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DATES TO REMEMBER

2026

Tues 18 th Aug	Grade 2/3 Hooptime Excursion – Yarra Centre
Wed 19 th Aug	Potential Stopwork Industrial Action
Tues 25 th Aug	2027 Prep Transition 9.00 am -11.00 am
Wed 26 th Aug	Talent Quest Final: 1.20 pm
Fri 28 th Aug	Whole school MSO Excursion to the City
Wed 9 th Sept	Restaurant Day
Tues 15 th Sept	2027 Prep Transition 9.00 am -11.00 am
Wed 16 th Sept	P-3 Sleepover begins 4.00 pm
Thurs 17 th Sept	P-3 Sleepover finishes 3.30 pm
Fri 18 th sept	Grade 5 Hooptime at Diamond Valley

TALENT QUEST

Well done to all the acts that have qualified for the finals on our new, new date.

The final will now kick off on **Wednesday 26th August at 1.20 pm**. Make sure you're at the final to support and celebrate the acts.



New New Date

STEP INTO PREP 2027 CLASS

Calling all enrolled and potential prep enrolments for 2027. Our first transition sessions start this term. See below for details.

TRANSITION PROGRAM DATES

Term 3
25th Aug & 15th Sep

Term 4
10th Nov, 17th Nov, 24th Nov & 1st Dec

All sessions run 9-11am

call or email to book your place

AWARDS



BIRD FLU

Cases of H5 bird flu have been confirmed in birds across Australia, including in south-west Victoria.

Our school has steps to follow if sick or dead birds are found at or near our school.

If you see a sick or dead bird at or near the school, please let us know. If you find a sick or dead bird in the community, the advice from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is to:

1. avoid contact and keep your distance
2. record date, time, location and take photos

3. report it using an [online form](#) or through the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline: 1800 675 888.

For current information about reporting, refer to DEECA's [H5 bird flu page](#).

For more information, you can check out these [bird flu resources from the Australian Government](#).

Do you have odd socks in your house that have lost their pair? If so, we would love any long socks (in good and washed condition) to help us in our puppet making unit this term. If they could be brought in and left in the artroom before the 14th of August that would be wonderful. Kid and adult



socks welcome.

Thankyou

Mrs Sawyer



VICTORIAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/ THE VISTORIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS AGREEMENT/INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Our new Education Minister Gabrielle Williams has met with the AEU and there has been a revised VGSA offer that union members need to vote to either accept or reject the by Monday 17th August 2026.

A majority outcome of the vote will determine whether the offer is accepted or if the VGSA campaign continues, including the statewide stopwork scheduled for Wednesday 19th August 2026.

Given the outcome of the vote will not be made until Monday 17th August, I will endeavour to share the outcome with all parents on that afternoon. It will only be at this point that I will know whether there will be industrial action or not. In which case I will communicate the outcome to all parents as soon as possible.

MSO EXCURSION TO THE CITY

On Friday 28th August the whole school will be travelling to the city by train to enjoy a performance by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

The event is called 'Carnival of the Animals'.

Andrew Aronowicz^ New work*

Saint-Saëns *Carnival of the Animals*

A wild musical adventure

Get ready to stomp, swoop, and swim through a wild musical adventure with *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saëns! This concert features a parade of musical creatures, including some new animal-inspired pieces — from tiptoeing tortoises to a roaring lion — all brought to life by the MSO with pictures drawn by you!

Watch out for the permission slip.

RESTAURANT DAY

Mrs Hughes has been busy preparing and organising our Restaurant Day. Every year, our senior class, revels in the opportunity to show gratitude towards all our parent and community supporters, for their assistance to helping our school.

Look out for your invitations that have been emailed out. Our Restaurant Day is scheduled for Wed 9th September, starting at 12.15 pm.

🐾 Meet Bruce & Friends 🐾

Bruce & Friends is proudly owned by our OSHC educator, Courtney Muller.

Inspired by rescue dog Bruce, Bruce & Friends creates 100% Australian natural dog treats, long-lasting chews and enrichment toys to keep your furry family members happy and healthy.

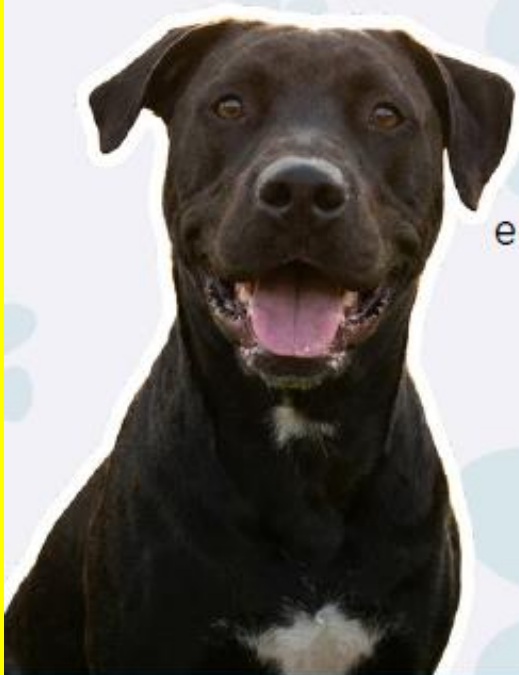
As passionate supporters of rescue dogs, we also foster with Strong Hearts Dog Rescue and are proud to give back to the rescue community.

You'll find us most weekends at local markets, where we offer free treat tastings so your dog can try before you buy!

📍 Akoonah Park Market – Every Sunday

🌐 www.bruceandfriends.au

📱 @bruceandfriends.au



As a thank you to our school community, enjoy 10% off your first online order with the code WELCOME10

