PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Parent Opinion Survey
Each year, a sample of parents from each Victorian Government school receives a Department Survey on their children’s school. This year 60 families will receive the survey from our school. The sample of families to receive the survey is randomly generated by computer. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete, and I would encourage you to participate please if you receive a survey. Receiving the maximum number of survey replies assists us to make our school better for your children.

The surveys are not opened at school, but sent in sealed envelopes to be scored by a company employed by DEECD. Your name will not be connected to your responses.

BER Project, Stage 1
Our project is going ahead on schedule with the frame for the raised roof above the Junior Wing already visible, and the footings poured today for the Art/Music building and the new covered area outside the Prep area. The Junior School and the new Art/Music building are due to be ready in early December. I am sure everyone will be very pleased with the finished Stage 1 facilities.

Solar Energy Grant
We have been successful in receiving a $50 000 grant to install solar panels and a computer monitoring system here at school. This will not only save our future energy costs, but help the environment. The monitoring system will be used to help students learn about energy consumption and how we can reduce our use of energy at school.

Training our future teachers
Ballam Park Primary School continues to have an active role in training teachers of the future. We currently have tertiary students from three Australian universities undertaking their practicum placements here: Monash University, Australian Catholic University and the University of Southern Queensland, and this week we farewell Ms Isabell Jaspers from Rhur University in Germany. I thank Ms Jaspers for her work over the last six weeks with Years 1, 2 and 5.

Can you find out anything about Rhur University on the www?
Mark Renouf
Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM
School uniform is compulsory, as a result of community input and School Council decision. A uniform Dress Code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.

It is really important to have uniform labelled so that lost items can be returned to their owners. Uniform items are expensive and we do our best to make sure that children are warm and well dressed at school.
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
**TRUNCATED Icosahedron!!!!!!**

On the 6th of August Charlotte, Rebecca and I spent about 3 hours making a Truncated Icosahedron. We had to use 12 paper pentagons and 20 paper hexagons. We had to trace a shape and then cut it out and staple them all together. It took patience, teamwork and co-operation and Mr. Renouf was very proud of us when he saw it.

By Shaylie

On the 6th of August Shaylie, Charlotte and I made a Truncated Icosahedron. It’s made out of paper. We used 12 pentagons and 20 hexagons. It has 32 sides. It took us all morning to make. We were all surprised we got it done, and Mr Renouf is very proud. We had to work out the pattern and it took a bit of teamwork and maths. We had to draw the correct shapes and cut them out. The shape is so big that everyone said “wow”!

By Rebecca

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### Asthma Key Facts and Statistics

Over 2 million Australians have asthma
- 1 in 9 children have asthma
- 1 in 10 adults have asthma

Asthma can occur at any age
- The cause of asthma is unknown and there is no cure

Using a spacer with a puffer is 3 times more effective at delivering the medication to your lungs than using a puffer by itself
- 1 in 9 children with asthma live with a smoker

People with asthma should have a written asthma action plan but most still don’t
- In primary school-aged children, asthma is more common among boys than among girls. After teenage years, more women have asthma than men

Asthma is a common reason for hospital admissions in children under 12, with an increase in admissions occurring two weeks after schools return from holidays
- On average 8 Australians die from asthma each week

If you would like more information please call The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on **1800 645 130** or visit [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)
From Jandre L

**Truncated Icosidodecahedron**

I made a 3-D shape called a Truncated Icosidodecahedron. The Truncated Icosidodecahedron has 62 sides, 180 edges and 120 corners. This shape has 12 decagons, 20, hexagons and 30 squares. This took me 2 days to make and was finished on Tuesday 10th August 2010.
PARENTS’ CLUB

❖ SAUSAGE SIZZLE THANK YOU
A big THANK YOU to Patrick, the SRC and all our Parents’ Club volunteers, for helping make the Sausage Sizzle such a success!

❖ CAKE AND SLICE DRIVE
Order forms for our Cake and Slice Drive were sent home earlier this week. If you would like to place an order, please complete the form and return with payment by Friday, 27th August. Delivery will be 7 to 10 days from that date.

❖ FATHERS’ DAY STALL
The Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Thursday, 2nd September, with a variety of gifts available for children to buy. Prices will range from 50 cents to $5.00.

❖ CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY DONATIONS FOR THE FATHERS’ DAY RAFFLE?
Fathers’ Day raffle tickets (50 cents each) have been sent home this week and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 2nd September. We would be grateful if any parents are able to donate items which can be used for raffle prizes. Any goods would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

❖ ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FETE???
The Parents’ Club is organising a 40th Birthday Celebration Fete to be held on Friday, 22nd October and we are looking for interested stall holders. If you would like to join in this day, please complete the above form and return to school.

❖ CAN YOU HELP WITH FETE SPONSORSHIP?
We are calling on any parents and friends who have a business/company or know of a business which would be willing to provide sponsorship towards the costs of running our 40th Birthday Celebration Fete. Any support would be much appreciated, and in return we will be pleased to advertise your business. Please contact Tyla 0421-872-953 or Kery 0432-456-402 to register your interest. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

A special thank you to
W.A.G.S. DOG GROOMING
for becoming a Fete Sponsor and for the generous donation.
Commonwealth Bank School Banking is here at school in 2010!

School Banking is a great way to help teach children to save and also get great benefits for our school.

There is an exciting new Rewards Program with great merchandise up for grabs. Children receive a token every time they bank and can redeem their tokens for amazing gifts such as hats, pencil cases, backpacks and much more.

Every new account opened through our school earns our school $5 and we also receive commission with every deposit.

Every child who opens a new account in 2010 will receive a FREE PLATYPUS MONEY BOX.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Youthsaver Account please complete the form below and return it to the office ASAP. Alternatively, if you have an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, your child can start banking straight away so just send your book in every week on Tuesday.

School Banking Day is every Tuesday.

Any questions – please feel free to contact Jo Lothian, School Banking Coordinator c/o the office

Please tear off form below and return to the office

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

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OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

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This fortnight we are exploring Space and the Solar System. The children have shown much interest in creating their own version of space.

**PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER**
For bookings please call Emma on 0402-258-786.

Stars of the Week:

THANK YOU to all the children who worked on their Monster creatures

**Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia**

HONESTY CERTIFICATES

The following students are to be commended for their honesty in handing in money that they have found to the office. These students have been acknowledged at assembly and have received certificates:

Prep B—Waeel K, Jake L, Kurei R, Lachlan D, Te Aroha W, Leanella J
1M—Rusmedin G
2J—Jett K, Hayley T, Jacob W, Carys W
2P—Dakota P, Seth C
3D—Ankita T, Stephanie P, Jezzaray S, Corey J, Mathew D, Courtney H, Ethan W
3F—Brodie M, Jacob S
3/4R—Destiny S, Jemma M, Ben H
4M—Luke J
4/5B—Jamie E, Felicity M
5H—Kendall W, Kody W
5S—Georgia G, Sam L
6B—Nathan M
6PD—Kristy-Lee H

**TERM DATES 2010–2012**

2010
Term 3: 12 July to 17 September 2010
Term 4: 4 October to 17 December 2010

2011
Term 1: 4 February (students start) to 8 April 2011
Teachers begin Term 1 on 1 February
Term 2: 27 April to 1 July 2011**
Term 3: 18 July to 23 September 2011
Term 4: 10 October to 22 December 2011

*(25 April is Easter Monday, a public holiday, as well as ANZAC Day. 26 April is a public holiday in lieu of ANZAC Day)*

Please note that schools are able to set a student free day in either Term 2 or Term 3.

2012
Term 1: 6 February (students start) to 30 March 2012
Teachers begin Term 1 on 1 February
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June 2012
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September 2012
Term 4: 8 October to 21 December 2012

Please note that schools are able to set a student free day in either Term 2 or Term 3.
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?
MY TIME - KARINGAL

Would you like to meet up weekly with other parents/carers of children with special needs? Morning tea and activities are provided by My Time Karingal from 9.30-11.30am on Tuesdays.

My Time groups provide facilitated peer support for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for children with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition. Socialise and share ideas and information with others who understand the rewards and intensity of caring for a child with special needs.
You are also welcome to attend even if your child is attending school.

Please Contact: Raylene Cullen on 0417 033 961 or visit http://www.mytime.net.au

CHANGE TO STUDENT DETAILS
(Please return to office)

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.

Student(s) Names: ................................................................. Grade(s): ........
Please note the following change(s) in student details: ..........................................................................................................
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