The Rural Review



Coimadai Primary School
86 Bennetts Lane
Coimadai 3340

WEEK 3 TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers,
This morning all students from Grade 4/5 & 6 students, along with Baillee Terry, Mrs E, Glenn Campbell and myself boarded the train, bound for Melbourne. I am sure a brilliant time will be had by all during the Melbourne Camp. A big thank you to the staff for attending this camp, allowing our students to gain many valuable city learning experiences. If any issues arise in my absence please see either Renae or your child's classroom teacher.

There will be no Breakfast Club this week due to meetings and school camp.

Bike Education

Bike Education will begin in week 4. Bikes need to be at school by Wednesday the 28th October so that they can be labelled and sorted into grade areas.
If your child does not have a bike, or your are unable to bring their bike to school please come and see me as the school has class sets of bikes.

Bacchus Marsh Flower Show

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October, Bacchus Marsh Shire Hall
Come along and see the wonderful exhibits that our students have created and entered.

School Photos

Wednesday the 28th is School Photo Day. The photographer will begin taking photos at 9:00am so all students need to be at school by 8:45 so that they are organised and ready for group photos. All orders will go through the app, that was sent home via Compass. Please see the information flyer on page 6 of this newsletter.

Rememberance Day

Unfortunately, there will be no Rememberance Day Service held at Coimadai this year as someone has stolen the plaque and damaged the cairn. A service will be held at the Bacchus Marsh RSL, commencing around 10:30am. A selct group of students will repesent our school at the Bacchus Marsh service.

Crazy Camel Fund Raiser

Thank you to all the families who have particated in the Crazy Camel Fund raiser. Orders must be finalised by the 28th of October. Once the ordering period closes, all orders will be processed and sent to the school, arriving around mid-November.

Moo Poo / Pony Poo

The annual Pony Poo night will be held on Friday the 13th of November. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Grade Prep/1 Camp

The Grade Prep/1 camp is from Thursday the 3rd to Friday 4th the of December. Now is the time for students and families to practise the life skills of dressing, brushing teeth, showering, packing bags and organising belongings independently so that the camp experience is not too daunting.

Have a wonderful week ahead,

Moira Ross

Important dates

October
24-25th Bacchus Marsh Flower Show
27th School Council meeting 7:00pm
28th School Photo Day
29th Bike education

November
3rd Melbourne Cup
11th Rememberance Day
13th Pony Poo BBQ
25th Water Wise Incursion Prep-2 students

December
2nd Grade 6 Graduation
3rd- 4th Gr Prep - 1 camp
8th School Council meeting 7:00pm
15th School Concert - Shire Hall
16th Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
18th Last day of the school year

Thunderstorm asthma – be prepared this pollen season

Grass pollen season in Victoria usually runs from October to December. During this time, asthma and hay fever symptoms can get worse. There is also an increased risk of thunderstorm asthma.

Ten years ago, Melbourne experienced the largest thunderstorm asthma event in the world. Thunderstorm asthma can be sudden and serious. It can be life-threatening, especially if a person's asthma or hay fever is not well controlled.

Coimadai Primary will have measures to keep our school community safe.

All of our staff are trained in asthma first aid. We will monitor VicEmergency for thunderstorm asthma warnings. When needed, we will keep students indoors if the weather forecast shows a higher risk.

Managing asthma and allergies matters. During this pollen season, there are some things you can do to protect yourself and your family:

· If your child has ever had asthma, talk to your doctor about your Asthma Action Plan and to make sure symptoms are well controlled.

· If your child has hay fever, talk to your pharmacist or doctor about a hay fever plan and check if you need an asthma reliever puffer.

· If your child has cough or wheeze with hay fever, talk to your doctor to make sure they don't also have asthma.

· Take asthma medication as directed by your doctor, as the good control of symptoms can prevent thunderstorm asthma.

· Follow the VicEmergency website or app. Where possible, avoid being outside during thunderstorms – especially during the winds that come before the storm. Go inside and close your doors and windows. If you have your air conditioning on, turn it to 'recirculate'.

· Know asthma first aid. If you are not sure if someone is having an asthma attack, you can still use a blue asthma reliever puffer.

For more information, speak to your doctor.

You can also: · speak with an asthma educator on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462). This is a free service from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday

· refer to Better Health Channel. This includes information in different languages.





Sumar



We hope you have a lovely time celebrating your special day.





READING NIGHTS AWARD

25 Nights Reading

Kaylee

100 Nights Reading

Maxwell, Sonny

125 Nights Reading

Vida

150 Nights Reading

175 Nights Reading

200 Nights Reading

225 Nights Reading

Eden S

250 Nights Reading

Iris

275 Nights Reading

Genevieve

300 Nights Reading

Hayley

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Jackson G - For making sure that everyone in the classroom feels included.

Ella - For being a super speller in Spelling Mastery.

Billie Mc - For being a kind and helpful member of the class.

Oakley - For focusing really well in Literacy to create a letter from Mr Wolf.

Iris - For showing resilience and giving her numeracy assessment her best shot!

Benjamin T - For demonstrating a conscientious attitude towards his classroom jobs.

Lachlan - For great work with Roman numerals.



msp photography

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PHOTO DAY IS COMING ....

Wednesday

28th October 2026

MSP Photography will be visiting our school on the above day.

- Order via the Compass App.
- Read all the relevant instructions carefully before making your package choice.
- Sibling photos can be ordered online via the Compass Portal. Please note that sibling photo orders must be placed by Midnight the night before photo day.
- The portal does not have a cut off ordering date, however once the job has gone to the lab for printing, any late orders will incur a later order charge.

LIFE IS EASIER WITH MSP

Please call MSP on 5333 5577
if you have any questions.

DOGS CONNECT
RESTORING BALANCE

DOGS CONNECT EXPECTATIONS

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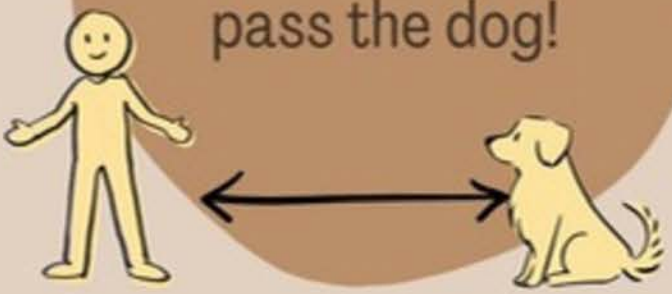
We say hello to the person, not the dog!



hello

2

We give lot's of space when we pass the dog!





HI, I'M PIP!

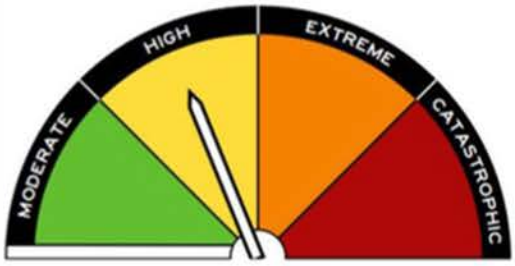
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We keep moving, we don't stand around and stare!



Fire danger ratings are a forecast

The new Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



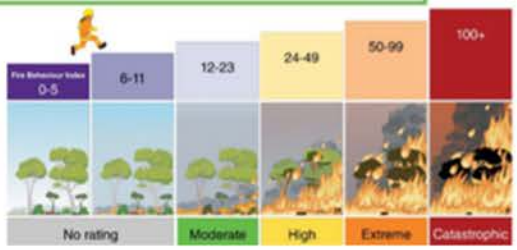
MODERATE
Plan and prepare

HIGH
Be ready to act

EXTREME
Take action now to protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC
For your survival, **leave bushfire risk areas**

- A **forecast** by the Bureau of Meteorology
- Indicates how dangerous a fire would be IF one were to start.



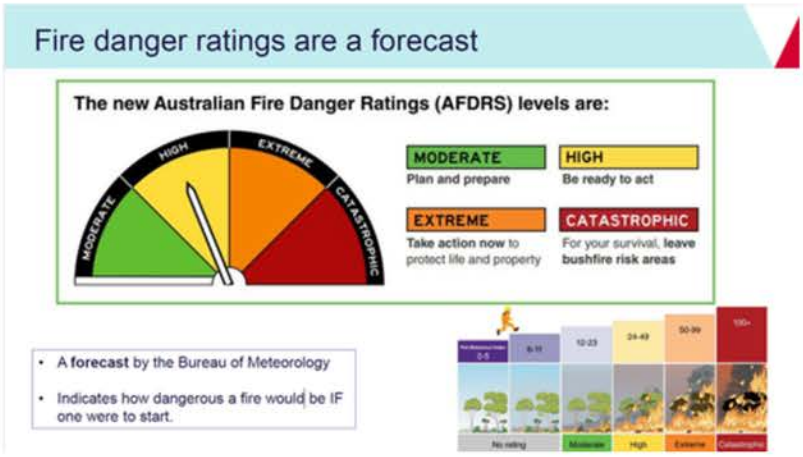
In the event of an emergency

When on site, please ensure that you sign yourself and any other person/child with you into our visitors book.

If the emergency alarm is sounded, please evacuate immediately (external to the oval- the road end, internally to the Library) via the most direct route.

Once in the designated area, staff will ensure that all personel are present and accounted for. The sign in book will be used to ensure all visitors to the site are present.
This is why it is vital that you sign in.

Remain in the designated area until further instructions are given by the incident commander. No one will be allowed to return to the classroom or leave until emergency sercives have deemed the site safe.



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 COMPASS notification.
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.**

Emergency Procedures:
In the next few weeks we will be holding school fire drills. As a part of this process all students, staff and visitors on site are required to evacuate the buildings and relocate on the school oval or in the Library. During these times all students, staff and visitors need to follow evacuation procedures. Following in the newsletter are the steps on what to do if you are on site when an evacuation takes place.
In the event that we have an emergency, our first priority is to ensure that the students are safe and call for support through 000 and the DET Emergency Management number. As soon as 000 are called the media will be aware of our emergency. With social media and police scanners, you may be aware of the incident before we have had time to communicate with you. As stated, our first priority is to ensure all student, staff and visitors are safe. At our earliest convenience we will make contact with families either via phone, COMPASS or email.

Families can stay informed by monitoring warnings through the free VicEmergency app, via the VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226), and listening to emergency broadcasters. Avoid travelling near fire zones unless absolutely necessary and always follow the advice of emergency services.

BRMC
Ballarat Regional Multicultural Council

Moorabool Shire Council

We invite community members to a

Summer Emergency Safety Session

SES

🗓️ Date: Saturday 24 October, 2026
🕒 Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm
📍 Location: West Maddingley Early Years & Community Hub
26 McCormacks Road, Maddingley
🍰 Afternoon tea provided
No registration required - just show up!

Prepare yourself and your family for a safe and enjoyable summer!

Our FREE Summer Emergency Safety Session will cover information for:
Heat
Water Safety
Fire Safety

CFA

👮 Featuring emergency service members:
CFA, SES, Victoria Police
DEECA, Ambulance Vic, St John's

⭐ Free emergency planning kits for all attendees!
Includes planning information/torch/powerbank

All community members are welcome. Let's work together to ensure a safe summer for everyone.

For more information, contact the Emergency Management Team at Moorabool Shire Council on 5366 7100.

Stay safe, stay informed, and enjoy your summer!

St John

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