



TERM 2 – Week 5 2026 IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 1	APR 20 – APR 24 MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	Smile Squad Dental - on-site PUPIL FREE DAY – Out of School Hours Care available STUDENTS RETURN SCHOOL PHOTOS SCHOOL PHOTOS BMPS Cross Country – Gr 4-6 1.45 pm - 3.00 pm (back oval) SATURDAY ANZAC DAY
WEEK 2	APR 27 – MAY 1 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY	ASSEMBLY Bacchus Marsh District Athletics – Masons Lane SCHOOL COUNCIL Prep Bunnings Mother’s Day Activity
WEEK 3	MAY 4 – MAY 8 THURSDAY FRIDAY	EARLY YEARS Literacy/Numeracy Information Night Gr 2 Dino Kids – Ecolinc Video Incursion MOTHER’S DAY STALL PREP MOTHER’S DAY AFTERNOON TEA YEAR 2 – Sovereign Hill Excursion District Cross Country
WEEK 4	MAY 11 – MAY 15 MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY Grade 5 Sovereign Hill SCHOOL PHOTO CATCH-UP SESSIONS GRIP Student Leadership – Federation University - Mt Clear EDUCATION SUPPORT RECOGNITION DAY & COLOUR RUN
WEEK 5	MAY 18 – MAY 22 TUESDAY THURSDAY	Girls AFL Grade 1 Werribee Zoo Excursion
WEEK 6	MAY 25 – MAY 29 MONDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY	Parent Helpers – 2 pm – 3 pm ASSEMBLY Western Ranges Division Cross Country Parent Helpers – 2 pm – 3 pm
WEEK 7	JUN 1 – JUN 5 THURSDAY	Parent Helpers Workshop – Prior to pick up at 2 pm
WEEK 8	JUN 8 – JUN 12 MONDAY TUESDAY FRIDAY	KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL BMPSSA Winter Sport
WEEK 9	JUN 15 – JUN 19 THURSDAY FRIDAY	Western Metro Cross Country District Girls AFL
WEEK 10	JUN 22 – JUN 26 WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY	ASSEMBLY Prep Farm Excursion THREE WAY INTERVIEW – Celebration of Learning 11am–6pm FINAL DAY OF TERM – 2.30 dismissal



IMPORTANT 2027 FOUNDATION/PREP ENROLMENT TIMELINE

Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2027

All Victorian government primary schools follow a statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2027 school year.

- If you have a child starting primary school in 2027, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday, July 31 2026**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2027, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school.

It is important to submit your enrolment application to us on time as it will ensure your child is included in all transition activities if offered enrolment at our school. This also allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities, and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about how to enrol your child in Foundation at [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\) | vic.gov.au](https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-in-foundation-prep)

If you would like to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) in 2027, please contact our school office on 03 5367 2745 or bacchus.marsh.ps@education.vic.gov.au to book a school tour or request an application form.



EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

Last Friday, we acknowledged, celebrated, and reflected with gratitude on the vital work our Education Support Staff undertake in our school. The classroom and specialist program-based support sees our staff working 1:1 and in small groups to meet our students' needs. This work is so often life-changing for our students, with feedback to these special staff continuing way beyond our students' final year at our school. Our reception and administration team work with fine-grained precision, patience, skill and process to ensure our school runs smoothly and our students and staff are supported to be their best. Belinda Horne brings invaluable knowledge, skill, and deep understanding to BMPS in her Wellbeing Educator role, encompassing support for students, staff and families. Appreciation to Paul, John and Dave who continue to complement each other's skills in keeping our grounds and facilities maintained to a high standard.

Our students and staff were invited to wear masks in recognition of our ES Super Heroes, and we enjoyed a lovely morning tea in the company of our ES staff.

Thankyou to Liz Stonka, our leadership teams, along with our Prep and Year 1 teachers, for the planning, preparation, catering and facilitation of a great celebration.









CONGRATULATIONS BMPS

Following another magnificent Colour Run last Friday, congratulations to all of our student fundraisers, along with Ally Edwards and our wonderful parent, carer, and grandparent volunteers and staff.

The weather was near perfect, and we are now on track to clear 'at least' \$22,000 profit. This certainly kick-starts our Prep playground plans. Thankyou again to all of our students and families who were able to support this fundraiser.

We look forward to celebrating our grand total and our highest fundraisers at our next assembly in week 6.

- **PRIZE ORDERING OPENS MONDAY, MAY 18 UNTIL MONDAY MAY 25** 😊









RESILIENCE RIGHTS AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

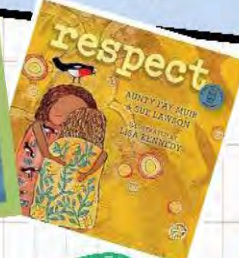
What is Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships?

The Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) teaching and learning curriculum is designed to support primary teachers in delivering social and emotional learning and respectful relationships education. Through this program, students learn to name their feelings, practise empathy, and make positive choices, helping to build a school community where everyone feels valued and connected.

This semester, our focus is on Emotional Strengths and Personal and Cultural Strengths.

Emotional Literacy
Emotional Literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and other people. It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, build empathy, and to respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Building a large vocabulary for emotions helps to increase emotional literacy and build self-awareness and empathy for others.

Personal and Cultural Strengths
Children and young people need a vocabulary to help them recognise and understand strengths and positive qualities in themselves and others. This topic provides learning activities to build this vocabulary and to use it when discussing personal, social and ethical challenges.





Supporting Numeracy at Home

Why is maths fluency important?

Fluency in maths helps children:

- Build confidence and independence
- Recall number facts quickly and accurately
- Solve problems more efficiently
- Develop strong number sense
- Free up “brain space” for deeper mathematical thinking

Just like reading fluency helps children become stronger readers, maths fluency helps students become stronger mathematicians.

Numeracy at Home with Essential Assessment

At BMPS from Prep–6, we use an online platform Essential Assessment to support student learning in Numeracy. Students have access to:

- Interactive learning apps - Sunset Maths and Jetset Algebra
- Personalised targeted learning activities based on classroom assessments-My Numeracy

How to Login to Essential Assessment:

Step 1 — Go to Student Login -Open the Essential Assessment Student Login page

<https://app.essentialassessment.com.au/student/>

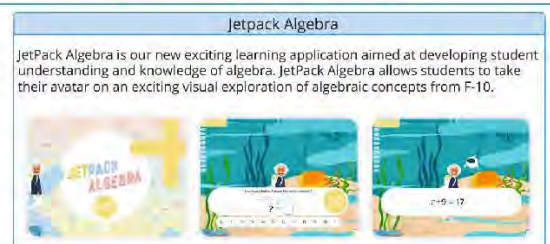


Step 2 — Use Student Login Details - Students can find their login card: In their school diary/home reading diary or on Seesaw (digital copy shared by teachers) **School Code: BMPS3340**

Step 3 -Access Learning Apps

Once logged in:Click the **Game Control** icon at the bottom of the screen.

Select - Sunset Maths or Jetpack Algebra



To access personalised learning:

1. Click the **My Numeracy** icon
2. Complete assigned activities



Helpful Tutorials for Families

Sunset Maths Tutorial - Essential Assessment - Sunset Maths
My Numeracy Tutorial Essential Assessment - My Numeracy

Extra Maths Support at Home

Love Maths

<https://www.lovemaths.me/>

A wonderful website full of engaging, practical maths games families can enjoy at home

Try:

- Selecting the **Games** tab
- Filtering by your child's year level
- Choosing a maths focus area to practise together



Simple Ways to Support Numeracy at Home

You can support your child's maths learning by:

- Practising number facts regularly
- Playing card and board games
- Cooking and measuring together
- Talking about money and time
- Encouraging "maths talk" in everyday life



Please don't hesitate to reach out to our Numeracy Leading Teachers, Janaya Walker and Jayde Clayton, or your child's classroom teacher for any further support.

IMPORTANT ASTHMA HEALTH UPDATE REMINDER

If your child suffers from asthma, we require an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan and a Ventolin inhaler to be kept at school. Each classroom has an asthma tub to store individual action plans and Ventolin, which accompanies students to specialist subjects, excursions and events.

We kindly ask that you check your child's plan and medication to ensure they are current and provided to the school.

The [BMPS Asthma Policy](#) is attached to this week's Update for interested parents and carers.

Example Only – Asthma Action Plan

ASTHMA ACTION PLAN

Take me when you visit your doctor

Name:

Pres date: Review date:

Doctor details:

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name:

Phone:

Relationship:

WELL CONTROLLED is all of these...

- needing reliever medicine no more than 2 days/week
- no asthma at night
- no asthma when I wake up
- can do all my activities

→ **TAKE** preventer

→ **TAKE** reliever

FLARE-UP Asthma symptoms getting worse such as any of these...

- needing reliever medicine more than usual OR more than 2 days/week
- wake up overnight with asthma
- had asthma when I woke up
- can't do all my activities

→ **TAKE** preventer

→ **TAKE** reliever

→ **START** other medicine

→ **MAKE** appointment to see my doctor **SOON** for an asthma review

SEVERE Asthma symptoms getting worse such as any of these...

- reliever medicine not lasting 4 hours
- wake up frequently overnight with asthma
- had asthma when I woke up
- difficulty breathing

→ **TAKE** preventer

→ **TAKE** reliever

→ **START** other medicine

→ **MAKE** appointment to see my doctor **SOON**

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

EMERGENCY is any of these...

- reliever medicine not working at all
- can't speak a full sentence
- extreme difficulty breathing
- feel asthma is out of control
- lips turning blue

→ **CALL AMBULANCE NOW** Dial Triple Zero (000)

→ **START ASTHMA FIRST AID** (See page for Asthma First Aid)

If you are using an anti-inflammatory reliever, your doctor will discuss the correct plan for you. v01 (updated 22 May 2020)



GRADE 5 SOVEREIGN HILL

It was year five's turn to enjoy a day of immersion at Sovereign Hill last Tuesday to enhance their historical knowledge and understanding of life on the Ballarat goldfields in the 1850's. Thankyou to our staff and parent and carer volunteers for planning, preparing and facilitating such a great day for our students.







NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2026

27 MAY – 3 JUNE



ALL IN

FOR RECONCILIATION

Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung

**Welcome To Country, Smoking Ceremony and flag raising,
followed by afternoon tea in The Supper Room.**

Thursday 28 May, 3:30pm

The Village Green, 197 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

Wadawurrung

**Welcome To Country and Smoking Ceremony,
followed by morning tea.**

Friday 29 May, 10:00am

Ballan Library courtyard, 127 Inglis Street, Ballan

Wadawurrung Cultural Talk

**Join Wadawurrung Traditional Owner as they offer insights into local
indigenous culture, history and connection to Country.**

Morning Tea included. Bookings required.

Friday 29 May, 10:30am - 11:30am

Ballan Library, Meeting Room 1, 127 Inglis Street, Ballan

Scan to book

Wadawurrung Cultural Talk





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

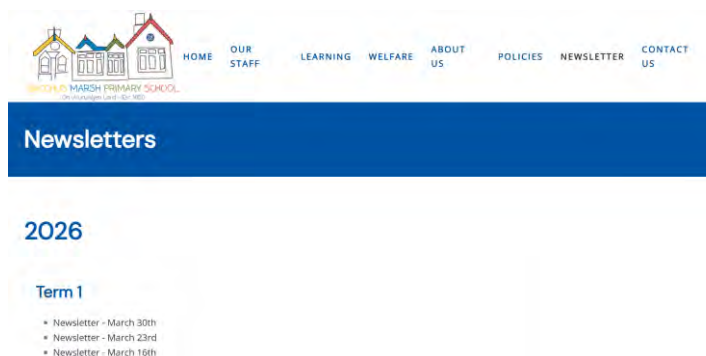
Kirsty Younger - Leading Teacher – Literacy

Janaya Walker and Jayde Clayton – Leading Teachers – Numeracy

ONGOING ACCESS TO OUR WEEKLY UPDATES

Note – All Updates are saved to our website for easy access at any time across the term.

<https://bacchusmarshps.vic.edu.au/newsletter>



All the best for a great week 5, from the BMPS team.





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Empowering Women To Thrive

Feeling disconnected from yourself? Caught in the whirlwind of endless to-do lists or weighed down by negative self-talk?

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Join the Empowering Women To Thrive program — a 10-session journey of self-discovery and growth designed to help you reconnect, rebuild confidence, and create space for yourself without guilt. Learn to let go of the past, reshape your inner story, and set healthy boundaries so you can live with more clarity, gratitude, and fulfilment.

What's Included:

- 10 x Coaching Sessions (via Zoom) – Personalised guidance and support
- Worksheets & Resources – Tools to support your growth
- Private Facebook Group – A community of like-minded women
- Weekly Check-ins – Stay accountable and celebrate wins
- Welcome Gift Pack – A special token to mark your journey

Rediscover your confidence, balance, and joy — and start thriving today.

2026 Women's Seasonal Retreats

Element of You is a four-part journey designed to help you reconnect with yourself throughout the rhythm of the year. Each seasonal retreat blends intentional activities, meaningful reflection, creativity, and nurturing space to support your personal growth. With thoughtful gifts, guided practices, and a full-day immersive experience from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., these retreats invite you to explore your inner landscape in harmony with the Earth's natural cycles—location Ballan Scout Hall. Each retreat is \$150 per retreat, or contact us for a special series discount.

Join the full series or simply come along to the seasons that speak to you. Contact us to learn more.



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To find out more contact us by visiting our website.





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FROM 5-19 YEARS OLD**

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**SATURDAY
U8-U14s**

**TUESDAY
U16-U18 BOYS
U16-U20 GIRLS**

**THURSDAY
U21 BOYS, SENIOR
MEN & WOMEN**

Western VACCA

Deadly Kids

Come along to our Deadly Kids Melton Group!

For children aged 8-12

A range of activities delivered in a culturally safe and supportive way participate in peer to-peer learning and interaction to boost their confidence with navigating their relationships.

Fortnightly on Tuesdays

(Group 1 from February 3rd / Group 2 from February 10th)

Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm

Kurunjang Community Hub

33 Mowbray Cres, Kurunjang VIC 3337

If transport is needed please contact:

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Western VACCA - Melton

Koala Kubs Koorie Club



EVERY THURSDAY

Starting Thursday 12th February
(During School Terms)

Time: 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Location: Binap Primary School
11 Grand Scenic Drive, Brookfield VIC 3338

Welcoming all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
students from Prep to Grade 6 across the Melton area

Only 20 spots available

Family Friendly

Light snacks will be provided each session

Please RSVP attendance by contacting:

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Early Childhood Development

KOORIE KIDS PLAYGROUP



Come and join us at VACCA's
Koorie Kids Playgroup in a culturally
safe, fun and empowering environment for
families with children aged 5 years and under.

Koorie Kids Playgroup is a great place for children and their Mums, Dads and Carers to:

- Gather with other Koorie families • Make new friends • Hear stories
- Participate in cultural arts, crafts and dance • Express creativity • Learn about culture
- Get to know other Koorie Kids in the area

Playgroup will provide a healthy snack at each session.

For further information please contact
VACCA Melton (03) 8746 2776 or VACCA Werribee (03) 9742 8300

Please send referrals directly to
vaccawestkoriekidsplaygroup@vacca.org

DURING SCHOOL TERMS

Mondays 12:00pm - 2:00pm **St Albans Koorie Kids Playgroup**
Westvale Community Centre, 45 Kings Rd, **Kings Park** VIC 3021

Tuesdays 12:00pm - 2:00pm **Point Cook Koorie Kids Playgroup**
153 Saltwater Promenade, **Point Cook** VIC 3030

Wednesdays 12:30pm - 2:30pm **Melton Koorie Kids Playgroup**
Botanica Springs Children's and Community Centre, 249 Clarkes Road, **Brookefield** VIC 3338

Thursdays 12:00pm - 2:00pm **Wyndham Vale Koorie Kids Playgroup**
Wunggurrwil Dhurrung Community Centre
19 Communal Road, **Wyndham Vale** VIC 3024

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Western VACCA

Indigenous Horticulture Program

Running weekly on Tuesdays

Starting Tuesday 10th February

Session times: 10.00am–2.00pm

ACAH Demonstration Farm

25 Whites Rd Werribee South VIC 3030

**In association with ACAH, VACCA
are offering Certificate IV in Production
– Specialising Indigenous Food Production**

This program is suitable for ages 14+ years.

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Western VACCA WOMENS GROUP

A culturally safe space for having a yarn
and sharing stories whilst participating
in cultural activities.

Runs weekly from
Thursday 12th February

Time: 9.30am - 1.30pm

Wunggurwil Dhurrung Community Centre
19 Communal Road, Wyndham Vale, VIC 3024

The program welcomes all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women aged 18 years and up.

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Cafs Early Help Program

Onsite supports available for your family!

Our Cafs Early Help Practitioners are working with schools to provide support to parents, carers and children in their communities!

Come have a chat with our onsite practitioner if your seeking more information about supports in the community for your child and family!

We help families with:

- Exploring GP and Paediatrician assessment.
- Connecting you to local professionals surrounding your child's developmental needs.
- Exploration and advice for accessing professional supports regarding Neurodiversity.
- Community engagement
- And more!



See your school for a warm introduction to our onsite 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**



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



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Starts 20th April 2026





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DARLEY SUPERKICK CENTRE

Darley Park, Darley

Mondays 5PM - 6PM

Starts 20th April 2026



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