

# BEPS

*Balliang East Primary School*  
*Newsletter*



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## Check Your Child's Bag!!

**Forms sent home this week:**

Sausage Sizzle Form – **DUE TODAY**

Questacon Science Circus

**Due:** 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

## Sausage Sizzle

The due date for our Sausage Sizzle order is today. The form had the incorrect date of Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> instead of Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb. This is so Coimadai PS can place the order.

## Mrs Fox away

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

## Pancake Day:

If any parents have an electric frying pan. We would love to borrow it for Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. The student will be cooking and eating pancakes for lunch on this day. If your child does not eat pancakes please send them with their usual lunch

## 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.

## Pink Stumps:

Thank you to Bec Clarke for making and donating her themed Pink Cookie's and Cupcakes for the event. We greatly appreciate your support.

## Prep Days Off:

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

## 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)

**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.**

**The Grade 4/5/6 students were engaged in the Term 1 live stream of Inform and Empower. See flyer below for information.**

## 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 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.

## School Photos:

All students will have individual and family photos taken on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. They will be given a code on the day which you can go online to order the photos from when they become available. See flyer below.

# Important Dates:

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 – 7:00pm. NO STUDENTS.
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
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March:</b>	<b>Curriculum Day – Student Free Day</b>
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



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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.

### School Photos 2025 - Important Registration Information



*School Photographs will be taken at*

**Balliang East Primary School**

Friday 21st March 2025

**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 2025 image code *Follow these 3 simple steps***

**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's 2025 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 2025 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 2025\*\***

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# Students of the Week Awards:



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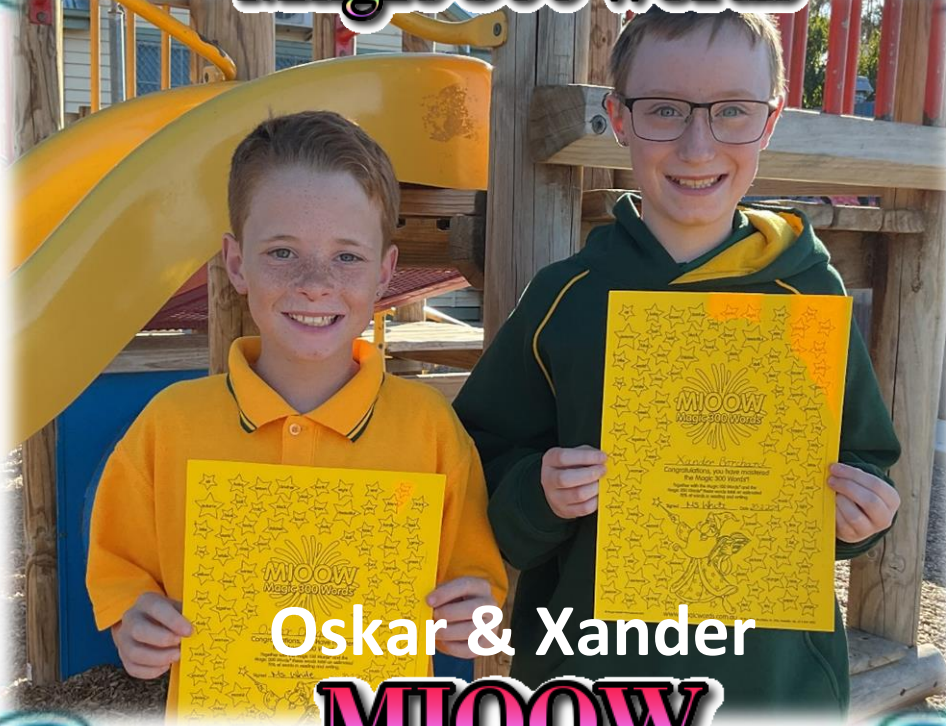
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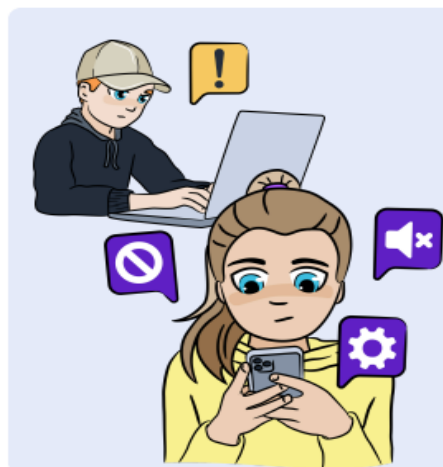
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YEARS 5/6 | TERM 1, 2025  
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

## 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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# 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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30th March 2025  
11:00 am

# HARVEST *festival*

Join with us at Balliang Community Hall  
to celebrate and give thanks for God's  
goodness and provision followed  
free sausage sizzle

This is an all-age celebration with activities for the kids

Bring something homegrown or home-made to  
auction for Balliang CFA. All money raised will go  
towards a new water supply pump

For more info contact Andrew Gifford: 0490 831 427 [bacchusmarshanglican.org.au](http://bacchusmarshanglican.org.au)



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# 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)

## 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

Play

School readiness

Regulation

Handwriting

Sensory difficulties  
& emotional upsets

**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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