



WEEK 10 TERM 3

Dear Parents and Carers,
The warmer weather has arrived and our policy of hats must be worn in Term 4 will be enforced. Hats can be purchased at the Uniform Shop in Bacchus Marsh. There are a few spare hats for any Grade 6 student who has lost their hat. No Hat - play is limited in the yard to undercover.

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. In the past many families have seen the increased confidence in their children's bike riding skills and have used the opportunity as a great time for a Christmas present.

School Photos

Wednesday the 28th is School Photo Day. All orders will go through the app, that was sent home via Compass. Please see the information flyer on page 6 of this newsletter.

Melbourne Camp

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

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 depart Southern Cross Station at 1:56pm and arriving at Bacchus Marsh station at approximately 2:41pm on Wednesday the 21st of October.

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.

Remembrance Day

Unfortunately, there will be no Remembrance 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.

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.



Crazy Camel Fund Raiser

On Tuesday, 7 October, the Coimadai PS portal will open. Families can access the portal using the QR code provided on the information sheet sent home last week. Orders must be finalised by the 28th of October.

All children participated in the drawing activity, and there is no obligation to purchase any products. The decision to purchase is entirely up to each family. Payments will be made online.

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

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.

Important dates

October

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

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.





Bailey & Everleigh

WE HOPE YOU HAD AN AMAZING
TIME CELEBRATING YOUR
SPECIAL DAY WITH FAMILY AND
FRIENDS.



READING NIGHTS AWARD

75 Nights Reading

Rivenlea

100 Nights Reading

125 Nights Reading

Eeli

150 Nights Reading

175 Nights Reading

Jack K. Oakley

200 Nights Reading

Kyden, Lincoln D.

225 Nights Reading

Amelia, Benji, Iris

250 Nights Reading

Pippa, Mark

275 Nights Reading

Juliet, Lucy

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Caleb - For doing a great job of settling into the Grade One/Two classroom.

Watton - For being a wonderful student and showing our school values.

Jax - For making a confident start to the term and settling back into routines.

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

Evie - For always showing her great sense of humour in every situation.

Eden S. - For writing an excellent persuasive sentence.

Isabella - For her great work on her Asia- Pacific neighbours project.

Ivy - For always demonstrating our school values.





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.



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!

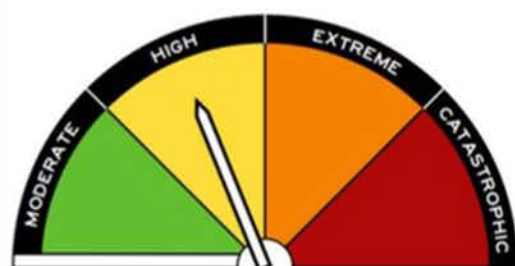
3

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



Fire danger ratings are a forecast

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



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

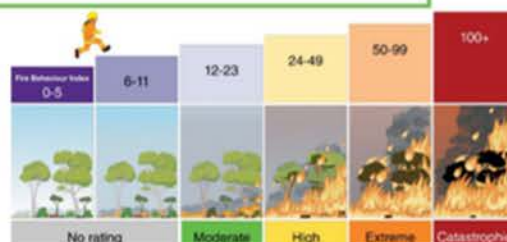
EXTREME

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.

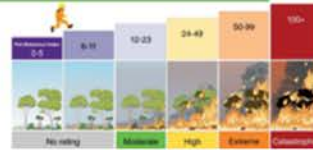
If the emergency alarm is sounded, please evacuate immediately (external to the oval- the road end, internally to the Library) via the most direct route.

Once in the designated area, staff will ensure that all personnel 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 services have deemed the site safe.



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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.