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Balliang East Primary School Newsletter

6th February 2024

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Check Your Child's Bag!!

Forms sent home this week:

Contact Detail Form – due Friday 9th Feb
Pink Stumps attendance – Due Friday 16th Feb
School Council self-nomination forms – Due Friday 16th Feb
Glasses For Kids Consent – Due Friday 8th March

Great Start:

Congratulations to all the students for having such a settled start to 2024. Everyone's behaviour has been perfect, the classrooms and the playground are calm and the students are focused and happy. Well done parents on preparing your children for the school year and setting such a positive example to your children.

Bush Telegraph & Concert DVD/USB:

Our annual Bush Telegraph (Whole school yearbook) has arrived. All parents who ordered copy at the end of last year can now pay \$12 and collect their magazine. The concert DVD/USB is still on its way.

Parent Information Sessions:

We will be holding **two** Parent Information Sessions this year. The teachers will explain classroom programs, routine and homework expectations. Parents will be encouraged to ask any questions they may have. Both sessions will also include a brief rundown on our schools Code red procedures.

Session 1 – Grade 4 & Grade 5/6 Parents

Wednesday 7th Feb – 3:30pm

Held in the Grade 4 classroom.

Session 2 – Grade Prep/1 & 2/3

Thursday 8th Feb – 3:30pm

Held in the Grade 2/3 classroom.

Prep Days Off:

The Prep children do not attend school on Wednesdays during February – see 'Important Dates' below.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club food has been delivered. We will serve breakfast this Friday from 8:00am – 8:45am.

Pink Stumps Welcome BBQ:

All families received a note yesterday explaining our annual Pink Stumps Welcome BBQ. Families are invited to come along for a sausage sizzle. There will be a fun cricket game for adults and students in Grade 4 upwards. Please add the names of those wanting to play cricket to the note.

The cost of \$5:00 per person attending will entitle them to a sausage and drink. Additional sausages and other food items can be purchased on the night. Please bring cash for these purchases.

The \$5:00 per person payment is to be donated online to the Glenn McGrath Foundation, prior to the night via the link below. Please put your family name with the donation. We will have a check list at the gate to ensure payments have been made.

<https://www.pinkisthecolour.com.au/fundraisers/carynfox>

Last year we raised over \$3000 for the foundation. Let's try to break our record and help those in need. This year's efforts will help support Mrs D as she continues to fight her battle.

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Important Dates:

Principal:
Mrs. Caryn Fox

School Information:
School No: 3787
Phone: 5369 5148 Fax: 5369 5226
BEPS Mobile: 0418 316 148

School Council President:
Joanne Darrington

Every Friday:	Breakfast Club – 8:15 – 8:45 am (starting Friday 9 th Feb)
Wednesday 7 th February:	No Preps Parent Information Session inc. Code Red – 3:30 pm for Grade 4 and Grade 5/6 classrooms
Thursday 8 th February:	Parent Information Session inc. Code Red – 3:30 pm for Grade Prep/1 and Grade 2/3 classrooms
Friday 9 th February:	Check , sign and return Contact Details Form
Monday 12 th February:	Grade 6 'Getting to Know You' night – 3:30-6:00pm
Tuesday 13 th February:	Pancake Day – students will make these for lunch
Wednesday 14 th February:	No Preps
Monday 19 th February:	Professional Practice Day (No students)
Wednesday 21 st February:	No Preps
Friday 23 rd February:	PINK STUMPS Family Welcome BBQ
Wednesday 28 th February:	No Preps
Friday 1 st March:	School Photos Clean up Australia Day
Monday 11 th March:	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 12 th March:	Curriculum Day (No students)
Wednesday 13 th March:	Naplan Starts – Gr 3 & 5
Friday 15 th March:	Sports day – P-6 – Bacchus Marsh.
Monday 18 th March:	School Council
Wednesday 20 th March:	Cyber Safety Info session for parents – time and venue TBC
Thursday 22 nd March:	Ride to School
Thursday 28 th March:	Easter Activities End Term 1 – 2:30pm
Monday 15 th April:	Term 2 starts



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School Council Self-Nomination Forms:

All families received a Self-Nomination Form yesterday. This year, we have 8 vacant positions on School Council. We would love to be able to fill all these positions.

School Council consists of attending 8 meetings a year. These are held at 6:30pm on Zoom so you do not need to drive back to school.

School Councillors are an important part of the functioning of the school. They are involved in decision making, approval of policies, curriculum days etc. and are privy to additional information such as survey results, school plans and future works.

If you are interested in joining, please return the form by the Friday 16th February. Our next meeting will be on Monday 18th March.

Traffic Awareness:

The current works on the corner of School Rd and Bacchus Marsh/Geelong Rd are due to the installation of recycled water pipes which are going past our school. This work should be finished sometime this term. In the meantime, if you are finding the roadworks are holding you up, particularly if you are coming down Ballan Rd, you may wish to turn down Agars Rd and come along School Rd from the opposite direction.

Medications:

A reminder to parents that the staff **will not** administer any medication to students at school other than Ventolin, ADHD medication, hay fever medication and insulin. These students will need to have a parent consent form completed. Any students who require antibiotics, panadol or other medicines, will need to take these at home or parents will need to come to school and give them to their child themselves. **We are not doctors and we will not accept the responsibility of administering the wrong dose.** Parents often ask us to overlook this 'policy' for their child but we refuse to do so.

Asthma Plans:

If your child/ren have asthma, we request that you provide us with a new asthma plan from your doctor. As these plans are only effective for a twelve-month period, all asthma plans must be renewed at the beginning of each year to ensure that we don't miss a renewal date halfway through the year. This is a legal requirement; therefore, we ask that you support us to meet this legislation. Students with Asthma or anaphylaxis must have a Student Health Support Plan which the school provides. These are to be signed by the parents.

CSEF:

Parents holding a Centrelink Card in their name are eligible to claim the Camps Sports and Excursion Fund. Please supply Ms Fairall with a copy of your current Centrelink card.

Classroom Helpers:

Parents are welcome to help in the classroom. Please speak to individual teachers to organise a day that suits. All helpers must have a current Working With Children Check.

Courtesy Reminder:

Parents who need to discuss any issues, concerns etc. with the classroom teacher need to make an appointment. The staff are extremely busy preparing lessons in the mornings and often have staff meetings after school so any 'chat' that is going to take longer than a couple of minutes needs to be scheduled.

Please remember to knock prior to entering any classrooms and do not enter the staffroom until invited as staff are often in discussions and you need to appreciate that student privacy is important.

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ICT Use Agreement/Upcoming Inform and Empower Parent Info Session:

Every year, the students are reminded of the rules associated with correct use of ICT equipment and accessing websites and social media platforms. We have a strong focus on Cybersmart practices which we teach the students to be aware of. This year, we have added cyberbullying awareness to the Agreement and the consequences of inappropriate behaviour towards other students. The students have signed these Agreements and are aware of the consequences, including loss of computer privileges, even if the cyberbullying is done offsite. The effect that nasty comments have on students directly affects their attendance and mental health at school. The students are encouraged to take screenshots of any inappropriate messages they receive and bring them to school so that the staff can discuss and resolve the issues before they become exacerbated. We ask that parents assist us in getting on top of any potential issues.

Raising Kids In A Digital World:

On Wednesday 20th March, the local Bacchus Marsh schools including Balliang East, are teaming up with the Bacchus Marsh Police to present a Cyber Safety Information session. I strongly encourage all parents to put this date in your diaries as you will be astounded by what may be going on under your own rooves.

The flyer is attached below. When you click on the link to register your attendance, please make sure you put our school as your school of choice.

Pancake Day:

Next Tuesday, 13th February, we will be making pancakes for lunch. The students will make these between 11:30am-12:45pm. Parents are welcome to help. Your children will not need lunch on this day unless they don't eat pancakes. There is no cost for this activity.

Curriculum Days:

School Council approved Tuesday 12th March and Friday 7th June as our next two Curriculum Days. Semester two's dates are yet to be decided.

Glasses For Kids Program:

Grade P-3 students brought home consent forms yesterday. The GFK program comes to our school every 4 years and all students who complete the consent will have their eyes tested and will receive new glasses. Older students who missed the program last time or students whose parents or teachers have concerns about are also eligible for free testing. Please ask Mrs Fox for a form if you have a Grade 4-6 students who you would like to have tested.

Please return the consent by Friday 8th March. The program will happen on the 3rd June.

Issue 1 of Bookclub will be sent home this week, please check your child's bag. You can also log on to LOOP to view the catalogue online.
Get \$5 CREDIT for orders over \$35 on Issue 1 to help keep the reading rolling.
START A NEW SERIES from only \$3 to get your child hooked on reading.
50 BONUS BARGAIN BOOKS online at low prices!
Please place orders via LOOP by February 13th.

Issue 1 Out Now!



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Students of the Week Awards:



Jai



Vivek



Nalani



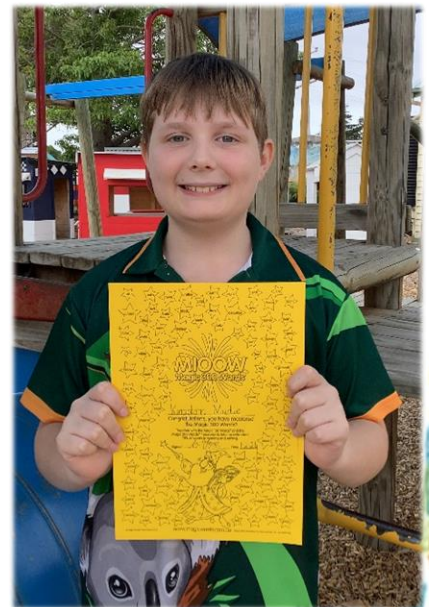
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RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Social Media

Impacts of Screen Time

Online Gaming

Cyber Bullying

Child & Tween Online Trends

Managing Devices in the Home

Explicit/Adult Content

Strengthening Family Communication



Bacchus Marsh Grammar School
(John Lever Gymnasium)
37 Stn Maddingley Rd, Maddingley

Wed 20 March
7.00 pm



Martin McGauran
Primary School Teacher
& Cyber Safety Educator

INFORM & EMPOWER

- 90 minute presentation
- Parents/carers only
- Exclusive access to resources



Register to come along:
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Carley McGauran
Psychologist & Mum to
3 schoolaged kids



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SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information

School Photographs will be taken at

Balliang East Primary School

Friday 1st March 2024

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive your child's 2024 image code

Follow these 3 simple steps -

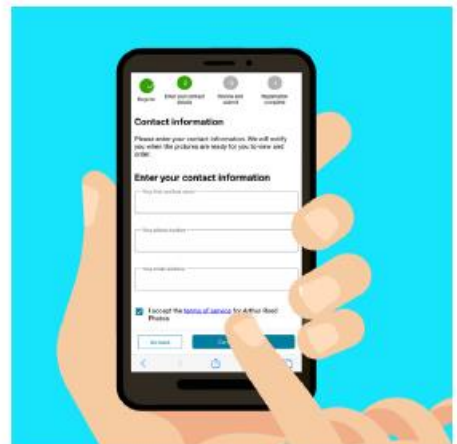
1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2024 image code



2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*



*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

That's it!

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details
When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

• Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads

• Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE

**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024****



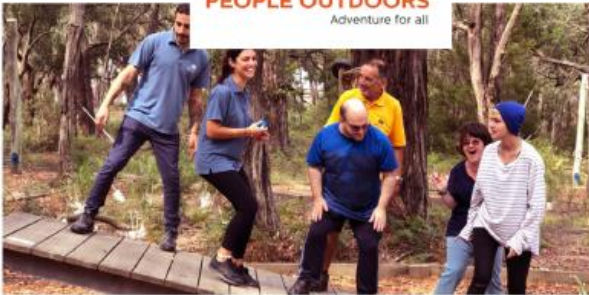
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