PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Welcome to new students and their families
This term we have had almost 20 new students join us here at BPPS. We welcome you to our school community and hope that you all find us at Ballam Park to be friendly and helpful. Our four school rules about the way we do things at BPPS are:
- Be friendly and respectful to others at school.
- Play and work safely.
- Persist when you face challenges.
- Strive to do your best.

We have 36 preps enrolled for 2011. Prep Orientation Day is on Tuesday, 29th November.

It is important all new preps enrol now so that each child can be allocated to a class and so that parents can receive the school start bonus in January.

McClelland College Active Citizenship Program
Ashley, Lachlan, Brent and Rye have been very ably assisting at our school this term with fitness and sport, computers, maths extension, reading, setting up for the Fete and Year 6 Musical, Bike Ed, lunchtime activities and gardening. They have approached all tasks in a mature and helpful manner, and it has been very positive for our school to have them assisting us.

Orienteering
On Friday, Mr O’Brien, Mrs Beilken, Mrs Street and I took 47 students to the Eastern Zone Championships at Healesville. Orienteering is a sport that combines map reading, problem solving, attention to detail and running. It is often referred to as ‘cunning running’. Students competed in events as individuals and in pairs. At the end of the day, they completed their events with a total of only four errors out of around 500 checkpoint answers. What a great example of persistence and of striving to do your best. To cap the day off, an email of results came this week and BPPS came second in the event. The school that beat us had also won last year and took 90 students to Friday’s event.

Walkathon
Thank you to everyone who assisted in making this event a success by collecting sponsors and dressing up to sleep walk in their pyjamas. The total raised so far is $4,751.

SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT...
Would you like to receive a newsletter link every fortnight via email? If you are interested, please email us at...
ballam.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Every morning there is a lucky draw from the names of all students who have returned their sponsorship money.
Principal’s Comments cont/…

An exciting term for the students
This week, it’s Year 2 Swimming and Year 6 Camp. In the next two weeks, Years 3 to 5 will have swimming and all students will attend Life Ed.

This year’s Christmas Concert will be on Monday, December 13th from 11.45am to 1.15pm. All parents who are able to come along are most welcome.

Senior Camps Program
A few weeks ago, all students in Years 2 to 4 were given a survey to take home about school camps. Thank you to the twenty-three families who responded. Of those responses, twelve indicated support to continue with two senior camps. We have not booked a camp for Year 5 in 2011 because we think it is unlikely to be financially viable, and camp deposits must be paid by the school before the end of this year. School Council and staff will discuss options for the future. This might include allowing Year 5 students to join the Year 6 camp or perhaps having a 5/6 camp every alternate year.

Mark Renouf
Principal

WALKATHON
On Friday, 29th October, we completed a very enjoyable and successful annual Walkathon. Congratulations to everyone for completing their laps. It was great to see so many different costumes.

A big THANK YOU to all the parents, teachers and students who helped out with stamping cards, marshalling and walking. THANK YOU also to the Parents’ Club for supplying the icy poles for everyone after the Walkathon.

It has already been a fantastic effort in collecting sponsorship money. Our progress total is $4,751.

We would really appreciate it if all remaining sponsorship money could be returned as soon as possible.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

Darren O’Brien
Walkathon Co-ordinator

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.

40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PHOTOGRAPH FOR SALE
As a lasting memento of our school's 40th Birthday celebration, we are offering a special photograph for sale to our school community. The colour photograph (as shown below) will be size 6” x 8” and cost $4.00 per photo.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please send an envelope named “40th Birthday Photo Offer” together with $4.00. (Sorry, only cash payment accepted.) by Tuesday, 30th November.
BPPS 40th Birthday Celebration Fete
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CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

Self esteem fluctuates as children grow. It’s frequently changed and fine-tuned as it is affected by a child’s experiences and new perceptions. I hope this article may be useful. If you would like some more information on this topic, please contact me.

Building Your Child’s Self Esteem

Factors affecting children’s self esteem:
- How much the child feels wanted, appreciated and loved
- How your child sees himself, often built from what parents and those close say
- His or her sense of achievement
- How the child relates to others

Your child’s self esteem can be increased by you:
- Appreciating your child
- Telling your child that you love them
- Spending time with your child
- Encouraging your child to make choices
- Fostering independence in your children
- Giving genuine importance to your child’s opinion and listening
- Taking the time to explain reasons
- Feeding your child with positive encouragement
- Encouraging your child to try new and challenging activities

Appreciating your child
A child’s self esteem will suffer if he or she is not appreciated. Children know if you are sincere or not. If you spend time together you must enjoy or there is no point. Show appreciation at all times.

Tell your child you love him or her - this is appreciation. Thanking a child when he does something good is reward enough. Children like to please.

Encouragement
Esteem is boosted with your encouragement. Encourage decision-making, this will lead to a feeling of confidence and independence.

Praise
Self esteem comes from what you think about yourself, praise is external. I do not agree entirely with some who say praise creates kids addicted to it and then needing praise to feel good. Encouragement is better than praise. I was often told “could do better” and this lead me to feel no matter what I did it would not be good enough to please others.

Mutual respect
Children’s self esteem will be higher if you treat him or her seriously and with respect. Explain to the child everything and treat him as an intelligent individual able to understand and reach conclusions.

You want to be treated like this and children are no different. A child who is belittled, patronized or put down will suffer lack of confidence. Mutual respect will foster trust and confidence.

Dealing with failure
If the child fails, he must not feel a failure. Teach a child failure doesn’t exist only temporary setbacks on the road to success. Never tell a child he has failed, let you down or cannot succeed. Be a mentor and help the child to believe in his or her ability to succeed no matter how long it takes!

Ref: http://www.more-selfesteem.com/child_self_esteem.htm

With best wishes
Kaye Coughlan
School Chaplain
Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for October 2010.

Alonzo R. - Prep S for Confidence
Trinity S. - 1H for Organisation
Alex W - 2P for Persistence
Jonty V. - 3F for Getting Along
Louise R. - 3/4R for Getting Along
Charlotte H - 5S for Getting Along
Brittany S. - 4/5B for Organisation
Will T. - 6B for Resilience

Lachlan D. - Prep B for Confidence
Rusmedin G. - 1M for Confidence
Sam L. - 2J for Getting Along
Devlin L. - 3D for Confidence
Madeleine H. - 4M for Persistence
Abby H. - 5H for Confidence
Telaah D - 6PD for Confidence

CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO NEW SCHOOLS IN 2011
(excluding Year 6 students)

To assist us with our preliminary planning for Year 2011, we need to have fairly accurate estimates of student enrolment. It is important that we know about any families who are presently at our school but intend to transfer to another school in 2011.

Please return this form to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

(Please return form to school office)

CHILDREN IN YEARS PREP TO 5 TRANSFERRING TO OTHER SCHOOLS IN 2011

My children will be transferring to:

…………………………………. Primary School

Children’s names:
…………………………………. Grade ….
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Parent/guardian’s signature:
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Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who received certificates for completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge:

1H—Brodie L, Christopher H, Kaitlyn R, Seth M, Matthew Hodson, Rebekah S
1M—Alexandra N, Courtney F, Allen D, Liam J, Matilda H, Nathan H, TJ S, Tyler P
2J—Sam L
2P—Dylan M
3/4R—Rachel S
4/5B—Felicity M, Kaycee G, Ronaldo S, Sarah S, Sophie H, Tamara P, Tarni C
5S—Alexander S, Charlotte H, Cooper A, Leith B, Georgia G, Rebecca H, Rileigh S, Sam L
Today we had photography. We learned that a photo is a lot more than a photo. It's a STORY! The camera has a lens and a movie button and a zoom-in and zoom-out. We took photos and there is an awesome soccer photo! Please Mrs Beilken - let us do it every day! Callum B

It was very exciting taking photos. But there were rules. If you follow the rules, you will have a great time! Rule #1 is HAVE FUN AND TAKE LOTS OF PHOTOS. I had five pictures printed and it looks so cool! My overall rating for this experience is 10 out of 10! Natalie McC.

Today our grade and four extras, took heaps of cool photos. A professional photographer showed us how to take a perfect photo. He showed us how to get the right lighting, good focus and a good scene. I took 37 photos altogether. It was FUN! Brittany S

Today we had a person called Steven come in and we got to go outside to take pictures. It was very, very cool! I took a picture of a bird and a rainbow lorikeet. Mat W

It was really cool because a guy called Steven taught us how to use a digital camera. Everyone got to print 5 of their favourite pictures. It was awesome!

I have learned how to put the flash on and how to put on the clock. We went outside to take lots of photos and we got to print five of them. I had a wonderful day! Felicity

We went outside and I took 47 photos - one of a bee collecting pollen, spiders, bugs and plants. It was fun! Sebastian

Today we had a professional photographer come to our class and he gave us a camera to use for the day. It was so much fun! I took a photo of me, Tessa, Tarni and Sarah. We printed the photos and got to take more. Sophie

We had a photographic workshop to learn how to work a camera and how to do all the things that a camera can do. So the 5 rules are:
#1. Have fun and take lots of photos.
#2. Look after your camera.
#3. No swapping cameras.
#4. No movies or deleting.
#5. No photos of people not in our group or other people’s artworks.
Jordan
Today we had a whole day of PHOTOGRAPHY! We learned how to make the background go fuzzy and the main point of a picture stand out. When we got to print our favourite 5 - I knew EXACTLY which photos to print. Now I want a camera! Sarah S

Steven came to our school - he’s a photographer. He told us how to work the camera - which was pretty simple. We took photos of each other. It was so much fun! Tarni

Everything has a subject! We got black frames and went outside to take imaginary pictures with our frames. I learned what the flower and the mountain means. It was great! We all got cameras and took a lot of pictures. I captured (took a picture of) a bee. Ronaldo

We learned how to take really good photos and all the rules about how to look after our cameras. Rahera

It was awesome! It was amazing! Nearly no work for the day! ACTION SHOTS! COOOOOOOOL! Dylan G

Today it felt like I was part of the paparazzi! I took heaps of pictures of people and they were taking pics of ME!!! It was really fun! At the end of the day, we got to print 5 pics. Jamie E

Today we had a professional photographer (Steven) come and show us how to take really good photos. It lasted the whole day. We could take any picture we wanted. It was so much fun! Overall, I got 73 photos. WOW! Kaycee G

WOW! What a day! The things I did today have been thrilling and priceless! Our photos are going to be entered in a competition - but the good news is, we get to print 5 photos to keep! Tessa M

I mostly took photos of soccer. It was really fun! I hope I win the contest! Harley

“I今天，4/5B had a photo workshop. They had a lot of fun. They took pics of trees, soccer, bugs - everything! You can see that now they are printing their pics. Let’s go over to the printing table with Zac…..So Zac - what do you think the highlight of the day was?” “Taking pics of soccer!” “Okay then! Well, that wraps up our report today! I’m Josh H. See you next time!”
Asthma: 10 things to tell your doctor

Symptoms
1. If you wake up coughing, wheezing or breathless
2. If you struggle to keep up with normal activity

Triggers
3. Anything that seems to trigger/make your asthma worse
4. What you do about your triggers and whether this helps

Medication
5. How often you take your blue reliever puffer
6. How often you take your preventer medication
7. How you use your device
8. If you are using any other medications or complementary therapies

Asthma plan
9. I would like an asthma action plan
10. I would like a regular asthma review

If you would like more information please call The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au

BOOK CLUB
Please note that orders for the next issue of Book Club are due back at school by Monday, 22nd November.

Additional order forms are available at the office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
(operated by Primary School Wear)

The Uniform Shop (which is located at the end of the senior building near the Library) is open every Thursday — 8.30 to 9.45am. Uniform orders may be left at the school office at any time. If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop, you may make a phone order with a credit card payment, telephone 9581-3333. The order will be packed and delivered to your child.

Uniform items can also be ordered online at www.psw.com.au

BPPS uniforms are also available at Primary School Wear Frankston store, 21 Playne Street, Frankston (opposite Savers), phone 9769-6510.

TERM DATES 2010-2012

2010
Term 3: 12 July to 17 September 2010
Term 4: 4 October to 17 December 2010

2011
Term 1: 4 February (students start) to 8 April 2011
   Teachers begin Term 1 on 1 February
Term 2: 27 April to 1 July 2011**
Term 3: 18 July to 23 September 2011
Term 4: 10 October to 22 December 2011

*(25 April is Easter Monday, a public holiday, as well as ANZAC Day. 26 April is a public holiday in lieu of ANZAC Day)

Please note that schools are able to set a student free day in either Term 2 or Term 3.

2012
Term 1: 6 February (students start) to 30 March 2012
   Teachers begin Term 1 on 1 February
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June 2012
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September 2012
Term 4: 8 October to 21 December 2012

Please note that schools are able to set a student free day in either Term 2 or Term 3.
Commonwealth Bank School Banking is here at BPPS!

School Banking is a great way to help teach children to save and also get great benefits for our school.

There is an exciting new Rewards Program with great merchandise up for grabs. Children receive a token every time they bank and can redeem their tokens for amazing gifts such as hats, pencil cases, backpacks and much more.

_Every new account opened through our school earns our school $5 and we also receive commission with every deposit._

_Every child who opens a new account in 2010 will receive a FREE PLATYPUS MONEY BOX._

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Youthsaver Account please complete the form below and return it to the office ASAP. Alternatively, if you have an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, your child can start banking straight away so just send your book in every week on Tuesday.

School Banking Day is _every Tuesday._

Any questions – please feel free to contact Jo Lothian, School Banking Coordinator c/o the office.

Please tear off form below and return to the office

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Yes please send me a School Banking Application Pack for my child/children

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OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

‘we make kids smile’

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This fortnight the children will be trying to break records of their own and others, in teams and individually.

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL EMMA on 0402-258-786

Stars of the Week:

CAYLA L and NATHAN L

for bright smiles and enthusiasm

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia