



WEEK 2 TERM 2

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last week School Council finalised and approved the dates for the remaining pupil free curriculum days for the year.

These days are as follow:

Friday 24th May

Friday 6th September

Monday 2nd December.

Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Best of luck to all our senior students who are competing on Wednesday at the BMPSSA Athletics Carnival. If your child needs transporting to and from school to Masons Lane please let me know ASAP so that this can be organised. The school buses are not available for our use and so transportation will be via car.

Parents and Friends are catering and running the canteen at the Athletics Carnival. This is a major fundraiser for our school as it brings in money from outside our school community. Please see Sara Ray or Kyrie Harris if you are able to help out on the day. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Moo Poo

Due to the many events scheduled in the first few weeks of school, it has been decided that the Moo Poo will be held on Friday the 25th of October.

Parent Payments

A huge thank you to our families that have already paid their voluntary curriculum contributions for the 2024 school year. These contributions ensure that our school can offer the best possible education and support for our students.

ANZAC Day

An ANZAC Day service will be held at Coimadai Park at 12 O'clock on Thursday 25th April. Students attending will be able to help lay a wreath of flowers. A delicious morning tea will be held afterwards. Students may choose to wear our school uniform but it not compulsory. The local community value and appreciate our students attending events like this. A gold coin donation is appreciated by the RSL for the lovely morning tea.

2025 Year 7 Enrolment packages

Enrolment packages for 2025 Year 7 students need to be filled out and returned to Coimadai PS as soon as possible please. Thanking you in advance.

School Uniform

Wide brim hats are not compulsory during Terms 2 and 3 unless the UV is above 3. Black beanies may be worn. Jewellery - for safety reasons, small sleepers or studs and a watch are the only items of jewellery to be worn

Reminder - Asthma

If your child suffers from Asthma then they need an action plan, Ventolin and spacer at school.

Book Fair

Our next book fair runs from Monday 6th May - Friday 10th May. Spread the word to family and friends so that they can come along to purchase books and stationery. Books are amazing gifts. Developing a love for reading is one of the most important things we can develop in children. As Dr Suess says "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."



Thank you:

- to the parents who have organised the many lunch orders for Wednesday's sports day.
- Emma Knight for helping supervise on Friday's excursion to the Shrine.

OSH CLUB



To enrol and to find out about the Child Care Subsidy available to you to support attendance, please come and visit. We'd love some more enrolments moving forward to ensure that the program remains viable in the future. Drop in to see Bailey or visit the OSH Club website www.oshclub.com.au to see how you can support or be supported by this service.

Please remember when using OSH Club parents need to go to the Library and sign students both in and out for every session that students attend.

Shopping Tour

Parents and Friends have organised a Shopping Tour Fundraiser for Saturday the 24th of August. Please mark this date on your calendar and invite your family and friends to come along and enjoy the fun.



Hot Lunches

Pie Warmers are back on for Term 2 and 3. Students may bring cooked food wrapped in foil or in a foil container with their name clearly written on it. Make sure the food is defrosted and has been cooked, especially nuggets, chips, fish fingers etc. Remember, it is a pie warmer, not an oven.

Tomato sauce is provided thanks to Parents & Friends.

Soup for lunches returns on Wednesdays. This week we will be serving pumpkin soup. Orders for soup will be taken tomorrow.



School Working Bee

Get out your family calendar and note down Saturday 18th May. A list of jobs as long as your arm is developing for our first School Working Bee in 2024—this list is an ultimate wish list and we know not all jobs may be tackled.

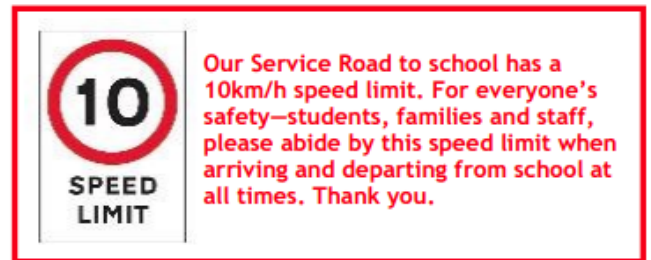
Our primary focus will be to spruce up the front gardens, oil the wooden fort, paint yellow stripes on the steps, mow, whipper snip around the toilets, cob web removal, sweeping paths, clearing out water drains, sweeping/blower vacc the sports oval, installing a new fence around the biocycle, cleaning and repacking the bike shed and reattach sleepers.

As a small school, we do not have a huge budget for garden maintenance, if you could take a look at this list, think about how you might be able to help and support, it would be very much appreciated. If you have some expertise/experience/enthusiasm in any area and would like to offer some time, please let the school know.



**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser
Sunday the 11th August**

Please save this date to your calendar.



IMPORTANT DATES



April

24th BMPSSA Athletics Carnival for Years 4/5/6
Parents running the athletics canteen

May

1st -3rd Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp
6th - 10th Book Fair
7th Mother's Day stall
9th BMPSSA Cross Country Carnival
10th Coffee and catch up - parents and Friends
24th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day

June

5th - School Council meeting
6th Winter Sports Years 4/5/6
14th Parents & friends meeting
17th -27th Whole School Swimming Program
28th School dismissed at 2:30pm for Term 2 Holiday

July

15th Term 3 commences
17th School Council meeting

August

Summer Sports Years 4/5/6
11th Bunnings BBQ
24th Shopping Tour
27th Father's Day stall

September

6th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
11th School Council meeting
20th School dismissed 2:30 for term 3 holidays

October

7th Term 3 begins
7th -9th Year 2/3 Billabong Camp, Echuca
11th Parents & Friends meeting
15th Year 2/3 Big Bash Cricket Day
16th October - School Council meeting
18th Prep/1 sleepover/ activity day
25th School Disco & Moo Poo

November

13th November - School Council meeting
29th Parents & Friends meeting

December

2nd Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
4th December - School Council meeting
20th Last day of the school year

READING NIGHTS



25 nights

AVA ELLA
XAVIER JACKSON T

50 nights

LUCY HAYLEY
BENJI OAKLEY
JACK K LEXI
HARPER HOPE
ZOE

75 nights

POPPY EDEN S
LIAM ARYA

100 nights

ISOBEL R

Ned - back at work



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following students who have had birthdays recently:

Billy B. Ryder L. and Chloe

We hope you had a lovely day celebrating with friends and family.



PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Everleigh -For being kind a and respectful member of our class.

Hollie -For working hard and listening during learning time on the floor.

Billy B-For contributing confidently during our sounds- write lessons.

Phoebe-For being a kind and trustworthy member of the class.

Danny- For his hard work and a wonderful start to Term 2.

Isabella K- For answering questions with confidence in class.

Rupert - For trying new strategies with his learning.





School Attendance – School is better when your child is there!

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years and receive lower test scores than their classmates.

It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

In Victoria, School is compulsory for children and young people aged 6 – 17 years

Student absences

The main reasons for absences are:

Sickness – there are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick. Developing good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising can make a big difference.

Family Holidays – it's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible and not during the school term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure you talk to your child's teacher in advance and work with them for an absence learning plan.

'Day Off' – think twice before letting your child have a 'day off' as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – this is when students choose not to go to school without their parents' permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

School refusal – school refusing children will experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with knowledge of the parents despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school.

Being away from school for one day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

If your child is away:

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parents/carers.

HEALTHY DIGITAL HABITS



Healthy families chat about online experiences



Prioritise sleep



No devices in bedrooms, bathrooms or toilets



Take regular breaks from screens



Trust your early warning signs



Balance screen time with green time

NAVIGATING UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATIONS



Do Not Respond



Record/
Screenshot



Take a Break



Mute/Block/
Change Settings



Report



Seek Help



INFORM & EMPOWER

Trusted eSafety Provider
esafety.gov.au

Gr 4/5/6 Excursion to the Shrine and Botanical Gardens

