WHAT ELSE TO BRING:
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Plastic drink bottle (water will be available)

WALKATHON SPONSORS’ CARDS:
All sponsor cards will need to be returned to school by Thursday, 25th October (if they haven’t done so already), or handed to your child’s teacher prior to the Walkathon.

All students will receive a special stamping card with their name on it on the morning of Friday, 26th October, before the Walkathon, to carry with them during the Walkathon. Cards will be stamped after each lap to assist students with keeping count of how many laps they have completed.

Let’s hope for fantastic weather and a great Walkathon on Friday, 26th October!

Darren O’Brien
Walkathon Coordinator

WALKATHON
NEXT FRIDAY
Friday, 26th October
The Walkathon will be held NEXT FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER.
The Walkathon will begin at 9.20am and finish by morning recess time. Parents are most welcome to come along for the walk.

Many students are already onto their 2nd sponsors card, and have obviously been very busy collecting sponsors in a bid to win some of the fantastic prizes up for grabs, including:

- iPad
- STEREO
- iPod Nano
- BLADE BOARD and knee/elbow pads
- BODYBOARD
- FAMILY BOWLING VOUCHER
- BIKE and HELMET
- SPORTS PACK
- BASKETBALL/NETBALL/FOOTBALL (your choice)
- TENNIS RACQUET and tennis balls
- LEGO
- BOARD GAMES

COSTUME:
This year’s Walkathon is a “SPOTS AND STRIPES THEME”.

Students will also need to wear comfortable shoes for walking.

No face paint or hair spray/colouring, etc. please.

There will be special prizes for the BEST COSTUME on Friday. All students who complete the Walkathon will also receive an icy-pole!

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

New Camp
Australia OSHC
Program Coordinator

Camp Australia, in its partnership with Ballam Park Primary School, is pleased to introduce Haylie Lelliott as the new Before and After School Care program Coordinator.

Haylie has a Diploma in Community Welfare and has extensive experience in the childcare industry as a Room Leader. Haylie is highly motivated and passionate about working with children.

I welcome Haylie as Coordinator of this very important extra program at our school. If you would like more information about our OSHC program, please call in at the school office or go to the Camp Australia website: http://www.campaustralia.com.au/default.aspx

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Student Health and Happiness

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

Cybersafe Expo

This week we held our first Cybersafe Expo as part of the way to becoming recognised as an eSmart School. Families, along with their children, had an opportunity to participate in a range of activities which focussed on being ‘Cybersafe’. A very big thank you to all the teachers and students for their help in making the evening so successful. We had almost 50 families attend the evening. All families who completed each of the activities went into a lucky draw for a major prize of an iPad and 6 other minor prizes. Our major prize winner was the ‘Craig’ family. Minor prize winners were: Tionne, Dakota and Siarra.

Families completing some of the Cybersafe activities at the Cybersafe Expo on Wednesday, October 17th

Internet and Digital Technology Tips for Parents (taken from the DEECD Parent Tip Sheet)

If you have the Internet at home, encourage your child to show you what they are doing online and ask them questions while they are doing so. Make time to sit with your child to find out how they are using the Internet and who else is involved in their online activities. Place the computer in a shared place in the house, not in your child’s bedroom. This will help you to monitor where your child is visiting online and who they might meet there.

When children and young adults leave home, most parents want to know:

- Where they are going and who they are going with
- Whether this place is safe – who is supervising them?
- What they will be doing, and
- When will they be home.

These questions when applied to an online space change very little. Parents may like to ask their child:

- Where they are visiting online?
- Whether this place is safe – are they moderated?
- Who they are meeting online, and whether they are real friends or ‘online friends’ who they have never met?
- What they are saying and doing? Are they revealing information that may make them unsafe, or writing or receiving information which is harmful or hurtful?
- How long they intend to be online? The availability for this as a 24/7 activity can affect students’ time offline and needs to be appropriate, so it is reasonable to question how much time is being spent online.
It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.

Principal’s Comments cont/…

CyberSafe Expo yesterday
Thank you to everyone who supported this extra-curricula evening program. I hope that you found the activities to be informative and fun.

Thank you to Mrs Renowden who coordinated the evening and to staff who supported the initiative.

New School Banner
A sincere Thank You to Kellie Preston, one of our parents, who set up the art work for the banner, had it printed at iD Signs, Rowville and then organised the finishing to be done by Kelmatt which is also in Rowville. The banner looked fantastic at its first outing at the Inter-school Athletics at Ballam Park last term.

Parent Opinion Survey Results
Each Victorian Government School participates in the confidential Parent Opinion Survey each year, with a computer generated sample of families being asked to fill in the confidential questionnaire. The surveys are then sent away unopened to be collated. This year 36 out of 50 families returned their surveys.

This year’s results show the following satisfaction/opinion ratings:

Learning Focus of BPPS: 85% positive
Overall Satisfaction with BPPS: 86% positive
Student Reports: 82% positive
Social Skills Programs: 82% positive
Children’s Connectedness to School: 85% positive.

Twelve of the eighteen areas ranked 78% positive or higher, four ranked between 72% and 78% positive and two areas ranked lower, at 58% and 68% positive.

This information assists staff and School Council to focus our efforts on always striving to make our school better at providing what your children need.

Mark Renouf
Principal

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.

IMPORTANT DATES 2012

OCTOBER
Fri 19  Prep Grandparents’ Morning Tea
Year 6 Exc IMAX Melbourne Museum
Mon 22 to Sun 23 ) Year 2 Swimming Program,
Thurs 25 ) Jubilee Park Swimming Centre
Mon 12 to Sun 13 ) Prep Swimming Program,
Thurs 25  Year 5 Cosmodome Incursion
Fri 26  WALKATHON
Tues 30 Yrs 5&6 McClelland College Band visit

NOVEMBER
Fri 2 2012 Eastern Zone Orienteering
Mon 5  Canteen closed
Tues 6  PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Melbourne Cup)
Mon 12 Prep 2013 Come & Play Session
Mon 12 to Sun 13 Prep Swimming Program,
Thurs 15 ) Jubilee Park Swimming Centre
Mon 19 Prep 2013 Come & Play Session
Fri 23 House Sports Day (Whole school)
Mon 26 Prep 2013 Come & Play Session
Wed 28 PREP TRANSITION MORNING

NOTIFICATION OF CANTENE CLOSURED
Monday, 5th November
Please note the Canteen will be closed on Monday, 5th November, the day before Melbourne Cup public holiday.
Our students participated in National Nude Food Day on Tuesday, 16th October.

Students at Ballam Park Primary School joined schools across the country taking part in National Nude Food Day, as part of Nutrition Australia’s National Nutrition Week (October 14-20).

Nude Food Day is an opportunity for students to combine healthy eating with being environmentally aware. Parents and teachers at our school were urged to help students make healthy lunch choices and prepare their food without the use of extra wrappers.

Vincent, PHS was the lucky winner of our Nude Food lunchbox.

National Nutrition Week (October 14-20), Nutrition Australia is again embracing Nude Food Day to bring to the community positive messages about healthy food and drink choices, and protecting the environment. Nutrition Australia’s theme ‘Healthy Food; Healthy Planet: Water—Tap Into It!’ fits well with the messages for Nude Food Day and both campaigns are reading out to schools and workplaces,” says Aloysa Hourigan, national spokesperson for Nutrition Australia.
Footy Day 2012

What a sensational day it was on our annual Footy Day in Term Three.
A fantastic time was had by all,
as grades participated in footy activities
and then marched proudly in our footy parade.
We raised a sensational $403.50 for State Schools’ Relief.
Thank you to everyone for your kind generosity.

Winning Footy Teams
The most coins were donated by:
1. Collingwood 2 kg
2. Essendon 1.7 kg
3. St Kilda & Hawthorn 1.3 kg

PB  Loui, Taylon, Patrick & Tamsyn
PH  Chloe, Noah R, Hannah & Jai
7SM Mikaela, James, Tyson & Murianti
1M  Jayden, Elysia, Dylan & Alek
2L  Maddison, Lachlan, Aron-Jane & Mason
2B  Mikayla, Tinomana, Melanie & Kristy
3D  Erik, Tyler, Fletcher & Samantha
3F  Faith, Courtney, Jackson & Trinity
4#  Kayla R, Saryn, Liam & Kaeest
4D  Cooper, Alex, Josh & Dylan
5B  Terri, Hayden, Freja & Riley
5M  Jessica, Quinn, Ben & Casey
6B  Jeremy, Ronaldo, Jessica & Louise
6S  Nathan, Tamara, Sarah & Alex

Colouring In Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won our annual Footy Day Colouring Competition.
Thank you to the SRC, House Captains and Year 6 students who helped out on the day and also thank you to Mr O'Brien for all of his hard work.

Best Dressed Supporters
Congratulations to the following students who won our annual Footy Day Best Dressed Supporter Competition.

 Carlton
 Collingwood
 Essendon
 Geelong
 Hawthorn
 Kangaroos
 Melbourne
 Richmond
 St Kilda
 Sydney
 Bulldogs
 West Coast
 Others

 Mitchell H & Louise R
 Brodie L & Lachlan C
 Sophie H & Patrick D
 Cameron A & Noah B
 Maddie H & Jessica S
 Saxyn P, Zach S & Noah H
 Spencer C & Jack B
 Tyson M & Robbie A
 Taryn M & Jonny V
 Chloe K & Justin B
 Isaac L.P & Samantha W
 Nathan S & James L
 Mason Mc & Kayla R
SPORT NEWS

Peninsula Division Athletics:
Nine Ballam Park PS students competed in the Southern Peninsula Division Athletics Carnival last Wednesday at Ballam Park. The results for each student were:
- Kwest R – 1st in shot put
- Cooper M – 3rd in triple jump & 4th in Long jump
- Tyrone W – 3rd in hurdles
- Ben D – 4th in shot put
- Melissa E – 4th in shot put
- Angus B – 4th in Long jump
- Carys W – 4th in Long jump
- Felicity M – 5th in discus
- Bonnie R – 6th in Long jump

Well done to all these students for reaching the Division stage of competition and representing our school against the best athletes in the area.

Special congratulations to Kwest R who now advances to the Region Athletics.

Term 4 Sport:
- 3F Bike Ed – every Friday 12.30pm
- Walkathon – Friday 26th October
- Year 2 Swimming – Monday 22nd to Thursday 25th October (Jubilee Park)
- Zone Orienteering (Years 4-6): Friday 2nd November (Narre Warren)
- Prep Swimming – Monday 12th – Thursday 15th November (Jubilee Park)
- School House Sports Day (Whole school) – Friday 23rd November
- Years 3/4 Swimming and Beach Program – Wednesday 5th to 7th December
- Years 5/6 Camp – Monday 10th – Friday 14th December

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator

AWESOME KIDS FAMILY CALENDAR LAUNCH (2013 edition)
Tuesday, 23rd October, 5pm-6pm
at Vetts Angelwings & Fairytales
5/42 Hartnett Drive, Seaford

Limited places:
To ensure we cater for everyone (& special dietary needs), please RSVP by Friday, 19th October to Sharon Eggins 9781-6762 or via email sharon.eggins@anglicare.org.au
Children must be accompanied by an adult (parent or teacher)
Funded by the Australian Government
Anglicare Victoria
Parents’ Club

CAR BOOT AND MARKET STALL DAY
at Ballam Park Primary School
on Saturday, 10th November 2012, 9am-4pm

Ballam Park Primary School Parents’ Club is organising a Car Boot Sale and Market Stall Day to be held at Ballam Park Primary School, with entry via Gate 1, Belar Avenue, Frankston on Saturday, 10th November 2012 and we want you to come! The day starts at 9.00am and finishes at 4.00pm.

There will be lots of stalls at the Car Boot Sale and Market Stall Day...so don’t miss this chance to show what you have for sale.

There is no insurance protection for any goods sold. If you are selling goods that require insurance protection, you must have current liability insurance, and you must provide us with a copy of the insurance with this form.

STALL HOLDERS...

- New Goods
- Party Plan and Second-hand Goods
- Car Boot

If you are interested in having a stall or car boot at the Car Boot Sale and Market Stall Day, the cost is $20.00 per stall or car boot. We welcome stall holders and businesses selling new goods and party plan, and would appreciate a small donation of your new product for our raffle.

For second-hand goods and car boot stall holders, this is a great chance to sell things you no longer need or want. Remember, someone may think your second hand goods are treasures!

To apply, please fill in the form below and return it with your payment by Friday, 26th October. Book early so you don’t miss out.

If you have any questions, please contact Kery Unwin on 0432-456-402 or Robyn Anderson on 0434-002-747.

Best wishes
Ballam Park Primary School Parents’ Club

To: Ballam Park Primary School Parents’ Club
P O Box 7329, Karingal Centre P.O., Frankston 3199

CAR BOOT SALE AND MARKET STALL DAY - Saturday, 10th November 2012, 9am-4pm

Name of group / organisation / stall holder: _______________________________________________________
Contact person: __________________________________ Phone number: ____________________________


What will be for sale at your stall? ______________________________________________________________

Payment enclosed $________ Cash/Cheque (Cheques to be payable to “Ballam Park Primary School”)

PLEASE NOTE—No refunds can be given
Parents' Club Fundraising Target for 2012
Over the past few months, some parents have asked about our school’s fundraising efforts and where the funds raised are being used. Since the start of the year, and for the remaining months of 2012, the Parents’ Club plan to raise funds for IT (Information Technology) and computers for Ballam Park Primary School, and we are very grateful for the constant support from our parents with our fundraising activities.

Parents’ Club Meetings—ALL WELCOME
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held next Monday, 22nd October after assembly. New members are always welcome at our meetings, especially new parents, so please come along and join in.

Forthcoming Events:
◊ Saturday, 10th November—Car Boot Sale and Market Stalls
Details were sent home last week, and application forms for car boot/market stalls are available at the office.
◊ Cookie Dough Drive
The order forms for the annual Cookie Dough Drive will be sent home on Friday, 2nd November. This is a great opportunity to start thinking about ordering treats and gifts for Christmas.

Girls Cricket Program
Cricket Victoria
Attention: Girls aged 10 to 17 years of age
Whether you are a beginner or a regular, come along and get some specialised coaching. Give cricket a GO!
Contact: Chris Simpson, Phone: 0414 552 109
Email: chrissimpson1@vc.etelco.net.au
No cost—it’s FREE
All equipment supplied

Session 1:
Date: Monday 15th of October
Venue: Mt Martha Cricket Club
Ferraro Reserve, Seppelt Ave, Mt Martha (MEL 145 B10)
Time: 5pm to 6:30pm

Session 2:
Date: Monday 22nd of October
Venue: Pakenham Cricket Club (oval no 2)
Practice Nets
Address: Princess Highway, Pakenham (MEL 215 J5)
Time: 5pm to 6:30pm

Contact: Chris Simpson, Phone: 0414 552 109

School term dates 2013 to 2015

**2013**
Term 1: *29 January (teachers start) to 28 March
Term 2: 15 April to 28 June
Term 3: 15 July to 20 September
Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

**2014**
Term 1: *28 January (teachers start) to 4 April
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 (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

* 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.

SCHOOL BANKING CRICKET COMPETITION

Enter the CBA SCHOOL BANKING CRICKET COMPETITION and you will have the chance to win…

A FRAMED PHOTOGRAPH OF MICHAEL HUSSEY AND CRICKET BALL AUTOGRAPHED BY MICHAEL HUSSEY WITH LETTER OF AUTHENTICITY!

The prize will be awarded to the student who makes the highest number of deposits or is a New Student Banker between Monday, 8th October and Monday, 10th December 2012. (In the event of a draw, the winner will be drawn from a hat)

Drawn at assembly on Friday, 14th December, so don’t miss out—start banking today!!

(There will also be a few ‘runners-up’ prizes)

STUDENT BANKING DAY IS TUESDAY

If you haven’t started Student Banking, enrol to open a new account at a Commonwealth Bank branch or through the school office —and start banking to be in with a chance to win this wonderful prize. 😊

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).
ASTHMA AND ALLERGIC RHINITIS (HAY FEVER) IN SPRING

Spring can be a difficult time of year for young children, school-age students and school staff with asthma and hay fever (allergic rhinitis). Hay fever is a very common complaint during Spring and Summer and as a result of the strong association between asthma and hay fever, individuals with both conditions will often experience increased asthma symptoms during this time.

People sensitive to pollen may find their symptoms worsening on windy days or during thunder-storms. Wind results in more pollen being released by the plants, and storms often generate increasing humidity which causes larger pollen grains to burst, releasing smaller particles.

There are some simple and effective methods to help your school and preschool students and staff reduce the severity and impact of asthma symptoms during spring:

- Be aware of which students have hay fever and pollen as a trigger for their asthma
- Ensure Asthma Action/Care Plans are up to date for students with asthma
- Ensure Asthma Emergency Kits contain medication that has not expired and that an adequate number of spacers are available (and face masks if necessary)
- Ensure that staff are briefed on the asthma first aid policy for the school or preschool, and are aware of the procedure to follow in an asthma emergency situation

- Encourage students with asthma to be aware of their asthma symptoms and to seek help if symptoms occur
- Consider high pollen days when planning activities
- Check the daily pollen forecast, available on our website at www.asthma.org.au
- Distribute information to staff, parents and carers regarding asthma and hay fever

For more information on asthma and hay fever feel free to contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria.

NEW VICTORIAN SCHOOLS ASTHMA MODEL POLICY AVAILABLE

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is pleased to announce the availability of a new model asthma policy suitable for Government, Catholic and Independent Victorian Schools. The policy incorporates best practice management of asthma in the school setting and current Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) guidelines. A model policy is also available for preschools and other children’s services. Policies are available for download via the link below:


To find out more contact your local Asthma Foundation:

1800 645 130
asthma.org.au

Supported by the Australian Government
This fortnight...

* we discussed what we did on the holidays
* focused on Halloween, and
* started spring activities.

The phone number for OSHC is:
0402-354-584
For bookings, please log on to: www.campaustralia.com.au

Star of the Week:
Maddie G

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

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

Pauls Milk ‘Collect A Cap’ Program...continues to end of 2012
Please keep collecting Pauls Milk ‘Collect A Cap’ milk tops and drop them off at the school office. The Pauls Collect A Cap Program continues for the rest of 2012, and it would be great if we could collect as many as we can.

This money is funding our Junior School Free Fruit Friday program which we would like to continue at Ballam Park Primary School despite not being subsidised by the government any more.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN
Thank you to all our parents who have responded to the request for Canteen support.
Lunch orders have improved for Wednesdays and Fridays, but we still need your support for MONDAYS please.
Living with Teenagers
A parenting program for Dads, Mums and Carers of Teenagers

Do you sometimes feel disconnected from your teenager and want to spend more positive time together?
Are you wondering what’s happening emotionally, physically and socially to your teenager?
Do you want to talk about ways of maintaining appropriate boundaries whilst encouraging their independence?
Do you want to help them bounce back from some of the bumps and blips in life?
Come along and talk about your teenagers in Living with Teenagers!

Date: Mondays 15th October – 19th November 2012
Time: 10am – 12:30pm
Where: Rosebud Library
Cost: Free but bookings are essential for catering purposes
Facilitator: Barbara Biggeloe from Anglicare Parentzone
Contact: For bookings and further information please contact Barbara on 0458 750 754

Family Solutions

Parents-Building-Solutions

Parenting After Separation

What issues do parents and children face after separation?
How can parents help their children to cope?

Come along to this FREE 6 week program for parents and carers to discuss parenting issues and positive solutions. Light supper provided.

Date: Thursdays November 6 December 2012
Time: 6.45 – 9.00 pm
Where: Rosebud Library Rosebud
Cost: Free but bookings are essential for catering purposes
Facilitator: Barbara Biggeloe from Anglicare Parentzone
Contact: For bookings and or further information please contact Barbara on 0458 750 754

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Parents-Building-Solutions

Parenting

What are parents’ and children’s rights and responsibilities when using social media?
What are the risks and what can families do to help keep children safe?

Come along and share a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents and carers to discuss social media issues, cyber safety and solutions.
Refreshments provided.

Date: Tuesday, 30 October 2012
Time: 10.00 am – 12.00 midday
Where: Mornington Community Information and Support Centre
Cost: Free but book are essential for catering purposes
Facilitator: Barbara Biggeloe from Anglicare Parentzone
Contact: For bookings and further information please contact Barbara on 0458 750 754

Anglicare

Parents-Building-Solutions

Raising Awesome Kids

Come along to a FREE 6 week program for parents and carers of children age 2-12 years to discuss parenting issues and positive solutions. Afternoon tea provided.

Date: Tuesdays, 13 November – 11 December 2012
Time: 1.00 – 3.00 pm
Where: Presentation Family Centre
Cost: Free but bookings are essential for catering purposes
Facilitator: Barbara Biggeloe from Anglicare Parentzone
Contact: For bookings and or further information please contact Barbara on 0458 750 754

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Family Solutions

Child FIRST
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.

SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT...

Would you like to receive a newsletter link every fortnight via email? If you are interested, please email us at...

ballam.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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