Celebrating Education Week

Education Week is a fantastic time to share in your child’s education. The positive and supportive partnership between, teachers, students and parents is the key to success for your child. Many families took the opportunity to visit the classrooms during Open Night last night, May 18th. Our new Music and Art rooms were also open for visiting. Both rooms look fantastic, and are going to be exciting learning spaces for the children to enjoy. Classes started in the Music and Art rooms today. An Open Night performance in the hall was enjoyed by our families. The Years 4, 5 and 6 skipping group demonstrated their skills, the choir performed creditably without their choir master and the Year 4 singing group ‘Glow’ were show-stoppers. Comedy skits by Year 5/6’s were hilarious, then the Preps sang ‘Alice the Camel’ with gusto and, finally, the Years 1 & 2 students enthusiastically sang ‘Mr Clickety Clack’.

On Friday, our families will have an opportunity to join in activities in the classroom from 12.30pm, followed by a Family Picnic in the school grounds at lunchtime.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY
Fri 20 Walk to School Day
Fri 27 Human Race incursion (whole school)
Tues 31 Choir Concert 7.30pm Peninsula Sch

JUNE
Sat 4 Bunnings Barbecue 9.00am-4.00pm
Sun 5 Market Karingal Place 9.00am-1.00pm
Thurs 2 to Thurs 9 Life Education (whole school)
Mon 13 PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Queen’s Birthday)
Mon 20 Flying Bookworm incurs Prep/Kinder
Tues 28 Prep Drama Tool Box incursion
Wed 29 PUPIL FREE DAY (Parent/teacher mtgs)
I have been away from school this week at the K to 12 National Technology in Education Conference in Sydney and so I missed the Education Week Open Night last night. I apologise for my absence from this event, but I hope that if you were able to attend you were pleased with the activities that were planned by the teachers, the opportunity to visit your child’s classroom and to see inside the new Music and Art rooms which are open for lessons beginning today. It is always pleasing to have parents come to look around our school and see some of the work that your children and the teachers have been doing.

Thank you to the staff who stayed back after normal work hours to make the evening a success, and to Mrs McSweeney and Mrs Renowden who managed the school while I was away.

Our second opportunity to visit the school is tomorrow at 12.30PM with all classrooms open, followed by a (BYO) Picnic Lunch in the grounds at 1.10pm. I'll look forward to seeing you then if you are able to join us.

ICT – Information and Communications Technology

It is not possible to cover more than a little of the content of this week’s conference, but here are some of the main messages that were delivered by the presenters:

♦ The power and capability of computer technology is doubling every 12 months. This is twice as fast as ten years ago. At the same time, its cost is halving.

♦ Most students will learn how to use technology much faster that adults can, so the teacher–student roles are often reversed and should be.

♦ No one can predict with any certainty how classrooms and schools will look and operate in ten years’ time.

♦ Traditional classrooms and teaching/learning approaches will not prepare our current students for a future that will not be like the past or the present.

♦ Schools will need to always be ready to learn from other schools and to make changes with a focus on the future.

You might like to look at these websites:

www.heppell.com

www.scil.com.au

and for cyber safety information:

www.staysmartonline.com.au


Fresh Fruit Fridays

Fresh Fruit Fridays is a program funded by the State government to provide fruit to our junior school students each week. The aim is to provide a healthy, fresh food snack every week to each student, and to encourage them to bring their own fruit on most school days as a more nutritious choice than processed snacks.

We were in the first group of schools to apply for and participate in this program, and are very pleased to have heard this week that funding has been extended until the end of 2012. This program has been actively supported by our Junior School teachers who collect the fruit before school once a week and share it out between the six classes.

Our School Canteen and Out of School Hours Care Program both need more parent and student support

The school Canteen, which is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, needs more students to order their lunches if it is going to stay open.

The Canteen operates under DEECD guidelines to provide quite a selection of healthy foods that still includes old favourites such as pies, pasties and sausage rolls.

The full menu is attached in this newsletter.

If every student who does not currently order lunch was to begin ordering even just once a fortnight, then our Canteen would be profitable enough for the company that runs it to keep it open. (Monday and Wednesdays are the quietest days at the moment.)

Like the Canteen, our Out of School Hours Care program run by Camp Australia is there as a service to our school community. The school provides the use of the school hall at no cost, and the operator’s charge to use the program is subsidised by government rebates.

This year, the number of students attending has fallen, and unless more students and parents take advantage of the program, then it will not be able to continue.

To make the program more attractive, three special activity afternoons per week are going to be provided. Details will be promoted soon. If 50 to 60 students began attending as a casual user one afternoon per fortnight each for one of the special activities, then the program would continue to be viable.

Please note that our school makes no financial gain from either the Canteen or the OSHC program.
Not signed up for SCHOOL BANKING?? then sign up today to be part of this wonderful competition...

Would you like to win a Cricket Australia shirt signed by Mike Hussey?

To win you need to have the most number of deposits (not money banked) in Term 2 and Term 3 this year.

If we have a number of students with the same number of times banking deposits have been made, those names will be placed in a “hat” and a winner drawn by Karen from the Commonwealth Bank.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN
DUE TO INSUFFICIENT LUNCH ORDERS BEING RECEIVED EACH WEEK, CANCELLATION OF THE CANTEEN CONTRACT IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED

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

BOOK CLUB
Please note that Book Club orders are due back at school by Friday, 20th May. Additional order forms are available at the office.

Winter and Asthma
With the winter months approaching, it is important to be aware of the triggers that can affect your asthma at this time of year.

**Sudden changes in temperature**
Certain weather situations like very cold temperatures, humidity and dry air can trigger asthma symptoms. In a school environment, students are exposed to sudden temperature changes many times during the day as they go between heated classroom environments to outdoor activities and lunch breaks.

Wearing a scarf over the mouth and nose is recommended as it can help to warm the air as you breathe in.

**Exercise**
Exercise-induced asthma may be exacerbated by breathing in colder air than usual, so ensure that you take your reliever puffer 5-20 minutes prior to exercise, warm up adequately, monitor your symptoms during exercise, and have a blue reliever puffer handy in case of an asthma attack.

**Thunderstorms**
Thunderstorms can be an asthma trigger for some people, as raindrops can cause grains to be broken down into hundreds of tiny allergen-containing particles – allowing them to penetrate the lungs.

If you experience asthma symptoms during thunderstorms, it is best to stay inside with windows closed, and ensure that you update your asthma action plan with your doctor outlining the management of your day to day asthma, what to do if your symptoms worsen, and the first aid procedure in the event of an asthma attack.

For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au
Prep Enrolments for 2012

BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
GATE 1, BELAR AVENUE, FRANKSTON 3199

Enrolments are presently being accepted for children commencing Prep in 2012

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 2012, for admission in 2012.

♦ 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 2011.)

♦ **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
Responsibility

Value of the Term

In Term 2 our focus is on the value of responsibility. Each Monday at the whole school assembly aspects of the value are discussed with the students. Teachers follow this up in the classrooms as well.

6 Ways to Make Responsible Choices:

- **C**onsider what might happen– think before you act.
- **H**elp yourself be responsible by getting and staying organised.
- **O** bey rules and laws in your home, school and the community.
- **I**gnore bad ideas that pop into your head. Change what you’re doing or think about something good instead.
- **C** hoose the choice that’s best for you and for others– the one that feels right inside.
- **E** arn people’s trust by showing that they can count on you.

Please discuss these tips with your child. Help us at school to develop a sense of responsibility in all of our students.

The Human Race–Whole School Incursion

On Friday, May 27th the whole school will be attending an incursion called ‘The Human Race’. This dramatisation challenges children to find out what qualities we need to create positive relationships at school, in the community, and ultimately as citizens of the world. It gives simple strategies for building skills in conflict resolution, problem solving, assertiveness and having empathy for others. During the play, the actors also deal with issues such as name calling, alienation, discrimination, spreading rumours and posting photos on Facebook.

The messages of the show are very clear:

1. Treat others as you wish to be treated.
2. We all need to feel safe physically and emotionally.
3. Seek and speak the truth and respect each other’s differences.
4. Don’t lie online about who you are and how old you are.

These are all extremely importance messages that all children need to adopt.

If any parent would like to attend either the Prep–Year 2 session (10:00–11:00am) or Years 3-6 (11:30am-12:30pm), please contact the school.

Pampering Mums’ Afternoon

Our Year P-2 students pampered their Mums or special guest to celebrate Mothers’ Day. The Mums and students enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea as well as activities such as relaxation exercises, hand manicures, footbaths and a trip to the hair salon. Thank you to all those who came along and supported this event.
Walk To School Day on Friday 20th May—Parents’ Diary Alert

It’s nearly that time of year again when parents and primary school aged children from right around Australia are being asked to make important steps towards a healthier childhood by participating in National Walk Safely To School Day. It is the perfect opportunity to start a new routine by simply getting up half an hour earlier and walking all or part of the way to school with your child. It teaches your child the value of a healthy lifestyle and helps set them up for a day packed full of learning, and you also start the day with some quality time with your child.

Two designated spots to meet others from our school and walk together (with your parents) are Ballam Park Pre School and the Adventure Playground closest to Cranbourne Road Crossing.

Meet Mr Renouf at the Adventure Playground, or Mrs McSweeney at Ballam Park Pre School at 8:30am to join in the walk!

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The 2011 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is officially open and we encourage all students to take the challenge and share their love of reading with family, friends and classmates. If you haven’t already signed up ask your class teacher or at the office for a permission form.

Challenge Rules:
1. You must register as a Challenger and keep a record of your reading. See your teacher for a challenge record form to keep your log.
2. You must be a student in a year level from Prep to Year 10 in 2011. You can be learning at a school or learning at home.

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4. If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.
5. Your online books must be verified as read by a Coordinator in your school.
6. All your information must be completed online before 16 September 2011.


Sue McSweeney
Assistant Principal
Circus Maximus came and entertained our Year One and Two students with a brilliant one hour show. The show involved juggling, uni-cycling and magic, and covered areas of our You Can Do It Program in the areas of persistence, resilience, confidence, organisation and getting along.

The students are studying “The Circus” as...
Murdoch District Cross Country
The District Cross Country was held on Tuesday, 17th May for 80 Ballam Park PS students in Years 3–6 at Baxter Park against the other schools within the Murdoch District including: Woodlands PS, Baxter PS, Langwarrin Park PS, Langwarrin PS, Pearcedale PS, Somerville PS and Somerville Rise PS.

Students competed in age-based events over the following distances: 8/9yo – 1.5km, 10yo – 2km, 11yo – 3km, 12/13yo – 3km.

All students who attended and participated found the Baxter Park course quite tough, and were up against some strong runners from schools much larger than Ballam Park PS. However, all students are to be congratulated on their fantastic efforts and behavior on the day.

Some notable performances included:
- Cornelia K – 11th in 12/13 year old girls
- Callum B – 12th in 11 year old boys
- Eloise M – 13th in 12/13 year old girls
- Courtney H – 16th in 10 year old girls
- Reece M – 18th in 10 year old boys
- Casey K – 20th in 9 year old girls

Ballam Park PS finished 6th out of the 8 competing schools in the overall school points total.

Thank you to all Years 3–6 staff for their assistance with training over the last fortnight and to those staff members who attended on the day.

Inter-school Winter Sport
Unfortunately, Round 2 of Inter-school Winter Sport against Baxter last Friday had to be cancelled due to the wet weather.

Round 3 matches this week are against Somerville PS at the following venues:
- Football, soccer and tee-ball – Ballam Park
- Netball and newcombe – Somerville PS

All games will be from 9.30am – 10.45am. Parents are more than welcome to attend and lend their support.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator
PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS

PARENTS’ CLUB MEETINGS — ALL WELCOME
Parents’ Club meetings are held in the staff room each Monday morning after assembly. New members are always welcome at the Parents’ Club. Please come along and join in.

BAYSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE—CAZZEE RESCUE!
The Canteen Rescue challenge is still happening. Please present your receipts from now until June 12 at the school office, or at Bayside Shopping Centre, and the school will receive one point for every dollar you spend.
Last year Ballam Park was able to win some fantastic prizes - including the world globe. Each week the best performing school will win a prize valued at $300. The school with the most points at the end of the promotion will win a Canteen Rescue valued at over $40,000.

MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE
Congratulations to the following lucky winners of the Mothers’ Day raffle:
1st Prize Estania H (1M), 2nd Prize Mrs Van Sanden, 3rd Prize Mrs Rando, 4th Prize Carmel H (Prep H), Centro Prize Alan D (2B), 5th Prize Mrs Dzemidzic, 6th Prize Abby H (6C), 7th Prize Stacey N (4R), 8th Prize Mr Ennis, 9th Prize Georgia B (4R).

Parents’ Club Committee

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

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Homework Club: Tuesday nights 3.45-4.30pm
Fitness Fun: Wednesday nights 4.00-5.00pm
Don’t miss out!
The children at OSHC will be exploring the amazing rainforests of the world, learning about animals and preserving their habitats.
Check out www.campaustralia.com.au

Star of the Week:
Ethan T
for including everyone

Emma Cooper phone 0402-258-786

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
ONLY A FEW BOOKS LEFT!!!—ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2011-2012

There are only a few Entertainment Books still available for purchase at school. The Entertainment Book costs $65.00, and you can start using the coupons immediately until June 2012.

Remember Entertainment Books are the perfect gift for family birthdays and special occasions.

Just log onto www.entertainmentbook.com.au and select ‘Search the Book’ tab. Then select the 2011-2012 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!

A sample Entertainment Book is on display at the office. This edition has a great number of Mornington Peninsula restaurants and venues, and also other great discounts on holiday resorts, etc. It also has an exclusive offer from Coles. As an Entertainment member, you can purchase $100 Coles Gift Cards for only $95 and, with an average family spending over $100 at the supermarket each week, that adds up to savings of more than $260 over the course of the year! It also includes discounts at Village Cinemas, AMF Ten Pin Bowling, Melbourne Zoo, Melbourne Aquarium, Luna Park, Puffing Billy, McDonalds, KFC, Krispy Kreme, Nando’s, Red Rooster, etc. Have a look through the sample book on display in the office.

Please support our school (sale of each Entertainment Book contributes to our notebook and netbook program) — and at the same time save yourself money!
TERM DATES 2011-2012

2011
 Term 1: 4 February (students start) to 8 April 2011
 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.

ZUMBA
Take part in the FREE 6 WEEK ZUMBA CHALLENGE.
Enjoy 1 hour FREE ZUMBA classes in the Wells Street forecourt outside Hoyts Cinemas, Frankston.
Register on line at www.frankston.vic.gov.au or contact Melanie Boulton on 9293 7154 or email Melanie.Boulton@frankston.vic.gov.au.
Classes begin on Sunday, 29th May at 10:30am and run each Sunday until 3rd July dependent on weather.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY CAN SAVE LIVES
1 in 3 Australians will need blood at some stage in their lives, however only 1 in 30 Australians give blood.

Your local Blood Donor Centre is located at:

For opening hours and more information call 13 14 95 or visit www.donateblood.com.au

To: School Banking Co-ordinator
Ballam Park Primary School

REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BANKING INFORMATION

Please send me a school banking information pack:

Parent’s Name: .........................................................................................................................

Student’s name: ..................................................................................................................... Grade: ........... Room No.: .........