

## WEEK 6 TERM 1

Dear Parents/Guardians, Student Representative Council have been very busy organising the annual Royal Children's Hospital - Good Friday Appeal fundraiser. This year's Egg Raffle will differ slightly as students have requested that the raffle is only for school age students. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of Term 1 at our school assembly. Our SRC members are asking all families to donate items for the raffle. Easter egg, colouring books, craft items or soft toys are all perfect for the raffle. SRC students will bundle the donated items into small hampers/ prizes. Tickets will go on sale during lunch time. One ticket for 50 cents each. All toddlers and students who do not win a prize will be given chocolate eggs at the end of assembly so no one goes home empty handed. A casual clothes day - \$1 gold coin donation will also be held on the last day. Please drop off raffle donations to the office.



**COVID/Gastro** We now have a high number of cases at present resulting in significant student absences. A reminder that all absences must be logged on our school Compass portal. Can I reiterate that if your child/ren show any symptoms of COVID - sneezing, coughing, runny nose, headache, tiredness, congestion - please consider the health, safety and wellbeing of other students and staff in the school, by keeping them home until symptoms subside. Our collective efforts will hopefully see this wave of illness pass more quickly with minimal families (and our school) affected. Thank you for your cooperation.

**School Council** Our first meeting for 2024 will be held on Tuesday the 5th March at 7:00pm in the Library.

**Uniform Swap Market** Has your child outgrown their uniform? Parents and Friends are organising a uniform swap market. Bring along your old unwanted uniforms to either swap or sell. The second hand shop will have a \$2 sale for all items. Clear out the cupboards and come along to snap up a bargain. All items will be sold for \$2. The swap market will be held on Friday the 8th March at 2:45pm.

## Whole School Sports Day—Friday 15th of March

Coimadai PS will be joining Balliang East, St. Patrick's Gordon and St Bridgid's Ballan for a small school's athletics/ sports day. This day will take place at Mason's Lane, Bacchus Marsh. Notes were sent home last week and we ask that permission and money be returned by Wednesday the 13th of March. Come along and join in the fun and cheer our students along. We will be looking for volunteers to help

run the running events so please if you can offer an hour or 2 of your time we will be very grateful. If you have not received the sports note please check your child's reader pack.



## Raising Kids In A Digital World

On Wednesday the 20th of March, the local Bacchus Marsh schools including Coimadai, are teaming up with the Bacchus Marsh Blue Light and Bendigo Bank to present a Cyber Safety Information session. I strongly encourage all parents to put this date in your diaries as you will be astounded by what may be going on under your own roof. All families have received a paper flyer with a QR code on it. Please register your attendance through this. Places are filling fast so please register ASAP to secure your place.

## Newsletter

Missed an edition and would like to catch up? Remember that all our newsletters for the current year are found on our school website. [www.coimadaips.vic.gov.au](http://www.coimadaips.vic.gov.au)

**Teeth on Wheels** is a free dental service and is not the company that failed to show up last year. If you would like to have a free dental check up please complete the forms sent home and return to school by



## Headlice

Since our recent headlice check we have had reported cases of head lice. We ask that all families conduct regular checks for lice. This helps reduce the rate of infection among students.

# OSH CLUB



GRADE 4/5/6 CAMP  
STUDENTS ON CAMP WILL NEED TO BE ABLE  
TO CARRY ALL THEIR OWN LUGGAGE IN THE  
ONE BAG. WE HIGHLY SUGGEST THAT  
STUDENTS HAVE LUGGAGE WITH WHEELS.



OSH Club has been thriving and many of our school students are currently enrolled with the before and after school care program.

**It is a whole lot of fun for the children, and supports working parents who are seeking longer care for their child/ren (or non-working parents seeking outside school hours activities!)** 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 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.

## 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.

## NAPLAN

During the NAPLAN testing time all netbooks belonging to Gr 3 and 5 students will remain at school.

## BMPSSA Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Lachlan S and Seth on being such great ambassadors for our school. Your behaviour at the event was outstanding and you competed to the best of your abilities.



# IMPORTANT DATES



# READING NIGHTS



## March

- 1st BMPSSA Swimming Carnival
- 5th March School Council Meeting 7:00pm
- 11th March Labour day - Public Holiday
- 12th March Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
- 13th NAPLAN testing begins
- 15th Small Schools Sports Day - Mason Lane
- 20th Cyber Safety Parent information session - Bacchus Marsh Grammar Hall
- 22nd Parents & Friends meeting 9:00am
- 28th School dismissed at 2:30 for Term 1 holidays
- 29th Good Friday - Public Holiday

## 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
- 24th Shopping Tour

## 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

## 25 nights

HAYLEY	POPPY
AYLA	EDEN S
LIAM	ARYA

## 50 nights



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to the following student who had a birthday last week.

## Mark Campbell

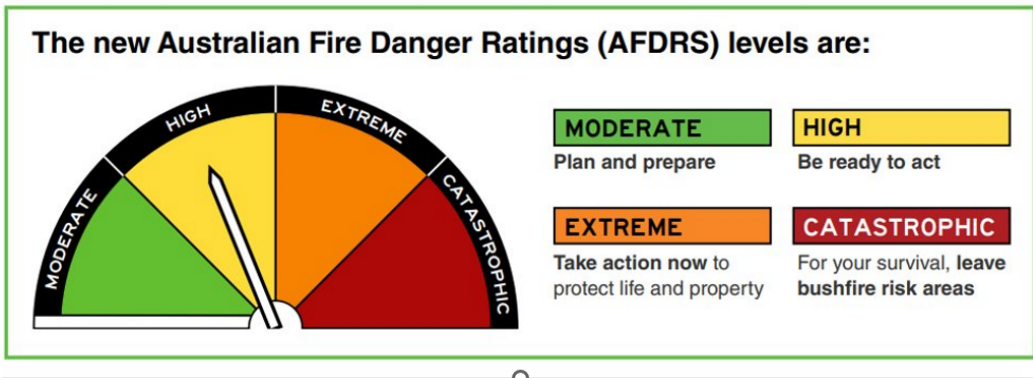
We hope you had a lovely day celebrating with friends and family.



# PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Bindi - For giving everything her best shot.
- Danny - For settling back into classroom routines after his holiday. Keep up the good work!
- Alexis - For being a kind and friendly member of our class. Keep smiling gorgeous.
- Theodore - For utilising the support given by a peer.
- Talisa - For supporting her peers by demonstrating strategies that work for her in solving numeracy problems.
- Ivy - For showing excellent focus while completing her work.
- Arya - For developing her independence in cutting up her fruit.





# 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



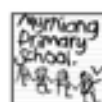
Register to come along:  
[bit.ly/bacchus2024](https://bit.ly/bacchus2024)



Carley McGauran  
Psychologist & Mum to  
3 school-aged kids



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Only students @ Coimadai  
 All students & Pre schoolers get an Egg  
 Tickets sold at lunchtime SRC

**DRAWN LAST DAY OF TERM**

28TH OF MARCH

PROUDLY SUPPORTING



THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



# DONATION NEEDED



FOR THE ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL  
 APPEAL RAFFLE

DONATION IDEAS  
 EASTER ITEMS  
 COLOURING BOOKS  
 EASTER EGGS



# EXCITING NEWS



**Teeth on Wheels will be  
visiting our School for  
Dental Check-ups and  
Oral Health Education!!**



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO COMPLETE YOUR FORM**

**IT MIGHT BE FREE**



**TeethOnWheels**  
a positive dental experience