

Term 1 Week 6 - 2025

WEEK 1	JAN 27 – JAN 31	
VVEEK 1	MONDAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	TUESDAY	TEACHERS RETURN – PUPIL FREE DAY
	WEDNESDAY	GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS – P-6 (Bookings via Compass)
	THURSDAY	GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS – P-6 (Bookings via Compass)
	FRIDAY	1st HALF PREP COMMENCE (10 am) GRADE 1-6 RETURN TO SCHOOL
WEEK 2	FEB 3 – FEB 7	1 HALL THE COMMENCE (10 am) GRADE 1-0 RETORN TO SCHOOL
	MONDAY	ASSEMBLY - 2 nd HALF PREP COMMENCE (10 am)
	WEDNESDAY	PREP LITERACY ASSESSMENTS COMMENCE (Bookings via Compass)
WEEK 3	FEB 10 – FEB 14	THE ETTENACT ASSESSIVENTS COMMENCE (BOOKINGS VIA COMPASS)
	WEDNESDAY	PREP LITERACY ASSESSMENTS (Bookings via Compass)
WEEK 4	FEB 17 – FEB 21	FILE ETENACT ASSESSIVE VTS (BOOKINGS VIa COMPass)
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	WEDNESDAY	2025 STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP PHOTOS
	WEDNESDAT	PREP LITERACY ASSESSMENTS (Bookings via Compass)
	FRIDAY	BMPS SWIMMING TRIALS AT BACCHUS MARSH POOL
WEEK 5	FEB 24 – FEB 28	BINI 3 3 WINIMING TRIALS AT BACCITOS WARSHT OOL
	WEDNESDAY	PARENT CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION EVENT
	WEDNESDAT	PREP LITERACY ASSESSMENTS (Bookings via Compass)
	THURSDAY - FRIDAY	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT BMPS 8.15-8.45 & 3.00 – 3.45
WEEK 6	MAR 3 – MAR 7	
	MONDAY	ASSEMBLY
	TUESDAY	BMPSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING
	FRIDAY	PUPIL FREE DAY
WEEK 7	MAR 10 – MAR 14	
	MONDAY	LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	TUESDAY	WESTERN RANGES SWIMMING AT MELTON WAVES
		PREP PARENT & CARER INFORMATION SESSION CONFIRMED-2.30pn
	WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY	NAPLAN YEAR 3 and 5
WEEK 8	MAR 17 – MAR 21	
	MONDAY	ASSEMBLY
	FRIDAY	HARMONY DAY
WEEK 9	MAR 24 – MAR 28	
	FRIDAY	SENIOR SPORTS DAY
WEEK 10	MAR 31 – APR 4	FINAL WEEK OF TERM
	FRIDAY	LAST DAY OF TERM – 2.30 pm dismissal
		TERM 1 PUPIL FREE DAY ID NUMERACY CURRICULUM AUDITING NOTE
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IMPORTANT - PUPIL FREE DAY - THIS FRIDAY MARCH 7

This Friday all staff will be spending our Pupil Free Day working on the business of our Annual Implementation Plan. Victorian Curriculum 2.0 is the latest Literacy and Numeracy Curriculum and this will be fully implemented and assessed throughout 2025 at Bacchus Marsh Primary School. This Friday we will have working parties delving deeply into the above curriculum while others work on continuous improvement in IEP, Individual Education Plan writing, others on deepening understanding of our Literacy block and a further group exploring the why and how of Novel Studies in the middle and upper school. Intervention will also be a focus, with our Education Support staff learning and planning alongside our classroom teachers.



THANKYOU!

Our first Book Fair for 2025 was such a terrific event. We love anything that brings our community into the school, enhancing opportunities for positive engagement. The Year 1 team led by Michelle Visser, along with our administration, wellbeing and leadership staff are to be commended for the fabulous team effort before and after school across the week to enable this opportunity for our families.

We look forward to letting you know how our school will benefit from this wonderful support in the form of enhanced school and classroom library books as soon as possible.





RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Our sincere thanks to the parents and carers that were able to make it along to the live Cyber Safety Seminar last Wednesday evening.

Congratulations to the organisers, Jim Ross – Community Police, Blue Light and Community Bank Bacchus Marsh who are funding Inform and Empower across all schools in Bacchus Marsh and district. Jim noted the reduction in call outs from schools requiring support with online behaviour since we have had this partnership in place.

It was great to see BMPS parent Michael Beech take home a family voucher to Readings Cinema as a door prize and Grandmother Shirley Thomas, a family pass to the Werribee Zoo.

For those interested, but not able to attend the presentation, below you will find the link for the follow-up Raising Kids in a Digital World Parent Resources: www.informandempower.com.au/schools-webinars/bacchus-marsh

- Replay Available for 30 days
- Toolkit (slides, links & resources from the session)
- Blog posts
- Printable family poster







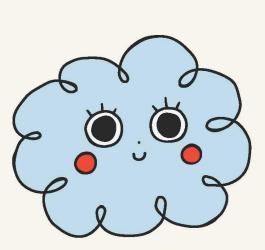
BMPS Workshop



Enjoyed and appreciated by all parents who came along in 2023 and 2024

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

TERM 1 2025





Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK) is set of activities and tools that are unique and offer you a fresh way to understand and develop your relationship with your children. It focuses on building positive and nurturing relationships, helping you to further understand the needs of your children and apply effective solutions to meet them.

The program is delivered over 4 sessions at BMPS by trained facilitators. Sessions run for 2 hours.

There is no cost involved to attend the program.

Fill in the link below https://forms.gle/FQCjzQZfLCBj1fM46



WELLBEING UPDATE

Buddy Grades

Over the past week we have been setting up and engaging with our Buddy Grades across the school, from meeting and greeting to supporting each other at the book fair. Last Friday our Buddy Grades got together to help clean up our school to support our work for Clean Up Australia Day! The aim of the program is to build connections and relationships across the school for support, role modelling and development of both our younger and more senior students. Some images below of some of our Grade 4 students meeting their Prep Buddies.





Positive Education - Grade 1

This week Year 1 have been looking at teamwork.

Students were given the opportunity to show their understanding of teamwork during an activity that involved newspapers, and tape. They were asked to work as a team to build the tallest tower. Each group had to decide who would take on each role (leader, reporter, timekeeper and materials).

After the activity, each reporter was encouraged to share how their team went, being prompted to discuss the successes, challenges and strategies used.





GREAT WORK BMPS







CLASSROOM HELPERS COURSE

Last week Hayley Bonnici held our first Classroom Helpers Course for 2025, and it was fantastic to see such a great turnout.

Seventeen people came along to learn more about how they can support our school community.

We truly appreciate the time and effort our volunteers give, and their support makes a real difference.

Contact will be made with parents or grandparents who attended, and we look forward to you becoming a regular classroom helper.

• Keep in mind our Kitchen-Garden, Art, Science, Music and Design Thinking - Digital Technology Programs are always grateful for support also.



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



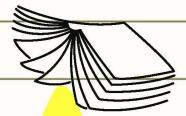
Upcoming Events

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



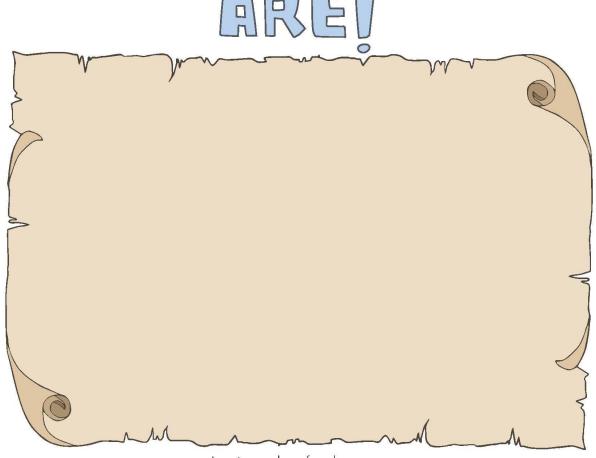
Fun fact:

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!

2025 Competition Prompts

Moorabool Young Writers' Awards 2025 Prep to Grade 2 Picture Prompt

WRITE WHERE YOU



 ${\bf Imagine\ you\ have\ found\ a\ map.}$

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



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Short story writing competition for Moorabool students aged 5 to 18

Entries Open: Monday 10 March 2025 at 8.30am 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.







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 Week 6 from the BMPS staff...



WE WANT YOU! JUNIOR NETBALLERS

SEEKING GIRLS TO JOIN THE COBRAS IN 2025.

Come and join the
Bacchus Marsh Football & Netball
Club

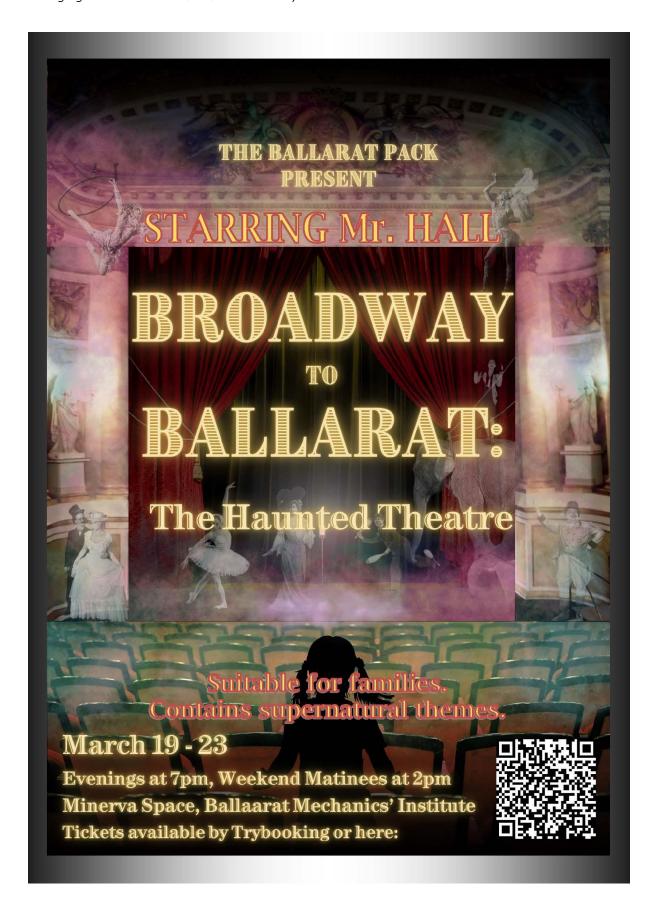
We are seeking players for our Under 11 (girls & boys) team and our 13 teams!

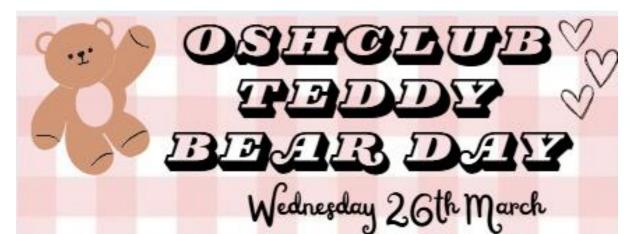
Enquiries or more info contact:

Meaghan Nixon: 0418 140 925

mnixon@bmfnc.com.au



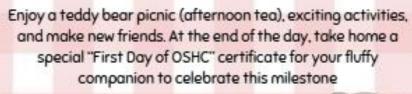




Activities

- 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.





Special Teddy Snacks





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.



Special Offer:

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

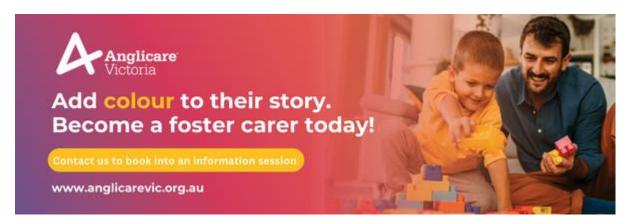
 Unleash Your Potential; A year of purposeful planning journal and pen \$388 plus bonus valued at \$45 ONLY \$350, savings of \$83



Payment plans available

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

We respectfully **acknowledge** that the land on which we teach, learn and play was never ceded and we pay respect to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and all elders past, present and those emerging in our school and wider community.



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.

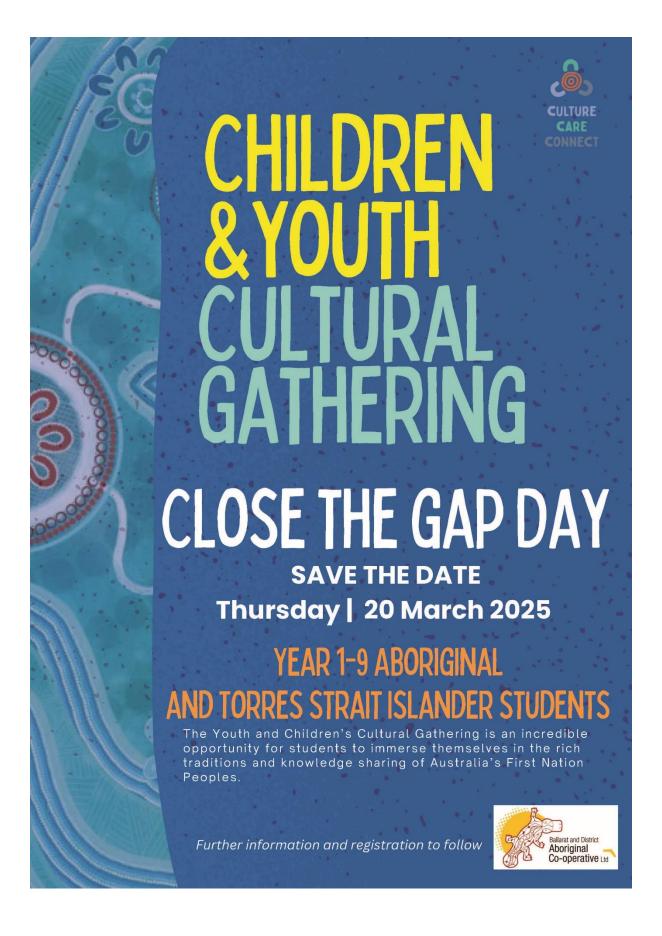
AGE GROUPS

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

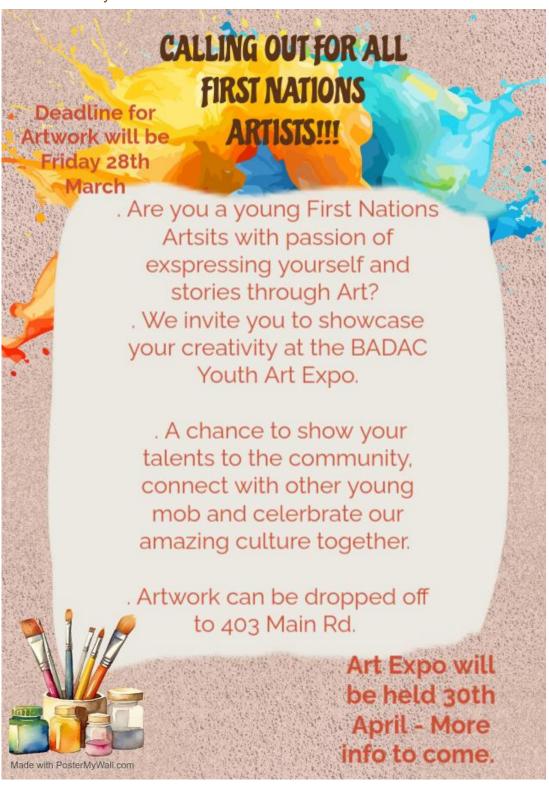
CONTACT US TO BOOK A TOUR OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

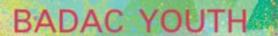
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STUDENTS OR FAMILIES interested in either of the following First Nations Artist opportunities, please feel free to deliver to our main office prior to the closing dates and we will ensure your entries are delivered to 403 Main Road Ballarat.





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





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 therory, social connections, self talk, healthy hobbits and sharing tools for supporting wellbeing in a busy world.





25.00 PER PERSON











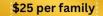
Stories for well-being/ mental health - Bring your own picnic rug for your family/people - Hear a story and after choose from materials craft or play to make/explore anything you like together. Connect, be you and curiosity.

Alfredton

Must Adult supervision at all times
15th feb, 1st march and 15 march
8.30-9.30 am

Phone for more details -0459777046











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



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

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. 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





Other Services:

- · Women's Coaching
- Hypnosis
- · Relationships Coaching
- · Parents Coaching
- Kids Coaching
- DISC Profiling
- · Leadership Coaching
- High Performing Teams



· Therapy Dog Service

To find out more contact us by visiting our website.

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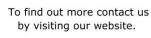
- · Understanding themselves and others
- · Improve Social Skills
- · Improve Learning
- · Build resilience and confidence
- Improved self-talk
- Understand emotions
- Effective learning strategies
- Anxiety
- · And much more



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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