

BEPS

Balliang East Primary School
Newsletter



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Check Your Child's Bag!!

Forms sent home this week:

Questacon Science Circus Due: 28th of February.

Mrs Fox away

I will be away from Friday the 21st of Feb and will return on Wednesday the 12th of March. Mr Sautner will be overseeing the school in my absence.

Concert DVD/USB:

Our concert DVD/USB and Bush Telegraphs are here.

If you ordered them please make your payment and collect from the office by the end of February. DVD \$22, USB \$27, Bush Telegraph \$20.

Any unclaimed items will be offered to parents who didn't put in an order but have asked to purchase them.

Prep Days Off:

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

Pink Stumps:

Thank you to everyone who helped make our annual Pink Stumps Welcome BBQ a success. With online donations and sales on the night, we have raised \$2273:60 for the McGrath Foundation. This is a great effort for a school of our size. Well done to a very supportive community.

A special thank you to those businesses who donated to our event:

Bakers Delight Werribee

Back to Bacchus Restaurant

Bacchus Marsh Foodworks

JPA Services

Coles Werribee.

We greatly appreciate your support.

Raising Kids In A Digital World:

On **Wednesday 26th 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

So far, we have had only one family register from our school which is very disappointing. There is a lucky door prize for each school.

Today, the Grade 4/5/6 students were engaged in the Term 1 live stream of Inform and Empower. See flyer below for today's information.

NAPLAN – Grade 3 & 5:

This year's Naplan online assessments begin on Wednesday 12th March. All grade 3 & 5 students received a parent information brochure recently. 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 20th Feb.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 19 th February:	No Preps
Tuesday 25 th of February:	Life Education Incursion
Wednesday 26 th of February:	Life Education Incursion
	No Preps
	Inform & Empower – Parent Session -Bacchus Marsh Hall – 7:00pm. NO STUDENTS.
Tuesday 4 th March:	Pancake Day
Thursday 6 th March:	Questacon Excursion – Coimadai PS
Monday 10 th March:	Labour Day – Student Free Day
Tuesday 11th March:	Curriculum Day – Student Free Day
Wednesday 12 th March:	Naplan Starts Grade 3 and Grade 5
Wednesday 19 th March:	School Sports Day
Friday 21 st of March:	Photo Day
Friday 28 th of March:	Ride at School Day
Friday 4 th of April:	Term 1 Ends 2:30pm
Tuesday 22 nd of April:	Start of Term 2



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School Council Self-nomination Forms:

School Council Self-nomination forms were due today. Nobody has returned their form. If you are still interested please speak to Mrs Fox directly.

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.

Excursion to Coimadai Primary School:

Our school is heading to Coimadai Primary School on Thursday 6th March, to participate in 'Questacon Science Circus'. Parents will need to organise transport to and from the venue. If you need to drop your child earlier, please arrange this with Mr Sautner.

Coimadai is providing a sausage sizzle for lunch. If your child doesn't eat sausages, you will need to pack them their own lunch. Make sure you send a snack and drink. We will take your children's sunhats with us.



YEARS 5/6 | TERM 1, 2025
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS


What did your child learn about at school?

- We all have rights when we're online:
 - to feel safe
 - to block/report other users
 - to seek help
- We all have responsibilities when we're online:
 - to follow the rules (home/school/website/law)
 - to think about the impact of our actions on other people
 - to protect our personal information
- Positive online experiences can impact our wellbeing (in a good way!)



Some conversation starters:

- Have you seen anything online that would make someone feel unsafe? Worried? Upset?
- Apart from me (parent/carer), who else could you talk to if you had concerns online? (Give them permission to talk to a network of trusted adults & Kids Helpline).
- What are your favourite things to do online that make you feel happy or relaxed?



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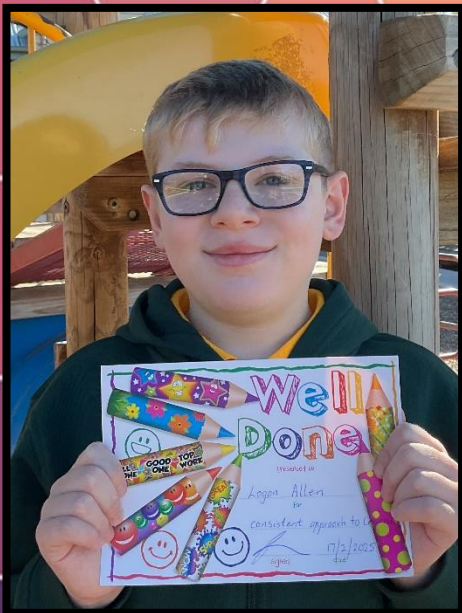
Students of the Week Awards:



Savannah



Loki



Logan



Oskar



Pink Stumps Day



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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

*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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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

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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

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

Sensory difficulties
& emotional upsets

Play

School readiness

Regulation

Handwriting

Little Fox Children's Therapy

Referrals/Contact us: www.littlefoxchildrenstherapy.com
or via email: admin@littlefoxchildrenstherapy.com



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