PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Annual Report for 2009
Our school’s Annual Report was presented to School Council at the March Annual General Meeting and will be available to all families at parent/teacher meetings or also from the school office. It is also available on our school website.

Monash University and Ballam Park Primary School
Your child(ren) may have told you that they have had a Monash student in their class. This is the fourth year that we have had a large group of Monash Education students here for their practicum placements. This semester, each of the students has been here for twenty-five days of teaching experience. Each of these students has already completed a University Degree and is now part way through an extra year to become a qualified teacher. At BPPS, we also have students from other Education courses and from other universities. From time to time, we partner with Monash and other universities to run shorter programs that help both their students and our students.

Mark Renouf
Principal

NOTICE TO PARENTS

PUPIL FREE DAY TOMORROW
Our school will have tomorrow, FRIDAY, 18TH JUNE, as Reporting Day for parent/teacher interviews, therefore students will not be in attendance on this day.

EARLY DISMISSAL:
Please note that students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday, 25th June 2010, as this is the last day of Term 2.

CANTEEN CLOSED:
The Canteen will be closed on the first day of Term 3 (12th July), and will reopen on Wednesday, 14th July.

Comments from Monash 4th Year Education students:

When the Monash lecturer came to visit last week, she enquired about our experience at Ballam Park Primary School. I answered that I have been in Australia for almost 5–1/2 years and this is the happiest I have been. I think my reply speaks for itself. I have been fortunate to have been placed with an absolutely fantastic mentor teacher and a wonderful class. All the members of staff have been friendly and helpful, the school has a lovely ambience and beautiful surroundings thus a great experience all round.

A grateful (mature aged) grad dip student, Jaconel V

It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell
Comments from Monash 4th Year Education students cont... 

Great school with a wonderful atmosphere. Couldn’t think of a better place to start my placement! 
Phil O

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Ballam Park Primary School. Both teachers, students and parents have all been extremely supportive of my learning. Being in the Grade 1 classroom has been a fantastic experience which I believe has definitely enhanced my teaching ability. I have loved every minute of my time at Ballam Park. 
Haidee D

The supportive teachers and students at Ballam Park Primary School have allowed me to develop great confidence in my teaching ability, and I am leaving reassured teaching is a wonderful and rewarding career. 
Tessa M

Thanks for having me. Learnt so much! Will miss all the students. Can’t wait to come back and visit. 
Alyson Q

It has been great to be so warmly welcomed by the staff and students of Ballam Park PS. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and hope I have the chance to return and see how far the students have come! 
Bronwyn J

It has been amazing to be part of the incredible energy at Ballam Park! Thank you for letting me learn with you. 
Fiona K

I have learned more than I can put into a few sentences, and seen some excellent teaching which has greatly informed my own teaching. The feedback I have received has been detailed and very helpful. 
Elise C

Quotes from BPPS students:

- We have been learning about ENERGY with Miss Cox. The two different types of energy are potential and kinetic. She taught us a song to help us remember things about Energy. We also learnt about hefting to compare weights. 
  Devlin and Lianiva, 3D

- Miss J helps us read and does nice things for us, and makes the days fun. She juggles when we sing our ABC or counting. If she drops the balls, then we win. 
  Lily and Candece, Prep S

- I’ve loved having a student teacher in our classroom. Miss Quadara has been really supportive and I would love for her to stay. She has taught me a lot of things. I used to be terrible at decimals but now, because of Miss Quadara, I now know nearly everything I need to know. She has also taught me heaps of new words in the dictionary that I didn’t know even existed. She is a great teacher and I hope I can see her again soon. 
  Shaylie, 5S

Parent/Teacher Meetings

All students received their semester reports on Wednesday. These reports give parents and students important information about how they are progressing with their learning. To compliment the reports, parents and carers have an opportunity to meet their child’s teacher for further discussion.

A parent teacher interview enables you to:

- Discuss how your child is progressing, both academically and socially
- See examples of work
- Get to know your child’s teacher/s
- Keep informed about plans for your child’s progress.

Parents with concerns at any time about their child’s progress can contact the school for an appointment, and make a mutually convenient time to meet with the classroom teacher.

Regular communication between the school and parents is a positive way to improve your child’s success at school.

Maree Renowden
Student Report Coordinator

PARENTS’ CLUB

- BAYSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM
  ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT in the Bayside Shopping Centre ‘Better Schools Program’! All you need to do is shop in Bayside Frankston and then send your shopping receipts to the office. For every receipt your child brings to school, they will receive 5 house points.

- SHOPPING TOUR—SATURDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER
  Details of the Shopping Tour are available at the office. Please book early so you don’t miss out!

- TOYWORLD SHOPPING CARD
  Customer loyalty cards for parents and friends of our school are available on application from Toyworld, Bayside Shopping Centre, Frankston. If you would like a shopping card (similar to Ritchies Community Benefit Card), please call into Toyworld Frankston to apply. 10% of all sales will go to our school, and you will also receive a discount on your purchases.

- FORWARD DATES
  Sausage Sizzle—Thursday, 22nd July
  Fete—Friday, 22nd October
Sport News

Peninsula Zone Cross Country
The Zone Cross Country was held at Mornington Racecourse in miserable conditions on Wednesday (9/6). Seven Ballam Park PS students competed after finishing top 10 at the District Cross Country earlier this term. These students competed against the best 80 runners in their age group from across all schools in the whole Mornington Peninsula area. They were:
- Carly P – 42nd in 12/13 year old girls
- Matt K – 65th in 12/13 year old boys
- Rachel S – 25th in 11 year old girls
- Eloise M – 43rd in 11 year old girls
- Aedan T – 46th in 11 year old boys
- Zac G – 66th in 11 year old boys
- Kaycie G – 71st in 10 year old girls

Well done to all these students for reaching the zone stage of competition and braving the terrible weather conditions to compete and represent Ballam Park PS.

Inter-school Winter Sport
The Inter-school Winter Sport season finished last Friday for our Year 6 (and some Year 5) students. Unfortunately, no Ballam Park PS teams qualified for the district finals, but all students who participated throughout the season are to be congratulated on their outstanding team-work, sportsmanship and behaviour.

Thank you to Mr. Wheeler, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Renowden, Mrs. Street and Mr. Petrucci who did wonderful jobs coaching and managing the teams.

There will be no more inter-school sport in Term 3 as much of Term 3 will be concentrating on athletics, with the district carnival on 10th and 14th September.

Year 3 Bike Ed
Grade 3F students have been participating in Bike Ed at school over the past few weeks and have enjoyed trying new activities and learning new riding skills.

Unfortunately, last Friday’s session had to be cancelled due to the wet weather, and there will be no Bike Ed tomorrow (18/6) due to the Pupil Free Day.
Therefore, if necessary we will include extra Bike Ed sessions for 3F early in Term 3 to make up for lost sessions.

Grade 3D will commence their Bike Ed program soon after 3F next term.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Co-ordinator

THANK YOU
4L ice cream containers
As a sustainable school, we have been putting containers under our bubble taps and using the water on our school gardens. A while ago, we requested donation of 4 litre ice-cream containers to put under all our bubble taps. We now have sufficient containers for our needs, so thank you to all those parents who responded. It was really appreciated.
Best wishes
Lynda Stafford

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.
4 / 5 B Fog Poetry

Last week we wrote a poem. It was about fog. We had to pick our best words out to read in the grade. Then Mrs Beilken thought we could put everyone’s lines together to make a class poem. We had to practise after play and lunch. Some of us were nervous up on stage. I was really nervous, I had butterflies in my tummy and I couldn’t stop laughing. It was fun because my Dad was there. When I was sitting on the stage I couldn’t look at the people because I was embarrassed. But it was cool fun. MATHEW
Before we wrote poems, we went outside to draw a fog picture. Mrs Beilken said the fog looked like pea soup! We all drew our own fog picture and wrote our own poem and none of them were the same. We all chose the lines we liked the best and read them out at assembly. Everyone was quiet as we read our poems, and when it was my turn I felt very proud of myself. The music sounded like a flute playing. Everyone sounded like they were having a good time just to be on stage with everyone listening. It was really cool and good fun! SARAH

When we walked into Assembly we all went to sit down in our line before it was our turn to go up on stage. Then Mr Renouf said 4/5B is coming on the stage to do their fog poem. We all went into the kitchen, and one by one we all went onto the stage. My Dad told me to breathe in and out slowly before I start my poem. I was excited and a little bit nervous but I read it out clearly and slowly. Mrs Beilken made a really wicked PowerPoint presentation and relaxing music to go with our poem. My Mum was there and she was videotaping me. She was very proud of me. It was fun, and at the end we bowed. JESSICA
Prep Enrolments for 2011
BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
GATE 1, BELAR AVENUE, FRANKSTON 3199

Enrolments are presently being accepted for children commencing Prep in 2011

When enrolling, parents will need the following:

♦ **Proof of date of birth**, e.g. a birth certificate or passport. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development requirement is that children are five years old by 30th April 2011, for admission in 2011.

♦ If your child was born in a country other than Australia, the appropriate visa.

♦ **School entry immunisation certificate**
A history statement from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (phone 1800-653-809) which you automatically receive after your child has completed the 4 year old vaccine schedule. It should state at the bottom of the page “This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age.”

(If your child has not yet had all school entry immunisations, please complete and lodge the enrolment form, and bring the certificate when immunisations are completed, prior to the end of 2010.)

♦ **Emergency numbers**, e.g. friends, relatives, workplace and doctor.

Please ring 9789-5614 if you wish to have further information or would like to have a tour of our school.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you to our school.

Mark Renouf
Principal
The students in Level One are beginning to learn about length. They have been ordering different items and objects from biggest to smallest. They had to work in teams to order different lengths of string. They then worked independently to order fish. Their work was great. Keep working hard Prep!

The students in Level Two are using popsicle sticks to learn about place value. They are using bundles to represent tens and single sticks to represent ones. The winner was the person with the most sticks after five minutes. Well done Year One.

The students in Level Four are developing their knowledge in Measurement. Grade 5S are weighing ‘gold nuggets’. They have been learning how to read scales and understand grams and kilograms. Looks like you are all working very hard. Superb Year Five.
Maths Challenge

Find the answers to as many of these problems as you can!

What makes all these shapes triangles?

These bathroom tiles have been formed by placing 16 small tiles into an array. How else might 16 tiles be arranged to make an array?

How much ribbon might be needed to tie this present if the box is a cube 20cm high?

Ben and Jeremy measured the height of a pole using hand spans. Ben found that the height of the pole is 8 of his hand spans. The height of the pole is 12 of Jeremy’s hand spans. How long in cm is Jeremy’s hand span?

21cm
We are Going Green!

To meet the changing needs of our customers and do our part in caring for the environment Camp Australia is going green.

On 1 July 2010, we will phase out paper statements and send statements via email. Our team is in the process of advising all your OSHC families of this change.

If we do not receive communication from parents requesting an alternative before 1 July 2010, we will automatically send an email statement to their current email address we have on file.

If you would like to find out more on our go green initiative, please visit our website www.campaustralis.com.au/go/green

Go green with us...look out for promotional posters in your OSHC Service!
Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards:

Prep B - Mitchel B, Caitlyn R, Danielle M, Rhys P, 
Estopia H, Justin B  Prep S – Alicia R, Phillip H, Candece E, Eli H, 
Lily W, Savanah P, Eden M  1H – Maddison F, Kaitlyn R, Cayleb F, 
Kodie H, Aditya T, Brodie L, Josh M, Matthew H  1M – Tyler P, 
Ajay S, Bailey C, Rusmedin G, Liam J, Callum P, Taryn M 
2J – Jacob W, Rebecca M, Sean E, Carys W, Mia M, Ethan T, 
Shakira S, Ashley D, Kwest R  2P – Chloe T, Tommy P, Seth C, 
Reece-Tyler S, Ben H, Bianca O, Joshua L, Ondine D 
3D – Nathan E, Riley M, Ankita T, Jack R, Matthew D, Courtney H 
3/4R - Tairone B, Ben H, Terai N, James L 
4M – Lachlan J, Kiara W, Zach S, Rhiannon D, Jenaya B 
4/5B – Zac H, Kaycee G, Sophie H, Sebastian I, Tessa M 
5H – Brandon B, Tyler G, Abby H, Humza S, Neil I, 
Matt A, Maddison L  5S – Rebecca H, Charlotte H, Phoebe S, 
Rebecca H, Lia L, Shaylie Y 
6PD– Rhys W, Erykah P, Steven I, Tarquin W

School Banking Program

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program has been running for over 70 years. Many of us - not to mention our parents and grandparents - first learnt about money management through this program.

The program has evolved considerably over time. While students once received a moneybox and a transaction book, they are now given a wide range of fun, engaging materials to help them learn how to manage their money and encourage them to save.

To encourage participation in school banking, we have introduced an exciting rewards program. Every time children make a deposit, no matter how big or small, they receive a cool Dollarmites token, which can then be exchanged for gifts of varying value. The more tokens the child saves, the greater the value of the gift, encouraging children to make regular savings.

For more information or to join the program, contact our School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496 from 9am to 4pm (AEST) Monday to Friday, or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Commonwealth Bank representatives will be visiting our school for Monday assembly on Monday, 26th July 2010
FREE Asthma Information Packs

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria has made available new Asthma Information Packs. These packs contain all relevant information and resources to assist the asthma community in understanding asthma and making informed decisions about their asthma.

These packs are targeted to suit individual needs and are available in the following:

- Parents and Carers of Young Children
- Parents and Carers of School Aged Children
- Teenagers

To order your FREE Asthma Information Kit please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s Helpline on 1800 645 130 or email advice@asthma.org.au
OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

‘we make kids smile’

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Over the next week, we will be completing all our art work, and competing in different games to encourage team work.

For bookings please call Emma on 0418-108-557.

Stars of the Week:
- Jayde B
- Tamara P
- Maddison L

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
It is important that the school is kept up to date with any changes in family circumstances, change of address, telephone or new mobile number, emergency contact details, parents’ work details, etc. If there have been any changes within your family, please notify us as soon as possible by returning this note to the office, so that we can maintain accurate student details. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Please note the following change(s) in student details: ……………………………………………………………………………….
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Thank you
**Sweet Charity Musical**
Thursday 22nd, Friday 23rd & Saturday 24th July

McClelland College is putting on “Sweet Charity” which follows the life of a girl unlucky in love and is set in dance halls and clubs of New York City in the 1960s. Students will dazzle you with their dance routines inspired by Bob Fosse and choreographed by Sian Bradbury-Flint, through well known songs like ‘Hey big spender’, ‘if my friends could see me now’ and ‘Rhythm of life’. The plot involves Charity searching for a happy ending with her true love. Through this journey, her heart often rules her head when meeting the likes of Italian movie star, Vittorio Vidal played by Jesse Thomas, and the unlikely romantic interest Oscar Lindquist, played by Pearce Hessling. Playing Charity Valentine is Amelia Hunter and Charity’s best friends, also hostesses, are being played by Kirsten Chapman as Nickie and Rose Tahu as Helene.

Tickets can be bought at the school front office or by ringing 9789-4544 from 21st June

McClelland College
Belar Avenue, Frankston (9789-4544)

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**Moonlit Sanctuary Summer School Holidays Young Ranger Program**

Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games in Winter 2010.

**Monday 28th, Wed 30th June, Friday 2nd July**

**Monday 5th, Wed 7th, Friday 9th July**

Cost: $39.00 per day, or $105 for 3 days.
Bookings essential - suitable 8-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 3PM
Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.
Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

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**Point Nepean**

June/July School Holidays activities
Point Nepean National Park

Monday 28 June – Friday 9 July

Ranger-led Guided Tours of the Quarantine Station daily 11:45am
Junior Rangers: Park Discovery Scavenger Hunt weekdays 1.15pm
Kids Discovery Trail and Self-guided tour of Quarantine Station

All activities free, Junior Ranger program bookings essential call 13 1963