WALKKATHON

Friday
8th November

The Walkathon will be held on FRIDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER. The Walkathon will begin at 9.20am and finish by morning recess time. Parents are most welcome to come along for the walk.

Many students are already onto their second sponsors’ card, and have obviously been very busy collecting sponsors in a bid to win some of the fantastic prizes up for grabs, including:

- iPad
- STEREO
- iPod Nano
- BLADE BOARD and knee/elbow pads
- BODYBOARD
- FAMILY BOWLING VOUCHER
- BIKE and HELMET
- SPORTS PACK
- BASKETBALL/NETBALL/SOCCER BALL/FOOTBALL (your choice )
- TENNIS RACQUET and tennis balls
- LEGO
- BOARD GAMES

COSTUME:
This year’s Walkathon is a “SPACE AND SCIENCE FICTION THEME”. Students will also need to wear comfortable shoes for walking. No face paint or hair spray/colouring, etc. please.

There will be special prizes for the BEST COSTUME on Friday. All students who complete the Walkathon will also receive an icy-pole!

WHAT ELSE TO BRING:
- SunSmart school hat
- Sunscreen
- Plastic drink bottle (water will be available)

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Congratulations to our five students for their success in the Primary Schools’ State Athletic Championships
Please see the report from Mr O’Brien on their achievements later in this newsletter.

Language Education
In our last newsletter I wrote about our plans to trial a Language Learning Program in 2014 and asked for parent responses.
This week, I am providing what is perhaps a more obvious request and opportunity for parents to express your ideas.
Please see the double-sided yellow request form for feedback with this week’s newsletter. Your opinions are important and are appreciated, so please reply to school by next Wednesday.
Here are some links to online language learning resources:
http://freelanguage.org/learn/digital-dialects
http://www.google.com/mobile/translate/ App for mobile device
http://www.memrise.com/courses/english/

Swimming and Water Safety
Please note that deposits are due for the Years 3 to 6 programs by tomorrow at the latest. Our bookings and program will be planned on the basis of confirmed student numbers.

Mark Renouf, Principal
IMPORTANT DATES 2013

NOVEMBER
Fri 1  Free Dress Day/Gold Coin Donation
       Halloween Disco Parents’ Club
Mon 4  Canteen closed
Tues 5  Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup Day)
Wed 6  Prep 2014 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
Fri 8  WALKATHON
Mon 11 Year 6 Transition Morning at Mt Erin
       College & McClelland College
Tues 12 Year 1 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
       Year 3 Great Wall of Dairy Excursion
Wed 13 Prep 2014 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
Fri 15 Years 4, 5 & 6 Zone Orienteering Day
Mon 18 to  ) Year Prep Swimming Program
           Thurs 21  ) Jubilee Park Swimming Centre
Tues 19  Sausage Sizzle
Wed 20  Prep 2014 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
Fri 22  Yrs 5 & 6 Deposit $20 due 2014 Camp
Wed 27  PREP 2014 Transition Morning
       Canteen Special Lunch Day
Fri 29  BPPS House Sports Day

DECEMBER
Tues 3  Year 5 Day Visit to McClelland College
Tues 3 to  ) Years 3/4 Beach Safety Program at
           Fri 6  ) Pines Pool & Frankston Surf LS Club
Mon 9 to  ( Years 5 & 6 End of Year Water
           Fri 13  ( Safety & Activities Week
Mon 16  Christmas Concert & Christmas Stall
Wed 18  Year 6 Graduation
Fri 20  Last day of Term 4, 2.30pm finish

CANTEEN NEWS

Please note that the Canteen will be closed on Monday, 4th November (the day before Melbourne Cup Day).

SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT...

If you would like to view our online school newsletter, please click on...

www.ballamparkps.vic.edu.au

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WITH MERIT AWARDS!

PB - Tirua K
PJ - Jazmine B Danielle L
1S - Ethan K Allanah M
2L - Shai H Siarra L
3R - Caitlin R Olivia C
4R- Molly B Callum P
5S - Keera G Mason M
6S~ Hayley D, Ben P, Genevieve N, Devlin L

PM - Seth S Daniel G
1M - Chase M Paige W
2B - Bryce P
3H - Chloe M Kaitlyn F
4D - Josh M Tarryn M
5B - Shah O Cayla L
6B - Jonty V, Lochlan R, Bonnie R, Chloe B
**Immunisation Certificates**

By law, your child must have an immunisation certificate status certificate to enrol in primary school.

What is an immunisation status certificate?

It is a statement showing the immunisation your child has received. If your child has not received any immunisations, you must still provide a certificate.

The school keeps a copy of the certificate so that, in the case of a disease outbreak, unimmunised children can be quickly identified and excluded from school until the risk of infection has passed. If you do not provide the certificate to the school, your child may also be excluded from school, as their immunisation status is unknown.

Homeopathic treatment is not a legally recognised form of immunisation and cannot be listed on an immunisation status certificate.

Immunisation certificates can be obtained from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register:

- phone 1 800 653 809 or
- email acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online
- visit your local Medicare Office

You will be sent this statement when your child turns five, however you can request a certificate at any time.

The school currently has 37 students for whom we have no immunisation certificate. Please check at the Office if you are unsure.

**Swearing and Bad Language at School**

One of our school values is Respect and our goal is to build a polite, considerate and caring environment for all members of the school community.

**A school that values Respect cannot accept swearing.**

Children often swear because they are exploring language. They might be testing a new word, perhaps to understand its meaning. When school-age children swear, it's usually to vent some negative feelings. It's a response to something painful, upsetting or frustrating. Nevertheless, children need to learn that there are certain places where it is not acceptable or appropriate to swear or use bad language. Parents need to help their children to learn and understand these social circumstances—and school is one of these places.

**What can you do if your child does swear?**

Speak to your child about his choice of words, rather than ignore the behaviour. Your child might or might not fully understand the meaning of a swear word. But by school-age, children do understand that words can hurt or offend others.

**Some other ways of dealing with swearing:**

- Discuss and agree at home about what is acceptable language.
- Discuss rules about acceptable language with your child.
- Reinforce that some words children may hear people using at home are not acceptable at school.
- If you find it difficult to stop swearing, try to find a substitute word or use another way to deal with the situation.
- Be aware of what your child watches, listens to and plays with. That means supervising TV, movies and other multimedia and music.
Five Ballam Park PS students advanced to the State Athletics Finals at Albert Park on Monday after progressing through District, Division, and Region carnivals over the past few weeks.

Manuao H-G from Year 5 competed in the 9/10 year old girls shot put and threw a personal best of 8.39m to finish second in the State final. This now qualifies Manuao to compete for Team Vic in the National Titles to be held in Brisbane from November 22nd. An amazing effort!

Carys W from Year 5 competed in the 9/10 year old girls 100m. After winning her heat easily in the morning, Carys blew them away in the final to finish 1st and become State Champion, and break the State Record of 13.85 seconds which had previously stood since 1988!

This also qualifies Carys for the National Titles for Team Vic in Brisbane from 22nd November. Fantastic work Carys!

The 9/10 year old girls 4x100m relay team of Hannah P, Trinity S, Josephine T, and Carys W cruised through their heat in a great team effort to qualify fastest for the final.

After looking like finishing mid pack in a fast run final, it was left to a blistering final leg by Carys to get them home in an amazing finish...And become the first ever Ballam Park PS relay team to become State Champs! Well done girls!

A big thank you to Shaun Penny from Frankston Athletics Club who did an amazing job training the girls all the way to becoming State Champions.

And to all the parents, family and friends who came along to loudly support the girls.

_Congratulations to all from everyone at Ballam Park PS!_
**Year 2 Swimming Program**
The Year 2 students recently completed their 4 day swimming and water safety program at Jubilee Park Swimming Centre. All students enjoyed the program immensely and are to be commended for the excellent behaviour and cooperation at the pool.

Thank you to the Year 2 teachers Mrs Beilken and Mrs Lafin for organising the students to and from the pool, and to those parents who assisted as well.

**Prep Swimming Program**
The Prep Swimming Program will be conducted at Jubilee Park Pool on the following dates: Monday, 18th – Thursday, 21st November from 9.30am – 11.30am. All Prep students have received notices and permission forms outlining all relevant details and costs involved. Could all permission forms and money please be returned to school as soon as possible.

**Years 3 – 6 Swimming and Water Safety Program**
Thank you to those Years 3 – 6 students who have paid their deposit for the end of year swimming programs. Further details of the senior swimming program will be finalised in the next week or so.

**Eastern Zone Orienteering Championships**
Ballam Park PS can send up to 54 students from Years 4 – 6 to compete in the Zone Orienteering Championships at Healesville on Friday, 15th November. Those students who expressed interest in taking part received notices, and we will be taking the first 54 students who returned their permission form and money. We have notified who those students are today and they have received an additional notice with further details.

**House Sports Day**
The annual whole school House Sports Day has been booked at the athletic track next door for Friday, 29th November. Notices with all details including event times will be sent home shortly.

**Year 3R Bike-Ed**
Students in 3R began their Bike-Ed program last Friday at school and will continue most Fridays for the rest of term, when we hope to go for a group ride in Ballam Park parkland. Unfortunately, some students were unable to bring their own bikes last week and we didn’t have enough school bikes for all students so some had to share which is not ideal. Hopefully more students can bring their bikes when the program continues tomorrow.

The Bike Ed program is held from 12.20pm – 1.20pm in the school grounds on Friday afternoons.

**Ballam Park Boomers Basketball Club**
Our school basketball club is in need of players!

Any students of any ability level and age group interested in joining up should contact Mr O’Brien at school.

*Darren O’Brien, Sports Coordinator*
Air Pollution and Asthma

School age students and young children with asthma can often have breathing difficulties when exposed to air pollution. Air pollution can occur:

**Outdoors** — smog (made up of nitrogen oxides and ozone), bushfires, cigarette smoke.  
**Indoors** — formaldehydes/resins (some building materials), volatile organic compounds (found in paints, furniture, cleaning products), cigarette smoke, poorly maintained gas appliances.

The most important way to reduce the impact of air pollution on your child’s asthma to avoid the pollutant completely if possible.

- Stay indoors on high smog days, close windows and external doors  
- Make sure you have a bush-fire plan if you live in a bushfire prone area  
- Make sure your child’s asthma is well controlled and that you and your child know what to do if their asthma gets worse  
- Make sure your gas appliances are serviced regularly by a registered or licensed gasfitter and that there is adequate ventilation in rooms containing gas appliances  
- Choose building items, furniture, paints and wood items that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, contact  
The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASThma (278 462)  
or visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)
This week we have done different Halloween costumes.

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

**Star of the Week**
Caitlin R

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

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**How to get started** — Before using our programs, you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Please visit our website to begin: www.campaustralia.com.au

**Once registered** you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details any time of the day online. Please keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

**Save on care** — You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more, call our Customer Service Team on 1300-105-343 Monday to Friday.

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**Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia**

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**Keep saving to win more Dollarmite’s treasure.**

Simply make two or more School Banking deposits from 21 October to 30 November and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Treasure Chest Prizes.**
Just by saving, you could win one of these great prizes:
- 60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB
- 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 & MCP

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**PSW wishes to advise that our uniform stores will be closed on the following dates:**

Mon 4 Nov - Tues 5 Nov
(Normal trade will resume Wed 6 Nov at 8:30am)

Don’t forget to shop from November 11 and save!
Kanga Loaders
Our easy to operate machine comes standard with 4 in 1 bucket and on trailer (min 1600kg towing capacity required).
Optional available:
- Auger drive with sizes 250mm, 350mm, 450mm and 600mm
- Trencher with 700mm depth, 150mm width
- Smudge bar and 150mm ripper bar

Daily & Weekend Hire Available
$210
Per Day

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Auger drive with sizes 250mm, 350mm, 450mm and 600mm with 500mm extension is also available.

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$288
Per Day

Bobcat S70
Comes standard with 4 in 1 bucket and also comes on trailer.
This 1.2T diesel powered machine, ensures you will get the job done quickly and efficiently, without the need to consider pushing a wheel barrow again!

Daily & Weekend Hire Available
$250
Per Day

Rollers
We offer the RD12 1.3T twin smooth drum roller.
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$165
Per Day

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We offer 34ft cherry pickers for hire. Certainly a safer way of getting to those high spots!
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**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.

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**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.

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**It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.**

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**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.

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**School term dates 2013 to 2015**

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* 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.