

TERM 4 WEEK 11 IMPORTANT DATES	
WEEK 10 DEC 8 – DEC 12 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	2026 Leaders Assembly SCHOOL CONCERT CONFIRMED Year 6-7 2026 Statewide Transition Gr 1-6 2026 meet teacher Concert back-up date CELEBRATION OF LEARNING -11 am – 6 pm (No classes for students)
WEEK 11 DEC 15 – DEC 19 MONDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Year 6 Graduation Final day for all students YR 6 Farewell Assembly & Pool Party Final day for staff
MONDAY - YEAR 6 GRADUATION – Commencing 5.45 pm THURSDAY – Year 6 farewell assembly and pool party THURSDAY - Final day for all students – 3.15 pm dismissal	
TERM 1 WEEK 1 & 2 2026 IMPORTANT DATES	
WEEK 1 JAN 26 – JAN 30 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Australia Day Public Holiday 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)
WEEK 2 FEB 2 – FEB 6 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

Dear families,

Our final week has arrived, and we enjoyed our 2026 Leaders Assembly, School Concert and Celebration of Learning last week.

Thank you to all families for your support of these events and in particular, for your support of Jess Milesi and her boys through our concert gate donations. \$1600 will be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation, and our ongoing best wishes are extended to Jess and family.





School Concert

Congratulations to our staff and students for your creativity and hard work bringing your items together for our concert last Monday evening. Unfortunately, we can't pictorially capture all year levels in our update, but we can confirm how much fun we had enjoying every single performance – Bravo!

Shout out also to our Leadership, Administration, Music and ES staff for all the work behind and in front of the scenes that made it happen 😊





2026 School and House Leaders Assembly

Last Monday morning, our 2025 School and House Captains handed the baton to our 2026 leaders. Congratulations to the following students:
School Captains L-R

Henry Jensz
Penny Vaszolyi
Samuel Brown
Tommy Harris
Jaazba Hazari
Asha Keim





L-R
 Summer Visser - Zahlee Walker
 Indi Bugeja - Nicholas Yatim



L-R
 Evie Grant - Grace Bonnici
 Majda Corbet - William Moore



L-R
 Tallula Cody-Crust - Astrid Haines
 Scarlett Taylor-Anderson – Jack McComb



L-R
 Claire Calleja - Miranda Love
 Will Davidson - Scout Harnden

Celebration of Learning

Ongoing thanks to families for leaning into our Celebrations of Learning. Our students do not grow academically, socially and emotionally without your encouragement, high expectations and support in partnership with all of our staff and wider village, which includes our parent volunteers and school treasures.





Staff Acknowledgement:

At our assembly last week and to be continued this week, due to some staff not able to be in attendance, our students acknowledged the following staff who will move to a variety of other experiences and opportunities in 2026.

Jan Hookey will retire at the end of the year, following a long and distinguished career at Bacchus Marsh Primary School, positively impacting generations of BMPS students and families. The heartfelt messages shared with Jan by her students were delightful. Congratulations Jan!

Kelly Watson's 19 years of extensive professional service to BMPS through her classroom teaching and team and numeracy leadership in recent years was acknowledged at a farewell afternoon tea recently. Kelly commenced in a new role at Darley Primary School this term, and we extend our ongoing best wishes.

Bec Conroy will take leave in 2026 and take up a position at the Manor Lakes – Western English Language School, where her passion for student and adult learning will continue to inspire. We're very pleased it is 'bye for now' and not 'farewell'. Congratulations Bec!

Vanessa Stainton will take up a position at Ballarat Clarendon College in the Foundation Team. We extend our sincere thanks to Vanessa for the impact she has had in her time at BMPS and wish her all the very best moving forward. Congratulations Vanessa!

We thank **Mel Geddes** very much for replacing Damian Richards and Kirsty Younger during their long service leave in terms three and four. Mel's commitment to the ongoing growth of our 5R and 5Y students has been very much appreciated. Thank you, Mel and best wishes for 2026!

Our thanks are also extended to **Tessa Cody** for her commitment to and support of 2M this term and for her wider staff short term replacement support across our school throughout 2025.

Ongoing best wishes, Tessa – Thank you!

Leah Johnson, long-serving Education Support staff member, will finish up at the end of 2025 following long and highly valued service to the Bacchus Marsh Primary School community, not only as a staff member, but also as a parent. Leah and her family are relocating to Queensland. Leah's high expectations for the students she works with, along with her sunny disposition, will be missed by us all. Congratulations and thank you, Leah!

A big thank you to **Tomeka Fowlie** for her committed Education Support throughout 2025 that has made a difference to many students, staff and teams at BMPS. Our thanks and best wishes Tomeka!

Annabelle Ford has provided calm, impactful support in the classroom, along with her skilled facilitation of Dance Club every Friday.

Thank you for your kind presence and for sharing your skills, Annabelle!

Aleisha Camilleri has worked tirelessly with our Year 5 cohort, providing wonderful Education Support, and although we're very sorry that Aleisha is leaving, we wish her enjoyment and success in her new position.

Our thanks and very best wishes, Aleisha!

New and returning staff for 2026 -

Once settled this week, all of our new and returning teaching and education support staff will be welcomed via our final Update for 2025.

This week, we extend a very specific thank you to Linda Mackenzie for the extensive well-being support provided to our school community that includes the work of Ollie, our Therapy Dog.

Your role is significant and highly valued – thank you on behalf of our students, staff and families.



Thank
YOU!



Early Help Program – Support for You and Your Family

At Bacchus Marsh Primary School, we're very fortunate to now be partnering with **CAFS (Child and Family Services Ballarat)** to offer extra support for our families through the **Early Help program**.

We know that parenting can be both rewarding and challenging, and sometimes it helps to have someone to talk to. The Early Help program provides **free, confidential support** to parents and carers — offering practical help and advice before things become overwhelming.

Through this program, you can access one-on-one support tailored to your family's needs and connection to other services or supports in the community if required.

Frank Hein from CAFS is on-site every Monday morning. Frank is a friendly and experienced family support worker who is here to help. There is no need to book — just pop into the school office on a Monday morning to have a chat with Frank, or visit the office anytime to make an appointment for the next time he's in.

Whether you're looking for advice, support, or just someone to listen, the Early Help program is here for you and your family — with kindness, respect, and no judgment.

Belinda Horne
Wellbeing Educator



Please note:

DROP OFF ZONE

- CARS **MUST NOT PARK** IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE AS IT IS A KISS AND DROP AREA ONLY.
- 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 ENTRY POINT ONCE OPENED IN THE MORNING.
- STUDENTS ARRIVING BEFORE 8.30 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 ACTIVITY IN TERM 4

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





THANK YOU FOR HEEDING OUR ONGOING SAFETY MESSAGES

DROP OFF ZONE IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE – NO PARKING ZONE

We take this opportunity to clarify that our Drop Off Zone, off Young Street at the rear of our school, is not a parking space. Thank you for reading and following the signage displayed in several strategic places to assist with this clear safety messaging.

- Vehicles are not to be left unattended in this area.

OSH CLUB DROP OFF & PICK UP – Before 8.30 am and Post 3.30 pm.

No vehicles are to park in the staff parking area, and this area is not to be used as a walking thoroughfare.

Students are to be walked in through the student access gate along the pathway and are to exit via this same pathway, not through the car park.

Thank you most sincerely for following the signage to minimise any further concerns for staff when they are entering or leaving the car park.

Having said all of the above, we acknowledge the ongoing challenges posed by limited parking, but must put the safety of our students, staff, and community at the centre.

BUS ZONES ON LERDERDERG STREET

Our third reminder relates to the 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 also contravening the safety signage, impacting pedestrian and vehicle vision on our crossing. This blatantly ignores the safety rights of our school community.

LERDERDERG STREET



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK
OVER DRIVEWAYS.**

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

PLAYGROUND 28 – SHOUT OUT FOR HELP WITH EQUIPMENT!

Our students **LOVE Playground 28**, and it is now open every Wednesday as a minimum and more often when possible.

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



<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/UC7LzmzG9Sg>

This week it's Hoola Hoops being used creatively.

ENJOY this clip captured by Bec Blokland on Wednesday.

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

Damian Richards Gr 5 & 6 & **Janaya Walker** Gr 3 & 4 - **Numeracy** - Learning Specialists

Best wishes for a great final week of term from the BMPS staff and students.

COMMUNITY PROGRAM

4 - 7 YEAR OLDS



8 - 12 YEAR OLDS



BACCHUS MARSH/DARLEY & SURROUNDS AUSKICK/SUPERKICK

THURSDAYS 4:30PM - 5:30PM, DARLEY CIVIC AND COMMUNITY HUB OVAL

BEGINS THURS 20TH NOVEMBER



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Superkick



AFL

PLAY



**GET IN
THE GAME**

Step into your
footy era! Learn
the skills and put
them into action
with our NEW AFL
Program!

BACCHUS MARSH/DARLEY & SURROUNDS SUPERKICK

- DARLEY CIVIC AND COMMUNITY HUB OVAL
- THURSDAYS 4:30 - 5:30PM
- STARTS 20TH OF NOVEMBER



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GOOD CLEAN FUN

[PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK](https://play.afl/auskick)

Bacchus Marsh/Darley & Surrounds Auskick

Darley Civic and
Community Hub
Oval, Darley

Thursdays
4:30pm - 5:30pm
Starts 20th November



PLAY



2025/26

LITTLE ATHLETICS

When & Where

Season commences on
Saturday 4th October
Masons Lane Reserve
Bacchus Marsh
8.30am

On Offer

Age - 5yo to 16yo (Under 6-17)
Events - sprints, distance,
shot put, discus, javelin, long jump,
triple jump, high jump and hurdles
Region & State Competition
Cross Country

Registration Info



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MADDINGLEY

✓ **Longday Care 6.30am-6.30pm**

Providing your family flexibility across 52 weeks a year

✓ **Free Kinder - 3 & 4 years old**

Participating in the Government funded 3 and 4 year old free Kinder program

✓ **Individualised, Montessori Program**

**10 MCCORMACKS ROAD,
MADDINGLEY, VIC**

✓ 5 meals a day - prepared by a chef

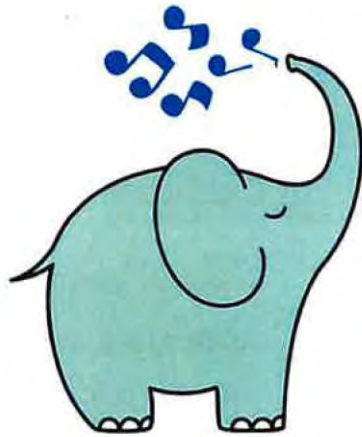
✓ Weekly music/sport incursion

✓ ECTs - 52 weeks a year, extra face

to face time for your child

✓ Children 6 weeks to 6 years in a

purpose built, specialist centre



mainly music^{est. 1990}

**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, pre-
schoolers 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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GUIDES

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 guidesvic.org.au/join-now or contact as above for more information



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

Contact us to book into an information session

www.anglicarevic.org.au



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

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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



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>

Supporting Growth, Confidence & Wellbeing

Building Confidence and Resilience

Unlock your child's potential with 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;

- 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



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



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- 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
- Improve relationships
- Help you gain clarity and confidence
- Shift your mindset
- Break negative patterns and behaviours
- Grow and evolve



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**
- **Face-to-face or via Zoom**, we'll work together to ease imposter syndrome, help you own your voice, and improve relationships. Whether you're struggling with negative patterns or striving for a mindset shift, coaching can help you understand yourself and others more deeply.
- **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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