

TERM 4 WEEK 5 IMPORTANT DATES		
WEEK 1	OCT 6 – OCT 10 MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	Return to school Western Ranges Division Volleyball Western Ranges Division Basketball
WEEK 2	OCT 13 – OCT 17 WEDNESDAY	Year 6 Canberra Tour Grade 5 golf
WEEK 3	OCT 20 – OCT 24 TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Year 4 Mon-Wed & Wed to Fri - Camp to Candlebark Farm School Council Western Metro Regional Athletics Moorabool Youth Services Event – Year 6 Grade 2 Ecolinc
WEEK 4	OCT 27 – OCT 31 MONDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	Assembly /Western Metro Regional Basketball Ringwood Secondary College band visit SCHOOL DISCO P-2 5pm – 6pm 3-6 6.30 – 7.30
WEEK 5	NOV 3 – NOV 7 TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday Prep 2026 Transition 1 & parent session 9.30 – 10.30 am BMPS has got talent (PM)
WEEK 6	NOV 10 – NOV 14 THURSDAY FRIDAY	Prep 2026 Transition 2 9.30 – 10.30 am PUPIL FREE DAY CONFIRMED
WEEK 7	NOV 17 – NOV 21 MONDAY FRIDAY	VISUAL ARTS WEEK AT BMPS Year 2 Day Camp PADDY'S MARKET
WEEK 8	NOV 24 – NOV 28 THURSDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	Prep 2026 Parents & Carers meet teachers – 4.30 – 5.30 pm Grade 4 Recorder Concert Junior School Sports
WEEK 9	DEC 1 – DEC 5 MONDAY THURSDAY	Whole School Awards Assembly Prep 2026 Transition 3 9.15 – 10.30 am
WEEK 10	DEC 8 – DEC 12 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	2026 Leaders Assembly SCHOOL CONCERT TBC Week 1 term 4 Year 6-7 2026 Statewide Transition Gr 1-6 2026 meet teacher School Council Concert back-up date CELEBRATION OF LEARNING -11am – 6pm (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

MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Pupil Free Day – Friday, November 14





Dear families,

We took our hats off in recognition of the BMPS team that we're so proud of and extended appreciation to all teachers for doing the most important job in the world - preparing our young people to be their best now and into the future last Friday on World Teacher's Day.

We are unable to be our best without your support, and we consider ourselves very fortunate to work in partnership with you all.

As communicated Friday, our school and student voice captains did a wonderful job sharing their thanks at morning tea.



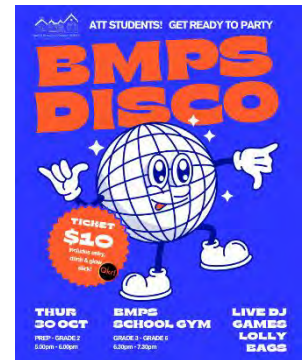


DISCO & FUNDRAISING

Hats off also to Ally Edwards and our parent volunteers, along with our staff, for the work that went into running our junior and senior discos last Thursday evening.

When we included the very generous donation of parent Renee Tuitaalili's equipment and DJ'ing (big thank you from everyone, Renee) \$3400.00 was raised.

Adding this to the \$1650.00 from our footy day sausage sizzle at the end of term 3, and we have now raised a total of \$32515.00 this year. Congratulations everyone!



HOW HIGH CAN WE GO?

Support our school
fundraisers and help
us achieve our
\$60K goal!

Your contribution helps us
provide better resources,
exciting programs and
improved facilities for all
students. Every donation
– big or small – makes
a difference!

Easter Raffle

Colour Run

Mother's Day Stall

175th BMPS Anniversary Tea Towel

School Disco

Parents Paint & Sip Night

Father's Day Stall

Paddy's Market

**JOIN US IN BUILDING A BRIGHTER
FUTURE FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**



\$60K

\$50K

\$40K

\$30K

\$20K

\$10K

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Western Metro Regional Basketball Championships

On Monday, our girls' basketball team headed to Altona for the Regional Competition for the 3rd year running (a great achievement!). The girls started with an easy win against Sunshine Heights, followed by a hard-fought win against Gilson College. In the final pool game, they won against St Monica's and progressed to the grand final. In the final, it was an even contest for a while, before Our Lady Star of the Sea (Geelong region) pulled away for a 20-point win. One win away from State Champs! Super effort by the girls to make it to this level.

Thanks to the parents for supporting and scoring on the day. Another great season.

Dave Champness
PE & Sports Coordinator





FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

It was terrific to hear of some prize winners amongst our students at the recent Bacchus Marsh Flower & Garden Show.

Congratulations to Madeleine Dragic 3G, who won first place/best junior photo of a tree, along with first place for a circlet made of willow flowers, elderflower, and emu feathers. Madeleine also took second prize for a basket of root vegetables and third for eggs.

Congratulations also to Zac Mizzi 3G and Olive Blokland 3K, who placed first in their categories.

Pippa Sparks from 1P used her creative talent and entered the shoebox garden design section. Congratulations to Pippa for her first placing.

If they come through, I look forward to sharing photos of our award-winning works along with any other students or staff who entered.

Well done to all of our students who entered this year's show.









RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE BAND VISIT

Last Wednesday, we welcomed the Ringwood Secondary College Band to perform at our school, and they brought the most wonderful energy, engaging our students instantly.

The explanation of instruments led by music teacher Lauren, with individual students displaying the sounds from these instruments, really set the scene from the start, and our students were welcomed to stand up, dance, conduct the band and get involved.

The Ringwood Secondary staff and students had clearly put hours into arranging and managing the systems required to deliver such a brilliant hour of music.

We really appreciated the opportunity to host and look forward to them visiting again soon.

Scott Nelson.

BMPS Music.





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



CURRENT WORKS

We are hoping that the rails will be fitted tomorrow and our Year 3 classes will move back into their classrooms this week.





Please note:

DROP OFF ZONE

- **THERE ARE ONGOING WORKS IN THE STAFF CAR PARK AND WE ASK THAT THE UTMOST CARE IS TAKEN TO ENSURE NO STUDENTS OR PARENTS ARE IN THIS AREA**
- 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 OR MOVE THE SAFETY FENCING.

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.





THE BEHAVIOUR CODE: DECODING BEHAVIOURS THROUGH A NEUROSCIENCE-INFORMED LENS

Decoding Behaviours

Harness the power of neuroscience to connect more deeply with your child, understand their needs, and parent with greater confidence, compassion, and clarity.

Sessions

4 weekly sessions will be held onsite at BMPS by trained facilitators.
2 hours per session.
There is no cost for attending.



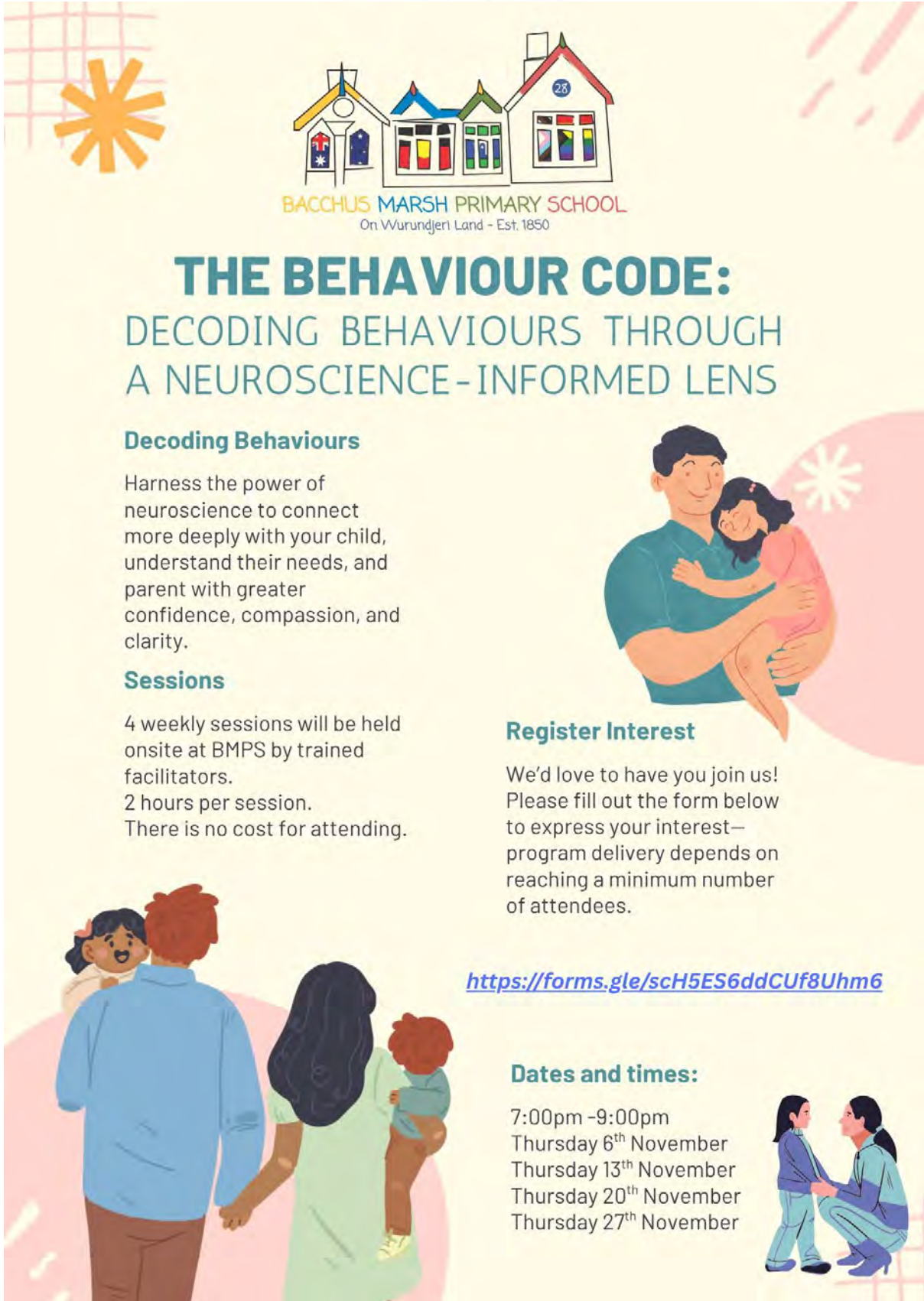
Register Interest

We'd love to have you join us! Please fill out the form below to express your interest—program delivery depends on reaching a minimum number of attendees.

<https://forms.gle/scH5ES6ddCUf8Uhm6>

Dates and times:

7:00pm -9:00pm
Thursday 6th November
Thursday 13th November
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 27th November





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/UC7LzmzG9Sq>

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

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 5 from the BMPS staff and students.



Have a great week, from Linda and Ollie...





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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✓ **Individualised, Montessori
Program**

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MADDINGLEY, VIC**

✓ **5 meals a day - prepared by a chef**

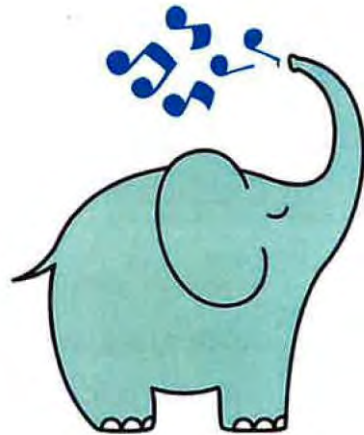
✓ **Weekly music/sport incursion**

✓ **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



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**Mondays 10am-11.30am during school term
meeting in the hall of
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\$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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bacchusmarshanglican.org.au



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



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Contact us to book into an information session

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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.



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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>

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Our supportive approach addresses issues such as;

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- Improved self-talk
- Understand emotions
- Effective learning strategies
- Anxiety
- And much more



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| • Conduct at Home | • Stop Lying |
| • Conduct at School | • Stop Stealing |
| • Improving Grades | • Test Anxiety |
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- 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



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- **Therapy Dog Support with Ollie**
- Experience the calming presence of my therapy dog, Ollie, during sessions to reduce anxiety and promote emotional well-being.

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