



## WEEK 11 TERM 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter has well and truly set in, and with it, the season for colds and flu — making the upcoming Term 2 break feel perfectly timed.

Looking back over the term, we (and by that, I mean students and parents alike!) have certainly been busy. Our students took part in the District Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals, submitted artwork to the Village Shopping Centre and the Bacchus Marsh Rotary Art Show, participated in the Winter Sports and Swimming Programs, completed their Puberty lessons, attended the Moorabool Youth Forum, and even enjoyed an excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium.

Meanwhile, our dedicated Parents and Friends group has been just as active — organising multiple fundraising events including a Bunnings BBQ, running the canteen at the District Athletics, holding a Mother's Day stall, and conducting head lice checks.

Thank you everyone who has contributed to the running of these events. Our combined efforts enhance the learning experiences for our students.

### Reading

One of the greatest gifts a parent can give their child is a love of reading. Children learn by example. When parents show an interest in reading, their children are bound to do the same. Create a 'Reading-Friendly' Environment at Home;

- Store your child's books within his or her reach. Create a special place in your home for reading. Why not put some child-sized bookshelves nearby?
- Spend just 10 minutes each day reading with your child.
- Take an active interest in what your child is reading.
- Children learn by example. If you talk with excitement about the books you are reading, your child will naturally want to do the same.
- Visit the local library together with your child to explore a wide variety of books and the library's own reading events.

### Ausnet High Voltage Towers

Today the Environmental Effects Statement for the proposed high voltage towers is being released. This document can be viewed at the Moorabool Library in Bacchus Marsh. This proposed project will scar our landscape so all people need to be made aware of the detrimental effects it will have not only our district but all of Victoria as this is the first stage of many more to come.



Despite the bleak weather forecast, the weather for Sunday was actually in our favour and our volunteer spirits remained sky-high throughout the entire day! It was a busy and productive day with over 60kg of sausages being cooked. A heartfelt thank you to Krystal Doohan, Blair Dellemijn, Josh Lloyd, Regan Montgomery, Annie Ewing, Renae Williamson, Kymm Madden, Erin Folan, Mark Green, Bianca Cronin, Jodie Addamo, Natasha Morgan, Jess Cianciarulo, Seraphine Vainikka and Anna Simcocks for generously volunteering and helping to make this fundraiser such a success. While the final profit is still being calculated, early estimates indicate we raised over \$2100 on the day. These funds will go towards purchasing a new set of iPads for student use—an exciting and valuable addition to our learning resources!

### Semester 1 Reports

On Thursday student reports will be released digitally via COMPASS. If your family requires a hard copy or a second copy please see the office staff so that this can be arranged. Parent/ Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July - Week 1 of Term 3. A booking form for these interviews will open next week on COMPASS.



### OSH Club – Before and After School Care

OSH Club continues to operate each morning and afternoon, providing valuable care for students outside regular school hours. Bookings can be made conveniently online or by phone.

To ensure this service can continue into next year, we encourage more families to enrol. Increased participation is essential to keep the program viable and financially sustainable.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain this important service for our school community.





## **Child safety and wellbeing at Coimadai Primary School: Information for families and the school community**

Coimadai PS is committed to providing an environment where students are safe and feel safe. We have a zero tolerance for child abuse and are committed to protecting children from harm.

Our comprehensive child safety framework outlines our school's strategies to support student safety and wellbeing. The framework includes the following policies, codes and procedures. These documents are available on our Website Policies Tab

<https://www.coimadaips.vic.edu.au/page/11/Policies>

- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Child Safety Code of Conduct
- Child safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedure
- Complaints Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Volunteers Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Digital Learning Policy
- Yard Duty and Supervision Policy

Our students and their families are important partners in keeping our students safe. We value feedback and ideas on how we can continuously strengthen our child safety framework.

If you have any suggestions or comments please contact Moira Ross, Principal on 53662907 or at [coimadai.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:coimadai.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

## **Grade 6 Graduation**

The Grade 6 Graduation has been booked for Wednesdays 10<sup>th</sup> December. The Venue is the Plough Inn, Myrniong.

Moorabool Shire Council is pleased to invite you to join in our community celebrations for NAIDOC Week 2025 (6-13 July), with several events happening across the week. NAIDOC Week is a time to recognise and celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In 2025, NAIDOC Week marks a powerful milestone: 50 years of honouring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience. The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead.

### 🌟 Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony

Kick off NAIDOC Week with a Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, led by Traditional Owner, Uncle Colin Hunter Jnr Jnr at. This will be followed by a flag raising and light refreshments. All welcome!

📍 The Village Green, Bacchus Marsh

🕒 Monday 7 July, 3:30pm-4:30pm

### 🌟 Screening of award-winning documentary FREEMAN

Following the Welcome Ceremony, join us in the James Young Room at Lerderderg Library for a family-friendly screening of the documentary FREEMAN.

FREEMAN is the story of the nation coming together around an Indigenous Australian female athlete who delivered when it mattered, on the greatest stage on earth. The film sheds light on one of Australia's proudest moments and explores why, twenty-five years on, it still means so much to so many of us. Rated G.

📍 Lerderderg Library, Bacchus Marsh

🕒 Monday 7 July, 4:45pm

💖 Bookings recommended:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DCXLD> or call 5366 7100

### 🌟 Wadawurrung Stories with Barry James Gilson

Experience an evening of storytelling and reflection with Wadawurrung artist Barry James Gilson, a singer, storyteller and award-winning poet. This is a family friendly event. Light refreshments provided.

📍 Lerderderg Library, Bacchus Marsh

🕒 Thursday 10 July, 5:30pm-6:30pm

💖 Bookings essential:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DCQKJ> or call 5366 7100





Happy Birthday to the following students who had a birthday during last week:

Lucy, Jackson G

We hope you had a lovely day celebrating with family and friends.



## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Mark - For his wonderful leadership skills when cooking with Bailliee.

Olivia -For consistently demonstrating our school expectations in everything she does.

Hamish - For showing great improvement in writing.

Joey - For his great effort on his Biography of Leonardo Da Vinci.

Jeremy - For improving his writing.

Lincon -For focusing really well during numeracy.

Danny-For being independent and organised at swimming lessons.

Billy B. -For being independent and organised at swimming lessons.



## READING NIGHTS AWARD

### ***25 Nights Reading***

Leo

### ***50 Nights Reading***

Evie

### ***75 Nights Reading***

### ***100 Nights Reading***

Billy B, Ava, Xavier

### ***125 Nights Reading***

Zoe, Liam

### ***150 Nights Reading***

Ella

### ***175 Nights Reading***

Juliet

### ***200 Nights Reading***



# Important Dates

## June

23rd June - 3rd July Whole school swimming program

July

22<sup>nd</sup> Parent teacher interviews

29<sup>th</sup> School Council meeting 7:30pm - online

25<sup>th</sup> National Tree Day

## August

4th - 5th Lady Northcote Camp - Grades Prep-2

6th Parents and Friends meeting

15th Science Fair

21st Book Week Parade

29th Summer Sports Gr 5 & 6

## September

2nd - 10th Somers Camp for selected students

3rd Parents and Friends meeting

## October

8th Parents & Friends meeting

## November

3rd Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day

5th Parents & Friends meeting

25th Report Writing Day - Pupil Free Day

## December

3rd Parents & Friends

15<sup>th</sup> School Concert

Mark  
your  
Calendar



## Working with Chil- dren check

If you are wanting to volunteer at Coimadai Primary working across the school it is essential that you have a current **Working With Children Check**. Please provide a copy of this to the office. If you need assistance obtaining a WWCC please come into the office for support. Applications can be processed online at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/>





kirrip

Founded by Friendship,  
Inspired by Community.

@KIRRIPABORIGINALCORPORATION

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AT KIRRIP

- Elders group Tuesdays weekly 11am – 2pm
- Women's group Wednesdays weekly 11am-2pm
- Cooking class Wednesday weekly 11am-2pm
- Mens group wednesdays fortnightly 5pm-7pm
- Kinder Finding Culture 4 - 7 yrs Tuesdays 4.30pm - 5pm
- Senior Youth group 12-18 yrs Thursdays 5pm - 6.30pm
- Junior Youth group 8-11yrs Tuesday 5pm - 6.30pm

Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation  
26 Exford Road, Melton South  
3338  
(03) 8088 0764

Transport can be arranged





# Coimadai Big Freeze



At the Coimadai Big Freeze, our school came together to raise awareness and funds for Motor Neurone Disease (MND). One of the highlights was seeing Mrs. Ross bravely get a bucket of ice tipped over her! The 5/6 students delivered a heartfelt speech about MND, helping everyone understand the importance of the cause. The 3/4 students helped make fantastic decorations to hang around the school. Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we raised an amazing \$1,602

## MND Guest Speaker

We were honoured to have guest speaker Elizabeth Roy join us to talk about Motor Neurone Disease (MND) during health class. Elizabeth shared her personal story, explaining how her husband lived with MND and sadly passed away from the disease. She spoke about what MND is, the signs and symptoms to look out for, and how it affects people's everyday lives. Her talk was heartfelt, informative, and helped us all understand the real impact of this illness on individuals and families.





***It was all smiles during swimming lessons .***





# ***Bunnings BBQ volunteers in action***

