PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Dear Parents

In my first weeks at Ballam Park Primary School, I have been visiting classrooms to get to know the children better. They’ve been telling me a little about themselves and giving me some feedback on Ballam Park PS. This has been so much fun! The children are so friendly and open, and keen to know about me as well as tell me about themselves. It is a real privilege to work in a school where the people are interested in, and care about each other. The behaviours I have seen from all members of the community espouse the value of respect, in the way they behave towards each other. As such, I feel very lucky to be a part of it!

Old Fashioned Games Afternoon

Thank you to the many parents who came along to watch and participate in our community event last Wednesday. What a great night! The rain held off just long enough so that we could participate in all of the great activities without getting wet. It was just great seeing everyone having so much fun; being active and cooperating in a team atmosphere. Lots of parents visited classrooms and took this opportunity to meet their child’s teacher. I am sure that lots of worthwhile conversations took place. The school looks forward to more of these community events in the future. (Please see photo page)

School Council Elections

On behalf of the school I would like to thank and congratulate the three parents who have nominated to be Parent Members on the School Council for the next two years 2013-2015. As there were three vacancies and three nominations, the nominated candidates have been elected. The successful candidates were: Tim Watts, Lisa Cartwright and Matt Taylor. Also congratulations to our DEECD staff, Lee Street and Christine Robinson who also nominated for School Council.

I would also like to acknowledge our retiring School Councillors who worked so hard to make Ballam Park PS a better place for your children: Mrs Kira Dudas, Mrs Pam Lefebvre and Mrs Robyn Anderson.

The first meeting of the 2013 School Council will be held on Monday, 18 March. This meeting will be the annual reporting meeting. Office bearers will be selected and the 2012 Annual Report presented. All members of the school community are welcome to attend the meeting.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

A huge amount of thanks to the many families and members of the community who brought in their Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ sticker/dockets last year. We were able to choose from a wide range of valuable school resources. Late last week all the goodies arrived. It was just like Christmas all over again! We will divide up these resources for your children to use in their classrooms. THANK YOU

Have a great week!

Anneliese Kosach

IMPORTANT DATES 2013

MARCH
Fri 8 Summer Sport Round 4
Mon 11 Public Holiday (Labour Day)
Fri 15 Parents’ Club School Disco
Fri 22 Ride to School Day
Thurs 28 End of Term 1, 2.30pm dismissal
Fri 29 Good Friday

RE M I N D E R

Instalments now due
Book List and Essential Education Items Year 2013

Please note that there are facilities for EFTPOS, Visa, BPAY and phone credit at the office.
Last Wednesday afternoon, an 'Old Fashioned' Sports day was held. The students participated in events such as the egg and spoon race, the three legged race and many different relays and games. The Year 6 students even learnt how to play hopscotch and jacks. Many parents and family members attended to watch their children participate. Following the sports, parents and children enjoyed afternoon tea and then had an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet the teacher. Strong supportive links between families and the school lead to positive outcomes for children.
Student Health and Happiness

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

Over the last couple of weeks, our school focus has been on ‘CONFIDENCE’. Our next foundation in the ‘You Can Do It’ program is PERSISTENCE.

Persistence is revealed when students try hard and do not give up easily when doing their schoolwork and other tasks they find frustrating and do not feel like doing. When students complete an assignment, rather than becoming distracted, they are demonstrating Persistence. Persistent students elect to play after they’ve done their work. When having a lot of work to do, or work that is hard to understand, they do not give up but they make the additional effort required to understand and complete their work.

The following three Habits of the Mind will help children develop ‘Persistence’:

⇒ I CAN DO IT- teach children to make positive predictions about future successes in school, especially when working on difficult material; instruct them to take credit for successes and not to think that because they have done poorly, they are not good at anything and never will be.

⇒ GIVING EFFORT- teach children that the harder they try, the better their achievement will be and the more skilled they will become.

⇒ WORKING TOUGH- Instil in students the idea that in order to achieve pleasant results in the long term, they will sometimes have to do unpleasant things in the short term and that they can stand doing things they don’t like to do; help them to not blow unpleasantness of events out of proportion.

Complete the questionnaire to rate your child’s level of Persistence.

1= Not at all like my child 2= Slightly like my child 3= Moderately like my child 4= Like my child 5= Very much like my child

1. Shows good effort on his/her schoolwork
2. Checks work when completed to make sure it is correct
3. Is optimistic about being successful at school work
4. Seems to believe that the worst thing in life is having to work on things that are boring
5. Rushes through doing 'hard' stuff as quickly as possible
6. Gets easily frustrated with most routine activities and avoids doing them
7. Puts into practice the idea that the more effort he/she puts into his/her schoolwork the better the result
8. Knows and puts into practice the idea that to be achieving, s/he sometimes has to do hard or boring schoolwork
9. When s/he gets frustrated with something that is hard, seems to think it’s unfair and that s/he shouldn’t have to do any more
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PB~ Georgette M
PJ~ Danielle L
1S~ Charlotte N  Loui M
2L~ Cameron A-S  Phoenix S
3R~ Teah W   Eli H-G
4R~ Te atara H   Ivory L
5S~ Felicity W   Mason M
6B~ Chloe B, Jaykobe C, Mathew G, Corey J
6S~ Mathew D, Lachlan D, Lachlan G, Jack K

PM~ Jade S
1M~ Jordan P  Bianca N
2B~ Sarina A  Xyla M
3H~ Trinity C, Charli D, Phoenix B
4D~ Kohein L  Joshua M
5B~ Sam L    Kayla R

Our ‘Earn and Learn’ order arrived last week. A big thank you to all the parents and families who sent in their Woolies stickers. We ordered Art supplies, games for lunchtime activities, Science equipment, books for classroom libraries and our colourful beanbags for the senior corridor.
Ballam Park “Boomers” Basketball Club Inc

Hi everyone, Welcome to 2013.

This year we are very excited as we have 6 more Boomers than last year!!!
We have a grade 5 team, a grade 3 team and a grade one team.
Training has already started, and our first games are next weekend. We have 2 new coaches this year, which is very very exciting for us. Welcome on board Mandy (grade 1) and Kellie (grade 3).
Anyone who still wants to play, please grab a notice from the office and give us a call.
Thanks everyone. GO BOOMERS!!!!!
Ballam Park Primary School
Parents Club

DISCO TIME

Come and have some fun at the school Disco on Friday the 15th of March

Prep – Gr 3: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Grade 4 – 6: 7:15pm – 8:45pm
in the Hall at B.P.P.S

$5 entry per child, includes free gift and a drink & chips

Parking will ONLY be available at the Athletics Track.

Please bring your child to the door. No child will be able to leave without an adult.

Only BPPS students to attend, unless they have a parent who is helping.

The disco will be organised and supervised by the Parents’ Club.
One of our grade 4 students, Maddi, was featured in last week's 'Chelsea-Mordialloc News' with an article about how she keeps fit and active.

Maddison gymnastics efforts ‘an inspiration’

By Neil Walker

MADISON Bugaja has not allowed her confinement to a wheelchair after a 2009 Mooroolbark car crash stop her being active.

The plucky ten-year-old Frankston girl's determination to participate in sports, despite her disability, inspired Patterson Lakes Community Centre to provide an opportunity for Maddison to exercise.

Patterson Lakes Community Centre Gymnastics coach Graeme Marshall said the centre was happy to integrate Maddison into the mainstream gymnastics classes, following an approach by her physiotherapist. Maddison started attending gymnastics classes in August last year.

"Maddison started doing about an hour per week gymnastics last year and this has increased to about an hour-and-a-half this year," Mr Marshall said.

Maddison visits the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne for quarterly check-ups.

"The doctors were amazed at how straight Maddison's body is when doing hanging rings exercises," Mr Marshall said. "We're working on improving her core strength and she is progressing well."

Maddison's mother, Jenni Bugaja, said her daughter is "really loving" the gymnastics sessions.

"She's improved out of sight since she started and her attitude has been great," Ms Bugaja said. "We're proud of her."

Gymnastics Victoria presented Patterson Lakes Community Centre with their inaugural Inclusive Initiative of the Year award for their efforts in ensuring Maddison had the opportunity to take part in gymnastics at the centre.

The award is presented to the club which best promotes and demonstrates positive inclusive practices within the sport of gymnastics and shows practical and responsive actions to changing community and social needs, providing opportunities for participation and involvement in gymnastics.

Graeme Marshall said Maddison's attitude and effort are "an inspiration" to staff at Patterson Lakes Community Centre.
Challenge your family and friends to get active in 2013!

The 2013 Premier’s Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorian families to get active and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

So grab your family and friends, and register today to do 30 minutes of physical activity per day for 30 days between 4 March and 14 April 2013.

It’s fun and it’s free to participate, and just by registering you’ll receive:
- 20 free YMCA passes per family or team
- 15% discount at Rebel Sport
- one hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- one free child entry to the Melbourne Aquarium
- one free child entry to the National Sports Museum and MCG Tours.

You’ll also:
- have a chance to win great prizes, including iPads and Rebel Sport vouchers
- get regular tips and ideas on ways to keep your family active throughout the Challenge and be able to nominate your school for the chance to win between $350 and $1,000 in Rebel Sport vouchers as well as a coaching clinic with high-profile athletes.

Sign up today at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1300 463 684 — or go to our school website and click on the link.

When you sign on for the challenge you get to nominate our school and a chance to win some great prizes including sporting clinics and sporting equipment packages.

Are you up to the challenge?
This week, we have had a really good week and the program is going well, with more decisions about activities being made by the children.

For bookings, please log on to: www.campaustralia.com.au

OSHC Co-ordinator: Haylie Lelliott
Phone 0402-354-584

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
**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). Information is also available at the school office.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Thank you to all our parents who are supporting our Canteen.

Lunch orders have improved for Mondays and Fridays, but we still need your support for Wednesdays please.

**Mums’ Tennis Program**

25 February-29 March 2013

*How to have fun, get fit and socialise for only $35...through tennis*

For more information, contact Tennis Victoria
Phone: 8420-8420
Email: tvreception@tennis.com.au

**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.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR Uniform Shop News**

Trading Hours:
- Monday to Friday: 8.30am-5.00pm
- Saturday: 9.00am-5.00pm

Uniforms can be purchased in two ways:
- From the PSW Shop at 21 Playne Street, Frankston

There will be $8.65 postage fee for delivery to parent’s home address.

Primary School Wear (PSW)
21 Playne Street, Frankston
(opposite Savers)
Phone 9769-6510

**When Great Minds Don’t Think Alike**

Wednesday, 20 March, 6.30pm
Frankston Library
60 Playne Street, Frankston

*Insights for parents of children with learning difficulties.*

Presented by Nadine Shome from ReMinds

Join us for an information session on helping children with learning difficulties including Dyslexia, Auditory Processing Disorder, Neuro Developmental Delay, ADHD, Sensory Integration Issues, language disorders, Dyspraxia, and Aspergers/Autism related learning difficulties.

Bookings essential: Please ring the library on 9784 1020 or email registration@reminds.com.au

Links to register can also be found on the Reminds website at [www.reminds.com.au](http://www.reminds.com.au)

Free Event
School term dates 2013-2014

2013
Term 2: 15 April to 28 June
Term 3: 15 July to 20 September
Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

2014
Term 1: *28 January (teachers start) to 4 April
Term 2: 22 April to 27 June
Term 3: 14 July to 19 September
Term 4: 6 October to 19 December

* Each year, government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning & administration, curriculum development, and student assessment & reporting purposes. The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school.

Please check with school when other student-free days will occur throughout the school year.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

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FRANKSTON HOCKEY CLUB
REGISTRATION DAY
ALL PLAYERS WELCOME
JUNIORS MENS WOMENS

Monash Uni, Off Bloom St, Frankston
Date: Sunday 3rd March
Time: 11am - 4pm
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