

Term 1 Week 5 - 2025

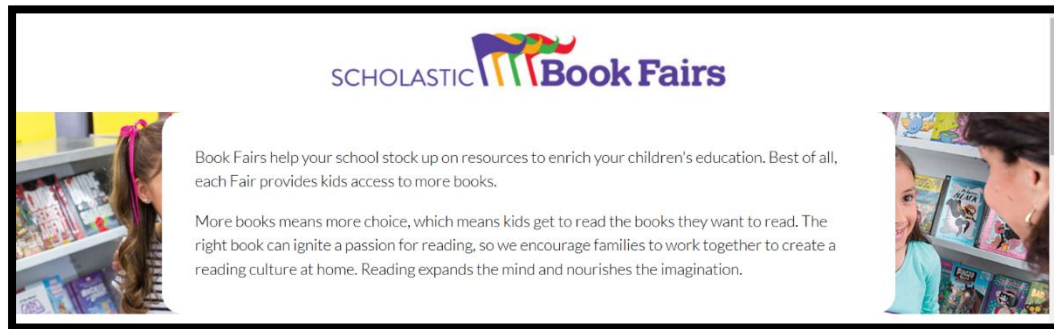
TERM 1 2025 IMPORTANT DATES		
WEEK 1	JAN 27 – JAN 31 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY TEACHERS RETURN – PUPIL FREE DAY GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS – P-6 (Bookings via Compass) GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS – P-6 (Bookings via Compass) 1 st HALF PREP COMMENCE (10 am) GRADE 1-6 RETURN TO SCHOOL
WEEK 2	FEB 3 – FEB 7 MONDAY WEDNESDAY	ASSEMBLY - 2 nd HALF PREP COMMENCE (10 am) PREP LITERACY ASSESSMENTS COMMENCE (Bookings via Compass)
WEEK 3	FEB 10 – FEB 14 WEDNESDAY	PREP LITERACY ASSESSMENTS (Bookings via Compass)
WEEK 4	FEB 17 – FEB 21 MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY 2025 STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP PHOTOS PREP LITERACY ASSESSMENTS (Bookings via Compass) BMPS SWIMMING TRIALS AT BACCHUS MARSH POOL
WEEK 5	FEB 24 – FEB 28 WEDNESDAY THURSDAY - FRIDAY FRIDAY	PARENT CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENT PREP LITERACY ASSESSMENTS (Bookings via Compass) SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT BMPS 8.15-8.45 & 3.00 – 3.45 BMPSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING AT MELTON
WEEK 6	MAR 3 – MAR 7 MONDAY FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY PUPIL FREE DAY
WEEK 7	MAR 10 – MAR 14 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WESTERN RANGES SWIMMING AT MELTON WAVES PREP PARENT & CARER INFORMATION SESSION TBC NAPLAN YEAR 3 and 5
WEEK 8	MAR 17 – MAR 21 MONDAY FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY HARMONY DAY
WEEK 9	MAR 24 – MAR 28 FRIDAY	SENIOR SPORTS DAY
WEEK 10	MAR 31 – APR 4 FRIDAY	FINAL WEEK OF TERM LAST DAY OF TERM – 2.30 pm dismissal
TERM 1 PUPIL FREE DAY FRIDAY MARCH 7 – LITERACY AND NUMERACY CURRICULUM AUDITING		



Welcome to Week 5 everyone, believe it or not we are entering the half way point in our term.

Thankyou to our parents and carers that go out of their way to ensure the safety of our students and school community.

- Students in the yard prior to 8.25am will be called to the undercover area and dismissed in time for the yard to be supervised by staff at 8.35am
- **Breakfast Club** is available from 8am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday along with OSH Club 5 days per week.
- **McFarland Street is NOT a drop off zone** and no cars are to enter this resident-only area.
- Please note our **DROP OFF ZONE** off Young Street is strictly **NO PARKING**



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BMPS SWIMMING TRIALS

On Friday, approximately 40 Grade 4-6 students attended the swimming trials at Bacchus Marsh Aquatic Centre. They raced each other in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and butterfly to see who the fastest swimmers from BMPS are. It was pleasing to see the effort put in by all of our students, regardless of how fast they were. We have now selected a team of 26 students to represent our school at the BMPSSA Swimming Carnival at Melton Waves on Tuesday 4th March.

A list of swimmers is up in the gym window, and we will meet with the students on Monday to give out notes. Thanks to Mr Richards, Mrs Griffiths and Jack Gillard for assisting on the day, along with a number of parent helpers.

Great job everyone!

Dave Champness

PE & Sports Coordinator



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BMPS is excited to be part of Clean Up Australia Day 2025 by participating in a Schools Clean Up. This is the 35th year the event has been running and we're stepping up to do our part. Students will work with their buddy grades during Week 5 (week of 24 Feb) to learn about waste. What is waste? Where does it come from? Where does it go? Is there waste in nature?

On Friday the February 28, buddy grades will team up to collect litter in the schoolyard. Students are welcome to bring in a labeled pair of gardening gloves from home. We'll keep a tally of the rubbish we collect to serve as baseline data for the rest of this year and the years to come. How many zooper dooper wrappers might we find?

Want to get involved? Click the link the find a Clean Up Australia Day event near you. Just enter your post code to see what's nearby and where you can help. <https://register.cleanup.org.au/join-a-clean-up>

Inspire your family and friends to make a change by sharing your pledge and tagging @CleanUpAustralia #CleanUpAustralia



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Moorabool Young Writers' Award 2025

Short story writing competition for Moorabool students aged 5 to 18

The theme for this year's Primary School category is **'Write where you are.'**

Your story begins, involves or ends right where you are, right here, right now, in this exact place where anything is possible!

> Entrants in the Prep to 2 category will need to complete a picture prompt involving a map.

> Entrants in Years 3 to 12 will need to write a Moorabool place/location/landmark into their story (up to 1000 words).

Each child may enter one story and entry is free. All entries must be typed, and will be judged blind, so please no names – just be sure to attach the entry form from your child's classroom teacher.

BMPS students can hand in completed entries to their classroom teacher before Thursday 24th April and I will submit them to Lerderderg Library.

Please see the attached flyer for more details or send me an email with any questions:

hayley.bonnici@education.vic.gov.au

Entries open Monday 10th March 2025

Entries close Monday 28th April 2025



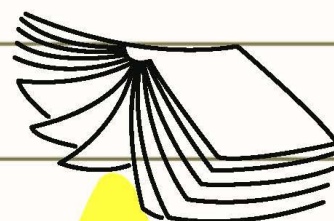
Upcoming Events

Classroom Helpers Workshop

Classroom helpers are invaluable at BMPS so we'd love to see you at our upcoming training!

**Monday 24th February
9-10am The House (next to Art room)**

Please register your interest at the office or email hayley.bonnici@education.vic.gov.au



Fun fact:

If a child reads for 10 minutes a day, that adds up to 3,650 minutes of reading over a year. That's about 60 hours of reading time!

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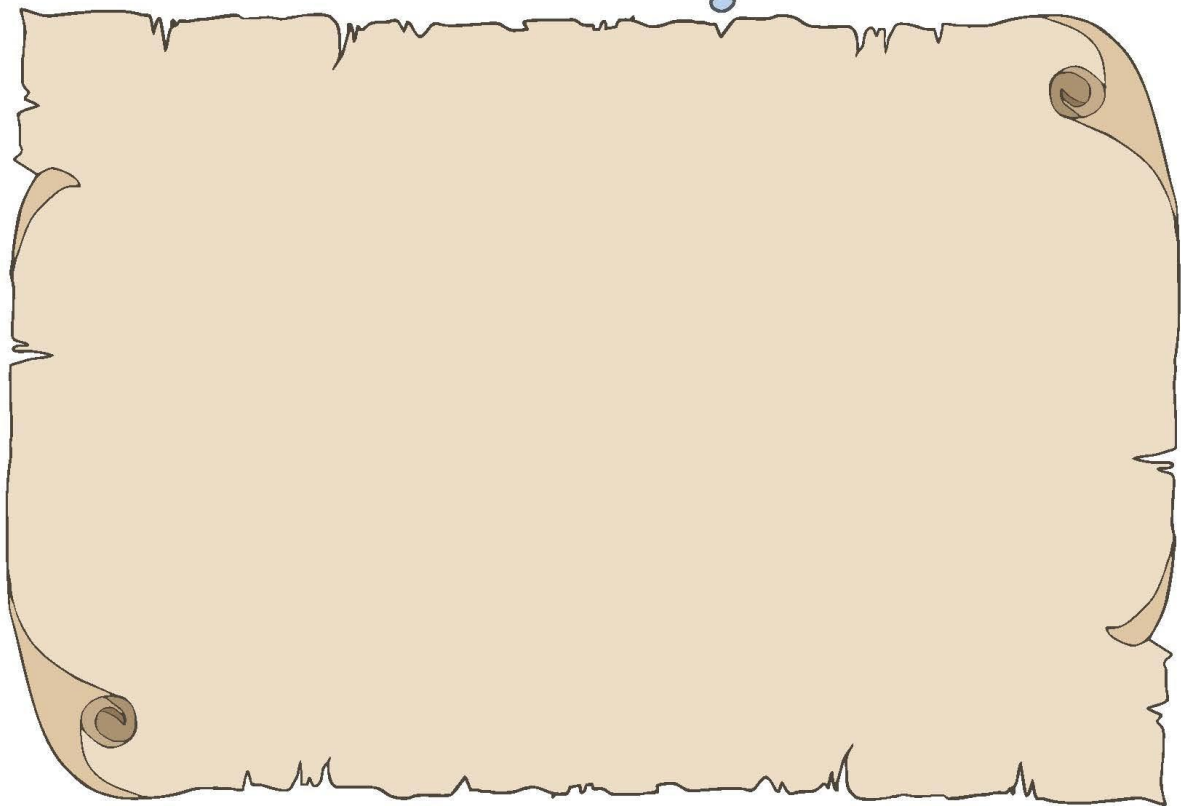


2025 Competition Prompts

Moorabool Young Writers' Awards 2025

Prep to Grade 2 Picture Prompt

**WRITE WHERE YOU
ARE!**



Imagine you have found a map.

Draw what is on the map OR write a short story about where your map leads to

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Entries close: Monday 28 April 2025 at 5pm

Prep to Grade 2 - Complete the picture prompt -
MAP.

Grades 3 to 6 - Short Story up to 1000 words*

Years 7 to 12 - Short Story up to 3000 words*

*Write a Moorabool place/location/landmark into
your story.



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FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO MRS AIMEE WALK

Last Friday we wished Aimee and her husband Jack all the very best as they prepare for the arrival of their first child. It is a very exciting time and we look forward to sharing this news.



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



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OSHC CLUB TEDDY BEAR DAY



Wednesday 26th March

Activities

- teddy bear picnic
- teddy hide and seek
- mask making

Bring your favourite teddy for a day of fun, perfect for new children and easing into the school year at OSHC! This event is all about creating a special moment during the busy start of the school year, welcoming new preps and children of all ages into the service to enjoy fun activities alongside the toy that brings them the most comfort.

Enjoy a teddy bear picnic (afternoon tea), exciting activities, and make new friends. At the end of the day, take home a special "First Day of OSHC" certificate for your fluffy companion to celebrate this milestone



Special Teddy Snacks



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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.

Autumn Retreat Harvesting Wisdom; Let Go & Gather Strength 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. Date: Sunday 2nd March Time: 1 pm - 5 pm Location: Darley Neighbourhood House - Anna Curry Building Cost: \$97 per person	Winter Retreat Winter's Warmth; Nurture Your Inner Light 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. Date: Sunday 1st June Time: 1 pm - 5 pm Location: TBC Cost: \$97 per person
Spring Retreat Awakening Growth; Seeds of Potential 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. Date: Sunday 31st August Time: 1 pm - 5 pm Location: TBC Cost: \$97 per person	Summer Retreat Radiating Confidence; Shine & Thrive 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. Date: Sunday 30th November Time: 1 pm - 5 pm Location: TBC Cost: \$97 per person

Special Offer:

Book all 4 retreats before March and save!
Plus a BONUS

- Unleash Your Potential; A year of purposeful planning journal and pen
- \$388 plus bonus valued at \$45 ONLY \$350, savings of \$83**

Payment plans available

Message me at www.inspiringpotentiallife.com to secure your spot. I can't wait to welcome you!



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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



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

Contact us to book into an information session

www.anglicarevic.org.au



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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.



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

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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

cafs WE CARE

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CHILDREN & YOUTH CULTURAL GATHERING

CLOSE THE GAP DAY

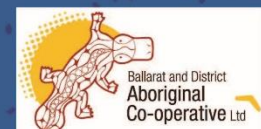
SAVE THE DATE

Thursday | 20 March 2025

YEAR 1-9 ABORIGINAL
AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDENTS

The Youth and Children's Cultural Gathering is an incredible opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the rich traditions and knowledge sharing of Australia's First Nation Peoples.

Further information and registration to follow



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STUDENTS OR FAMILIES interested in either of the following First Nations Artist opportunities, please feel free to deliver to our main office prior to the closing dates and we will ensure your entries are delivered to 403 Main Road Ballarat.

The poster has a textured, light brown background. At the top, there are large, vibrant splashes of yellow, orange, and blue paint. The main title 'CALLING OUT FOR ALL FIRST NATIONS ARTISTS!!!' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the title, the text 'Deadline for Artwork will be Friday 28th March' is written in a red, sans-serif font. Below the title, there is a large, light-colored, rounded rectangular area containing four bullet points in a red, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of various art supplies: several paintbrushes in a wooden holder, and several small jars of paint in different colors (blue, yellow, pink, grey). At the bottom right, the text 'Art Expo will be held 30th April - More info to come.' is written in a red, sans-serif font. A small watermark 'Made with PosterMyWall.com' is visible at the bottom left of the poster.

**CALLING OUT FOR ALL
FIRST NATIONS
ARTISTS!!!**

**Deadline for
Artwork will be
Friday 28th
March**

- . Are you a young First Nations Artsits with passion of exspressing yourself and stories through Art?
- . We invite you to showcase your creativity at the BADAC Youth Art Expo.
- . A chance to show your talents to the community, connect with other young mob and celerbrate our amazing culture together.
- . Artwork can be dropped off to 403 Main Rd.

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BADAC YOUTH

2025 NAIDOC THEME
THE NEXT GENERATION

YOUTH NAIDOC POSTER COMPETITION

AGES - 5 - 17

Please come up with your own
design that represents this
years NAIDOC Theme.

Closing date Thursday 15th of
May.

Artworks to be delivered to 403
Main Rd Golden point



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CREATIVE THERAPY TEEN 12-17

Join our creative sessions, to broaden your understanding on ways you can care for your mental health using the creative arts. We will develop collaborative methods of safely working together while supporting each others voice and choice for how we wish to express ourselves.

Topics for mental health. The nervous system, neuroscience, polyvagal theory, social connections, self talk, healthy hobbies and sharing tools for supporting wellbeing in a busy world.

THE EVENT WILL START ON THE 15TH OF FEB AND BE FORTNIGHTLY

15th
Feb 2025
2.30-4.00

**Be You
Creative
Studio**

Message or
email for more
information



25.00 PER PERSON



Contact Us
0459777046

Visit Our Website

Beyoucreativetherapy.com.au



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Welcome to Story Expression

Stories for well-being/ mental health - Bring your own picnic rug for your family/people - Hear a story and after choose from materials craft or play to make/explore anything you like together. Connect, be you and curiosity.

Alfredton

Must Adult supervision at all times

15th feb, 1st march and 15 march

8.30-9.30 am

Phone for more details -0459777046



\$25 per family



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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

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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>

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Discover Your Inner Hero;

Building Confidence and Resilience

Unlock your child's potential with 'Discover Your Inner Hero,' a specialised life coaching and hypnosis service for kids aged 8-12. Our tailored packages empower children on a transformative journey of self-discovery, fostering confidence, resilience and essential life skills. Through personalised coaching, we help kids understand their strengths, overcome challenges, and achieve meaningful goals.

Our supportive approach addresses issues such as;

- Anxiety
- Build resilience and confidence
- Improved self-talk
- Understand emotions
- Effective learning strategies
- And much more



Empowering Young Minds;

Navigating Life with Courage

Embark on a transformative journey with 'Empowering Young Minds,' a specialised life coaching and hypnosis service for adolescents aged 12-18. Our tailored packages guide teens through a supportive process of self-discovery, instilling courage to navigate life's complexities. We focus on uncovering their strengths, overcoming challenges and acquiring essential life skills to achieve meaningful goals.

Our supportive approach addresses issues such as;

- Anxiety
- Build resilience and confidence
- Improved self-talk
- Improve social skills
- Understand emotions
- Effective learning strategies
- Navigating career paths and planning
- And much more



Empower Her Monthly Women's Circle

Are you ready to dive into a space of support, understanding and connection? Join us for our upcoming Women's Circle where we come together to share, empower and uplift one another.



Where: Daley Neighbourhood House

Date: Friday 26th July

Friday 30th Aug

Friday 27th Sept

Time: 7 pm- 8.30 pm

Cost: \$20 PP, per session

 BOOK NOW



Other Services;

- Women's Coaching
- Hypnosis
- Relationships Coaching
- Parents Coaching
- Kids Coaching
- DISC Profiling
- Leadership Coaching
- High Performing Teams
- Therapy Dog Service



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- Understanding themselves and others
- Improve Social Skills
- Improve Learning
- Build resilience and confidence
- Improved self-talk
- Understand emotions
- Effective learning strategies
- Anxiety
- And much more



Through Hypnosis;

- Bed Wetting
- Weight Loss
- Sugar
- Thumb Sucking
- Conduct at Home
- Conduct at School
- Improving Grades
- Improving Reading
- Surviving a Divorce
- School Illness
- Stop Stuttering
- Stop Nightmares
- Move Quicker
- Stress
- Stop Lying
- Stop Stealing
- Test Anxiety
- Don't start smoking/vaping
- Sleeping Habits
- Hyperactivity



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