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.

Please refer newsletter page.
PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

A busy and exciting term ahead
We have many extra-curricula activities planned for this term, including the House Cross-Country for Years 3 to 6, Education Week Open Night, Senior Winter Sport on Fridays, Box Cars Maths & Flying Bookworm Incursions. Also Monash University Environmental Education Activity Expo on Monday morning, May 26th. Running Club for students in Years 3 to 6 continues on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Information promoting Education Week is on the front page of this newsletter, and we hope to see many families at the Open Night and the following Monday at the Monash Activity Expo.

Head Lice
Below is our most recent Head Lice notice that many parents will already be familiar with. A previous notice that has been used (in error) on a number of occasions this year, which explains how to use hair conditioner to assist reduce head lice, is now no longer being sent home.

Some clear points:
♦ No child is permitted to come to school with live head lice in his or her hair.
♦ Head lice are an ongoing problem in every school that is worse in some areas and at some times of the year.
♦ Your pharmacist can provide you with professional advice on the options for treating head lice.
♦ The internet may also be a useful source of information on how to deal with head lice, including how the use of conditioner may assist.
♦ Hair conditioner will not kill head lice and it was never our intention to indicate that it would do so.

The school’s Head Lice Notice
Please refer to the school’s head lice notice below. The best place to get advice on treatment of head lice is your pharmacist or doctor.

Recently there have been a number of cases of head lice in your child’s grade. We therefore request that you check all family members’ hair. If you find head lice or nits (eggs) please start treatment immediately. Your pharmacist can offer advice about treatment.

We ask for your assistance that all girls in the class need to have their hair tied back, and please check your child’s hair on a regular basis and support us in trying to control these outbreaks.

Some interesting facts about lice
True or false?
All children scratch when they have head lice.
False       Only half do, which is why it is important everyone gets their hair checked.

True or false?
Lice can fly or jump from head to head.
False       Lice can only crawl, but they do move very fast and they love clean, healthy hair.

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.

It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.
Prep student in 2015? You are warmly invited to our Open Night
Wednesday, 21st May 6.30-8.00pm

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-7.30pm followed by a performance in the school hall 7.30-8.00pm.

School Tours:
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Canteen News

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.

Sausage Sizzle

Saving our Environment...
If you would like to view our online school newsletter, please click on...
www.ballamparkps.vic.edu.au

IMPORTANT DATES 2014

MAY
Thurs 8 House Cross Country Years 3-6
Mothers’ Day Stall
Fri 9 Winter Sport commences Round 1
Mothers’ Day Raffle drawn
Tues 13 to ) Years 3 & 5 Naplan
Thurs 15 )
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
Mon 26 ) Monash University Environmental
( Education 8.30am-12.45pm
Tues 27 District Cross Country
Thurs 29 Sausage Sizzle

JUNE
Wed 4 Division Cross Country
Mon 9 PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Queen’s Birthday)
Thurs 12 Box Car Maths Whole Sch Incursion
Wed 18 Flying Bookworm Inc—Prep/Kinder
Tues 24 PUPIL FREE DAY
Parent/Teacher Meetings
Student Health and Happiness

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

Attendance — Every Day Counts

Daily school attendance is important for all children to succeed in education and to ensure they don’t fall behind both socially and developmentally. Parents are responsible for sending their child to school. Children sometimes try to persuade their parents to let them have a day off — parents need to say ‘NO’ to these requests. Parents are required to ensure their child attends school and to provide an explanation for their child’s absence from school. **Parents are required to inform the school in writing or via a phone call when an absence has occurred.**

Parents are also required to make sure their child is at school on time. When children are regularly late, they miss important instruction and valuable learning that occurs at the start of the day. It is often reading or other language learning that is missed, and this can have detrimental effects on them making progress.

Schools are required to follow procedures if children are frequently absent or late, which means both the Region and Child Support agencies are contacted.

On the whole, Ballam Park Primary School has good attendance from 95% of the students, with an overall attendance rate of 94% for both February and March.

**In March there were 251 students who had 100% attendance — what a fantastic effort!**

Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal

Congratulations and a very big thank you to everyone for their fantastic support of our ‘Relay for Kids’ fundraising event which was held on the last day of term 1.

**The school raised $1441.20**

Staff took on medical dress — Mrs Beilken, Mr Renouf and Mrs Carson

Healthy Eating:

is a focus for Ballam Park Primary School this year.

The Australian Dietary Guidelines provide up-to-date advice about the amount and kinds of foods and drinks that we need regularly, for health and well-being.

By providing your child with the recommended amounts from the Five Food Groups and limiting the foods that are high in saturated fat, added sugar and added salt, they will get enough of the nutrients essential for good health, growth and development.

They may have a reduced risk of chronic diseases such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity and some cancers. Your child may also feel better, look better, enjoy life more and live longer!

On the next page there is a copy of the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating.
Australian Guide to Healthy Eating

Enjoy a wide variety of nutritious foods from these five food groups every day.
Drink plenty of water.

- Grain (cereal) foods, mostly wholegrain and/or high cereal fibre varieties
- Vegetables and legumes/beans
- Lean meats and poultry, fish, eggs, tofu, nuts and seeds and legumes/beans
- Fruit
- Use small amounts
- Only sometimes and in small amounts

Milk, yoghurt, cheese and/or alternatives, mostly reduced fat
WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN MATHS THIS TERM?

Eloise, Lara and Nathan from Prep G are playing Number Snap.

Summah, Kyle, Sebastian and Joshua from Prep G are also playing Number Snap.

Taylah, Scott and Charlotte (Prep G) are playing Number Snap.

The Grade 5’s have been doing surveys and making graphs.
Parents' Club Events
Term 2
Thursday 8th May - Mothers Day Stall
Friday 9th May—Mothers Day Raffle
Thursday 29th May—Sausage Sizzle

Parents' Club is currently raising funds to provide students with Fresh Fruit each week.

Our fete preparations are well underway!!!

A massive thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time to make this possible. Anyone who would still like to help with organising and planning, or setup or clean up on the day, please feel free to contact us.

We plan on meeting on every second Wednesday straight after announcements in the portable near the canteen. You do not need to be part of the Parents’ Club to help with the fete. The next meeting will be on:

Wednesday 7th April

We are also looking for businesses to sponsor our fete. If you own a business or know a business who may help, please feel free to contact us ASAP before advertising commences.

Mothers Day Raffle
Excellent prizes up for grabs, including numerous $50 restaurant vouchers, $78 massage vouchers, a $50 spa voucher, cushions and many more fantastic prizes.

50 cents per ticket and are due back on Thursday 8th May.

Raffle drawn Friday 9th May at assembly.
The Parents’ Club cannot operate without the generosity of the community and parents and all donations received. Thank you to all the parents who have kindly donated toward our fundraising so far, and thank you to the following businesses who have supported our school and donated. Please keep them coming and we look forward to receiving more.

Kings Creek Hotel
Phone: 5979 2989
1989 Frankston Flinders Rd, Hastings
www.kingscreekhotel.com.au

Creative Hampers and Gifts
Lyndal Luca 0448 866 102
www.creativehampersandgifts.com.au

ACMI
Australian Centre for the Moving Image
Flinders St and Swanston St, Melbourne
www.acmi.net.au

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Pearcedale Vic 3912
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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.

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.

Primary Music Institute

KEYBOARD LESSONS

Significant academic research shows that instrumental music lessons can improve your child's school results - including for reading, maths, coordination and confidence.

- Lessons are held on school campus – with lessons offered during and outside of school hours.
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn music.
- Only $11.50 per child per small group lesson.
- We also offer private lessons.
- Thirty minutes per week of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement.

New enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 2. Please be quick as we will finalise timetables shortly ahead of week 3 lessons.

Enrol directly on our website: www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au OR collect an enrolment form from your school Administration office.

Note: due to the popularity of the program we cannot guarantee there is an available space for your child. However, we will do our best to accommodate your child and if no space is available we will put your child on a waiting list and notify you of this after week 3 timetables are finalised.

Reminder for existing students: re-enrolment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so you do not need to send in a new enrolment form each term.
Keep saving to win a family underwater adventure holiday.

Plus make friends with the dolphins at Sea World.

The Dollarmites have found sunken treasure in the Lost City of Savings. For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Major prize.**

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

**Runner up prizes.**

130 Toys “R” Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys. Plus, a separate draw of $1,000 cash for your school. To find out more, visit commbank.com.au/deepseasavers
Dear Parents,

There will be a large display of books for children and parents to purchase at the BOOK FAIR on Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd May, 3.30pm to 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” is not 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!
The Entertainment Books are now available for purchase at school. You can purchase the Entertainment Book for $65.00, and start using the coupons immediately until June 2015 (that’s 14 months use).

Entertainment Books are the perfect gift for Mum on Mothers’ Day, Sunday, 11th May!

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! Refer Credit Card Authority form below.

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BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY–ENTERTAINMENT BOOK/S 2014-2015

Student Name ________________________________________________________ Grade ____________

CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY (circle) – MASTERCARD / VISA

CARD NO:

EXPIRY DATE:

Card Holder’s name & Address                                     Contact Telephone No
                              Home ___________________
                              Work ___________________

Amount: $_________________

Date ______________ Signature __________________________
**Coughs, Colds and Asthma—The Asthma Foundation of Victoria**

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found [here](#) and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies’, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blockers tablet and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

**Stay warm this winter!**

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au)

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**OSHC TIMES**

**How to get started** — Before using our programs, you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Please visit our website to begin: [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

**Once registered** you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details any time of the day online. Please keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

**Save on care** — You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the **non-means tested** Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more, call our Customer Service Team on 1300-105-343 Monday to Friday.

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**NEWS**

This week the children have been busy constructing cubby houses out of boxes, and have enjoyed games outside such as dodgeball and cricket.

For bookings, please log on to: [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

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**Star of the Week**

Josh T.

OSHC Co-ordinator: Mikaela Ramsay
Phone 0402-354-584

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**Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia**

**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 at 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](http://x10sivguitartuition.com.au)

Information is also available at the school office.
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.

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Frankston VIC 3199
karingaldrivedentalclinic@gmail.com

BRAND NEW TALENT AGENCY
NOW AUDITIONING

We are searching for Marvellous kids, Teens, boys, girls, ages 5-19.
Auditions to be held on Saturday 10th,17th May and Sunday 11th,18th May.
To audition and receive an information booklet please
Email: contact@gmanagement.com.au

School term dates
2014 to 2015

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 Jan (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.

Karingal Bulls
Junior Football Club

• Players needed from ages 7 to 13 years old
• New player welcome
• Small but proud family friendly club
• Awards and Dinners every Sunday night at the clubrooms
• Club located: Balnam Park, Off Naranga Cres

For more information please call:
Kevin (President) 0419 315 941 or Kylee (Registrar) 0438 297 477