

	TERM 2 Week	9 2025 IMPORTANT DATES
WEEK 1	APR 21 – APR 25	
	MONDAY	EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	TUESDAY - THURSDAY	STUDENTS RETURN
	FRIDAY	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
WEEK 2	APR 28 – MAY 2	ASSEMBLY
WEEK Z		DISTRICT ATHLETICS
	MONDAY	
	WEDNESDAY	STUDENT LEADERSHIP EVENT – FEDERATION UNIVERSITY
	THURSDAY	GRADE 2 – SOVEREIGN HILL
	FRIDAY	SCHOOL PHOTOS
		BMPS CROSS COUNTRY
WEEK 3	MAY 5 – MAY 9	
	MONDAY	SCHOOL PHOTOS
	THURSDAY	BRAVEHEARTS – Foundation - 11.20 am Gr 1-2 - 12.10 pm
		MOTHER'S DAY STALL
	FRIDAY	YEAR 2 – MELBOURNE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA EXCURSION
		YEAR 1 - PAPERMAKING
		DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
		PREP MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA 2.30
WEEK 4	MAY 12 – MAY 16	
	TUESDAY	ASSEMBLY – 175 th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
	WEDNESDAY	SCHOOL PHOTO CATCH-UP SESSIONS
	THURSDAY	LEADERSHIP PHOTO UPDATES
	FRIDAY	EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY
WEEK 5	MAY 19 – MAY 23	
WEEKS	TUESDAY	SCHOOL COUNCIL
	FRIDAY	COLOUR RUN
WEEK 6	MAY 26 – MAY 30	RECONCILIATION WEEK
WEERO	MONDAY	ASSEMBLY
	TUESDAY	RECONCILIATION WEEK FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
14/FFI/ 7	WEDNESDAY	DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY
WEEK 7	JUN 2 – JUN 6	VOLING LEADERS FORUMA/RULL BOSS AFLAVAISIT
	THURSDAY	YOUNG LEADERS FORUM/BULLDOGS AFLW VISIT
	FRIDAY	GRADE 6 WINTER SPORTS DAY
WEEK 8	JUN 9 – JUN 13	
	MONDAY	KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
_	TUESDAY - THURSDAY	YEAR 6 ECOLINC
WEEK 9	JUN 16 – JUN 20	
	MONDAY - TUESDAY	YEAR 4 ECOLINC
	WEDNESDAY	PREP FARM EXCURSION
	THURSDAY	REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY
	FRIDAY	DISTRICT GIRLS AFL
WEEK 10	JUN 23 – JUN 27	ASSEMBLY
	TUESDAY	SCHOOL COUNCIL
		YEAR 5 SOVEREIGN HILL
	TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY	PREP ECOLINC
	TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY	TEETH ON WHEELS
WEEK 11	JUN 30 – JUL 4	
··	MONDAY – FRIDAY	TEETH ON WHEELS
	TUESDAY – WEDNESDAY	YEAR 3 ECOLINC
	TUESDAY	YEAR 5 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - PARENT INFORMATION
	THURSDAY	3-WAY INTERVIEWS – COMMENCING 11 AM
	FRIDAY	END OF TERM – 2.30 PM DISMISSAL



It's week 9, and we look forward to a great week that includes our prep students attending a farm excursion, our Year 4 students taking part in their Ecolinc – Science opportunity, and regional cross-country and district girls' AFL experiences on offer for our upper school students.



BMPS - BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Our kitchen garden captains, teachers, treasures, and parent volunteers were overwhelmed by the support of our students and school community last Friday. Our students could not have been more supportive, and our morning tea treats sold out. This has given our captains even more inspiration to start planning an event for term 3.

Thank you, BMPS, we were humbled by your support and extend apologies to any students who may have missed out on a treat – we understand how disappointing that can be and appreciate your understanding - \$900.00 is a magnificent effort ©











MOORABOOL YOUNG WRITERS AWARDS EVENT - 2025

Saturday afternoon a number of BMPS families attended the Moorabool Young Writers Awards event at the Bacchus Marsh Library. This is such an exciting opportunity for our students because the main event every year is in fact the announcement of the Peter Carey Short Story Award, prize winner. This is so inspiring for our aspirant writers and a special occasion for all in attendance.

Congratulations to our prize-winning writers for 2025.

Maddison Smith – 2H, **Jaquie Veliscek** – 3S, **Serena Barker** – 4FH and **Hunter Walker-Veal** – 6J. It was also fabulous to see ex-student and current Bacchus Marsh College student **Blayk Kawana** continuing her prize-winning passion for writing. Also terrific to see ex-BMPS student **Aurora Browney** receive a prize.

A very exciting addition to the 2025 event is an intergenerational project that will enhance the new Ballan Library when it opens very soon. Hunter Walker Veal and Serena Barker's writing has been given to artists who will construct a visual art piece to represent their creative word work. We look forward with anticipation to the opening of this new space in Ballan and, of course, to seeing Hunter and Serena's work come to life through the eyes of their artists.

Our ongoing appreciation to local authors and passionate organisers Jem Tyley-Miller and Wayne Marshall, along with Kristie Seketa, Library Programs Coordinator, and judge Allyse Near, who lights up the stage every year with the respectful and enthusiastic way she celebrates our students' writing. Thanks also to Hayley Bonnici for supporting our young authors.







UNIFORM

We're communicating upfront this week, some reminders about whole school uniform requirements.

As the weather has changed and it's much cooler, we have an increased number of students arriving out of uniform. Families are reminded that students should always be attending in full school uniform, which can include block navy blue colours (no writing or symbols).

If a student is arriving out of uniform due to an unforeseen circumstance, it is expected that their classroom teacher is informed through Seesaw or via a call to the office.

- Puffer Jackets preferably blue may be worn as long as a school jumper is worn underneath. Puffer/rain jackets are not to be worn inside.
- School raincoats and soft-shell jackets are available to purchase through the Uniform Store.
- PLEASE! PLEASE! ENSURE UNIFORM IS NAMED
- Jewellery is not to be worn to school an increasing number of students are
 wearing necklaces, dangly earrings that create a safety risk, bracelets, and
 rings. Please ensure your child understands that jewellery is not to be worn,
 and they will be asked to remove it, or if it is a necklace of personal
 significance, that can be worn under their school top, they will be asked to do
 so.
- Sleepers and stud earrings are acceptable for school.
- **Footwear** should you be purchasing footwear for school, comfortable black shoes/runners are preferred.

Our uniform policy is attached, and the **School Saving Bonus** (SSB) can be used to purchase school uniform from the Uniform Shop up until June 30, 2025. We encourage you to make the most of this government initiative while it is available.



Did your family have some fun and enter this competition that we promoted last weekend? If you did, and you're keen to share what you wrote, we would love to share some entries at our next assembly.

DO NOT SHARE YOUR ENTRY to bacchus.marsh.ps@education.vic.gov.au



175th ANNIVERSARY - BACK TO...





It's now the adults' turn, so thank you for shouting out to your friends, parents, aunties, uncles, cousins, grandparents, ex-staff and principals, and anyone with an interest in our school that we are welcoming everyone back to BMPS to

CONNECT and CELEBRATE 175 Years on...

TERM 3 FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 – GRANDPARENTS DAY TERM 3 SATURDAY AUGUST 2 - BACK TO BMPS REUNION

Our Saturday will consist of school tours, student performances and demonstrations, and most importantly, an opportunity to reconnect with friends, teachers, and colleagues to reminisce.

MEMORABILIA - If you have...

photos
uniform
school magazines and publications
special items from previous celebrations
leadership badges
a piece of learning you cannot part with
school report samples
pieces passed to you from generations of family that attended our school

ANYTHING that we can add to our memorabilia display – we would love to borrow it.

(Thank you for bringing items to our office, and we will place them on a register so that all items are returned in the same state they were lent to us)





175th Anniversary Whole School Installation

As a part of our 175th anniversary, each year level is selecting a concept derived from the Victorian Curriculum, such as Community, Technologies, Change, Transport, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures, Intercultural Understanding, Sustainability, Buildings, Clothing and Toys and Games. From there, each classroom is planning the creation of a 'point in time' momento in a slightly smaller than shoebox size perspex box that will capture that concept.

 This installation will be in place for our grandparents' day and back-to-school celebration on August 1 and 2.

Shannon Nolan's 1N class is planning to capture the cultural diversity of Bacchus Marsh in the present day.

Shannon is reaching out to anyone who has immigrated from another country (1st and 2nd generation immigrants) and is now residing in Bacchus Marsh. All ages welcome. Reach out to others in your community if you wish - they do not need to attend BMPS to be involved but need to be living in Bacchus Marsh. If you or anyone you know fits the brief, please send in a headshot and list your country of origin. These will be converted to black and white with your flag in the corner.

Shannon and 1N are hoping to have many images to fill the box, so please get involved and don't be shy.



Adults - please send in your headshot. **Students** - either send in a headshot or give permission for a student photo to be

taken at school by a student in 1N. (They are developing their photography skills 😊)

Please send all your images to: shannon.nolan@education.vic.gov.au

WINTER SPORTS DAY

Some photos to build on last week's report of our boys and mixed netball teams, who had a great day at Winter sport, and have progressed to the Western Ranges competition. Apologies that we haven't included photos of all of our teams. We remain equally proud of everyone who competed and look forward to hearing updates on future rounds.







ICAS - University of NSW Academic Assessments

ICAS Assessment registrations are open for our Grade 2 – 6 Students. ICAS is a historic academic competition that has been sat by over 10 million school students from 16,000 schools across 41 countries since 1981. It recognises academic performance with engaging, fun questions designed by psychometricians, education measurement experts and experienced teachers to test students' higher order thinking skills.

There are 6 different types of assessments: English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling, Writing & Digital Technologies.

Assessments will be completed at school within the below date range window and the specific days for each test will be communicated closer to the dates. Digital Technologies & Writing – Week of 4^{th} – 8^{th} August English – Week of 11^{th} - 15^{th} August Science & Spelling Bee – Week of 18^{th} – 22^{nd} of August Mathematics – Week of 25^{th} - 29^{th} of August

These are voluntary assessments. If you would like your child to participate, please follow the link below to sign up and pay for your child to sit the assessment/s. The last day for parents/carers to register for their child's ICAS participation via the link below is the 28th July, 2025.

Parent Code: PRA165 Parent Page Link: https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/PRA165



CSEF APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card, you may be eligible for CSEF. The annual CSEF amount per student is \$154 for primary school students. Applications must be handed in to the office by Friday, 4th July. After this date, applications cannot be processed.

If you applied for CSEF at BMPS last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments: your child has started Prep or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances: such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

The application form is attached to this week's Update, and please see our office staff if you have any questions.

PLAYGROUND 28 - SHOUT OUT FOR HELP WITH EQUIPMENT!

Our students LOVE Playground 28, and we opened it for our Year 1 students for the first time last week.

If you have access to plastic crates, tarps, ropes, pool noodles, or any items that our children can create and build with that will not be affected by the weather, we would **LOVE your donations**.



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:

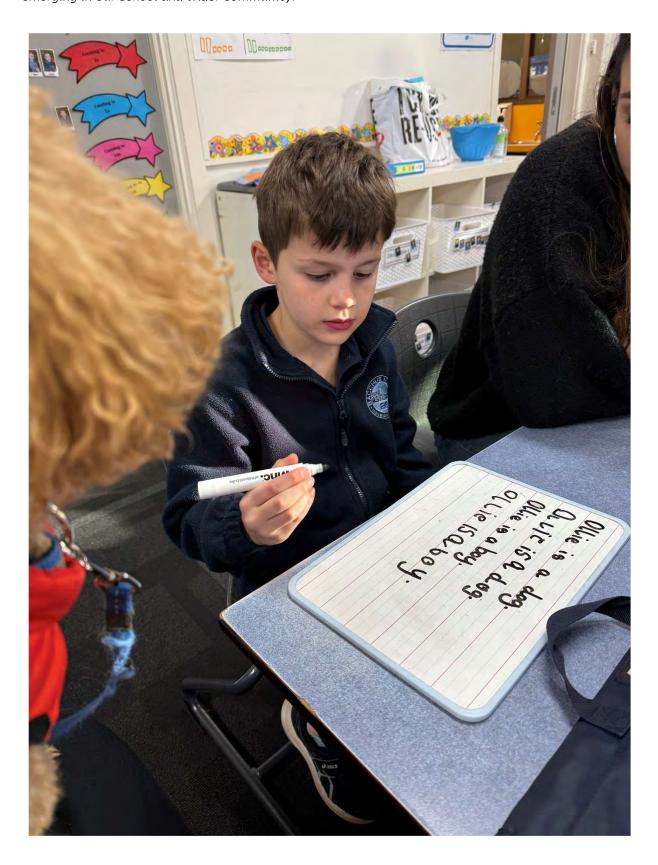
Bec Conroy - Leading Teacher – Curriculum / Teaching and Learning Hayley Bonnici - Learning Specialist / Literacy Kelly Watson – Numeracy Leader – Learning Specialist Damian Richards Gr 5 & 6 & Janaya Walker Gr 3 & 4 - Numeracy - Learning Specialists

Best wishes for a great Week 9 from Ollie and the BMPS staff and students.











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

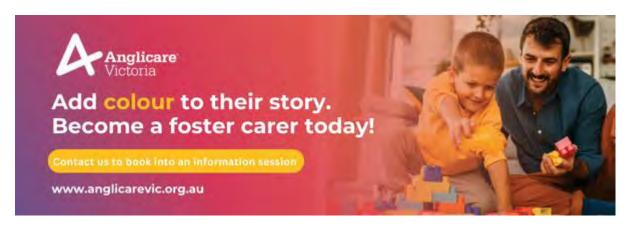






We offer a safe space for girls of all backgrounds to decide and plan what activities they want to do in their term program – it could be cooking, celebrating national/international days, games, craft, outdoor skills and activities, going to camp, working on earning a badge or just having a fun night 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.





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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





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



Life Coaching, Hypnosis, & Therapy Dog Services

What Coaching Can Do For You:

- Understand yourself and others better
- · Quiet your inner critic
- Overcome imposter syndrome
- Empower you to find and own your voice
- Achieve your personal and professional goals
 Grow and evole
- Improve relationships
- Help you gain clarity and confidence
- Shift your mindset
- Break negative patterns and behaviours



For Young People (8+), Adults, and Groups

Are you ready to quiet that inner critic, overcome limiting beliefs, and step into your power?

I'm Linda, a Life Coach working with young people and adults, offering personalised support through:

- One-on-One Coaching & Hypnosis
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- Women's Group Coaching
- · A supportive space for women to connect, grow, and empower each other. We'll tackle self-doubt, build confidence, and work towards living your best life.
- Workshops & Training
- Tailored personal and professional growth sessions, including corporate events to improve team dynamics and boost morale.
- Therapy Dog Support with Ollie
- Experience the calming presence of my therapy dog, Ollie, during sessions to reduce anxiety and promote emotional well-being.

Services Available for:

- Young people aged 8 and above
- Adults
- · Groups & Corporate Events



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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.



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

