PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

2011 Final School Newsletter

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas, New Year and summer break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Friday, 3rd February.

This year has been notable for the completion of the BER project with all classes in newly refurbished classrooms, and for the very academic progress of our students. The teachers here are very dedicated and a fantastic team to work with from my perspective as Principal.

To our Year 6 students, I wish you well for your new start at secondary college, which for most of you is next door at McClelland College.

We plan to have an official opening ceremony for our new buildings at the twilight picnic and games evening early in 2012.

NOTICE TO PARENTS

END OF YEAR EARLY DISMISSAL:
Please note that students will be dismissed at 1.15pm on Thursday, 22nd December 2011, the last day of school. Students will therefore have lunch at home at the conclusion of the morning session.

SCHOOL START 2012:
Students commence school on Friday, 3rd February 2012, except Prep students who have special arrangements as distributed at Prep Orientation.

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

‘End of Year Christmas Concert’
at McClelland College Performing Arts Hall

Monday, 19th December

11:30am – 1:00pm
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.
- Having some students maintain continuity with their 2011 teacher.

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.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Mark Renouf
Principal

Ballam Park Primary School has spent considerable time selecting the most appropriate requisites to meet the needs of your child. The book packs contain high quality materials at a competitive price due to our school's 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 2012 was sent home last week. If you did not receive this book list, a copy is available from the office.

TO HELP US COVER OUR COMMITMENTS WITH OUR SUPPLIERS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF PAYMENT COULD BE MADE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR (22 DECEMBER 2011). A reminder that there are facilities for EFTPOS, Visa, BPAY and phone credit at the office.

Alternatively, for parents who are eligible, 2012 APPLICATION FORMS FOR EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE.

Student banking has finished for this year, and will resume in 2012 on Tuesday, 14th February 2012.

School banking operates on 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) c/o the office.
Best of luck to our graduating Year Six students. We wish you all every success for the future.

6B ~ Mrs. Burrows
Cooper Anderson
Matthew Armour
Jason Avery
Brandon Barrow
Jaidyn Corrin
Jamie Evans
Brendan Fry
Joshua Hodges
Patricia Kakavos
Sarah Kuyt
Lia Lealaogata
Maddison Lee
Richard Lyon
Bailey McArthur
Harley Mitchem
Jai O’Brien
Chloe Rixon
Lauren Ross
Humza Saigal
Brittany Sanderson
Rileigh Standley
Justus Taurima-Childs
Kendall Watson
Hayley Weaver
Kody Wenman
Kayla Wilson

6C ~ Mrs. Solís
Jordan Adams
Liam Brereton
Sarah Evans
Stella Fili
Tyler Griffiths
Zac Gunn Cameron
Rebecca Harris
Abby Henriquez
Charlotte Hylton
Sebastian Iturra
Caleb Johnson
Cornelia Kambowa
Jandre Layug
Cerita Lee
Eloise McLachlan
Tessa Monty
Nicole Piorkowski
Alex Seppings
Reyce Silivaai
Phoebe Smith
Steven Tapolczay
Lachlan Virgona
Maddison Witney

5/6S ~ Mrs. Street
Leith Bell
Imogen Glover-Sullivan
Georgia Gourlay
Charlotte Hansen
Sam Lansley
Shania Smith
Joshua Symons
Aedan Thorning
Courtney Warren
Shaylie Young

Maddison Witney
Well, we've done it again! Thanks to the hard work of our students, parents and teachers over the past few weeks, we have achieved another excellent total, currently standing at $7,127.15.

Everyone who contributed should feel very proud. The money raised from the Walkathon will now allow us to make further improvements to our school which we can all look forward to enjoying.

A special thank you to the following:

♦ The Parents’ Club for their support and assistance.
♦ Office staff (Mrs Van Sanden, Mrs Lefebvre and Ms Sexton) for lots of extra work and helping to make everything run smoothly.

PRIZE WINNERS:

1st—Jason 2L (Laptop computer)
2nd—Sarah 6B (Flat Screen TV)
3rd—Seth 2L (iPod Nano)
4th—Jeremy 4/5A (Bike & Helmet)
5th—Leith 5/6S (Bladeboard & Pads)
6th—Zoe 1J (6 in 1 Sports Pack)
7th equal—Robbie 4/5A (Body Board)
7th equal—Phoenix 1J (Body Board)
9th—Dylan 5B (Tennis Kit)
10th—Saxyn 3F (Sportime Pack)
11th—Murianti Prep B (Choice of Sports Ball)
12th—Chloe 1J (Choice of Sports Ball)
13th—Dylan Prep B (Choice of Sports Ball)
14th—Aedan 5/6S (Choice of Sports Ball)
15th—Lachlan Prep H (Choice of Sports Ball)
16th—TJ 2B (Bowling Voucher)
17th—Kathryn 2L (Monopoly)
18th—Matt 6B (iTunes Voucher)
19th—Tessa 6C (CD Pack)
20th—Ryan 3F (Scrabble)
21st—Te Aroha 1M (Snakes & Ladders)
22nd—Maddison Prep H (Lego)
23rd—Jemma 4/5A (Uno)
24th—Jandre 6C (Baseball Set)

Grades 2L, 4/5A and 5/6S collected the most money in the Junior, Middle and Senior school. Each of these grades receives free icy-poles!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT!

Darren O'Brien
Walkathon Co-ordinator

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

It’s not OK to be away from school unless you are unwell.

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.

Unforms can be purchased in two ways:

• From the PSW Shop at 21 Playne Street, Frankston
• Order online www.psw.com.au with free delivery to the school office on Thursday mornings. This delivery service will operate until 28th June 2012 and, after that date, there will be $8.00 postage fee for delivery to the parent’s home address.

Please note that PSW (Primary School Wear) Frankston retail store will be closed between the following dates for Christmas: from Wednesday, 21st December 2011 to Monday, 2nd January 2012 (inclusive) — and will reopen on Tuesday, 3rd January 2012.

Year 6 Special Uniform 2012
Order forms for the Year 6 Special Uniform 2012 are due back at school by Friday, 16th December.

It’s cool to be at school.
Parents' Club News

Attention New Parents...

Parents' Club Meetings — All Welcome

Our Parents' Club meetings are held in the staff room each Monday morning after assembly. New members are always welcome at Parents' Club, especially parents who are new to our school. Please come along and join in.

Monday, 19th December, 1.00pm — Christmas Stall in the school hall

We are holding a Christmas Stall in the school hall at 1.00pm on Monday, 19th December, following the End of Year Christmas Concert. Please come and have a look at the great gifts for sale!

Christmas Raffle

The Christmas raffle notice was sent home earlier this week. Tickets cost 50 cents each, and need to be returned by Monday, 19th December. There are 15 wonderful prizes to be won and these are on display in the office. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Tuesday, 20th December.

Thank you, thank you, thank you

The Parents' Club would like to thank everyone who responded to the request for help with Christmas raffle donations, and also for the great support with our recent Billy G Christmas Cake and Cookie Dough fundraiser. It is much appreciated.

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

Best wishes
Parents' Club

KEYBOARD LESSONS

New Enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 1, 2012. At only $11.90 (incl. GST) per lesson, this keyboard music program is Great Value!!!

Enrolment forms are available from keyboard music teacher(s), the school office or you can enrol electronically on our website — www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au.

Small Reminder
Re-enrolment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so, once enrolled, you don’t need to send in a new enrolment form each term in order to continue.

If at any stage you wish to cancel: Written advice to that effect must be mailed or faxed to PMI at
If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Youthsaver Account for your child, please complete the form below and return it to the school office ASAP. Alternatively, if you have an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, your child can start banking straight away through school, so just send the bank book to school on Tuesday every week!

Any questions – please feel free to contact the office.

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SCHOOL BANKING

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

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Southern Hobbies is offering 10% discount to Ballam Park Primary School students
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* The first day of Term 1 is when teachers start – this is a student-free day. Please check with your school when your child starts as student-free day arrangements may vary from school to school.

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


### Moonlit Sanctuary Summer School Holidays

**Young Ranger Program**

Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games during **SUMMER 2012**.

- **Monday 9th**, **Wednesday 11th**, **Friday 13th** January,
- **Monday 16th**, **Wednesday 18th**, **Friday 20th** January,
- **Monday 23rd**, **Wednesday 25th**, **Friday 27th** January

Cost: $39.00 per day, or $105 for 3 days. **Bookings essential** - suitable 7-14 years.

Hours: 10AM – 3PM
Frankston Donor-Centre
20-Davey-Street, Frankston

Special-Session-26th-December
Donors-are-needed-to-save-lives
9:50AM-to-1:30PM

Saver Plus could help your family manage school expenses
By joining Saver Plus you could receive $500 to help pay for school items including text books, computers, camps and excursions, extra-curricular activities and uniforms.
Saver Plus is delivered by The Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ.
To be eligible you must:
• be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself
• have a current health care card or pension card, and
• have some income from paid employment.
To find out more contact Kelly Clem, Saver Plus worker at The Brotherhood of St Laurence on 8781 5937 or email kclem@bsl.org.au

Start Summer Fit!
Take a leap forward in your fitness
Yes - we are open for the public!

1 month memberships now $60!* Look at what you get for FREE!
• Health assessment valued at $30
• Fitness program valued at $30
• Access to all Group Fitness classes
• Gym towel valued at $10
• Puma top valued at $40
That's over $100 worth of added value, plus FREE access to FREE access