

# BEPS

*Balliang East Primary School*  
*Newsletter*



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## **Check Your Child's Bag!!**

### **Forms sent home this week:**

Pink Stumps Attendance – Due Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Payment for Pink Stumps Attendance online – prior to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### **Concert DVD/USB:**

Our concert DVD/USB arrived yesterday. If you ordered one, please come up to the office to collect it. Payment is required prior to collection. DVD \$22, USB \$27. If you haven't collected yours by the end of February it will be offered to other families who have asked for a copy after the cut off date.

**The Bush Telegraph** is still being printed.

### **Prep Days Off:**

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

### **Open Door Policy:**

Our school always welcomes parents to chat with staff however, please make sure you knock and wait to be asked into the classroom, staffroom or office to avoid interrupting confidential conversations or sighting information which may be on our computer screens.

### **Naplan – Grade 3 & 5:**

This year's Naplan online assessments begin on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. All grade 3 & 5 students received a parent information brochure yesterday. Please inform your classroom teacher or Mrs Fox if you would like to withdraw your child from sitting some or all of the assessments.

A practise Naplan session will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## **PINK STUMPS/WELCOME BBQ:**

Our Annual Pink Stumps cricket match and family sausage sizzle will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. A fundraising page with the link for payment was emailed to parents twice last week. Families will be asked to donate \$5:00 per person to the Glen McGrath Breast Cancer Foundation. This will entitle each person to a sausage in bread and a drink. Additional sausages and other pink treats will be available to purchase onsite on the night. There will be merchandise available for purchase.

Please return the note by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb with the number of people attending the names of those who would like to play cricket. Pre-schoolers to Grade 3 students are invited to join in a cricket activity which Ms Condon is organising. This will be on the basketball court and will start at 6:00pm.

### **Raising Kids In A Digital World:**

On **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**, the local Bacchus Marsh schools including Balliang East, are teaming up with the Bacchus Marsh Blue Light Police team to present a **Cyber Safety Information** session called 'Raising Kids in a Digital World' presented by 'Inform and Empower'. 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. **This will be an evening session at the Bacchus Marsh Town Hall at 7:00pm. See attached flyer.**

**Register your attendance at the link below:**

[bit.ly/BacchusParents](http://bit.ly/BacchusParents)

# Important Dates:

Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February:	No Preps
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February:	<b>PINK STUMPS</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February:	School Council Self-nomination Forms due – 4:00pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February:	No Preps
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> of February:	Life Education Incursion
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> of February:	Life Education Incursion
	No Preps
	Inform & Empower – Parent Session -Bacchus Marsh Hall
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March:	Pancake Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March:	Questacon Excursion – Coimadai PS
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March:	Labour Day – Student Free Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March:	Curriculum Day – Student Free Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March:	Naplan Starts Grade 3 and Grade 5
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March:	School Sports Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> of March:	Photo Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> of March:	Ride at School Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> of April:	Term 1 Ends 2:30pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> of April:	Start of Term 2



**PINK STUMPS FAMILY**

**BBQ**

**THIS FRIDAY**

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### Onsite/Virtual NDIS Providers:

Thank you to the families who followed up my request for paperwork to be completed prior to onsite and virtual therapy sessions taking place this year. I still require information from some families including those who have had therapists work here previously. Once I receive the Parent and NDIS consent, I will send home a letter of acceptance and will email the therapist a Licensing Agreement which will need to be completed.

### 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.

### School Council Self-nomination Forms:

School Council Self-nomination forms were emailed to all families yesterday. Please read the email carefully and consider becoming a School Councillor. There are hard copies in the foyer if required. Forms must be in by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 4:00pm.

### Working with Children Check:

The Department have added a Working With Children Check section to the enrolment data that is collected, therefore it is expected that we populate these fields in the electronic system filing system.

Our school practice is that we expect all parents to have a current Working With Children Check. Voluntary cards are free and can be applied for online. Please see Ms Fairall and she will explain the process. When applying could parents, please list our school as the 'Organisation' so that we receive a copy of the paperwork directly from the Department.

### Parent Messenger Group:

Our school has a Parent messenger group if anyone wanted to join. Search **BEPS Parents** on the messenger app to sign up.

### Preps – 2026:

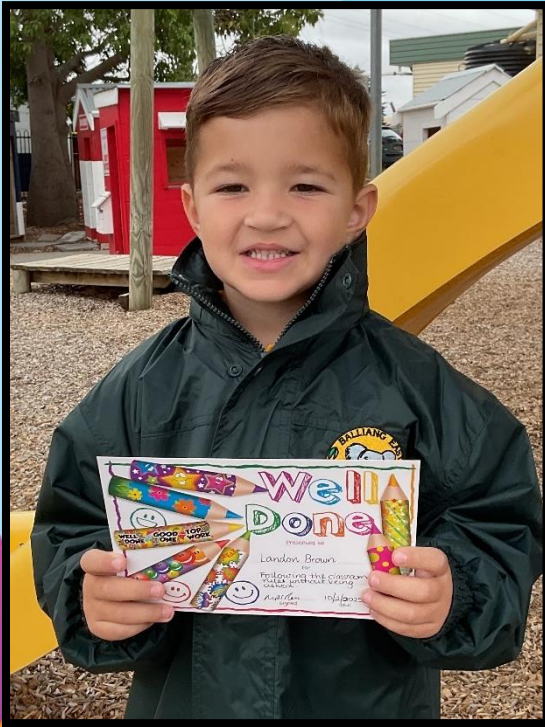
If you have a child starting school in 2026, please come up to the office to collect an Application Form. The 2025 Be PREPared transition dates are not confirmed yet. These will be available soon. If you have friends or neighbours who are interested in our school please encourage them to contact us to arrange a tour.



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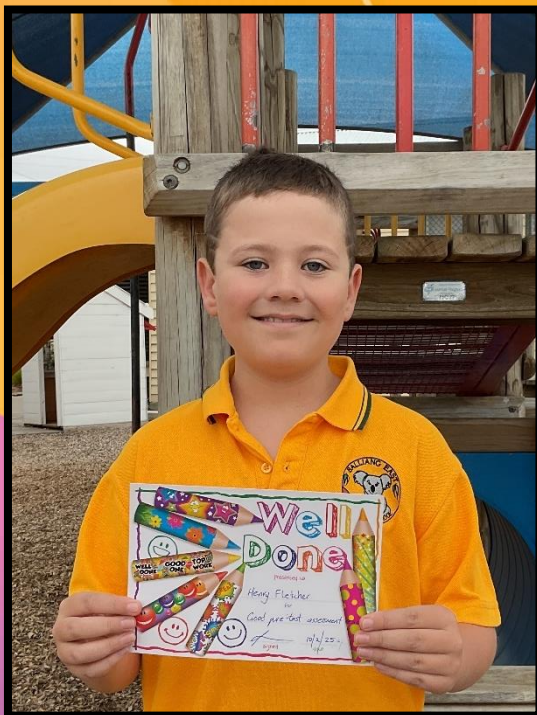
# Students of the Week Awards:



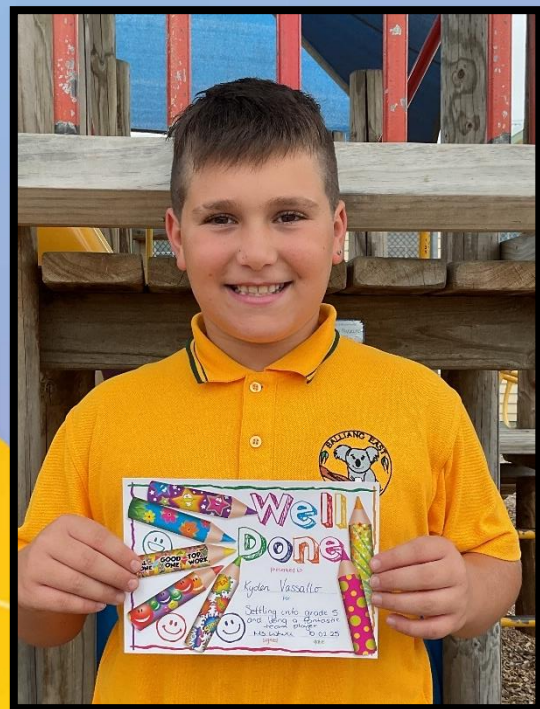
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Henry



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# Getting to know you



## GRADE 6



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Book Club Issue 1 is now open, please look out for the catalogue in your child's bag, or you can access it online: <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/>

In Book Club Issue One:

- Dive into a fantastic range of **Value Packs** on page 13 - there's something for everyone!
- Score up to **3 FREE BOOKS** and boost your collection.
- Discover the hottest **New Bestsellers** starting on page 2.



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club LOOP**  
for Parents

Here are eight easy steps for ordering via LOOP:

- 1 Log in, or create a new account
- 2 Follow the Wizard to set up the child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, select the child's school & class
- 4 Add the child's first name and last initial
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply any promotional codes that have been earned
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Await order arrival at the child's school

**SCHOLASTIC** **BookClub**


- Meet our star of Issue 1, **Ninja Girl**


Please place your order online via Book Club Loop, by **Wednesday February 12th** by following this link and the steps below: <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>

## ENROL NOW 2025

### OUR SERVICE

To provide children with a holistic environment enriched with opportunities which can freely explore and be guided by their own interests and abilities. Through the delivery of our educational program, we strive to provide children with a strong and balanced foundation to approach all future endeavours with confidence and Resilience.





### Maddingley Montessori

Stand Tall, Happy & Proud

## Kindergarten & Long Day Care

### 3 & 4 Year OLD FUNDED KINDERGARTEN

Our program is available five days a week, with flexible session options designed to accommodate your family's schedule. Our Kinder program operates year-round for 50 weeks, ensuring consistent care and learning. We also provide nutritious meals daily, so you can leave the meals to us - giving you one less thing to worry about.

### AGE GROUPS

- Nest - 12 months to 20 months
- Burrow - 20 months to 30 months
- Adventurers - 30 months to 3 yrs
- Discoverers - 3 to 5 yrs
- Explorers - 3 to 5 yrs

**CONTACT US TO BOOK A TOUR OR FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
8547 9585  
[admin@maddingleymontessori.com.au](mailto:admin@maddingleymontessori.com.au)

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# RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents & Carers

Presented by **INFORM&EMPOWER**

Social media

Online gaming

Strengthening family communication

Impacts of screen time

Cyberbullying

Managing devices at home

Child & tween online trends

Explicit/adult content

## Bacchus Marsh Public Hall

207 Main St, Bacchus Marsh

Wednesday 26 February | 7.00 - 8.30 pm



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

\*This session is strictly for parents and carers only as the content is not suitable for children.



Presented by  
Martin McGauran,  
primary teacher and  
**digital safety educator**  
and Carley McGauran,  
**psychologist and mum**  
to 3 school-aged kids.



An evening that provided some reality checks! A few new changes in our home this week! - Parent

Marty and Carley were simply sensational. Their presentation was relevant, honest and informative. A MUST for each school, every year. - Principal

Incredible session... Should be essential for all parents!  
- Parent



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# Occupational Therapy Capacity

Little Fox Children's Therapy is currently accepting OT referrals for children aged 1 to 8 in the Geelong region.

Occupational Therapy can help children and families with the skills below:

**Gross motor skills**

**Fine motor skills**

Social  
connection  
Making friends

**Child development  
& family well-  
being**

**Play**

**Self-care skills:**  
Daily routines  
Toileting  
Sleep  
Mealtime challenges  
Dressing

**Sensory difficulties  
& emotional upsets**

**School  
readiness**

**Regulation**

**Handwriting**

**Little Fox Children's Therapy**

Referrals/Contact us: [www.littlefoxchildrenstherapy.com](http://www.littlefoxchildrenstherapy.com)  
or via email: [admin@littlefoxchildrenstherapy.com](mailto:admin@littlefoxchildrenstherapy.com)



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