



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,
Camp week has finally arrived for our Grade 2, 3 and 4 students, and the excitement and anticipation are certainly building. On Wednesday, they will head off to Billabong Ranch for a three-day adventure camp filled with fun, learning and new experiences.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of exciting activities, including the commando course, low ropes course, orienteering, first aid sessions, bungee trampolining, horse grooming, mini golf, archery, campfires, rock wall climbing and night walks, along with many other adventures on offer.

A sincere thank you to Mr Dean, Miss O'Brien, Trish Beardsley, Brooke Mc Grath and Baillee Terry for generously giving their time to accompany our students on camp. Their willingness to support this experience is greatly appreciated, and we thank them for helping to make this a memorable and rewarding opportunity for our students.

Kid's Day Out Monday 17th August

Students and teachers have been eagerly practising and preparing for this year's Kid's Day Out Concert. The concert will be held at the Bacchus Marsh Shire Hall. This is a concert for students to perform for students only - No parents. To enable us to continue offering this wonderful event free of charge, we ask that all students be dropped off and collected from the Shire Hall.

The school's minibus will be available for families who are unable to provide transport. **If your family requires transportation from school, please return the permission form as soon as possible so that buses and staffing can be organised.**

Book Week Parade

Thursday 27th August

It's time to start thinking about this year's Book Week costume! Students are encouraged to begin planning a costume inspired by their favourite book character. We always look forward to seeing the creativity and enthusiasm that our students bring to this special event.

STEAM Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) Friday 4th September

More information about our STEAM Fair will be sent home over the coming weeks. We look forward to showcasing our students' creativity, problem-solving and innovation as they share their learning with families and the wider school community.

Father's Day Breakfast

A sausage sizzle breakfast will be held on Wednesday the 2nd of September at 9:00pm. More information in this event will be sent home in the coming weeks but we ask that all families mark this special event on the calendar.

Crazy Hair/ Crazy Sock Day

Friday 18th September

Inform and Empower

Our Grade 1/2 students had a fantastic time taking part in another Inform and Empower session, where they learnt all about keeping their personal information safe online. Together, we explored what information is safe to share and what should always be kept private when using the internet. With the support of Mrs. Marshall, students joined a live online session with schools from across Victoria. They loved answering questions by scanning QR codes and seeing how their responses compared with students from other schools. It was an engaging and interactive way to reinforce their learning. There was also a fun moment when Marty had a little trouble saying Coimadai Primary School! Our students always get excited when they hear our school mentioned and were proud to represent Coimadai while learning valuable skills to help them stay safe online.

Included in this week's newsletter are parent information sheets to complement the Inform and Empower sessions. These have been sent home via news items on COMPASS but are included here for your convenience.



Principal's Day was celebrated on Friday and I was greeted with many hugs, smiles and cheerful "Happy Principal Day!" wishes. I was also treated to a lovely morning tea and presented with beautiful arrangement of flowers. Working at Coimadai is a privilege and I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a wonderful school community. I sincerely thank all the students, families and staff who contribute to making my working days so rewarding and enjoyable.

Thank you. Have a great week,
Moira Ross

Important dates

August

11th SSG meetings for
5TH SSG meetings for Gr 1/2
11th SSG meetings for Gr 3/4
12-14th Billabong Ranch Camp, Echuca
13th Western Bulldogs football clinic
17th Moorabool Kid's Day Out - Shire Hall
27th Book Parade
28th Summer Sports Years 4/5/6
31st Ecolinc - Girls in STEM program

September

2nd Father's Day Stall
2nd Father's Day BBQ breakfast
8th School Council meeting 7:00pm
18th School dismissed 2:30 for Term 3 holidays

October

5th Term 4 begins
19th - 21st Melbourne Camp
27th School Council meeting 7:00pm
28th School Photo Day

November

11th Remembrance Day
13th Pony Poo BBQ

December

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



Kitchen /Garden

Our Kitchen Garden Program is off to a wonderful start! Over the first few weeks of term, the younger students have been working hard on designing their very own greenhouse and have enjoyed making delicious rainbow salads together. As we continue our gardening adventures, we hope to spend some time working in the garden this week if weather permits.

We kindly ask that students come dressed in casual clothes and shoes that are suitable for getting a little dirty.

Thank you for your support!

Principal's Awards

Juliet - For applying herself to tasks in the classroom.

Eden - For her exceptional understanding about information texts.

Leo - For using his own strategies to help himself focus.

Liam - For his enthusiastic attitude during fluency partner work.

Evie -For always being a supportive friend.

Billee C -For assisting Mrs Miller in the classroom.





READING NIGHTS AWARD

25 Nights Reading

No birthdays this week.

50 Nights Reading

75 Nights Reading

Zara

100 Nights Reading

125 Nights Reading

Harper

150 Nights Reading

Eden S. Billee C.

175 Nights Reading

Amelia

200 Nights Reading

Ella

225 Nights Reading

Juliet, Hayley



Here's what we covered:

- We have options to help us navigate uncomfortable situations online.
 - Take a screenshot
 - Block or report
 - Take a break
 - Talk to a trusted adult
- Snitching or dobbing is about trying to get someone into trouble. Help-seeking (or being an upstander) is about trying to get yourself (or someone else) out of trouble.
- Consent means giving permission. Before sharing a photo, video or anything about someone else online, we need to ask for permission and wait for a clear yes.



Some conversation starters:

- Has a friend ever mentioned feeling uncomfortable or upset about something online?
- If you ever feel uncomfortable or upset about something online, what are some options you have?
- Aside from me (parent/carer), where else could you go for help and support? (Other adults & Kids Helpline website)
- How could you be an upstander when you see someone else being made to feel uncomfortable online?

Further Support:



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kids helpline
anytime.any reason.



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Some conversation starters:

- Can you think of a time when you, or someone you know, felt uncomfortable online?
- Have you ever been on the Kids Helpline website? Let's check it out together.
- Have you ever had to block or report another user? What happened?
- Have you ever seen other people act as an upstander online? What did they do?
- Why do you think it's important to get consent before sharing a somebody's photo or video?

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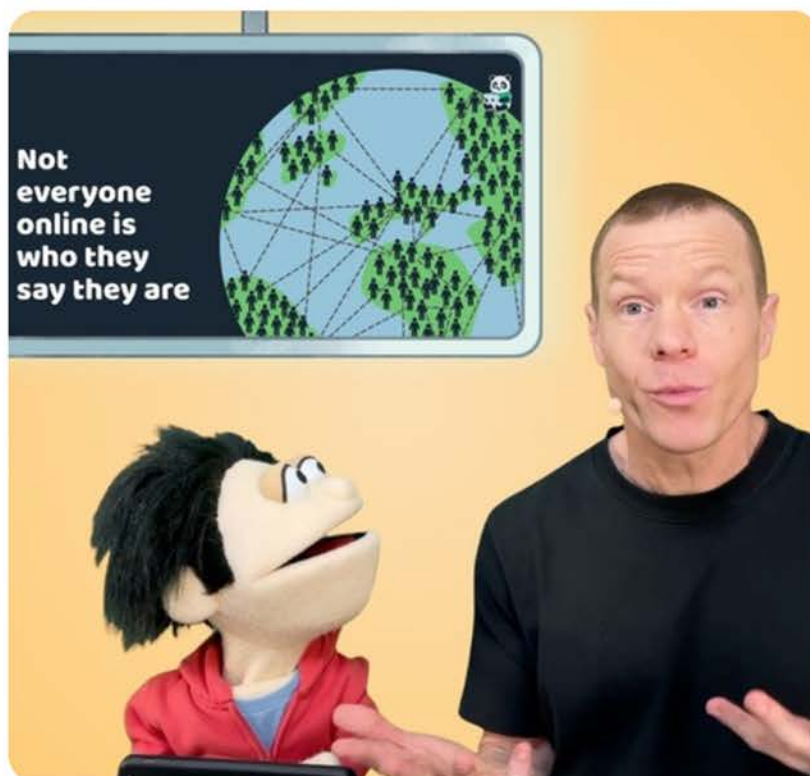
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Here's what we covered:

- There are some types of information we need to keep private online, such as our name, address, school, passwords, and photos.



- If someone online asks us for personal information, we need to tell a trusted adult, who can help us block and report them.
- We need to keep our personal information private because the internet can be accessed by everyone, and not everyone is a trusted person.



Some conversation starters:

- Let's look at your usernames, passwords and profiles together and see how safe they are.
- What should you do if someone in a game or app asks us for personal information, such as your name, address, or photos?
- If you were playing an online game with a player called "pinktiger12", how old do you think this person could be? Boy? Girl? Man? Woman? Safe? Unsafe?



Listen to all of our songs by searching for "Ollie Online" on Spotify, Apple Music or YouTube.

Here's what we covered:

- Our screen is like a big city - it can sometimes be unsafe or confusing.
- Not everything on our screen is safe or meant for us.



- Trusted adults can help keep us safe when we're having screen time.



Some conversation starters:

- Why do we always hold a trusted adult's hand when crossing the road?
- How can screen time sometimes feel like being in a busy city?
- What does "confused" mean? Have you ever felt confused while using your screen? What did you do?
- Listen to My Screen is Like a City & Trusted Adults



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