



## Exford Primary School

Where Children Count!  
[www.exfordps.vic.edu.au](http://www.exfordps.vic.edu.au)



*At Exford, these qualities are really important:*

**Respect**      **Kindness**      **Personal Best**

*... and it's up to all of us to show them every day in  
every thing we say and every thing we do!*

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### NEWSLETTER 2018 No.15 (Term 3, 2018) Thursday 30 August 2018

You are represented on School Council by:

**Parents:** Adele (Olivia & Alexander), Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava & Hayley), Belinda (Nicholas and Kade), Jackie (Claire), Jenny (Aimee), Sarah (Lily and Oscar), Sharon (Charlie & Archie) and Susan (Jessica).

**Community Representatives:** Graham

**Staff:** Ms Campo, Mrs Farrugia, Mr Jenner, Mrs Talbot and Mr Wilson (non-voting member)

Follow this link to Exford's YouTube Channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRQsi70kyo0V70FJsBcOF3w>

## Ms Campo's News...

### Minister Merlino's visit

What fabulous news we received yesterday! Minister Merlino has made an election promise to invest \$6.25 million into an upgrade of Exford PS on its current location. What a victory for our community and a real credit to the tenacity of our School Council in not giving up in asking for improvements to our wonderful school for our kids and staff.



Cut out & stick me to the fridge!

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## Dates to Remember:

*Please add them to your calendar!*

## 2018 Dates

### Friday 31 August

Book Week performance 'Treasure Hunt' - Prep-2 and Year 3-6

Preps - Yoga Bubbles program

AFL 9's teams activity

### Friday 7 September

Preps - Yoga Bubbles program

### Monday 10 September

NO CANTEEN

**BBQ lunch - all proceeds to  
Drought Aid**

### Tues 11 and Thurs 13 September

Parent Student Teacher Conferences  
from 1:30 pm

### Friday 14 September

Preps - Yoga Bubbles program

### Monday 17 - Friday 21 Sept

Term 4 Planning Week  
(Classes have all their specialist  
subjects on the same day to release  
teaching teams)

### Tuesday 18 and Wed 19 Sept

Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp

### Friday 21 September

Footy Colours Day - Assembly @ 9 am

Preps - Yoga Bubbles program (final)

### End of Term 3

**Footy Colours Day - gold  
coin donation for the  
Drought Appeal**

**Assembly @ 2:10 pm**

**2:30 pm - Early Dismissal**

(Eynesbury Buses from 2:30 pm)

### TERM 4

### Monday 8 October

Term 4 begins for students and staff

## Enrolments

We ask that our families who have little brothers or sisters beginning Prep for 2019 return an enrolment form - we sent home forms a little while back. If you know of families who intend to enrol their children at Exford, we ask that you encourage them to do so promptly.

## Counselling - MoU

I have now received the Memorandum of Understanding from the Legal Department (it has taken from Week 8 of last term until this week!) and am working with North West Psychology to get a start date for Liana to begin psychological counselling at our school. I will let families who have provided a Mental Health Care Plan know as soon as she can begin.

## Victorian School Building Authority visit

The Executive Director of the VSBA visited our school on Thursday 23 August for a tour and a conversation about our facilities. Whilst he made no commitments on the day, to have Minister Merlino return so soon afterwards was a bit unusual.

## Shadow Minister Tim Smith

The Shadow Minister for Education, Tim Smith, is now due for a visit on Friday 7 September. We look forward to hearing what he has to say given our recent and very exciting developments!

## Term 3 dates!

There are lots of exciting events at Exford this term for our students - here is a list for you:

- **Tuesday 11 and Thursday 13 September** - Parent Student Teacher Conferences (we will let you know when the bookings website opens)
- **Friday 14 September** - Year 1 - 2 Special Persons Day (11:30 am - 1:30 pm)
- **Tuesday 18 - Wednesday 19 September** - Year 2 Lady Northcote Camp
- **Friday 21 September** - Footy Colours Day (Assembly @ 9 am)

## Absence notifications

A reminder that we need parents to use FlexiBuzz on the day of their child's absence and for you to use the Eynesbury Bus tab if they will not use the bus and / or be absent. Parents only have their own children to make a notification about, versus our office staff needing to make a phone call to every family whose child is absent.

The Absence / Eynesbury Bus tabs in FlexiBuzz send an email to the student's teacher, to Mrs Kelly (our attendance officer), to Ms Killeen (bus) and to me.

## Sick Bay reminders

A reminder to return clothes borrowed for Sick Bay - we have now almost run out of clothes. We will need to ask parents to come to bring clothing to school when children need to be changed

## 2018 Loud Shirt Day

We will move our support for Loud Shirt Day to every second year, as there are many causes who request support. This year, our support will go to the Farmers' Drought Aid cause and Ronald McDonald House. 2019 will be our next Loud Shirt Day celebration and fundraising.

## Father's Day Stall

Thank you to the family volunteers who were able to help the children choose their gifts at the Father's Day Stall today. Thank you to:

- Amanda (Caitlyn, Ava and Hayley)
- Amy (Bella and Xavier)
- Bec (Rose and Korey)
- Bec (Eddie, Jai, Mason and Declan)
- Belinda (Nicholas and Kade)
- Chantelle (Canice, Aleks and Casie)
- Dhavani (Rena)
- Jacki (Claire)
- Joel (Ada, Gus and Leo)
- Kate (Lachie and Isabelle)
- Pam (Jeremy and Rachel)
- Marie and Ruth (Charlotte and Spencer)
- Renee (Faith and Dane)
- Sam (Harrison)
- Sarah (Lily and Oscar)
- Susan (Jessica)
- Temeika (Hayley)

It is always lovely to see the joy on the kids' faces when they share what they've chosen for the special people in their families!

## Student Achievements

Here is Jarrod with his under 13's C Melton South Panthers Football trophy for receiving the Trevor Preece Award for Most Dedicated. He also swam 3 km on Sunday in 1 hr 9 minutes 42 seconds.



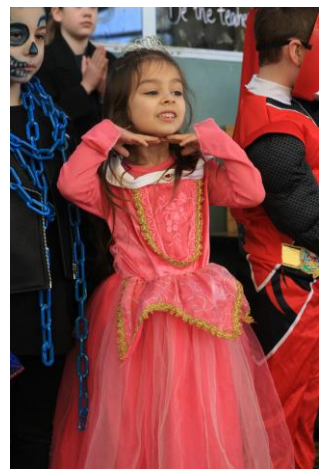
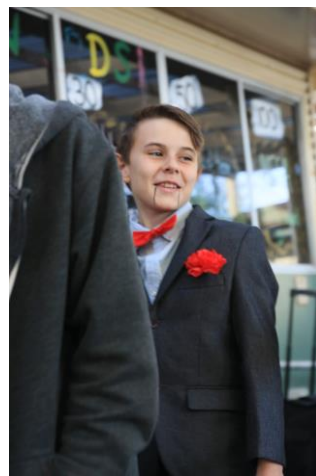
Here is Clova, one of our budding authors, with her proud innovation on a favourite classroom story.



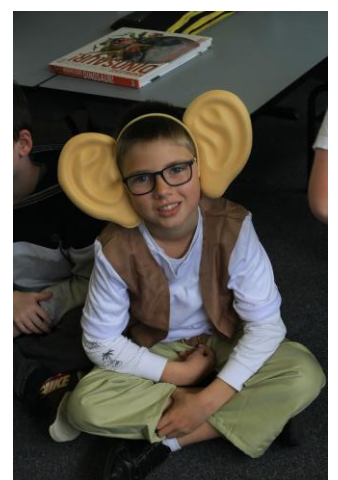


# 2018 Book Week

Thank you to our students and staff for joining in with the Book Week Celebrations on Monday. There were some very creative outfits and we all enjoyed the day.







## Attendance ... Every Day Counts

A reminder that family holidays should be taken during school holidays wherever possible and **not during term time**. When children miss out on learning due to prolonged absence (e.g. a holiday in school time), it is very difficult to catch them up - they often miss entire units of class work.

A reminder that all holiday absences require an Absence Learning Plan, developed with your child's teacher and signed by the Principal or Assistant Principal to cover your child's absence.

### Did you know that:

#### **If your child has missed 5 days or less this school year.**

This will support your child to achieve their best at school - academically and personally.

#### **If your child has missed more than 10 days this school year.**

The amount of time your child is missing will impact on their learning and their friendships.

#### **If your child has missed more than 15 days this school year.**

**Your child is missing so much time from school that it will be extremely difficult for them to keep up with their learning, their friendships and to feel connected to school.**

## Fundraising News

Our Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with iPads, laptops and other technologies.



Our 2018 target is...

\$18,000 ~ \$25,000.

*Our Tally so far...*

*\$4,562.32*

## Fundraising this term

### Labels

We will have a labels fundraising activity as well - that way all these lovely beanies and scarves can be labelled easily!

<https://www.thatsmine.com.au/fundraising-with-thats-mine-labels/>

## Fundraising in Term 3

### BBQ - Monday 10 September

We will have a BBQ at lunch time on Monday 10 September as the Canteen will be closed. All proceeds will be donated to the Drought Aid cause.

## Happy Birthdays!!



*To our students who celebrated their birthdays - 30 Aug - 12 Sept*

Samuel, Caelan U, Kadence, Isaac X, Caleb R, Owen, Callum, Clova, Calotte D, Alex M, Blake S and Ryan McD.



Happy Birthday to you!!  
Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday dear kids,  
Happy Birthday to you!



We love celebrating birthdays at school, making a fuss over the child who is celebrating and **birthday cup-cakes** are *always* welcome! We also love for birthday children to visit us in the Office for a sticker and birthday song (and a photo for Seesaw!).

*Having birthdays at school is a very special event and if your child is absent on their birthday, they miss out on all the fuss made over them.*

*Hope you enjoy reading our newsletter!*

Please see the pages from -

- Year 3/4 Campaspe Downs Camp



*Ms Campo*





## Exford Primary School – PST Conferences

**Tuesday 11 and Thursday 13 September 2018**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Tuesday 11 and Thursday 13 September 2018, ALL parents and guardians are invited to come to the school to discuss the progress of their child/ren with the classroom teacher/s. During the PST Conferences, our students will present samples of their own work, describe their learning and discuss their learning goals. With our introduction of Seesaw across the school, you have the ongoing opportunity to see the work done in class so far this year and to share in the day's activities. During the Parent Student Teacher Conference, you can discuss your child's progress and their learning targets and how you can continue to support your child at home.

Interviews with specialist teachers will be available as well - Mrs Quayle (The Arts), Ms Kappler (Health and Physical Education) and Mr Welshe (Auslan) from 4 pm on the two afternoons.

To allow adequate time for all parents to see the teachers, Conferences will run for 10-15 minutes for each child - interview times will be available from 1:30 pm on both afternoons, with Specialist Teachers from 4 pm.

Students are encouraged to be part of the Parent Student Teacher Conferences. On the day of interview, days students are collected by their parents to join in with the Parent Student Teacher Conferences and can remain at school until the usual 3.30 pm dismissal time or can be signed out at the conclusion of the Parent Student Teacher Conference and taken home. Children whose interview time is later in the evening need to be collected at 3:30 pm as usual. The Eynesbury buses will run from 3:30 pm as usual. All interview times will be available online through the booking system. Simply follow the prompts on this note. If you have any questions, please contact the Office.

You can now book interviews at times for Parent Student Teacher Conference

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)



GO DIRECTLY TO THE LINK

<http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/book>

Enter event code – na4vu

Then follow the 3 simple steps.

Email confirmation for your interview time!

When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.



### **What is School Wide Positive Support (SWPBS)?**

The aim of SWPBS at Exford Primary is to implement a consistent, evidence-based framework for preventing and responding to student behaviour. This is a whole school approach that will further strengthen our positive, calm and safe learning environment so that all students are able to maximise their academic and social growth.

### **What does SWPBS look like at Exford Primary?**

#### ➤ Exford Primary **VALUES:**

##### *Kindness*

- We listen. We encourage. We are helpful. We use manners. We are mindful.

##### *Respect*

- We are caring, thoughtful and friendly towards people and the environment.

##### *Personal Best*

- We show our personal best everywhere all the time. We have a positive attitude We strive to be better than yesterday
- Our students know our values and what they mean

#### ➤ Exford Primary **TEACHES POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**

- We explicitly teach positive behaviours
- We recognise that learning social skills and positive behaviours is a process that everyone moves through at a different pace
- Inappropriate behaviours are seen as social learning errors and learning opportunities are provided to help teach the expected behaviours

#### ➤ Exford Primary is **POSITIVE**

- We acknowledge positive behaviour wherever we see it
- We use a variety of praise methods
- We aim for 6:1 positive : corrective interactions with students

#### ➤ Exford Primary is **CONSISTENT**

- We have a clear set of behaviour expectations built around our values
- Expected behaviours are known and understood by all of the school community
- We have a common language
- We have a consistent message across the whole school

# School Wide Positive Behaviour at Exford

School Wide Positive Behaviour (SWPB) is Exford's whole school approach to the reinforcement of our school values; Respect, Kindness and Personal Best and our agreed upon expected behaviours. SWPB aims to support social and academic outcomes, as well as proactive strategies to prevent problem behaviour.

SWPB encourages and supports students to be the best versions of themselves, by providing opportunities for positive recognition. It is supported by teaching strategies for students to recognise and manage personal feelings and behaviours. It aims to specifically support students on both an individualised and whole school level to develop positive choices every day!

More information to come surrounding our recognition system on our agreed expected behaviours.



To our wonderful staff who make student Camps possible, our thanks!  
They give up time with their own families to take our school kids away on fantastic experiences,  
such as the Year 3-4 Campaspe Downs Camp.

## Campaspe Downs Camp!!

Last week the Year 3/4s went to Campaspe Downs Camp and it was AWESOME! The students participated in many exciting activities, which facilitated group work, team building, confidence boosting and risk taking. It allowed students to take a step out of their comfort zone and celebrate their achievements with their peers. The students took part in Abseiling, Flying Fox, Canoeing, Team Challenge, Aeroball, Possum Glider, Bushcraft and Leap of Faith. They also participated in nightly activities, such as Paper Blowing Races and Robot Building Competitions. The students ate a range of foods, including schnitzels, pasta, wraps and other delicious snacks.























# SPECIAL BBQ LUNCH (organised by our Fundraising parents)

This note will be sent home for all the students on Friday 31 August and will be sent through FlexiBuzz with reminders as well.

- all profits to go to support the Drought Aid benefit

To be held on Monday 10 September - orders due back on Thurs 6 Sept 2018 (9:30 am)

If you would like your child to have a special BBQ lunch order on Monday 10 September, please fill in the choices and quantities and return the order form by Thursday 6 September (9:30 am), one order form per child please. All food and drink orders must be made in advance.

Please note the Canteen will be closed on Monday 10 September

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

(Each student must have their own permission & order form)	<u>Beef Sausage in bread - \$2</u>	<u>Chicken Sausage in bread - \$4</u>	<u>Vegetarian Sausage in bread - \$4</u>	<u>Hamburger in a bread - \$3</u>	<u>Frozen icy pole 50 c</u>	Total Due \$\$\$
Order quantity						

Note sent home and on FlexiBuzz on Friday 31 August 2018



## EXFORD PRIMARY BURGER NIGHT FUNDRAISER!

MCDONALD'S MELTON IS GOING TO DONATE A  
PERCENTAGE OF THE COUNTER & MCCAFE SALES FOR:

### FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 6PM-8PM

COME AND VISIT MCDONALD'S MELTON DURING THIS TIME  
SO WE CAN GET SOME MUCH NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE  
SCHOOL!

SPREAD THE WORD TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

 i'm lovin' it

\* McDonald's Melton (Barries Rd) only.  
\* Front counter & McCafe only - Drive thru not included.



Look for the Orange dot in our School Library for books included in the Challenge.

### Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is BACK at EXFORD PS

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Exford Primary School is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All students will have received their login username and password this week from their classroom teacher. These login details are used to log the books your child has read. To make this easier, I have attached QR codes below, (using a QR Reading App – Android or Apple device) you can quickly view the **Student Login Page** and **Challenge Booklists**. These QR codes can also be found in every classroom, the library and at the display board at the front of the school.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please request a form via email ([jenner.nathan.n@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:jenner.nathan.n@edumail.vic.gov.au)) and I will send one home with your child.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Mr Jenner  
Leading Teacher – Educational Leader

			
QR CODE	QR CODE	QR CODE	QR CODE
			
Student Log in	Challenge Picture Booklist	Challenge Chapter Booklist 1	Challenge Chapter Booklist 2



### Rules for Student Challengers

1. Keep a record of your reading on the Premier's Reading Challenge website, using your login information provided by your child's teacher.
2. You must be a student in a year level from Prep to Year 10. You can be learning at a school or learning at home.
3. Between March and closing date of the challenge:

If you are in:	You must read:	Number from the Challenge Book list:
Prep	30 books	20 or more
Year 1	30 books	20 or more
Year 2	30 books	20 or more
Year 3	15 books	10 or more
Year 4	15 books	10 or more
Year 5	15 books	10 or more
Year 6	15 books	10 or more
Year 7	15 books	10 or more
Year 8	15 books	10 or more
Year 9	15 books	10 or more
Year 10	15 books	5 or more

4. If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.
5. Your online books must be verified as read by a Coordinator/Teacher in your school.
6. All your information must be completed online before the closing date (September 7<sup>th</sup>) of the challenge.



# OSH Club News

## Before School / After School Care Program



### Program Update

This week at OSH we have been focusing our 'Spit' championships that are well under way, we have finished 90% of our first-round matchups. The children have been very excited cheering on their peers when not playing and finding out who they will play next. The weather has been quite cold, so we haven't been able to head out for too long each day. Although the children have definitely made the most out of staying indoors in the warmth, playing group games of 'Shark Tiggy' and 'Markers Up' when on the oval.

This week we also participated in OSH Club's nationwide initiative, 'Letters to our Farmers'. Children and staff had a discussion about our struggling farmers, due to the drought and how we can lift their spirits by sending them a simple picture or short letter. The children were very excited to be able to help the farmers and even researched what else we could do to help; it was decided that we could run a bake sale giving the proceeds to the Drought Relief fund.

Bec and Sharyn

### Friendly reminders:

**PLEASE ensure that if your child/ren are booked into OSH Club that they are NOT booked on the School bus. If your child does not know / remember to go to OSH Club, they may end up leaving the school on the bus.**

If your child is due to be absent or needs to be booked in on late notice (less than 24 hours) please ensure you call and leave a message to ensure we have adequate staffing - although this is only for emergencies. Please make the bookings online as much as possible.

Please keep the enrolment form updated all the time. If you want someone other than yourself picking up your child, please add them to the emergency list or provide us with a written request.

**Thankyou from the OSH Club Team!**



### Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0419 207 638

Co-ordinator: Sharon    Assistant: Rebecca    OSH Club Head Office: 03 8564-9000

*All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Co-ordinator direct at the program.*

# IT'S SHOPPING TIME!



## JOIN US

for a wonderful day of great  
bargains and lots of fun.

## SHOPPING TOUR FUNDRAISER

**SHOP AT  
FACTORY  
WAREHOUSE  
SALE PRICES**

Women's and children's fashion,  
cosmetics, homewares, toys,  
books, sporting wear etc.

**WHEN: Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Departing approx. 7.30am from Woodgrove Carpark  
near Medicare.

Returning to Melton approx. 6pm

**COST:**

\$50 each

**\$25 cash deposit required by 23<sup>rd</sup> August –  
payable to the Office**

Lunch is at your own cost (a selection of Foodcourt outlets)

Any questions or to book your spot please email Jacki at  
[jacanddan@bigpond.com](mailto:jacanddan@bigpond.com)





# Vacation Care Program

## Spring Program Details

### Who

The program is open to all primary school aged children.

### Program Hours

6.30am – 6.30pm. Monday to Friday during school holidays.

### Location

Bridge Road Children's & Community Centre  
260 Bridge Road, Strathtulloh

### Cost

\$70 per day (prior to Child Care Subsidy being applied)  
Excursions and Incursions will incur an additional cost

### Enrolments Open

8.30am Monday, 27 August 2018

### Enrolments Close

5.00pm Friday, 14 September 2018  
Bookings submitted after this date will only be accepted at Supervisor's discretion and incur a \$21 late enrolment fee

### Contact

E: [vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:vacationcareprogram@melton.vic.gov.au)  
Ph: 9747 7200 Website: [melton.vic.gov.au](http://melton.vic.gov.au)

**BOOK EARLY! Don't miss out!**

### Monday, 24 September

#### Space Exploration

Let's explore our solar system, star constellations and build rockets. Can you moon walk your way across the galaxy?

### Tuesday, 25 September

**Incursion Charge \$22**

#### Spring Life

Western Water will get us thinking about sustainability. We'll also plant some flowers and herbs to take home.

### Wednesday, 26 September

**Excursion Charge \$32**

#### Movies and Library

**Departs 9.30am Returns 3.00pm**

Watch a movie at Melton Readings, followed by activities at the Melton Library. Bring your library card to borrow books.

*LIMITED PLACES*

### Thursday, 27 September

#### Footy Day

What would you look like on a footy card? Wear your footy colours (any code) and embrace your inner champion.

### Friday, 28 September

**CLOSED – Public Holiday**

### Monday, 1 October

#### Community Day

Visit from some emergency services will prepare us for possible dangers and understand their roles in the community

### Tuesday, 2 October

#### Wheels Day

Bring in your favourite wheels from home to ride on. Remember, no helmet = no riding!

### Wednesday, 3 October

**Excursion Charge \$32**

#### Edendale Farm

**Departs 9:00am Returns 3:00pm**

It's a trip to the farm today. We'll meet the animals and participate in hours of activities.

*LIMITED PLACES*

### Thursday, 4 October

**Incursion Charge \$22**

#### Kites 4 Kids

Build, decorate and fly your very own diamond kite.

### Friday, 5 October

#### Odd Sock Day

How different can your socks get? It's time to clown around.

\* Activities are subject to change.





## BASKETBALL

We are looking for new players  
Girls and boys in all age groups  
for the upcoming season.

Basketball experience is not necessary!!!



Our Junior competition has teams from Under 8 to Under 18 and whether you have or have not played before, come and join, as we have teams for all different skill levels.

Our Women's and Men's teams also welcome new players, so if you want to give basketball a go, come on down and register your interest.

Registration day will be held on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October  
Come down to the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre between 1:00pm-4:00pm

We will have an open court, ready for new players who want to come and shoot around. We will be offering a FREE Basketball to all new players that sign up on the day.

Competition	Birth Year	Game Day
Under 8's	2012 - 2013	Saturday
Under 10's	2010 - 2011	Saturday
Under 12's	2008 - 2009	Saturday
Under 14's	2006 - 2007	Saturday
Under 16's	2004 - 2005	Tuesday
Under 18's	2002 - 2003	Tuesday
Men's	Over 24	Thursday
Men's - Under 25's	1995 - 2001	Thursday
Women's	Over 18	Sunday

The summer season of basketball in Bacchus Marsh starts on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October and runs until April 2019, don't miss your spot.

For all further information please contact the Bacchus Marsh Basketball Association Inc. by emailing  
[bmba.rego3340@gmail.com](mailto:bmba.rego3340@gmail.com)





Hang out at the library after school - there will be something different to do every week! It could be art, craft, games or STEM related activities.

MELTON  
CITY  
LIBRARIES

## AFTER SCHOOLIGANS!

Mondays in school terms • 4-5pm • Melton Library  
Weds in school terms • 3.30-4.30pm • Caroline Springs Library

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE OR CALL 03 9747 5300**

