PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Past Students' Sporting Success
Congratulations to one of our recent students, Georgia Gourlay who has again been selected to represent Victoria in AFL National Youth Girls Championships as well as the Victorian Under 16 side. Last year Georgia also made the team and was then named an All-Australian. Georgia was the captain of our football side when she attended here in Year 6, 2011. Another one of past students, Stephen Tapolczay also represented Victoria in junior football last year.

Head Lice
An updated Victorian Department of Health pamphlet, *Scratching for Answers*, is being sent home this week. It has useful advice on how to effectively control head lice. Please do not send your child to school with live head lice. Treating head lice at home if your child has them is the best way to prevent a head lice problem at your child’s school.

The school could put in a bulk order for a natural head lice “repellent” on behalf of parents if sufficient parents were interested. Would parents choose to purchase this through the school, paying in advance when placing an order? Would parents purchase at school admin if the school had a stock of a head lice repellent or treatment? Perhaps Robi Combs or similar at a bulk buy price?

*Please let us know by phone, note or email if you think this would be helpful to you and your family.*

Monday, 26th May
A one day extension of Education Week here at BPPS

Open Invitation to parents to attend the Environmental Education Expo for Years 1 to 6...Come along and join in or just watch

130 students from Monash University are setting up around seventy, 5 minute learning activities here at school for our students to sample. This is the fifth and final week of this program. Your child will be able to tell you what the first three sessions have been like.

Timetable
9.10am to 10.00am Years 5 & 6
10.00am to 10.50am Years 1 & 2
11.30am to 12.20pm Years 3 & 4

Mark Renouf, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES 2014

MAY
Fri 16 Bank Account Opening 2.30-3.30pm
Mon 19 to ) Education Week
Fri 23 )
Wed 21 OPEN NIGHT Education Wk 6.30-8pm
Mon 19 to ) Book Fair 2014, 3.30-4.30pm in Staff
Thurs 22 ) Room & Open Night 6.30-7.30pm
Fri 23 Walk to School Day
Mon 26 ( Monash University Environmental
Education 8.30am-12.45pm
Thurs 29 District Cross Country

JUNE
Wed 4 Division Cross Country
Mon 9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Queen’s Birthday)
Thurs 12 Box Car Maths Whole Sch Incursion
Sausage Sizzle
Wed 18 Flying Bookworm Inc—Prep/Kinder
Thurs 19 Reports sent home
Tues 24 PUPIL FREE DAY
Parent/Teacher Meetings
Fri 27 Last day of Term 2

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.
**Student Health and Happiness**

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

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**Healthy Eating for Active Kids**

In the last newsletter a guide to Healthy Eating was included. Hopefully everyone found this informative and helpful when planning meals for the family.

Following are some tips for Healthy Eating for Active children. Healthy eating gives kids the energy they need for their busy days. Here are some great ways to make it easier.

**Breakfast is important**

It can be up to 12 hours since their last meal, so kids need to refuel for the day ahead. Give them healthy choices like cereal and reduced fat milk, toast, fresh fruit, egg on toast, juice and yoghurt.

**Water Works**

Encourage kids to drink water to keep them hydrated throughout the day. Getting kids into the habit of drinking water from early age will help them recognize when they are thirsty.

**Snack Smart**

Get kids into the habit of drinking water to keep them hydrated throughout the day. Encourage your kids to take an interest in their health early in life by planning their own healthy snacks - this will help them look for a healthy diet when they get older.

**Get a Balance**

Variety and balance are the keys to helping a child enjoy a healthy diet. Aim to eat a variety of foods each day (this depends on the age of the child) including fruit, vegetables, wholegrain breads and cereals, lean meat or fish and reduced fat dairy products.

Encourage kids to try different foods from different cultures. Exposure to lots of different tastes and flavours adds excitement to meals.

(Information taken from ‘Healthy Active Kids - a healthy tomorrow for today’s children’)

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**Get Cooking**

Food is not just about good nutrition, it’s one of life’s great pleasures. Transform your kids into young cooks - even young children can help peel the carrots, pod peas, grate cheese, put together tacos or design their healthy pizza toppings. If they’ve helped make it, they’ll be more likely to enjoy eating it.

Encourage kids to eat slowly!

This prevents overeating and helps them recognize when they are full.

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**Eat at the table**

Eating snacks and meals sitting down at the table or kitchen bench instead of in front of the TV is a good habit for the whole family.
Celebrating Education Week 19th-23rd May
sharing in your child’s education...

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the following events at Ballam Park Primary School:

**OPEN NIGHT**
Wednesday, 21st May, 6.30-8.00pm
♦ Visit classrooms – meet teachers, view displays
♦ Visit our Music and Art Rooms
♦ Book Fair in Staff Room 6.30-7.30pm
♦ Performance in Hall 7.30-8.00pm

**PREP STUDENT IN 2015?**
You are warmly invited to our Open Night on Wednesday, 21st May, 6.30-8.00pm.

**SCHOOL TOURS**
Please join us on one of our escorted tours and see for yourself our wonderful facilities.
Tours will start at 6.30pm and 6.45pm from the school office.
If you are unable to attend Open Night, please contact us on 9789-5614 to arrange another time for a tour.

**BOOK FAIR**
During Education Week there will be a Book Fair in the Staff Room on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday, 21st and Thursday, 22nd May from 3.30-4.30pm and on Open Night, Wednesday, 21st May, 6.30-7.30pm in the Staff Room.
Some Events Happening at Ballam Park

Picasso Cow Project
Our school is one of several schools in Victoria participating in Dairy Australia’s Picasso Cows program. The students in 3H are designing and painting a life-sized fibreglass cow in the theme of Fuel for Life – documenting their findings from start to finish in a learning journal. It’s interactive fun with an important educational message. We often hear from nutrition experts that Australian children aren’t having enough calcium every day and that dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yogurt are one of the biggest sources. Despite this, most primary school kids aren’t having enough. This program will tie in with our classroom nutrition education, teaching children about the importance of the five food groups, including dairy foods, for good health and wellbeing. We have called our cow Dairy Queen and the students are working with Sue McSweeney and Meaghan Hodkinson on this project.

Maths Area
We received a grant for $2000 towards building an outdoor maths area. The design is on display in the staff room. This project has begun with the support from McClelland College. Several senior MAP students are Team leaders of the project and are co-coordinating ten chosen Year 6 students with Sue McSweeney with a McClelland College teacher, Bruce Armstrong, to design and construct the area. They have weeded and started the construction of the seating. The project will continue all of Term Two.

Mother’s Day Cake Decorating at McClelland College
Grade 4R visited McClelland College Year 8 baking class where they decorated cakes together for Mothers’ Day gifts.
Prep student in 2015?
You are warmly invited to
our Open Night
Wednesday, 21st May,
6.30 - 8.00 pm

If you are deciding on a school for your child, this is a great opportunity to come along, see our school, visit the classrooms and have your questions answered.

Classrooms will be open from 6.30pm until 7.30pm followed by a performance in the school hall 7.30-8.00pm.

School Tours: Please join us on one of our escorted tours and see for yourself our wonderful facilities. Tours will start at 6.30pm and 6.45pm, starting from the school office.

If you are unable to attend our Education Week Open Night, please contact us on 9789-5614 to arrange another time for a tour.

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**Book Fair 2014**
Monday 19, Tuesday 20, Wed 21 & Thurs 22 May in Staff Room, 3.30-4.30pm + Book Fair at Educ Week Open Night Wed 21 May 6.30-7.30pm

Dear Parents
There will be a large display of books for children and parents to purchase at the BOOK FAIR on Monday 19, Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 May, 3.30pm-4.30pm in the Staff Room.

During school hours, students will have the opportunity to look at these books with their class, and to take note of any book titles that interest them. They may like to write down a “Wish List” to take home to show you. The emphasis, of course, will be that a “Wish List” isn’t necessarily a “get list”!

- If paying by cheque, please make payable to “SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA”.
- Credit Card and EFTPOS facilities are available.

Please come and share the reading experience with your child at our annual Book Fair in the Staff Room. Hope to see you there!

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**Entertainment Book 2014-2015...now on sale!!!**

The Entertainment Book is currently available for purchase at school. You can buy the Entertainment Book for $65.00, and start using the coupons immediately until June 2015 (that’s 13 months use).

A sample Entertainment Book is on display at the school office. This edition has a great number of Mornington Peninsula restaurants and venues, and also other great discounts on holiday resorts, etc. It also includes discounts at McDonalds, KFC, Village Cinema movies, AMF, Melbourne Aquarium, Luna Park, Puffing Billy, Krispy Kreme, Nando’s, Red Rooster etc. Why not have a look through the sample display book in the office. Just log onto www.entertainmentbook.com.au and select ‘Search the Book’ tab. Then select the 2014-2015 Book, type in the suburb that you mainly shop in, and then select ‘All Businesses’, and see how many businesses are giving great discounts in your area. You will only need to purchase from a few discounted businesses to cover the price of the Entertainment Book, and then all the other great discounts are a bonus!

Please support our school (sale of each Entertainment Book contributes to our IT Equipment) — and at the same time save yourself money!
**Sport News**

**Ballam Park PS House Cross Country**

The Annual School House Cross Country was held last Thursday (8/5) in perfect weather for all Years 3 – 6 students in the park area next to the school. Students competed in age-based events after training over the previous weeks at school.

All students who completed the course are to be congratulated for their fantastic efforts to earn valuable points for their house.

The final house totals were:
- 1st – ELLIOTT (547 pts)
- Equal 2nd – MARSH (487 pts)
- Equal 2nd – McKAY (487 pts)
- 4th – BRADMAN (408 pts)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ELLIOTT HOUSE, WINNERS OF THE 2014 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY.**

The top three placings for each event were:

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Well done to these students. All students who finished in the top 10 for their event will now advance to the Murdoch District Cross Country on Thursday, 29th May at Baxter Park. All students involved have received a notice this week with all details.

A big thank you to those parents who offered their time yesterday to assist as course marshals, and to the staff, student teachers, and work experience students who also helped out to make the day run smoothly.

**Peninsula Division Sport Trials**

The following Years 5/6 students participated in district sport trials recently and were selected into Murdoch District representative teams:

- Football: Tommi P
- Boys Basketball: Tyrone W, Jacob W
- Girls Basketball: Manuao H

Congratulations to these students, and in particular to Tyrone W and Jacob W who advanced to the Division stage of competition last week.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator
SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER

Don’t forget that Tuesday is School Banking day!
There are some fantastic new rewards this year to save for so be on the lookout for an information pack to be sent home soon.

Dear Parents...
If you haven’t joined your child in School Banking yet, you can do so at either our Account Opening Afternoon
Friday, 16th May, 2.30pm – 3.30pm
or alternatively, you can open an account at any branch; by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.

Please provide photo identification for yourself. Your child’s birth certificate is not needed if you come to the Account Opening Say (provided your child is enrolled at school) but you will need it if you intend to visit a branch or open the account online.

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Menu item deleted
Please note that Home Style Chocolate Muffins are no longer available on the Menu.

Hot Potato Cakes!!!
Hot Potato Cakes 80 cents each are now available each recess.

Hot Dog ‘N’ Drink—Mondays
The special Canteen lunch on Mondays—Hot Dog ‘N’ Drink for $5.00 is available every Monday.

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

New Uniform Outlet
Hours Term 2
As of Monday 12 May your school uniform is available for purchase at PSW Frankston at the below times.

www.psw.com.au - save time, shop online!
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PG - Ava L, Summah K
1B - Sasha G, Jade S
1R - Robert T, Nicholas W
2B - Sara W, Isabella C
3H - Rhiannon J, Alec D
4D - Jesse H, Lilly L
5B - Taryn M, Hanna P
6B - Cayla L, Jazmine J, Jacob P, Tahnee V
6S - Pheobe B, Carys W, Ondine D

PM - Summah B, Bella H
1K - Carlos T, Akira N
2C - Vincent Y, Jason Q
3J - Wyatt P, Harshita S
4R - Claudia S, Caitlin R
5S - Chloe G, Bailey C

Frankston Arts Centre
Mr McGee and the Biting Flea   Friday 30 May @ 11am & 6pm* (*Auslan signed)
Winner of the Australian Performing Arts Centre’s National Drovers Award for Touring Excellence 2007 and other highly acclaimed awards, Mr McGee and the Biting Flea emerges from dozens of suitcases and crates as three curious warehouse workers transform a storeroom into enchanting little miracles of music and play. “Using an assortment of props - mops, ladders, an air pump, steamer trunks, balloons, the three performers bring Pamela Allen’s stories to sweet, music-infused life. In the process, they make “Mr. McGee and the Biting Flea” a simple, elegant valentine to theatrical imagination.
Presented by: FAC and Patch Theatre Company
http://artscentre.frankston.vic.gov.au/Whats_On_-Buy_Tickets/Mr_McGee_and_the_Biting_Flea

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 Phone 5979-4575, Mobile 0437-440-265 (after 8.00pm) or alternatively via email glen@x10sivguitartuition.com.au
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).
For more information, head to:
x10sivguitartuition.com.au
Information is also available at the school office.
This week we have enjoyed building cubby houses, making our own creations at the Art & Craft table. We also watched the Peter Pan movie.

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

OSHCo-ordinator: Mikaela Ramsay
Phone 0402-354-584

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
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.

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

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School term dates 2014-2017

2014
Term 2: 22 April to 27 June
Term 3: 14 July to 19 September
Term 4: 6 October to 19 December

2015
Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start) to 27 March *
Term 2: 13 April to 26 June
Term 3: 13 July to 18 September
Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

2016
Term 1: 27 January (school teachers start) to 24 March *
Term 2: 11 April to 24 June
Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

2017
Term 1: 30 January (school teachers start) to 31 March *
Term 2: 18 April to 30 June
Term 3: 17 July to 22 September
Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

* 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. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.

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