Celebrating Education Week: 20th—26th May
sharing in your child’s education...

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the following events at Ballam Park Primary School

• **Book Fair Monday 21st to Thursday, 24th, 3.30-4.30pm in Library**
  (refer notice in newsletter)

• **Open Night 6.30-8.00pm Wednesday, 23rd May**
  ~ Visit classrooms – meet teachers, view displays
  ~ Visit our Music and Art rooms
  ~ Book Fair in Library 6.30-7.30pm
  ~ Performance in Hall 7.30-8.00pm,
    sponsored by Cyber Safety
    Choir Years 3-6
    Dance Groups
    Years 1 & 2 Songs

• **Prep Student in 2013?**
  You are invited to our Open Night, Wednesday, 23rd May starting at 6.30pm until 8.00pm.

  **School Tours** — Join us on one of our escorted tours and see for yourself our wonderful facilities.

Tours will start at 6.30pm and 6.45pm, from the school office.

If you are unable to attend Open Night, please contact us on 9789-5614 to arrange another time for a tour.

• **Classroom Visits Friday, 25th May**
  ~ 12.30-1.20pm Classroom Visits, to share in your child’s learning
  ~ 1.20pm Family Picnic in the school grounds.
  ~ 2.45pm Join us for our Whole School Assembly in the Hall
PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

School Council vacancies for co-opted members
School Council is able to co-opt up to 2 members as well as those members who have been elected. School Council meets eight times per year. The third meeting for this year will be on Monday, May 21st beginning at 5.30pm. Meetings are almost always completed by 7.00pm. As this meeting is in Education Week, I thought it would be a good opportunity to invite parents to attend. This could be just for your information/interest, or perhaps you would like to consider nominating for one of the co-opted vacancies, but would like to sample a meeting first.

School Crossings
Some information from Frankston City Council:
The crossing on Lindrum Road near Benanee Drive was reopened last year on a trial basis, but numbers are too low for it to continue to be funded by VicRoads. For the time being, the flags will remain, but it will have no supervisor. By the end of this term, the crossing will no longer have flags displayed.

Karingal Drive near Lucerne Crescent: FCC has conducted a number of counts at this location and, based on this, have found that there are insufficient numbers to get funding for a crossing there.

Frankston Learning City has a FREE online Tutor Program for Years 4–12
Did you know that Frankston Library is supporting learning for students, parents and teachers Frankston-wide with the introduction of YourTutor, a free innovative online tutoring service provided by Frankston Learning City and Frankston Library Service.

YourTutor provides students with instant access to qualified, expert teachers for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions, from 4:00pm-8:00pm, Monday to Friday. Help is immediate, professional and secure. The tutorial offers students help with various subjects on the curriculum for students in Years 4–12.


School Self-assessment and Review
Every four years each Victorian Government school goes through a formal review process to assess how well the school has worked over the previous four years and to set direction for the next four years. This self-assessment period gives parents the opportunity to have input into both aspects, a review of the past and provide ideas for the future.

There are two ways that you, as parents, can be involved in this process:

- Send in a written response.
- Indicate your willingness to be involved in a parent forum to share your ideas.

If there are parents interested in a forum, I will offer two times in the next three weeks, one during school hours and one in the evening. If you would like to be involved, please send a note or an email to me at school indicating some times that would suit you.
renouf.mark.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Mark Renouf
Principal

NOTIFICATION OF STUDENT ABSENCES
It is requested that parents please ring the school on 9789-5614, prior to 9.30am, to advise if their child will be absent.

It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.
IMPORTANT DATES 2012

MAY
Mon 21 to Thurs 24 ) BOOK FAIR commences
in Library 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Tues 22 Yr 3 Excursion Healesville Sanctuary
Wed 23 OPEN NIGHT Education Week
District Cross Country (Yrs 3-6) Baxter
Wed 30 Yrs 5 & 6 ‘Australia Bound’ Incursion

JUNE
Mon 4 Yrs 1 & 2 ‘Toys Over Time’ Incursion
Wed 6 Zone Cross Country
Fri 8 Prep Fairytale Ball
Mon 11 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Queen’s Birthday
Tues 19 Prep/Kinder Flying Bookworm Incurs
Wed 20 Canteen Special Pizza Lunch
Wed 27 PUPIL FREE DAY Parent/Tchr Mtgs
Thurs 28 Yrs 5 & 6 Graffiti/Vandalism Program
Fri 29 Early dismissal 2.30pm
Last day of Term 2

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2012

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2012 commenced yesterday, Wednesday, 9th May.

We hope everyone will support our school by simply collecting stickers at the checkout of Woolworths supermarkets (self-service included) until 22nd July 2012. The stickers are then placed on your child’s sticker card. There will be one sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, please send the sticker card to school with your child. With every sticker card placed in the box at the school office, our school will earn valuable learning resources.

Last year Ballam Park PS received many useful resources as a result of parents and friends supporting this initiative.

Relay For Life - Frankston

Relay For Life is an overnight, Cancer Council community event for thousands of Australians who relay (walk) non-stop as they celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to cancer and fight back against the disease by raising important funds.

Please support us by:

- Joining our team and walking with us (please register online—details available at office)
- or
- Donating to our fundraising. A collection box is located at the school office and receipts are available

Date: Saturday, 22nd September 2012 – Sunday, 23rd September 2012
Time: 4.00pm Saturday to 10.00am Sunday
Place: Ballam Park Athletics Track

Ballam Park PS is entering a team called “Dare to Dream”.

Please see Chris Robinson with any questions before school or after 3.30pm (phone 9789-5614), for further details or to help with fundraising ideas. Thank you
Book Fair
May 2012

Monday 21st 3.30-4.30pm in the Library
Tuesday 22nd 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 23rd 3.30-4.30pm
+ Education Week Open Night 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday 24th 3.30-4.30pm

Dear Parents

There will be a display of books for children and parents to purchase at the BOOK FAIR on Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday, 24th May, 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Library. There is a large selection of books to choose from.

During school hours, students will have the opportunity to look at these books with their class, and to take note of any book titles that interest them. They may like to write down a “Wish List” to take home to show you. The emphasis, of course, will be that a “Wish List” is not necessarily a “get list”!

• If paying by cheque, please make payable to “SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA”.
• Credit Card facilities are available but unfortunately we are unable to offer EFTPOS.

Please come and share the reading experience with your child at our annual Book Fair in the Library.

Hope to see you there!
Student Health and Happiness

“When students are happy and healthy, their learning is maximised.”

RESILIENCE

Dr Helen McGrath developed a Resilience Program called ‘Bounce Back’ which offers good advice on how to develop resilience.

B ad times don’t last. Things will usually get better.
O ther people can help when things are bad, but you need to talk to them and share your worries.
U nnecessary worry makes things worse. Don’t catastrophize. It probably won’t happen.
N obody is perfect. You are not perfect. Others are not. It’s human to make mistakes.
C alculate your own ‘fair blame’. Then work out how much was due to others or just bad luck.
E veryone experiences sadness, disappointment, setbacks not just you. Normalise don’t personalise.

B e positive. Find the laughter.
A ccept what you can’t really change, but try to change what you can first.
C ontrol your feelings and actions by controlling how you think.
K eep things in perspective. It’s not the end of the world.
Sport News

Ballam Park PS House Cross Country
The Annual School House Cross Country was held on Tuesday (8/5) for all Years 3 – 6 students in the park area next to the school. Students competed in age-based events after training over the previous weeks at school. All students who completed the course are to be congratulated for their fantastic efforts to earn valuable points for their house.

The final house totals were:

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MARSH HOUSE, WINNERS OF THE 2012 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY.

The top three placings for each event were:

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Well done to these students! All students who finished in the top 10 for their event will now advance to the Murdoch District Cross Country on Wednesday, 23rd May at Baxter Park. All students involved have received a notice already on Tuesday afternoon, after the House Cross Country.

A big thank you to those parents who offered their time at the Cross Country to assist as course marshals, and to the staff, student teachers and work experience students who also helped out to make the day run smoothly.

Inter-school Winter Sport
The Inter-school Winter Sport season continues TOMORROW (11/5) against Somerville PS from 9.30am – 11.00am. Students will participate tomorrow at the following venues:

- Football, soccer, and netball – at Ballam Park
- Tee-ball, and newcombe – at Somerville PS

Parents are more than welcome to attend at either venue to lend their support.

Years 5/6 Camp
All Years 5/6 students received a notice last week outlining final payment details for our camp to Woorabinda in December. As outlined in the notice, we can only send a maximum of 76 students to camp, so the criteria for which students will attend camp are:

Firstly, those students who pay their deposit and then the remaining costs for camp by the due date (Friday, 16th November), but also do not have any outstanding amounts owing to the school for Essential Education Items (the book list) will be placed on the list first.

Secondly, all students’ behaviour will be closely monitored throughout the year. If our records of student behaviour indicate that a student is likely to be unsafe or uncooperative on camp, then he or she will not be allowed to attend and any money already paid for camp will be refunded.

If parents have any queries regarding camp, please see Mr O’Brien.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator
WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE
ON FRIDAY, 18 MAY 2012

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
  Walking with them the whole way to school
  If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
  If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise, like walking with your child, not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 18 May 2012!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au

PARENTS’ CLUB

PARENTS’ CLUB MEETINGS—ALL WELCOME
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held on Monday, 14th May after assembly.
Please meet in the office. New members are always welcome at our meetings so please come along and join in.

THANK YOU
A sincere thank you to all those parents who kindly donated Mothers’ Day raffle gifts or cash towards raffle prizes. We had 12 great prizes for the raffle which will be drawn today, Thursday, 10th May. Your support is most appreciated.

FETE COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Would you like to volunteer to be a member of our Fete Committee? If you are interested in joining, please send your name and phone number to the school office. We hope to hear from you.

PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR

Uniform Shop News

Uniforms can be purchased in two ways:
- From the PSW Shop at 21 Playne Street, Frankston
- Order online www.psw.com.au with free delivery to the school office on Thursday mornings.

This delivery service will operate until 28th June 2012 and, after that date, there will be $8.00 postage fee for delivery to the parent's home address.

Primary School Wear (PSW)
21 Playne Street, Frankston
(opposite Savers)
Phone 9769-6510
THE PERFECT GIFT FOR MOTHERS' DAY...
Entertainment Book 2012-2013

The Entertainment Books are now available for purchase at school. You can purchase the Entertainment Book for $65.00, and start using the coupons immediately until June 2013 (that’s 14 months use).

Entertainment Books are the perfect gift for Mum this Mother’s Day, Sunday, 13th May.

A sample Entertainment Book is on display at the General Office. This edition has a great number of Mornington Peninsula restaurants and venues, and also other great discounts on holiday resorts, etc. It also has an exclusive offer from Coles. As an Entertainment member, you can purchase $100 Coles Gift Cards for only $95. With the average family spending over $100 at the supermarket per week, that adds up to savings of more than $260 over the course of the year! It also includes discounts at Village Cinema movies, AMF, Melbourne Aquarium, Luna Park, Puffing Billy, McDonalds, KFC, Krispy Kreme, Nando’s, Red Rooster etc etc etc. Just look through the sample display book in the General Office.

Just log onto www.entertainmentbook.com.au and select ‘Search the Book’ tab. Then select the 2012-2013 Book, type in the suburb that you mainly shop in, and then select ‘All Businesses’, and see how many businesses are giving great discounts in your area. You will only need to purchase from a few discounted businesses to cover the price of the Entertainment Book, and then all the other great discounts are a bonus!

Please support our school (sale of each Entertainment Book contributes to our notebook and netbook program) — and at the same time save yourself money!

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BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY—ENTERTAINMENT BOOK/S 2012-2013

Student Name ________________________________________________________ Grade ____________

CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY (circle) – MASTERCARD / VISA

CARD NO: __________________________________________________________

EXPIRY DATE: ___________ ___________

Card Holder’s name & Address Contact Telephone No
__________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________

Amount: $_________________

Date ______________ Signature ____________________________

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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thank you to all our parents who have responded to the request for Canteen support. Lunch orders have improved for Wednesdays and Fridays, but we still need your support for MONDAYS please.

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Thank you to our Book Club Coordinator

A sincere thank you to Mrs Lizle Van Schalkwyk for being our Book Club Coordinator for many years. Lizle has given a lot of time and effort to ensure that students have an opportunity to purchase books at a reasonable price through the Book Club system. Book Club will continue to be available.
The Boomers have started off the season well, with all players getting on the court and having a go. Our club is slowly but surely getting bigger, and we welcomed 4 new members last week.

The grade 5 team WELCOMES Hayley and Mathew...Mathew played his very first game on Saturday, and was very valuable in defence. Hayley played her first game in a few years, and did an amazing job against the boys.

The grade 4 team WELCOMES Cooper and Jackson. They both played basketball at their previous school, and played an awesome first game with the Boomers on Saturday.

The grade 2 team had a bye on Saturday, but will be back on deck next week.

The Grade 4 team had a huge game against ME Meteors...we started making a comeback, but ran out of time. We lost 36-28. The grade 5 team came up against some BIG boys in the Woodlands Warriors team. They battled hard, but eventually lost 43-19.

GREAT EFFORT EVERYONE!!! Remember, we are always looking for new players and coaches for new teams...If you are interested in being involved, please call Kellie on 0416 055 346.

GRADE 6 PLAYERS WANTED!!!!

GO BOOMERS!!!
Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for April, 2012.

Paige W. - Prep H for Confidence
Kyle W. - 1SM for Confidence
Kurei R.C. - 2B for Organisation
Hanna P. - 3F for Getting Along
Alex U. - 4D for Getting Along
Angus B. - 5B for Organisation
Eric V S. - 6S for Persistence
Patrick D. - Prep B for Confidence
Montanna S. - 1M for Persistence
Ashlyn R. - 2L for Organisation
Chloe H. - 3D for Persistence
Liam H. - 4R for Getting Along
Blair T. - 5M for Organisation
Joshua P. - 6B for Confidence

CBA School Banking is free, it’s fun and banking day is every Tuesday!

HI EVERYONE!

EXCITING NEWS... THE COMMONWEALTH BANK IS BACK IN 2012 WITH LOTS OF NEW REWARDS!!!

START BANKING NOW AND DON’T FORGET EVERY NEW SCHOOL BANKER WHO JOINS THE PROGRAM AND STARTS BANKING EARN $5.00! School Banking encourages a regular savings habit and we also receive commission with every deposit made!

Collect your tokens, then swap them with your School Banking Co-ordinator for cool rewards.

Commonwealth Bank

Please remember that you can open an account via your local branch or download an application form from www.commbank.com.au and return it to your school along with your identification.
Guitar Tuition Available at school

If you would like your child to have Guitar lessons at the school on Mondays, please contact Glen Vinton of X10SIV Guitar Tuition on either 5979-4575 or via email on x10sivmusic@rock.com

Glen teaches both acoustic and electric guitar styles which will incorporate major and minor chords, moving on to barre chords, lead construction and, when your child gains confidence, song composition.

Glen has been playing guitar for over 35 years and has a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (Music).
Parents Victoria
Online Conference
Parents and other interested participants are warmly invited to take part in the sixth annual online conference to be held by Parents Victoria.

The conference will be held non-stop on the internet during Education Week, commencing at 6.00 a.m. on Sunday, 20 May, with discussion topics including:
- Celebrating Public Education
- Travel to School
- Multiculturalism
- Curriculum
- Bullying
- Mental Health
- School Payments and Funding

There is also the opportunity to comment on other Education issues that may concern you.

No special software is needed just an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions are very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate are provided. There are prizes for schools for participation.

The conference is proudly sponsored by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

For further information, email: office@parents.victoria.asn.au
Telephone 9380 2158 or visit: [www.parents.victoria.asn.au](http://www.parents.victoria.asn.au)

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SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT...
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ballam.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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490 Warrandyte Road, Langwarrin South
enquiries@paulspoultry.com.au