



## TERM 1 2026 IMPORTANT DATES

<b>WEEK 1</b>	<b>JAN 26 – JAN 30</b> MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Australia Day 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)
<b>WEEK 2</b>	<b>FEB 2 – FEB 6</b> 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
<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>FEB 9 – FEB 13</b> MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	<b>ASSEMBLY</b> Prep Literacy Interviews BMPSS SWIMMING TRIALS AT BACCHUS MARSH POOL
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>FEB 16 – FEB 20</b> TUESDAY WEDNESDAY	<b>SMILE SQUAD DENTAL CLINIC COMMENCES</b> Prep Literacy 1:1 Interviews Leadership Photos and Year 3 Hockey Clinic
<b>WEEK 5</b>	<b>FEB 23 – FEB 27</b> MONDAY-FRIDAY FRIDAY	<b>ASSEMBLY</b> <b>BOOK FAIR</b> & SMILE SQUAD DENTAL CLINIC BMPSSA DISTRICT SWIMMING AT MELTON
<b>WEEK 6</b>	<b>MAR 2 – MAR 6</b> MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	Prep Teddy Bears Picnic
<b>WEEK 7</b>	<b>MAR 9 – MAR 13</b> MONDAY TUESDAY	<b>LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b> WESTERN RANGES SWIMMING AT MELTON WAVES
<b>WEEK 8</b>	<b>MAR 16 – MAR 20</b> MONDAY FRIDAY	
<b>WEEK 9</b>	<b>MAR 23 – MAR 27</b> MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	<b>ASSEMBLY</b> Year 6 Ecolinc Year 6 Ecolinc Senior Sports Day
<b>WEEK 10</b>	<b>MAR 30 – APR 3</b> MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Year 6 Ecolinc Western Metropolitan Region Swimming Final Day of term – 2.30 pm dismissal <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>



Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 4 is here, and it is great to be reporting the commencement of our school sporting calendar. We take the opportunity to thank Mr Dave Champness for the mountain of coordination across the year to ensure these opportunities for our students.

### BMPS SWIMMING TRIALS

Last Friday, 45 of our fastest swimmers from Grades 4-6 headed down to the Bacchus Marsh Outdoor Pool to compete in our annual swimming trials. Students raced against others from their age group in Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly. We were impressed with the effort of our swimmers on the day, with some great times and good technique. **A highlight of the day was the local ducks taking over for their own race!** Thanks to our parents who stepped in to help out, along with Mrs Havelberg, Mrs Bonnici and Julian. It was great to have some instructors from Bluefit in attendance to give advice to our students as well.

We will now pick our team for District Swimming, which should be completed on Monday and posted in the gym window. Selected students will go to Melton Waves on Friday, February 27, to compete against other swimmers from Bacchus Marsh.

Dave Champness  
PE & Sports Coordinator





## INFORM AND EMPOWER CYBER SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION

You may have noticed around town the billboards advertising the [INFORM AND EMPOWER](#) information nights for parents and carers of Primary & Secondary students.

See to follow the flyer, and you will also see a hardcopy flyer come home as an extra prompt to book in for this event.

# PRIMARY SCHOOL SESSION THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 26 Bacchus Marsh Public Hall 7-9pm VITAL FOR **ALL** PARENTS AND CARERS OF **ALL** AGE PRIMARY STUDENTS

[Online classroom-based sessions will commence for all of our students in the next fortnight and the parent information overviews are attached to this week's Update.](#)



# RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

SEMINARS FOR ALL LOCAL PARENTS & CARERS

Supported by Bacchus Marsh Blue Light  
& Community Bank Bacchus Marsh



Community Bank  
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Seminar for Primary School  
Parents & Carers:

**Thurs 26 Feb**  
**7.00 – 9.00 pm**

Public Hall  
Main St, Bacchus Marsh

Presented by

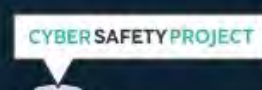
**INFORM&EMPOWER**  
Cyber Safety & Digital Wellbeing

Seminar for Secondary  
College Parents & Carers:

**Thurs 5 March**  
**7.00 – 9.00 pm**

Bacchus Marsh Grammar  
Maddingley Campus

Presented by



Sessions suitable for parents/carers only  
For further enquiries, contact [bacchusmarshbluelight@gmail.com](mailto:bacchusmarshbluelight@gmail.com)



Register  
to attend

## BOOK FAIR – WEEK 5

The Book Fair is coming to *Bacchus Marsh Primary School*! It will arrive on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** and be here until **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. Students will be viewing the amazing selection of titles on Tuesday and Wednesday and will be filling out their Wish Lists to bring home. We invite you to visit the Book Fair on Thursday and Friday before and after school to support our school whilst getting your hands on the best new children's books!

### OPENING HOURS

It will open from **8:30am - 9am** and again from **3pm - 3:45pm** both Thursday and Friday, so come along in week 5 to find the best new books and help to earn free books for our library!

You're invited to our  
**SCHOLASTIC Book Fair**  
**THE #1 BOOK FAIR**



**HOTDOG & FRIENDS: FUN PARK!**  
A perfectly planned picnic quickly turns into a disaster!  
100148835 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+



**GONE BANANAS**  
Chilled out Barry finds a fun way to help the monkeys.  
100149879 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+



**KEITH AND THE KITTEN**  
Keith's world is turned upside down when a kitten moves in!  
100147313 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+



**THE LOST ISLAND**  
Twins are stranded on an island and learn to survive with the help of the local wildlife.  
100147109 | NOVEL  
AGES 8+



**SCHOOL RIVALS**  
Ella is running for school captain, but she needs to beat Peach Parker and her nasty tricks.  
100149877 | GRAPHIC NOVEL  
AGES 8+



**BIG JIM BELIEVES**  
The Space Cuties from Space return to the city!  
100146358 | GRAPHIC NOVEL  
AGES 7+



**JETT DREAMS BIG**  
Sophie adopts a sick little puppy, and trains him to become a champion.  
100149895 | CHAPTER BOOK  
AGES 7+

INCLUDES PUPPY HEART NECKLACE



EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL




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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment

Your child's school is having a Scholastic Book Fair. Your child will bring home their wish list of titles they have discovered at the Fair. We encourage you to discuss the Book Fair and their wish list choices with your child. Once you have agreed which items you will purchase you can pre-pay for those titles by completing the following steps.

- 1 List the titles they are going to purchase from the fair.

Title	Price

- 2 Make a secure payment online by going to [scholastic.com.au/payment](http://scholastic.com.au/payment) or scanning the QR code below.\*



\*Please note a surcharge of 1% on all card payments.

#### Book Fair Payment

- 3 Complete the Payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

Receipt Number	Amount Paid
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First Name: _____	
Surname: _____	
School: _____	
Suburb/State: _____	
Daytime Tel: _____	

**THIS IS JUST A PRE-PAYMENT.**  
**THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE FAIR TO COLLECT YOUR BOOKS**



Every BOOK equals RESOURCES for our school.



\$10

**BRIGHT STAR**  
The Sleepover BFFs sign up for a local talent show.  
100150121 | NOVEL | AGES 9+



\$12

**DARKSTALKER: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL**  
Before the SandWing war, lifetimes before the Dragonet Prophecy... darkness was born.  
100147954 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 10+



\$12

INCLUDES SOCCER BALL ERASER!

**SOCCER SUPERSTARS 2026**  
A collection of player profiles from top footballers around the world.  
100145957 | NONFICTION | AGES 8+



**WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RUN OUR CONSISTENT SAFETY AND ROUTINE MESSAGES AGAIN THIS WEEK, AND APPRECIATE YOU SPEAKING TO YOUR CHILDREN TO DISCUSS AND REINFORCE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE SAFETY ROUTINES.**

### **SAFETY MESSAGES**

**SCHOOL CROSSINGS** – Thankyou for ensuring school crossings on Gisborne Road, Young Street and Lerderberg Street are used at all times.

Adult modelling of the important use of our crossings is vital in support of safety.

**8.35 AM – YARD SUPERVISION** – All students will be receiving reminders that 8.35 am is the morning arrival time and when our yard will be supervised by staff.

Students arriving before 8.35 am will be directed to the undercover area near the staff room and are to remain there until they are dismissed by a staff member.

This is improving each day, and we thank our students and families very much.  
Well Done!



**Breakfast Club** will be available from 8.00 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from our school house and can be accessed via the Lerderberg Street driveway. Students will be dismissed from Breakfast Club at 8.35 am.


**SUNSMART HATS** – Teachers are now very rigorous with hat routines to support our students to be responsible with their belongings. Students without hats will be directed to the undercover area for passive play, but we have had a great start with minimal students without hats.

Thankyou everyone! Again – Well Done!

**HELMETS** – See the below message reinforcing the importance of bike and scooter helmets

**THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD/REN WITH THE ROUTE TO SCHOOL THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO TAKE TO MINIMISE CHALLENGES AT VERY BUSY INTERSECTIONS AND ROUNDABOUTS AND ENSURING THEY ARE CROSSING ROADS WITH THE SUPPORT OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.**

- Thankyou for partnering with us to ensure these safety routines are respected.





THE SIMPLE HELMET FIT CHECK






Two finger widths above the eyebrows.



Helmet straps must be correctly adjusted with no twists. The straps should form a 'V' shape around the ears.



The buckle fastened and two fingers can fit under chin strap.



If the helmet moves out of position easily it is not correctly fitted – straps are loose or helmet is too big.


DID YOU KNOW?

- o Wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle reduces the risk of head injury by 74%.
- o Head injuries are very common for skateboarders not wearing helmets.
- o Every year in Victoria, about 250 children are hospitalised as a result of scooter accidents, with head injuries common.

TOWARDS ZERO TAC VICTORIA

ROAD TO ZERO

HELMETS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



GUIDE FOR PARENTS

ROADTOZERO.VIC.GOV.AU

CHILDREN AND ADULTS SHOULD WEAR A HELMET AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING A BICYCLE, SCOOTER OR SKATEBOARD.



### Set a good example

Children's behaviour is shaped by what their parents/carers do. When it comes to wearing a helmet while riding a bicycle, scooter or skateboard, you need to be a good role model for your own and other children.

#### Make sure your helmet is safe

- Choose a helmet that carries the Australian Standard mark. This means it is safety approved, legal and meets the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2063.
- If possible, choose a helmet with Multi-Directional Impact Protection System (MIPS) technology. A MIPS helmet has a low friction layer between the helmet and the head, designed to reduce brain trauma in the event of a crash. For more information, visit [www.mipsprotection.com](http://www.mipsprotection.com)
- The helmet needs to be the right size and correctly fitted. See the Helmet Fit Check in this guide.
- A helmet is designed to protect a head for one impact only. Replace it if it has been in an accident, dropped or has any damage, such as cracks in the foam or worn or frayed straps.
- Don't wear a cap under a helmet as this can affect how the helmet fits and protects the head in an accident.

#### The law on bicycle helmets

It's against the law to ride without a helmet. The fine for not wearing a helmet is \$201 (as at 1 January 2019).

#### Other safety gear for skateboarding

Falls can be common so wrist guards and knee and elbow pads are strongly advised to reduce injuries.



#### Find safer places to cycle, scoot and skate

- For younger children, the safest places to ride, scoot and skate are the backyard or a park, well away from traffic. Driveways are not safe places for play.
- Children under 12 years of age shouldn't ride on the road. They are allowed to ride on footpaths and adults can legally ride with them.
- Victoria has an extensive network of paths for safer cycling, scooting and skating. Many of these paths travel through parklands and are well away from roads.



#### Where to get more information

This guide provides broad road safety advice only. For more comprehensive information about Victorian laws regarding the use of bicycles, scooters and skateboards, visit [vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://vicroads.vic.gov.au).



## ONGOING CONSISTENT MESSAGES:

### DROP OFF ZONE – off Young Street

- CARS **MUST NOT PARK** IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE AS IT IS A KISS AND DROP AREA ONLY.
- VEHICLES ARE NOT TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN THIS SPACE
- PLEASE DO NOT ACCESS THE STAFF CARPARK AREA AT ANY TIME.

## LERDERDERG 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 BREAKFAST CLUB AND MORNING ENTRANCE POINT
- PREP ENTRANCE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8.35 AM
- STUDENTS ARRIVING BEFORE 8.35 AM ARE ASKED TO WAIT IN THE UNDERCOVER AREA UNTIL DISMISSED.
- **FORMAL YARD SUPERVISION COMMENCES AT 8.35 AM**

## 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 contravening the safety signage and impacting pedestrian and vehicle vision on our crossing. This blatantly ignores the safety rights of our school community.



**PLEASE DO NOT PARK  
OVER DRIVEWAYS.**

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



## ALWAYS REACH OUT

- Thank you to parents and carers for reaching out to your 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

**Bec Blokland** - Disability Inclusion Co-ordinator

**Liz Stonka** – Assistant Principal – Daily Organisation /Student Medical Health & Wellbeing/Social Emotional Learning Curriculum

**Tiff O'Brien** – Leading Teacher – Mental Health in Primary Schools – Trauma Informed Practice - Art-Therapy

**Belinda Horne** - Wellbeing Educator

### Literacy and Numeracy:

**Catherine Moody** – Assistant Principal - Curriculum / Teaching and Learning

**Kirsty Younger** - Leading Teacher – Literacy

**Janaya Walker and Jayde Clayton** – Leading Teachers – Numeracy

**All the best for a wonderful week 4 from the BMPS team**



## Autism Connect

Autism Connect is an expansion of Amaze's Autism Advisor service delivered in Victoria for 12 years, helping over 20,000 people.

Autism Connect is available to anyone seeking support related to autism. The service was created for autistic people seeking guidance around diagnosis and services, their families or friends, and anyone supporting an autistic adult or child in education, health settings or workplaces.

**"I got diagnosed at age 40 and I found that really enlightening and validating. You've got the ability to send a five-second message and then get a human response. They were friendly, patient and empathetic. They were really just nice to deal with on the phone and it felt like the easiest thing ever."**

**- Catherine, Autistic mother of 2 autistic boys.**



**For more information, visit  
[amaze.org.au/autismconnect](https://amaze.org.au/autismconnect)**



**If you need an Interpreter, contact the TIS National Contact Centre on 131 450 and ask to speak to Autism Connect on 1300 308 699.**

**Autism Connect is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services**



**BACCHUS MARSH LITTLE ATHLETICS**

# ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL **RELAYTHON**

RELAYTHON IS LITTLE ATHLETICS VICTORIA'S MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOR WELL OVER 50 YEARS.

BMLAC athletes and members will take part in a continuous relay at Masons Lane Reserve, running for 5 hours to raise funds for the Good Friday Appeal.



**SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
7AM - 12NOON



**MASONS LANE RESERVE**  
**BACCHUS MARSH**

**DONATE  
VIA QR CODE**



# NEW YEAR

# NEW LOO

Bring a toilet roll  
to Peppertree Park  
on Saturday 7 Feb  
and join the  
campaign for a  
Parkrun Loo!





BACCHUS MARSH DDIMADV SCHOOL



# GRAND OPENING

21 Osborne Street, Maddingley



Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026

5PM *til* 7:30PM

*Our name reflects our commitment to developing athletes from A to Z, on & off court, at a space built entirely for them to train, grow, compete, and become the next generation of ballers - right here in Bacchus Marsh!*

Follow us on



[azbasketball.com.au](http://azbasketball.com.au)



Scan QR Code for Season Schedule & Session Options





# SHINDO KARATE

心道空手



BACCHUS MARSH, MELTON, WEIR VIEWS & GISBORNE

**WHAT WE OFFER:**  
**AGE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS**  
**FAMILY FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT**  
**GOVERNMENT ACCREDITED INSTRUCTORS**



*All from the beginning, a free spirit*

**CONTACT US TODAY!**



**0425 759 164**



**SHINDO KARATE ACADEMY**  
**BACCHUS MARSH**  
**MELTON & GISBORNE**



HAWKS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION




## *Tyetdji Cultural Immersion Day*

### **Details:**

When: 19<sup>th</sup> february 2026, 11:30 arrival - 2:30 finish

Where: MCG, Meet at Gate 3

 [tyetdji@hawthornfc.com.au](mailto:tyetdji@hawthornfc.com.au)

 [www.hawksoommunityfoundation.org.au](http://www.hawksoommunityfoundation.org.au)

 [@tyetdji](https://twitter.com/tyetdji)

Hawthorn Football Club acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of the lands and water on which we live, learn, work and play. We pay respects to Elders both past and present and stand together with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders of today and tomorrow.

## Cultural Walk

Be led through the parklands surrounding the MCG and stop at some of the culturally significant sites. This includes one of the scar trees... older than "Melbourne" itself!



## National Museum of Sport

Explore the Museum of Sport, located inside the MCG. There are over 95 sports featured, interactive exhibits, as well as play in the Game On area!



## Footy Clinic

Join some of our Hawks players in a skills session, practising all the skills you need to one day wear the Brown and Gold!

## TYETDJI YULK

Immerse yourself in our Tyetdji Yulk space, where you will see all of our Sir Doug Nicholls round gifts, past and current Indigenous Guernsey designs, and much more! there will be activities, snacks, and yarns to be had!

