The Rural Review



Coimadai Primary School
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WEEK 6 TERM 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, Miss Williamson, Sue and 10 students will attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Bacchus Marsh RSL. Our school captains, Mark, Eden and Ben, will lay a wreath of flowers on behalf of our school community.
All students will receive a handmade poppy in recognition of this special day. These beautiful poppies have been generously made and donated by local resident Bev Rogers. Our students will wear their poppies with pride, and we sincerely thank Bev for her thoughtful and generous contribution to our school.

On Thursday, Lachlan and Juliet will attend a special morning tea and meeting with local principals from the Bacchus Marsh district, members of the Blue Light Committee and the Bendigo Bank Board.
Lachlan and Emmaly will present speeches on behalf of all children in Bacchus Marsh to thank Bendigo Bank for renewing its generous donation of $90,000 over the next three years. This wonderful contribution will ensure that all primary school students and their parents have the opportunity to attend the Inform and Empower incursions free of charge.
We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support of our local community and the organisations that continue to provide valuable opportunities for our students.

This week notes will go home explaining the Parent Payment Plans for 2027. The plan includes book lists for for all students. Familes can choose to purchase all book list items themselves or purchase the book list through Ka Ka Kids. The portal for Coimadai PS is listed on the Parent Payment Plan letter. Please ensure that you place your order before the portal closes as no late orders will be taken.

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. Plots of land will go on sale this week for $10 per square. Please see either Moira or Alice to purchase your land. Remember first prize is a whopping $500. First in will get to secure their preferred numbers so do not delay in buying your plots of land.
Parents and Friends will be running a BBQ on the night. The basic sausage in bread will be $3.00. Hamburgers will sell for $5.00. Lettuce, cheese, tomatoes and pickles available so you can build a scruptious burger. Drinks will be available for $2.00 and there will have a lucky dip for the kid.



Add in bags of lollies and face painting, it is all adding up to be a fabulous night for all. Instructions on how the night is run is included in this newsletter. A note for catering will be sent home today so please check your child's bag tonight. We would appreciate all dinner orders to be in by Thursday.
Have a wonderful week ahead,

Moira Ross

Important dates

11th Rememberance Day
12 Blue Light / Bendigo Bank Presentation
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







Vida and Kaylee



READING NIGHTS AWARD

75 Nights Reading

100 Nights Reading

Xavier

125 Nights Reading

Billie Mc

150 Nights Reading

Vida

175 Nights Reading

200 Nights Reading

Lachlan



225 Nights Reading

Billee

250 Nights Reading

275 Nights Reading

Iris

300 Nights Reading

Principal awards

Lucy - For consistently producing work of a high standard and demonstrating care, effort and pride in all her work.

Juliet - For working consistently to be a mindful friend.

Harper - For making a great rebuttal argument.

Samar - For looking out and caring for her family whilst at school. Your kindness makes us very proud.

Kaylee - For showing incredible strength, courage and kindness even through difficult times.

Eeli - For working hard to develop his writing skills and improve the quality of his work.

Jax - For being a helpful friend during Art.

Charlie - for not giving up and improving his bike riding skills.



The name of the game is Pony POO.



Winning is easy

The rules are simple. If the horse poos in your square you win $500.

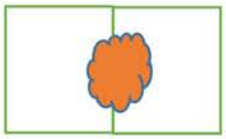
Instructions:

1. Buy a square plot of land in our paddock for $10 per plot.
2. Place 1 horse in a paddock.
3. Sit back and enjoy your BYO picnic dinner with family and friends at school.
4. Wait until the horse does its business.
5. You are the lucky winner if the horse poos on you. (your square - not you literally)

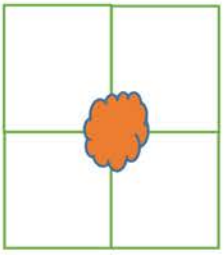
Rules of the game:

Ifthe horse poops in your square, you win $500.





Ifthe horse poops over two squares, the owners share $250 each.



Ifby chance the horse poops in a corner, then you guessed right,

4people win $125 each.

The office has a spread sheet of available plots of land for sale.

Buy a piece of land for the bargain price of $10, join in the fun, support your school and take a chance on winning. Plots of land will be sold prior to the night, so if you are unable to attend on Friday the 13th of November you can still join in the fun and excitement. The competition is open to all family and friends of the Coimadai PS community.

Please see Moira if you have any questions inregards to the night.



Name:_____

Plot number if available: _____

Names to own each plot: _____

I wish to purchase _____ plots of Land.

Money enclosed: _____ Please deduct money from my account: _____

Heading: Protecting against mosquito-borne diseases

Warm and wet weather can result in greater numbers of mosquitoes and an increased risk of illness from mosquito bites. While the overall risk in Victoria is currently low, some mosquitoes may be carrying diseases that make people sick.
The best protection against mosquito-borne illness is to avoid mosquito bites.
Families can protect against mosquito bites by:
making mosquito protection part of getting ready to go outside, just like sunscreen and a hat
covering up as much as possible with long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing
applying insect repellent that contains picaridin or DEET on exposed skin when outdoors
limiting outdoor activities at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are often most active
cleaning up and removing containers and items around the home that may hold water where mosquitoes may breed.

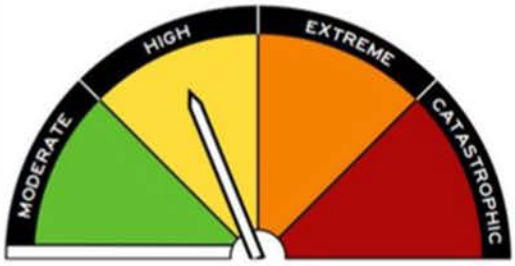
Families with any health concerns should see their doctor or phone Nurse-on-Call: 1300 606 024 (available 24 hours).
Free Japanese encephalitis vaccines
Japanese encephalitis virus is spread to humans through bites from infected mosquitoes. It can cause a rare but potentially serious infection of the brain.
A free vaccine is available to eligible Victorians at higher risk of the virus.
For more information, including vaccine eligibility, refer to the Department of Health's Japanese encephalitis webpage.

Find out more
For more information on protecting against mosquito-borne diseases, families can refer to the following Better Health Channel pages:
Mosquitoes can carry diseases

Protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease, including a handy checklist to help reduce mosquito breeding sites at home and resources translated into other languages.
Japanese encephalitis virus.

Fire danger ratings are a forecast

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



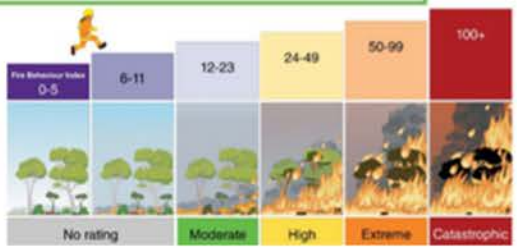
MODERATE
Plan and prepare

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.



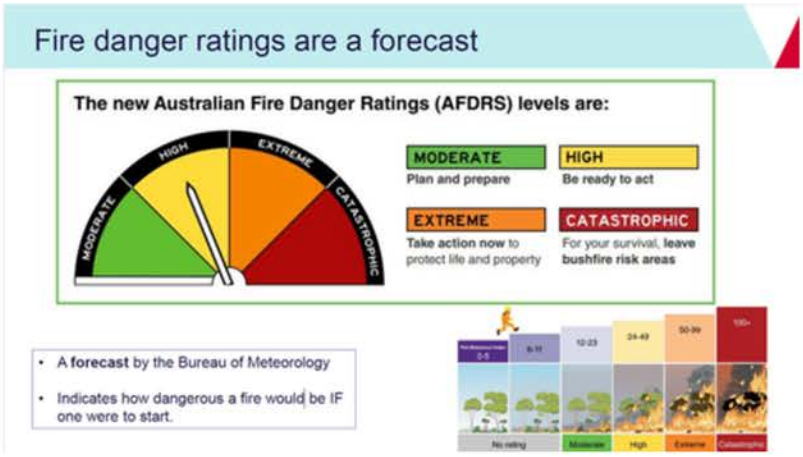
In the event of an emergency

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.