**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS**

End of Year Dismissal Time on Friday, December, 20th.
School will conclude for the year at 2.30p.m.

The lunch eating break will begin as usual at 1.20 with students returning to class at 2.20p.m. to collect their bags.
Any parent who would like to collect their child(ren) from school at 1.20p.m. is welcome to do so. In that case, your child would not need to bring their lunch to school on Friday and would be leaving with you at the start of the lunch break.
If you will be collecting your child from school, please send a note to your child's teacher and meet them inside the school ground or at one of the two school gates.
No child will be permitted to leave the school grounds before 2.30 p.m. unless accompanied by their parent or authorised adult.

School Reports
School Reports will be sent home on Wednesday, December, 18th. next week.
I thank the teachers for their many hours of work writing detailed reports for their students, mostly at home in their own time.

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**IMPORTANT DATES 2013**

**DECEMBER**
- Mon 16  Christmas Concert 11.30am-1pm at McClelland College, and Parents’ Club Christmas Stall before & after Concert
- Tues 17  Transition Morning for 2014 Grades
- Wed 18  Christmas Raffle drawn at assembly Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea Year 6 Graduation, 6.45pm school hall
- Thurs 19  Years Prep to 5 Class Parties Year 6 Activities Day
- Fri 20  Last day of Term 4, 2.30pm finish

**JANUARY 2014**
- Tues 28  Teachers commence school &
- Wed 29  Office Open
- Thurs 30  Students Years 1-6 commence school

**FEBRUARY**
- Mon 3  Preps commence
- Wed 5  Canteen reopens for 2014
- Tues 11  School Banking resumes for 2014

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An Invitation to Parents, Carers, all Family members and Friends

‘End of Year Christmas Concert’

at McClelland College Performing Arts Hall

**Monday, 16th December, 11:30am –1:15pm**

Followed by a Family Picnic lunch
1.30pm Parents’ Club Christmas Stall in foyer
Transition Day and Classes for 2013.

All students will meet their new teachers and classmates next Tuesday, December 17th with the exception of the class members of our new staff member, Kerryn Carson who is currently overseas (but has recorded a video message) and one Year 3 class whose teacher is yet to be appointed.

On Tuesday students will spend a 90 minute session with their new teacher and class members. We used this format for the last three years and has been very successful.

Classes have been finalised for the year and this has been done with the following considerations:

- Having classes of equal/close numbers.
- Keeping friendship groups together as much as possible.
- Keeping classes balanced in relation to a mix of abilities, personalities and particular student needs.

While I respect and understand that parents might have a preference for a particular teacher, it is really not workable to respond to parent requests. If we do this for one parent, then, to be fair, we would have to do it for everyone. If we move one child into another class, then another child has to swap and the snowball effect would begin.

Swimming and Aquatics Program

Well, the weather has been less than kind for the last fortnight, hopefully finishing with three good days this week and next Thursday. We have been able to complete almost all sessions at the Pines HEATED outdoor pool and by having our own set of wetsuits to use at the beach sessions. The students have been excellent participants and have just got on with making the most of the sessions despite the weather. Excellent persistence!

2013 Final School Newsletter.

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas, New Year and summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone in Years 1 to 6 back on Thursday, January 30th.

I thank and acknowledge the work of our staff. They are very dedicated, caring and skilled team to work with from my perspective as principal.

Farewell and Good Luck Year 6 students

To our Year 6 students I wish you well for your new start at secondary college in 2014.

Mark Renouf
Principal

Retirement – Heather Rhodes

Heather Rhodes, one of our senior staff members, who has been teaching at Ballam Park Primary School for twenty-two years is now retiring.

Heather has been a classroom teacher, teaching in the senior school for many years and has for the last five years been the Visual Arts teacher. Heather has embraced the role of Art teacher and has provided the students with many creative and interesting activities. Heather has provided our school with many highly decorative displays in the Office area and corridors.

Heather has also taken a lead role in the area of Health Education, organising the Life Education Van each year and in the past coordinated whole school breakfasts for all students. Heather also managed the Fresh Fruit program for many years.

Sport and health have been two key areas of interest for Heather.

Heather has always been dedicated to our students and has been a fantastic collegiate team member to other staff.

Thank you Heather, and on behalf of the school community I wish you a very happy, healthy and long retirement.

Parents’ Club News

The Parents Club wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank all the students and families who supported our school through the Parents Club fundraising activities this year.

The money raised this year has supported the fresh fruit program in the Junior School.

CANTEEN

Please note the last day for Canteen was Friday, 13th December, and the Canteen will be closed for last week of Term 4, 2013.

The Canteen will reopen next year on Wednesday, 5th February 2014.
**BOOK LIST & ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS YEAR 2014**

Ballam Park Primary School has spent considerable time selecting the most appropriate requisites to meet the needs of your child. *(Wherever possible, Ballam Park PS has subsidised some items.)* The book packs contain high quality materials at a competitive price due to our ability to bulk order.

These Book List and Essential Education Items are to be paid for by parents prior to your child/ren receiving them, or an instalment plan negotiated with the Business Manager.

Payment by Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is also acceptable.

The Book List and Essential Education Items Year 2014 for each year level will be sent home with students tomorrow, Friday, 29th November. A copy is also available at the office.

**TO HELP US COVER OUR COMMITMENTS WITH OUR SUPPLIERS, PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE FROM NOW, AND FINALISED PRIOR TO FRIDAY, 31ST JANUARY 2014.**

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

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)**

Alternatively, for parents who are eligible, **2014 APPLICATION FORMS FOR EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.**

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**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER ★**

**Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for November, 2013.**

- Sky-anne B. - Prep J for Persistence
- Seth S. - Prep M for Persistence
- Jaydus H. - Prep B for Organisation
- Ryan W. - 1M for Persistence
- Abbey S. - 1S for Confidence
- Mikaela M. - 2L for Persistence
- Ben B. - 2B for Getting Along
- Benjamin T. - 3R for Persistence
- Sarai R. - 3H for Persistence
- Trinity S. - 4D for Organisation
- Imran O. - 4R for Getting Along
- Jacob W. - 5B for Getting Along
- Cooper M. - 5S for Organisation
- Chloe B. - 6B for Persistence
- Quinn L. - 6S for Getting Along

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**KARINGAL NETBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAY**

28th January 2014

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Jubilee Park Netball Courts

All new registrations welcome!


- Manda: 0415 954 197
- Kerrie: 0416 031 838
- Vicky: 0404 093 668
**STUDENT BANKING**

The student banking has now finished for this year, and banking will resume in 2014 on **Tuesday, 11th February 2014**.

Student banking operates EVERY TUESDAY at our school, and parents of new students who wish to open an account for their child may collect details from the school office.

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

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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.


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**Australia Day Public Holiday 2014... Yes we are open!**

We know that the back-to-school rush can be a busy time of year, so our store will be open for regular trade on the Australia Day Public Holiday (Monday 27 January) to provide you with convenient shopping hours!*

*Please note: We will be closed Sunday 26 January. Lay-by will be unavailable in January and February

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PLEASE NOTE: Our store will be closed from Saturday 21 December, 2013 to Sunday 5 January, 2014.

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**Happy Holidays**

We would like to keep you informed of our closing dates for our Head Office, Distribution Centre and Retail Stores over the summer holiday break:

**LAST DAY FOR 2013:** Friday 20th December.

**SERVICES RESUME:** Monday 6th January*

Please contact your account Manager or our Head Office with any orders, Grad Wear enquiries and general enquiries before our final day to ensure we can assist you with your needs.

From all of us at PSW, we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday break and we look forward to working with you again in 2014.

*PSW Kingston and PSW Phillip to reopen Wednesday 8th January.

[Contact Us](#): 236-242 Greens Rd Dandenong South, VIC 3175 | Ph: 03 9798 0333 | Fax: 03 9791 7250

**The team at PSW**
HELP PLEASE...DONATIONS OF SECONDHAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

Thank you to those kind parents who have donated pre-loved uniforms to our school. We are still in need of uniform donations to assist us in helping students, and would be grateful if any spare second-hand uniform items could be left at the office.

Your donations are sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

Parents Club Christmas Raffle
The annual Christmas raffle will be drawn on Wednesday December 18th at morning assembly.
There are many wonderful prizes to be won. All tickets need to be returned by Tuesday December 17th.

Raffle tickets cost 50cents each

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE HIGHLIGHTS

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NEWS

We have had a good week at OSHC with a few good days when we can go outside and also have the option to stay inside as well.

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

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Star of the Week
Caitlin R

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

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Special Offer

School Holiday Golf Clinics

conducted by Paul Boxall
Golf Vic/PGA Teaching Professional

All equipment supplied
Bookings are Essential
(please buy food & soft drink)

Dates:

| Wednesday Dec 11, Tuesday Dec 24, Thursday Jan 2, Friday Jan 10, Wednesday Jan 15 |
| 1/2 day (09.00am - 12.00pm) $40 | Full day (09.00am - 3.30pm) $70 |

Each Junior signing up to a school holiday or regular clinic will receive ONE free 18 hole Golf Pass for an adult

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Certain tee times are excluded from this offer

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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.
2013 Walkathon Prizes

1st    Chloe B     iPad mini
2nd    Maddison A  IPad Nano
3rd    Danielle L  Stereo/CD Player
4th    Phoenix B   Ripstick Bladeboard and Helmet
5th    Eliza H     Bike and Helmet
6th    Lachlan G   iTunes
7th    Ryan B      Camera
8th    Ben H       Skateboard, Helmet and Kneepads
9th    Dayle C     Body Board
10th   Elysea B    Classic Games Compendium
10th   Ryan B      Sports Pack
12th   Nathan B    Tennis Pack
13th   Noah H      Lego – Big
14th   Jade S      Giant Snakes and Ladders
14th   Dylan S     Charades
16th   Jamie F     DVD Pack
17th   Tyler P     Sports Equipment
18th   Cameron A   Sports Equipment
19th   Ebony H     Sports Equipment
20th   Chloe M     Sports Equipment
21st   Jai Dodd    Sports Equipment
22nd   Matilda H   Simon Says
23th   Brodie H    Lego Mini Sky Flyer
24th   Allanah M   Snap and UNO

A big thank-you to all the students, parents and teachers who have together worked so hard to make our Walkathon another huge success this year. We raised a total of $5,961.45.

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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