



## WEEK 3 TERM 1

Dear Parents/Guardians,  
Congratulations to Una and the entire Hinde family as they finally have a little brother/son to love. On Tuesday little Ira safely arrived into the world.



Tomorrow we will be holding our first parent teacher interviews for 2024. The purpose of these 15-minute interviews is to provide an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and discuss learning goals for your child. Interviews will be held in Room A, the Year 4/5/6 classroom. All booking for Parent/Teacher interviews will be made using the COMPASS App. The 'Window for booking' will close today at 3:00pm. All students are required to have this meeting on top of any IEP or SSG scheduled. If you are unable to make an interview please see your child's classroom teacher to make arrangements for one to be held at a mutually agreeable time.

### Student details

Student contact details forms will be handed out at the parent teacher interviews. We ask that all parents ensure the contact details/information on these forms be updated so that we have correct contact information. It is vital that if you change your mobile phone number, emergency contact people, residential or email address that you ensure the school is notified of the changes. It is the responsibility of all families to ensure that the school has current and up to date contact details for parents and emergency contacts.

### Book Club

All Book Club orders must be completed and paid for online. Our school is no longer able to accept money and orders from parents. The delivery of books will still come to school as this will reduce the delivery costs.

**All communication from the office will be sent home using COMPASS. Only permission notes which require signing will be sent home on paper.**

### Newsletter

Missed an edition and would like to catch up? Remember that all our newsletter for the current year is found on our school website.

[www.coimadaips.vic.gov.au](http://www.coimadaips.vic.gov.au)

### Curriculum Day - Pupil Free

**Tuesday 12th March** has designated as Pupil Free Day. OSH Club will be open these days for childcare if they receive 15 enrolments.

### Privacy Policy

Coimadai Primary School & The Department of Education values your privacy and is committed to protecting information that schools collect.

All staff including contractors, service providers and volunteers of the department, and all Victorian government schools (schools), must comply with Victorian privacy law and this policy.

In Victorian government schools, the management of personal information and health information is governed by Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic) and Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) (collectively, Victorian privacy law).

This policy explains how Victorian government schools collect and manage personal and health information, consistent with Victorian privacy law and other associated legislation. Please use the link below to view the policy.

<https://www.vic.gov.au/schools-privacy-policy>

## Parents and Friends



This year the Parents and Friends Club to hold many activities that help foster and maintain strong community relationships. Our Parents and Friends Committee is a wonderful group of people who need your help to create the best school for your children. By sharing your skills, time and efforts you can become part of a very rewarding and influential group. Please see Regan Montgomery, Blair Dellemijn, Sara Ray or Anna Simcocks if you would like more information on the role of Parents and Friends. The Parents and Friends AGM and first meeting for 2024 will be held on Thursday the 15th of February at 9:00 in the Library.

## OSH Club

OSH Club has been thriving and many of our school students are currently enrolled with the before and after school care program. We'd love some more enrolments moving forward to ensure that the program remains viable in the future. Drop in a see Bailey or visit the OSH Club website [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) to see how you can support or be supported by this service.

## School Camps and Excursion Fund

All families who have a Health Care Card are eligible for a the CSEF fund of \$125 per student. Please see Alice for a form if believe you are eligible for this fund.

## Inform and Empower -Cyber Safety

Bacchus Marsh Bendigo Community Bank and Bacchus Marsh Blue Light Community have joined forces to enable all students and parents of the entire Bacchus Marsh community the opportunity to participate in Cyber safety initiatives, keeping our children safer while online. The Bendigo Bank has generously donated all the funds for every family to participate in The Inform and Empower cyber safety program. Children will participate in the incursions at school and all parents are invited to attend the parent information session being held at the Bacchus Marsh Grammar hall on Tuesday 19th March. Informing and empowering parents to be better educated and aware of children's activities on social media platforms is a great area of concern and I strongly encourage all parents to attend. More details will be published in the coming weeks.

## Carpark

**A friendly reminder that all members of our school community and visitors are required to walk on the paths and not through the carpark, this is for everyone's safety. Please let anyone who may drop off or collect your child about this important safety rule.**



Please be aware that our school drive way speed limit it 10km/hr.

For everyone's safety - students, families and staff, please abide by this speed limit when arriving and departing from school at all times. Thank you

## Working with Children check

If you are wanting to volunteer at Coimadai Primary working across the school it is essential that you have a current **Working With Children Check**. Please provide a copy of this to the office. If you need assistance obtaining a WWCC please come into the office for support. Applications can be processed online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/>

## Fire Drill

Please be advised that we are hosting Fire Drills in the coming weeks. If your child comes home and states that there was a fire at school on this day and you have had no notification from the school, please be advised that it is a drill.

# IMPORTANT DATES



## February

- 13th Parent -teacher interviews
- 15th Parents and Friends AGM and 1st meeting for the year
- 27th Feb -Sporting schools Athletics Program begins

## March

- 1st BMPSSA Swimming Carnival
- 5th March Proposed School Council Meeting
- 11th March Labour day - Public Holiday
- 12th March Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
- 12th NAPLAN testing begins
- 15th Small Schools Sports Day - Mason Lane
- Cyber Safety Parent information session - Shire Hall
- 28th School dismissed at 2:30 for Term 1 holidays
- 29th Good Friday - Public Holiday School holidays begin

## April

- 15th Term 2 begins
- 24th BMPSSA Athletics Carnival for Years 4/5/6

## May

- 1st -3rd Year 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp
- 9th BMPSSA Cross Country Carnival

## June

- 6th Winter Sports Years 4/5/6
- 17th -27th whole School Swimming Program
- 28th School dismissed at 2:30pm for Term 2 Holiday

## July

- 15th Term 3 commences

## August

- Summer Sports Years 4/5/6

## September

- 20th School dismissed 2:30 for term 3 holidays

## October

- 7th Term 3 begins
- 7th -9th Year 2/3 Billabong Camp, Echuca
- 15th Year 2/3 Big Bash Cricket Day
- 18th Prep/1 sleepover/ activity day

## December

- 20th Last day of the school year

# LUNCH TIME



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following students who had birthdays last week.

**Joey, Benji and Noah**

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



# PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

**Mark-**For a positive start to his Grade 2 year.

**Isobel -**For having a positive attitude in the classroom and being a good friend to our new students.

**Sonny-**For being an active member of the classroom.

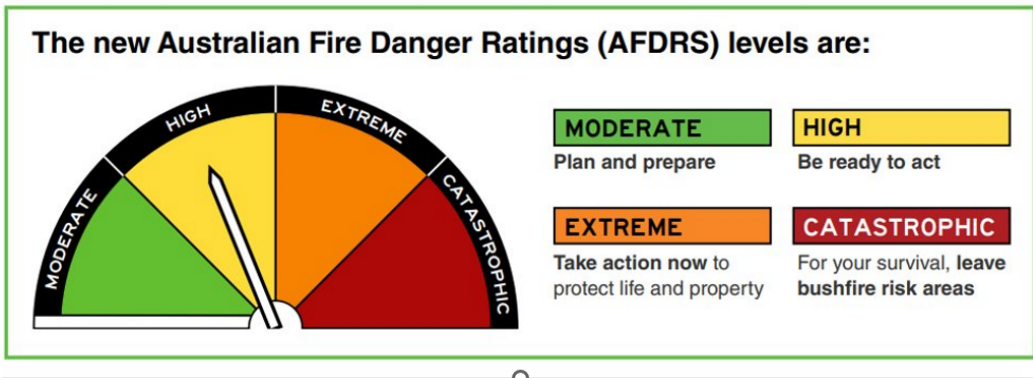
**Lucy -** For her responsible attitude towards cleaning up her classroom.

**Benji-** For showing kindness to his new classmates.

**Hunter-** For a wonderful start to the year. Great work Hunter!

**Billie Mc. -**For being a great role model in the classroom. Wonderful job Billie!!





# SCHOOL PROCEDURES FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Catastrophic Fire Danger Day closure by letter [and SMS message/phone tree]. A Catastrophic Fire Danger Day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1:00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Catastrophic Day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic Day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

Our Bureau of Meteorology district is Central Victoria.

On these Catastrophic rating days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

# RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Social Media

Impacts of Screen Time

Online Gaming

Cyber Bullying

Child & Tween Online Trends

Managing Devices in the Home

Explicit/Adult Content

Strengthening Family Communication



Bacchus Marsh Grammar School  
(John Leaver Gymnasium)  
37 Sth Maddingley Rd, Maddingley

Wed 20 March  
7.00 pm



Martin McGauran  
Primary School Teacher  
& Cyber Safety Educator

## INFORM & EMPOWER

- 90 minute presentation
- Parents/carers only
- Exclusive access to resources



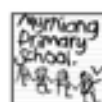
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Carley McGauran  
Psychologist & Mum to  
3 school-aged kids



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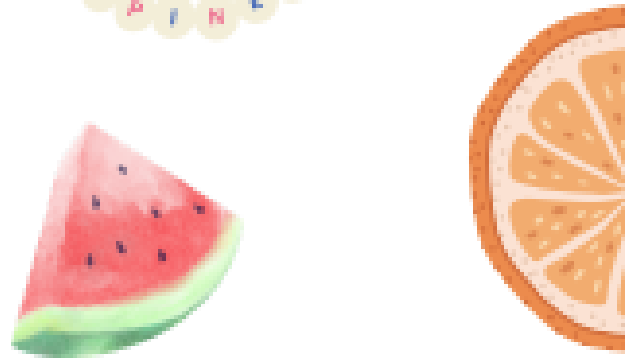
# Things to look forward to in OSHClub this week

Making friendship bracelets in the morning sessions to celebrate valentines day.



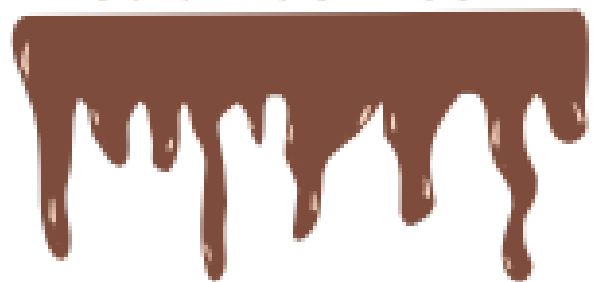
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Icepoles and Fruit Platter



## Wednesday

Valentines Day and Chocolate coated strawberries



## Thursday

Pancakes for Breakfast



Tacos in the afternoon



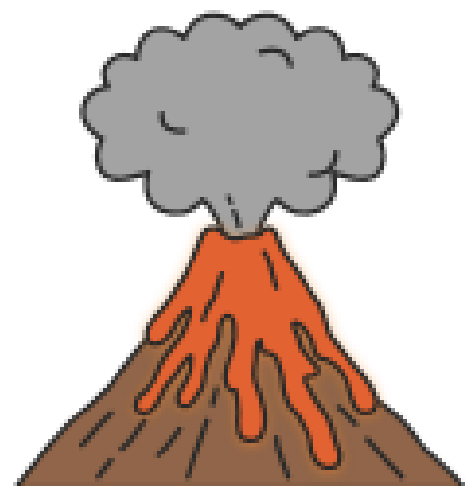
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# Last Weeks Science Experiment



**we mixed bicarb soda and vingevar to create to make a volacno lava reaction**





# BACCHUS MARSH

*come and try day*

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10 // 1 PM TO 4 PM**

## ON THE DAY YOU CAN ENJOY

- A FREE SWIM CLASS
- COFFEE TRUCK
- JUMPING CASTLE
- POPCORN



**BOOK NOW!**



## WIN A FREE TERM OF SWIMMING!

Go in the draw on our open day and you'll have the chance to win a term of swimming lessons.

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## Conveyance Allowance Program

The conveyance allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The conveyance allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

### Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria varies depending on the type of school attended and where it is located. Students attending a government or non-government school must:  
attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible

- reside outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

### Payment amounts

Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance based on:

- the least expensive public transport fares; and/or
- a distance based allowance when travel is by private car and/or private bus.

Families who received this payment in 2023 have already been processed. If you believe that you are eligible, please contact the office. These forms need to be completed and returned to the school by Monday, 19th February, 2024.



**EXCITING NEWS**  
**Teeth on Wheels will be visiting our School!**



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