

# BEPS

*Balliang East Primary School*  
*Newsletter*



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

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

Emergency Contact details form - Overdue

## **Excursion to Coimadai Primary School:**

This Thursday 'Questacon Science Circus'. Parents are to drop children off at 9:15am. Our staff will be there to meet children at the gate. Make sure you send a snack and drink, sausage sizzle for lunch is provided. Full school uniform is required. We will take your children's sunhats with us. Parents to collect students at 3pm.

## **Long Weekend:**

This Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March (Labour Day) and Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March (Curriculum Day) are Student free days. Have a safe long weekend.

## **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.

## **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 Full Week:**

This week our Prep children will commence their first full week at school.

## **Pancake Day**

Pancake Day is underway. We would like to Thank the Taylor family for donating fresh eggs for today.

## **Book Club:**

Issue 2 is out now. Please see details below.

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

Last Wednesday, the local Bacchus Marsh schools including Balliang East, teamed up with the Bacchus Marsh Blue Light Police team. Our teachers attended a Cyber Safety Information session called 'Raising Kids in a Digital World' presented by 'Inform and Empower' session. Please see below parent information flyers.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

# Important Dates:

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



## February Citizenship Award



**Denzel**

School Values: Commitment Friendliness Honesty Integrity Respect



## What did your child learn about at school?

- The internet is a global network that connects people around the world. We can use it to do things such as online gaming, talking to friends and learning new things!
  - [What Does the Internet Do? song](#)
- We can sometimes get uncomfortable feelings. Our bodies give us early warning signs if something is making us feel uncomfortable.
  - [Listen to Your Body song](#)
- We can always talk to a trusted adult if we notice our early warning signs.
  - [Trusted Adults Song](#)



## Some conversation starters:

- What are some fun, awesome and safe things you like to do on the internet?
- What are some of our body's early warning signs? (heart beating quickly, butterflies in your tummy etc.)
- What are some steps you could take when you feel your early warning signs?
- Who are your five trusted adults? (These could be parents, carers, family, teachers etc.)

## What did your child learn about at school?

- The internet is a global network. It connects people and devices using WiFi, wires, underwater sea cables & satellites.
- 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:
  - Follow the rules (home/school/website/ law)
  - think about the impact of our actions on other people

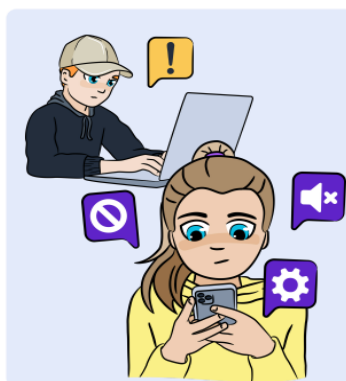


## Some conversation starters:

- What is your #1 favourite thing to do online at the moment?
- Have you ever blocked or reported another player online? Why?
- What do you think would happen if there were no rules?
- What could you do if you needed help online? (Have a look at the Kids Helpline website together)

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- We all have responsibilities when we're online:
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  - 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:

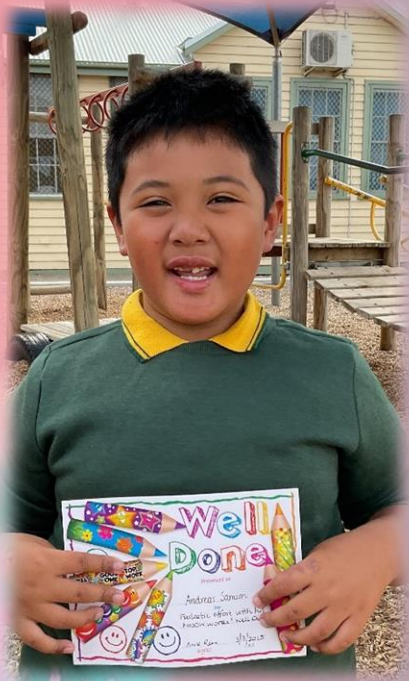
- Have you seen anything online that would make someone feel unsafe? Worried? Upset?
- Apart from me (parent/carer), who else could you talk to if you had concerns online? (Give them permission to talk to a network of trusted adults & Kids Helpline).
- What are your favourite things to do online that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

## We balance our screen time with green time

INFORM & EMPOWER  
Cyber Safety & Digital Wellbeing



# Students of the Week Awards:



ANDREAS



GEORGE



JAXSON



MARLEY

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ebony



Mason



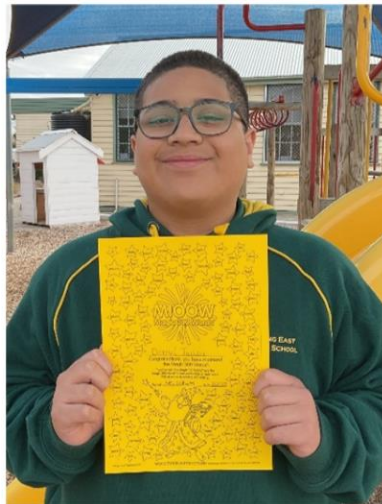
Bryce



Harrelson

## MIOOW

Magic 300 words



Denzel

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## 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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### DARLEY AUSKICK CENTRE

Darley Park

Wednesday's 5-6pm

Starts 30 April 2025



[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



### JOIN THE FUN!

**Maddingley and Surrounds  
All Girls T1 Auskick Centre**

Bacchus Marsh Racecourse and Recreation Reserve (BMRRR) Oval 1, Maddingley

Thursday March 2nd - March 30th  
(5-week program) 5:00pm-6:00pm

Contact: [sam.pfeiffer@afl.com.au](mailto:sam.pfeiffer@afl.com.au)

Scan the QR Code to register!



GET IN THE GAME

Step into your footy era! Learn the skills and put them into action with our NEW AFL Program!

DARLEY SUPERKICK CENTRE

Darley Park  
Wednesday's 5-6pm  
Starts 30 April 2025

[play.afl/superkick](http://play.afl/superkick)

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# ISSUE 2 OPEN NOW!

**\$5** Earn a  
**PROMO CODE**  
Included with order confirmation



SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

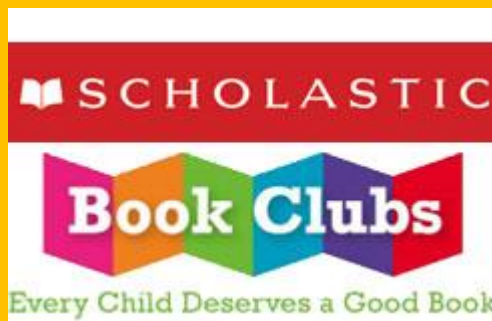
BookClub Issue 2 catalogues have been distributed to classrooms.

Also view it online: <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/>

In Book Club Issue 2 we have...

- **\*NEW\*** HUNGER GAMES - 'Sunrise on the Reaping' on page 30 — Please note that all early orders for this title will be held until the embargo date of March 19th
- \$5 PROMO code with every LOOP order, valid for use towards issue 3
- Discover the hottest New Bestsellers starting on page 2

- Meet our star of Issue 2, Welcome to Miracle



Parents will need to place orders online via Book Club Loop,  
by **Wednesday March 12th.**

## READ EVERY DAY! READ MORE IN MAY!

May is the month for readers. Bring your family together and join us in the Scholastic NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH Challenge.

Register between 1 February and 28 February to **WIN ONE OF 50 SIGNED BOOKS** from Mr Luke!

Take the 31-Day Challenge:  
[Register Now](#)

There is also a [31-Day Challenge](#). Register at <https://scholastic.com.au/nfrm> and win prizes for National Family Reading Month this May.

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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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