNSURE**
about something
RUN and **TELL**
someone
you can trust.





GRADE 4 BULLDOGS CLINIC

During our final week of Term 2, Summer from the Western Bulldogs attended our school to run a footy clinic for the Grade 4s. Students did some warm-up games and some AFL - based activities during the sessions.

Thanks to Summer and the Bulldogs for running this program for us at BMPS.



WESTERN RANGES DIVISION TEE- BALL

On Tuesday 23rd June, our girls tee-ball team competed in the Western Ranges Division Tee-Ball finals at Macpherson Park in Toolern Vale. The girls played 2 games on the day against Wedge Park and Arnolds Creek. The opposition was too strong for our team, but the girls put in their best effort. Well done to the girls for qualifying for this competition and thanks to Marg Turner and Emily Madden for supporting the group.

Dave Champness
PE & Sports Coordinator



ICAS 2026 Important Dates.

Get a head start on ICAS 2026 by putting these dates in your diary.

 **Digital Technologies**
3 – 7 August

 **Writing**
3 – 7 August

 **English**
10 – 14 August

 **Science**
17 – 21 August

 **Spelling Bee**
17 – 21 August

 **Mathematics**
24 – 28 August



School registrations for the Parent Payment System (PPS)

- Ensure your school registers for the PPS by **20 July 2026**.
- Parents have until **27 July 2026** to enter the competition.

School Direct Orders

- Schools must finalise direct entries by **27 July 2026**.

For more information, scan the QR code below to visit icasassessments.com or contact your ICAS Assessment Consultant.



ENTER BY JULY 27



IMPORTANT 2027 FOUNDATION/PREP ENROLMENT TIMELINE

Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2027

All Victorian government primary schools follow a statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2027 school year.

- If you have a child starting primary school in 2027, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday, July 31 2026**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2027, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school.

It is important to submit your enrolment application to us on time as it will ensure your child is included in all transition activities if offered enrolment at our school. This also allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities, and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about how to enrol your child in Foundation at [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\) | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-in-foundation-prep)

If you would like to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) in 2027, please contact our school office on 03 5367 2745 or bacchus.marsh.ps@education.vic.gov.au to book a school tour or request an application form.



Remember!

IMPORTANT OPERATIONAL REMINDER regarding before and after school yard supervision.

I have cause to remind parents, carers and students that our gates will be closed at 3.30 pm in the afternoon and the yard is to be vacated by this time. Apart from our Out Of School Hours Care Program (OSH), there should be no students in our yard riding bikes or playing.

Thankyou for respecting our need to enforce this safety and supervision requirement.

BEFORE SCHOOL

Equally important is the ongoing reminder that students arriving at school before 8.35 am must go directly to the undercover area or to Breakfast Club (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) and will be dismissed when our duty staff members commence their duty at 8.35 am.

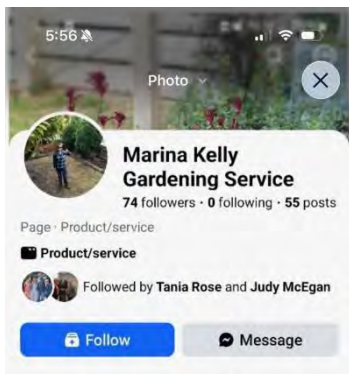
We really appreciate the support of families that are clearly reinforcing this morning safety routine with their children, as we have a growing number of students/families consistently doing the right thing.







COMMUNITY THANKYOU!



We extend a big thankyou to ex-parent Marina Kelly for her quiet support in our rear garden over the term break.

Marina was a wonderful support during the time her four children attended BMPs, and we not only appreciate her hard work, but we love the enduring connection to our school.

Need gardening support – feel free to make contact via Facebook.

THANKYOU Marina 😊



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 CAR PARK AREA AT ANY TIME.

LERDERDERG 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**

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

Bec Blokland - Disability Inclusion Co-ordinator

Liz Stonka – Assistant Principal – Daily Organisation /Student Medical Health & Wellbeing/Social Emotional Learning Curriculum

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

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

ONGOING ACCESS TO OUR WEEKLY UPDATES

Note – All Updates are saved to our website for easy access at any time across the term.

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

All the best for a great start to Term 3, from the BMPS team.

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Feeling disconnected from yourself? Caught in the whirlwind of endless to-do lists or weighed down by negative self-talk?

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Join the Empowering Women To Thrive program — a 10-session journey of self-discovery and growth designed to help you reconnect, rebuild confidence, and create space for yourself without guilt. Learn to let go of the past, reshape your inner story, and set healthy boundaries so you can live with more clarity, gratitude, and fulfilment.

What's Included:

- 10 x Coaching Sessions (via Zoom) – Personalised guidance and support
- Worksheets & Resources – Tools to support your growth
- Private Facebook Group – A community of like-minded women
- Weekly Check-ins – Stay accountable and celebrate wins
- Welcome Gift Pack – A special token to mark your journey

Rediscover your confidence, balance, and joy — and start thriving today.

2026 Women's Seasonal Retreats

Element of You is a four-part journey designed to help you reconnect with yourself throughout the rhythm of the year. Each seasonal retreat blends intentional activities, meaningful reflection, creativity, and nurturing space to support your personal growth. With thoughtful gifts, guided practices, and a full-day immersive experience from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., these retreats invite you to explore your inner landscape in harmony with the Earth's natural cycles—location Ballan Scout Hall. Each retreat is \$150 per retreat, or contact us for a special series discount.

Join the full series or simply come along to the seasons that speak to you. Contact us to learn more.



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To find out more contact us by visiting our website.





2026 Junior Development Program

Get a head start over Winter, join the Softball Victoria Junior Development Program tailored to beginner to intermediate skilled players from 7 to 15 years of age, and develop fundamental skills and game sense leading into the 2026/2027 Summer season!

Venues across metro Melbourne and Regional Victoria, visit the website or scan the QR code for further details

- ✓ Learn from experienced coaches and state representative players
- ✓ Experience and develop the different elements of Softball including batting, fielding, pitching, catching and base running
- ✓ 2 hours each week over 6 weeks
- ✓ \$90 registration includes participant pack with T-shirt, cap & drink bottle



REGISTER HERE:
www.softballvic.org.au/events/363067



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Contact: Tim Hatzi - State Participation & Development Manager email: tim.hatzi@softballvic.org.au or ph: 0479 104 403

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FROM 5-19 YEARS OLD**

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admin@bmbasketball.org.au**

**SATURDAY
U8-U14s**

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

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

Cafs Early Help Program

Onsite supports available for your family!

Our Cafs Early Help Practitioners are working with schools to provide support to parents, carers and children in their communities!

Come have a chat with our onsite practitioner if your seeking more information about supports in the community for your child and family!

We help families with:

- Exploring GP and Paediatrician assessment.
- Connecting you to local professionals surrounding your child's developmental needs.
- Exploration and advice for accessing professional supports regarding Neurodiversity.
- Community engagement
- And more!



See your school for a warm introduction to our onsite 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**



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



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MONDAYS 5PM - 6PM

Starts 20th April 2026





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