



WEEK 10 TERM 3

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back, everyone, to Term 4. It is a little unnerving to know that we are now in the 'home stretch' towards the end of the year! I hope everyone was able to relax, enjoy the varying weather and spend some quality time with family and friends.

A big welcome to Danya, Caleb and their family as they join our school community.

Danya is in Grade 4 and will join the Grade 4/5/6 class.

Caleb is in Grade 2 and will join Miss O'Brien's class.

We look forward to getting to know both Danya and Caleb and making them feel welcome at Coimadai Primary School.

Holiday Works

During the holidays, it was a hive of activity around the school, with a number of important maintenance and improvement tasks completed.

A new concrete footpath was installed beside Room B, termite treatment was carried out, and the garden surrounding the school library was removed. The library is our designated shelter-in-place area for emergencies, and these works have been undertaken to further improve the safety and accessibility of this area. A more detailed explanation of the work can be found on page 2 of the newsletter.

Grade 4/5/6 Melbourne Camp

All students in Grades 4–6 will be attending the Melbourne Camp from Monday 19th October to Wednesday 21st October.

A huge thank you to Mrs Ewings, Baillie Terry and Glen Campbell for making themselves available to attend this camp. Giving up your personal time to attend camp and care for 26 students is a mammoth task, and we are extremely grateful for your commitment to our students and their learning. Students will meet at Bacchus Marsh Train Station and will depart on the 9:19am train. Students need to be at the train station by 9:00am.

Students will return on Wednesday 21 October, departing Southern Cross Station at 1:56pm and arriving at Bacchus Marsh at approximately 2:41pm. Students will be responsible for carrying their own luggage from the time we leave Bacchus Marsh Train Station until we return. I strongly advise that students have luggage with wheels and that all belongings fit into one bag.

Maintenance man

Paul Antenello has been hired as our school's maintenance man. Paul will work around 1 day a fortnight and will complete gardening and small maintenance tasks around the school. Please make him feel welcome to our community.

Car Park Rules

All parents and carers are once again asked to be mindful of the school's car park rules.

The speed limit is 10km/hr in the driveway and 5km/hr in the car park.

If you reverse park your car, please ensure that the tow bar does not extend over the footpath, as this can create a tripping hazard for pedestrians.

Thank you for helping us keep our school grounds safe for everyone.



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.

Uniform

The cool mornings and warm afternoons associated with Spring weather often sees students take off their jumpers and jackets. Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled so that lost items can be returned to their owner. Correct uniform should always be worn. Socks need to be white or black. Jackets and jumpers, other than the school's uniform are not to be worn unless permission has been granted by the principal.

Crazy Camel Fundraising

The parents and Friends will be in contact with all families who participated in the Crazy Camel Fundraising event last term. The school will create invoices and these will be sent out to each family. Payments will be made to the school and then the school will make one final payment to the company. If you have any questions regarding this event please see either myself, Alice Harrison or Jo Cornish.

Have a wonderful week ahead,

Maira Ross

Shelter-in-Place Bushfire Safety Works

Dear parents, carers and members of our school community,

As part of our school's bushfire preparedness activities, works are happening on or around our designated Shelter-in-Place building (the school Library) and may continue into early Term 4.

These works are being carried out to help ensure our Shelter-in-Place facilities remain suitable for use during the bushfire season and continue to support the safety of students, staff and visitors in the event we need to enact our emergency management procedures.

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) is working with us to carry out these works in a way that minimises disruption.

The works include:

- Vegetation clearance and management
- Minor maintenance and site improvement works
- Other activities designed to improve the preparedness and functionality of Shelter-in-Place facilities

For schools like ours located in bushfire-risk areas, vegetation must be cleared within 10 metres of our Shelter-in-Place building. The building has been fitted with special mesh so that sparks and embers can not take hold and ignite. The entrance way to the Library has been painted with fire retardant paint to help make the building safer.

We will work with VSBA to consider how best to redesign the garden beds so that our school's landscape is not left ugly and barren.

We appreciate your support and cooperation as these important safety-related works are completed.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the works, please contact me.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Kind regards,
Moir Ross

Important dates

Bike Education

October

5th Term 4 begins
19th - 21st Melbourne Camp
24-25th Bacchus Marsh Flower Show
27th School Council meeting 7:00pm
28th School Photo Day
29th Bike education

November

3rd Melbourne Cup
11th Remembrance 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

Bike Education will take place from Week 4 - Week 8 in Term 4. Now is the time to dust off your bike, oil the chain and adjust the seat height if necessary. The school does have a set of bikes if your child has out grown their bike or does not own one. Please come and see me if a bike needed.



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.





Zara, Isabella, Be,
Arya

WE HOPE YOU HAVE AN
AMAZING TIME CELEBRATING
YOUR SPECIAL DAY WITH
FAMILY AND FRIENDS DURING
THE HOLIDAYS.



READING NIGHTS AWARD

50 Nights Reading

75 Nights Reading

Leo, Eden B

100 Nights Reading

125 Nights Reading

150 Nights Reading

175 Nights Reading

Charlie

200 Nights Reading

225 Nights Reading

250 Nights Reading

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Arthur - For working well in the Kitchen-Garden program to remove and relocate soil to make new garden beds.

Memphis- For discovering and sharing interesting facts about platypuss during investigations.

Zayne - For settling back into our classroom routines after being away and for showing a wonderful attitude towards learning.

Ivy for always demonstrating our school values.

Isabella - For great work on her Asia- Pacific Neighbours Project.

Rhyder - for using eye-catching designs in his Asia- Pacific Neighbours Project.





GET FIRE READY

Know Your Risk

Understand your local
risk and how to prepare.

DATE: Sunday 25th October

TIME: 11am - 1pm

**LOCATION: Coimadai CFA station
Russells Road Coimadai**

Join us for a sausage sizzle and chat with your local
volunteer about how to stay safe this summer

**Coimadai
Fire
Brigade**





DOGS CONNECT EXPECTATIONS

1

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!

3

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



CIRCLE OF SECURITY

CONNECTING FAMILIES (FORMERLY EARLYHELP)

In Partnership with Salvation Army Ballarat,
Catholicare and Grampians Health

A FREE 8-week program that aims to help
parents or carers explore fostering healthy
attachment with their children.

GROUP INFORMATION:

Date: Wednesdays starting 21 October

Time: 10.30am -12.30pm

Location: 515 Chisholm Street Ballarat

For referral contact us:
Family.support@cafs.org.au

COURSE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Discussions
- ✓ Child Development
- ✓ Emotion Coaching
- ✓ Parenting Techniques/Supports



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DADS BABY BAG

CONNECTING FAMILIES (FORMERLY EARLYHELP)

A FREE 6-week program that aims to help male parents or carers to explore attachment, developmental needs and positive relationship.

Group Information:

Date: Thursdays starting October 22nd

Time: 10 -12 pm

Location: 515 Chisholm Street Black Hill

For referral contact us:
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COURSE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Development
- ✓ Positive Relationship
- ✓ Practical Infant Care
- ✓ Parenting Techniques/Supports



DADS TOOL KIT

CONNECTING FAMILIES (FORMERLY EARLYHELP)

A FREE 8-week program that aims to help male parents or carers to explore attachment, developmental needs and positive relationship.

Group Information:

Date: Tuesdays starting 13th October

Time: 10.30-12.30pm

Location: 515 Chisholm Street Black Hill

For referral contact us:
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COURSE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Development
- ✓ Positive Relationship
- ✓ Emotional Regulation
- ✓ Parenting Techniques/Supports





TUNING INTO KIDS

CONNECTING FAMILIES (FORMERLY EARLYHELP)

A FREE 6-week program that aims to help parents or carers to understand their Child's emotional needs.

GROUP INFORMATION:

Date: Mondays starting 19th October

Time: 6.30pm - 8pm

Location: Online

For referral contact us:
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COURSE INCLUDES:



Child Development



Emotion Coaching



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TUNING INTO TEENS

CONNECTING FAMILIES (FORMERLY EARLYHELP)

A FREE 6-week program that aims to help parents or carers to understand their Teens' emotional needs.

GROUP INFORMATION:



Date: Thursdays starting 22nd October

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Location: Online

For referral contact us:
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COURSE INCLUDES:



Child Development



Emotion Coaching



Parenting Techniques/Supports



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TUNING INTO TODDLERS

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A FREE 6-week program that aims to help parents or carers to understand their toddlers' emotional needs.

GROUP INFORMATION:

Date: Mondays starting 19th October

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm

Location: 515 Chisholm Street Ballarat

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COURSE INCLUDES:



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