



## WEEK 4 TERM 1

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to speak with staff at our recent parent teacher interviews. By working in partnership and sharing knowledge and skills we are able to create the best learning opportunities for our children. The school has an open door policy where teachers welcome parents to pop in of a morning or afternoon for a quick chat. If you feel that a longer meeting time is required then we ask that you book in a mutual time to meet.

### Parents and Friends

The 2026 AGM and first meeting of the year for Parents and Friends was held on Wednesday. I would like to congratulate the newly formed 2026 committee; **Jo Cornish - President, Kyrie Harris - Vice President and Deb Ford as Treasurer**. Many activities, fundraising and social events are being planned for the year.

The next meeting will be held this week on Friday at 9:00am when child safety procedures/ training will be explained. Please see these lovely ladies if you would like to offer your support.

### Billabong Ranch Camp - Grades 2 and 3

The Grade 2/3. camp to Billabong Range, Echuca will now take place from the 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> of August. Please note the change of dates on your calendar.

### Second hand uniforms

The school has a small uniform shop/cupboard to sell second hand uniforms for \$2 an item. The stock is donated by families and so is limited. If your child has out grown their uniform then please consider donating to our supply. If you would like to purchase an item please ask at the office and we will open up the cupboard.

### Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian Government's CSEF supports eligible families with costs associated with camps, excursions and sporting activities. Eligible families may receive \$400 per child, paid directly to the school. You may be eligible if you hold a valid concession card or support a child in Out of Home Care. Special consideration applies for asylum seeker and refugee families.

New applicants should contact the office or download the application form from the Victorian Government website. Families who applied last year do not need to reapply unless circumstances have changed.

### Book Fair

Our Book Fair has been set for May 5th-9<sup>th</sup> May.

### Cyber Safety Program

Bacchus Marsh Bendigo Community Bank and Bacchus Marsh Blue Light Community have partnered to provide cyber safety education for students and parents across the Bacchus Marsh community. Thanks to the generous funding from Bendigo Bank, all families can participate in The Inform and Empower Cyber Safety Program at no cost. Thanks to generous funding from Bendigo Bank, all families can participate in The Inform and Empower Cyber Safety Program at no cost.



- Students will participate in sessions at school throughout the year with corresponding information being sent home for families to continue discussing
- Parents are invited to attend an information session at the Shire Hall, Bacchus Marsh on Thursday 26 February 7:00pm.

Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter

### School Council

School nominations closed on Friday and we were very fortunate to receive 3 nominations for the 3 vacant positions. Jess Cassar, Stevie Fisher and Ebony Kelly will join the team in 2026 and I thank them for stepping up and offering their time and talents to our group.

The 2026 AGM and first School Council Meeting will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 7:30pm in the school Library.

Newsletters can be found on the school's web site if you missed out on reading previous issues.

<https://www.coimadaips.vic.edu.au/>

Have a wonderful week,  
Moira Ross

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Benji, Genivieve, Lincon G. Lincoln D.  
Leo and Poppy

We hope you had a wonderful day  
celebrating your special day.

# READING NIGHTS AWARD

*25 Nights Reading*

Juliet	Ella
Genevieve	Iris
Lucy	Hayley
Everleigh	Poppy
Mark	

## Principal's Awards

ROBERT	JACK F
ARYA	ALEXIS
RIVENLEA	LEO
EDEN B.	ORLA



## Important Dates

- 17th School Review
- 26<sup>th</sup> Inform and Empower Parent Information Night
- 27th BMPSSA Swimming Carnival

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Clean Up Australia Day for Schools
- 3rd March Proposed School Council Meeting
- 9th March Labour day - Public Holiday
- 11th NAPLAN testing begins
- 31st Small Schools Sports Day - Mason Lane

### April

- 2nd School dismissed at 2:30 for Term 1 holidays
- 3rd Good Friday - Public Holiday School holidays begin
- 20th Term 2 begins
- 28th BMPSSA Athletics Carnival for Years 4/5/6

### May

- 8th BMPSSA Cross Country Carnival
- 8th Mother's Day morning activities

### June

- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Gr 5 Sovereign Hill Excursion
- 12th Winter Sports Years 4/5/6
- 15th -25th whole School Swimming Program
- 2th School dismissed at 2:30pm for Term 2 Holiday

### July

- 13th Term 3 commences

### August

- 12-15<sup>th</sup> Billabong Ranch Camp, Echuca -Grades 2 and 3
- 28<sup>th</sup> Summer Sports Years 4/5/6

### September

- 2nd Father's Day BBQ breakfast
- 18th School dismissed 2:30 for Term 3 holidays

### October

- 5th Term 3 begins
- 19th - 21<sup>st</sup> Melbourne Camp Years 4/5/6
- 28<sup>th</sup> School Photo Day

### December

- 18th Last day of the school year



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Community Bank  
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Seminar for Primary School  
Parents & Carers:

**Thurs 26 Feb**  
**7.00 – 9.00 pm**

Public Hall  
Main St, Bacchus Marsh

Presented by

**INFORM&EMPOWER**  
Cyber Safety & Digital Wellbeing

Seminar for Secondary  
College Parents & Carers:

**Thurs 5 March**  
**7.00 – 9.00 pm**

Bacchus Marsh Grammar  
Maddingley Campus

Presented by

**CYBER SAFETY PROJECT**

Sessions suitable for parents/carers only

Register to attend  
[bit.ly/bacchus2026](https://bit.ly/bacchus2026)