PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

WELCOME

Welcome back to all members of our school community.
The staff and I look forward to working
in positive partnership together with you this
year and to making the result: great progress
for our students.

Sustainable Practice at School and our
School Newsletter
We are going to trial moving to newsletter via
our school website and the iLobz app.
However, paper copies will continue to be
available to any family who would prefer this.
Spare printed copies will continue to be
available in our school office or can be sent
home with your child on request.

Staffing 2014

P.E. & Sport: Mr Darren O’Brien
Music: Mr Michael Ennis
Visual Arts: Mrs Natalie Millard &
Mrs Kylie Shaw
Reading Recovery: Mrs Barb Hamaline
Prep: Mrs Pom McGearry &
Miss Lucy McLeod
Year 1: Mrs Chris Robinson, Mrs Joan
Berry & Miss Ellie Kewley
Year 2: Mrs Jon Beilken &
Mrs Kerryn Corson
Year 3: Miss Meaghan Hoekinson &
Miss Kirsty Johnson
Year 4: Mrs Sandra Davis &
Mr Jason Randles
Year 5: Mrs Helen Buxton &
Mrs Kristine Simmons
Year 6: Mrs Lee Street &
Mrs Suzanne Burrows

Mrs Jayne Laffin is in a support role prior to taking
family leave.

Assistant Principals: Mrs Sue McSweeney &
Mrs Maree Renowden

Principal: Mr Mark Renouf

Business Manager: Mrs Rosemary Van Sanden

Office Staff: Ms Barb Sexton &
Mrs Pom Lefebvre

Education Support Staff: Mrs Lynn Anderson,
Mrs Bev Cox, Mrs Sally Rae, Mrs Carmel Ablett,
Mr Corey Shotter & Mrs Robyn Anderson

IMPORTANT DATES 2014

FEBRUARY

Mon 10 Parents’ Club Welcome Morning Tea
after assembly & 10.00am Annual
General Meeting of Parents’ Club
in Staff Room—All welcome

Tues 11 School Banking resumes for 2014

Thurs 13 Walk to School Day

Fri 14 Yr 6 Interschool Summer Sport starts

Wed 19 Twilight Sports Evening with BYO
Picnic Dinner & Meet the Teacher,
5.30-7.15pm

Thurs 20 Preps commence full time

Thurs 27 (Years 3/4 Beach Safety Program,
Fri 28 (Frankston Surf Life Saving Club

MARCH

Mon 3 to (Year 1 Swimming Program,
Thurs 6 (Jubilee Park Swimming Centre

Mon 10 Public Holiday (Labour Day)

Thurs 13 Walk to School Day

Mon 17 to (Years 5/6 Camp
Wed 19 (Grantville Lodge

The Benefits of Parent Involvement in
School for Children: What Research
Has to Say

• Children tend to achieve more, regardless
of ethnic or racial background, socioeconomic
status, or parents’ education level.

• Children generally achieve better grades,
test scores, and attendance.

• Children consistently complete their
homework.

• Children have better self-esteem, are
more self-disciplined, and show higher
aspirations and motivation toward school.

• Children’s positive attitude about school
often results in improved behaviour in
school and less suspension for
disciplinary reasons.

Can you spend some time being involved in
your child’s school? You are most welcome,
and here are some ways that you can join in:

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BOOK LIST AND ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS YEAR 2014

The Book List and Essential Education Items Year 2014 for each year level were sent home at the end of 2013. If you did not receive this list, a copy is available from the office.

PAYMENT WAS REQUIRED BY FRIDAY, 31ST JANUARY, so if you still haven’t paid, please pay now so that your child will receive their books, pencils, etc.

A reminder that there are facilities for EFTPOS, Visa, BPAY and phone credit at the office.

Alternatively, for parents who are eligible, AN APPLICATION FOR EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY 2014.

Art News

This year in the Art room we are planning to have a lot of fun and perhaps get a little messy. We will be introducing new art techniques and experimenting with different materials including food dye, paint, pastels, sticky glue, textas etc. To make our jobs a little easier (and your washing a little cleaner), it is essential that all children bring an art smock to school. An old shirt or apron would be suitable. Art smocks need to be named and given to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Can you help us?

We would appreciate donations of “The Age” or “The Australian” newspaper, as the size of these is great for covering our art room tables during some of the more messy activities. These can be delivered directly to the art room.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of our Art program, Natalie Millard and Kylie Shaw
Student Health and Happiness

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

Welcome to 2014 at BPPS

Each fortnight the school newsletter contains a ‘Health and Happiness’ page. The purpose of this page is to keep families informed about student wellbeing items.

For students to achieve their learning potential they must feel safe and happy at school, and it is our goal to make Ballam Park Primary School such a place for everyone.

All staff have a responsibility to ensure the wellbeing of their students. Our two Assistant Principals (Sue McSweeney and Maree Renowden) are also there to assist families with student welfare, student referrals and links to outside agencies to support families at particular times of needs.

Our school chaplain, Angela Bilson, is also a valuable resource contact for both families and students. Please contact the Assistant Principals if you require the Chaplain’s assistance.

Wellbeing also encompasses our classroom and school programs. All classes have times for children to develop their personal and interpersonal skills. Across the school we have our School Values of RESPECT, HONESTY, RESPONSIBILITIES, CARING & FRIENDLINESS.

Our school rules/behaviour expectations are easy to remember because we use our school’s initials.

Be friendly and respectful to others at school

Play and work safely

Persist when you face challenges

Strive to do your best.

Following each of these statements ensures our classrooms and playground are safe and fair places for everyone.

Teaching programs draw from a range of resources to help students develop a positive understanding of themselves and how to interact successfully with others.

One such program is: ‘You Can Do It’ This program helps teach students to be successful in their academic, social and emotional lives.

The five foundations to help on this road to success are:

Confidence
Persistence
Organisation
Getting Along
Resilience

Another program is called ‘Friendly Schools and Families’ which explores ‘Bullying’.

The Bounce Back program has a main focus of building resilience in children. This program uses literature as a springboard for discussions.

Some other programs across the school which highlight the importance of safety and good health include:

eSmart: This means our school has and follows our ‘eSmart Policy’, and provides classroom programs to teach students about safe use of the internet and the harm of cyberbullying. Students from Years 3-6 sign an ‘Acceptable Use Agreement’ that sets out safe and responsible use of electronic devices at school.

SunSmart: As a SunSmart school, all students must wear a broad brimmed SunSmart school hat from the first day of school until May 1st and again from September 1st until the end of the school year. Students learn about how to protect themselves from harmful UV rays but also the health benefits the sun provides through Vitamin D.

Health Promoting School: Our school is working towards becoming a health promoting school. This means our school strives to create an environment that assists all members of the school community to experience physical, mental, emotional and social wellbeing. We recognise the importance of a whole school approach to health and wellbeing.

At Ballam Park Primary School there is a strong focus on student wellbeing. Everyone is working towards making all members of the school community feel connected and a valued member.
STUDENT BANKING

School banking starts again next **Tuesday, 11th February.**

Banking operates EVERY TUESDAY at our school, and parents of new students who wish to open an account for their child can collect a School Banking pack from the school office.

If you would like more information regarding school banking, please contact Mrs Jo Lothian (parent volunteer) via the office.

This year the Dollarmites treasure is hidden in the Deep Sea!

The new banking rewards are fantastic, so don’t forget to keep your rewards card in a safe place, ready to order when you have saved 10 tokens.

Happy Saving Everyone!

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CANTEEN

The Canteen is NOW OPEN, and will operate for three days each week — **MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY.** Bellbrook Catering will continue to supply our Canteen services this year.

**HOW TO ORDER**

Please write on a paper lunch bag:

- student’s name  
- grade and room number  
- the order  
- amount enclosed

The orders will be placed in crates in classrooms at the commencement of the morning session. Completed orders will be returned to the classrooms by 1.20pm, as lunch is eaten in classrooms.

The current Canteen menu 2014 (pink) was distributed last week. Additional copies are available at the office.

Bon Appetit!
YCW Netball Club 2014 Player Registration

YCW Netball Club Inc welcomes new and existing players to register for the upcoming 2014 Saturday netball season at Frankston & District Netball Association.

Register on:
Tuesday 5th February 2013 at F.D.N.A. Pavilion, Jubilee Park, Frankston between 6pm – 8pm

Enquiries: Cassie Heward 0411 206 855 or info@ycwnetballfrankston.com

Registration information and forms are on our website. Visit us at www.ycwnetballfrankston.com

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2014 Registration Day
Karingal Bulls Junior Football Club

Sunday 16th February
- Players from all ages needed: U/9’s to U/16’s
  - Free Sausage Sizzle Lunch
  - All fees paid in full on the day receive a free club training singlet
  - 10am to 2pm @ Karingal F.C Clubrooms
    -(Ballam Park, Off Naranga Cres)

Friendly Family Club Atmosphere
Awards & dinners every Sunday night at clubrooms

Contact: Kevin Dunne 0419 315 941 for further details
COMMUNITY NOTICE

The school sincerely appreciates the sponsorship of both our school newsletter and school website by a variety of businesses, but please be aware that the school is not permitted to endorse or recommend any businesses.

Baxter Soccer Club Inc.
www.baxtersoccerclub.org.au

Baxter Soccer Club is looking for players
Registration Day
Sunday 9th Feb 2014 @ 11:00am
Frankston – Flinders Road, Baxter

Baxter Soccer Club is a family orientated club fielding both junior and senior teams. We have recently moved into our newly completed clubrooms giving us the best facilities on the Mornington Peninsula.

We have:-
- Boys & Girls Teams
- Enjoy Grass Roots Football
- Small Sided Football to U11
- Social functions for everyone to join in
- All skill levels welcome Everyone gets a go
- Dedicated female team room with showers

So if you are looking to play please come & join in the fun.

Registration enquiries:
Kristina Chitty 0407 645 900
Email.registrar@baxtersoccerclub.org.au

Catholic Religious Education classes, for Grade 3 and older children, in preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will commence on Tuesday, 11 March, 2014.

Enrolments will be taken between 4.00-4.30pm on Tuesday, 4th March, at St John’s Parish House, 20 Coral Street, Frankston East.

If you would like any further information, please contact Sr. Anita on 9776 1483 after 6.30pm.