Education Week  
Senior School  
OPEN NIGHT 2010  
Thursday, 20th May  
6.30-8.00pm

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends

You are warmly invited to our school to visit classrooms, view displays and share your children’s learning experiences, as well as attend a Music Performance as part of our Education Week celebration.

6.30-7.30pm Visit classrooms  
7.30-8.00pm Musical Performance in hall

New families are welcome  
to tour our school

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Congratulations Matthew Kirkwood  
Matt has been selected for the Regional Primary School Football Team, to represent the region in the Victorian Metro State Trial. Matt will tell the school more about this on Monday at assembly.
BER Building Project
Our old Art and Music Rooms were due to be removed today. The new start date for the rest of the project is Monday, May 31st. I believe that our junior school students have now happily settled into their classrooms. I thank the teachers who worked so hard to make this temporary transition a success.

Early arrival at school
Please note that there is no staff supervision in our playground before 8.45am each morning. We have a Before School Care program in our hall run by Camp Australia for students who need to be here early.

When the building project begins, it will be even more important not to be arriving, as children some do, at 8.20am and earlier.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea – Thursday, 27th May
Please see the notice from the Parents’ Club about this fun and worthwhile fundraising event which is on next Thursday, May, 27th at 11.00am.

School Website:
www.ballamparkps.vic.edu.au
Our school website is averaging only 147 hits per week, about 10% of the average for schools our size. This can be increased by making the school site your home page or just by visiting regularly.

I would be interested to hear any parent opinions on what might generate more interest in our website from our school community.

Bayside Shopping Centre Better Schools Program
Similarly, after getting off to a great start, we are now currently 9th out of 15 Frankston schools in this promotion. Let’s see if our school community can move us up the ladder in the next month. Perhaps try asking your friends who shop at Bayside to save their dockets for you.

Head Lice
This week as a measure to help reduce the number of students having a problem with head lice, all classes are being shown a short Powerpoint presentation about controlling them.

The presentation has been provided by DHS. It recommends the regular use of conditioner with a head lice comb as an effective way of controlling head lice. It also notes that head lice are not a health problem in themselves, but if left untreated can lead to having a scalp in an unhealthy condition.

Please note: Children should not be sent to school with live nits or adults in their hair.

Acting Principal
I will be absent from school on three days long service leave and then three days at the Regional Principal’s Conference from now until May 28th. In my absence, Mrs Maree Renowden will be Acting Principal.

Frankston City Council Event
Community Forum ‘Ways to reduce violence in our community’ – Saturday, 29th May-2.00-4.00pm, Frankston City Library. Ideas on the table are “Changing school curricula to teach emotional intelligence” (Frankston City News, May 2010, p.18) email emocean@mac.com for more information.

Mark Renouf
Principal

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2010-2011**
Entertainment Books are now available for purchase at school for $65.00, and you can start using the coupons immediately until June 2011 (that’s 13 months use). Just log onto www.entertainmentbook.com.au and select ‘Search the Book’ tab. Then select the 2010-2011 Book, and then 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. With the average family spending over $100 at the supermarket per week, that adds up to savings of more than $260 over the course of the year! It also includes Village movie cinema discounts, as well as complimentary AFL MCG Reserve admission when another ticket is purchased. There are also discounts at AMF, Melbourne Zoo, Krispy Kreme, Melbourne Aquarium, Luna Park, Puffing Billy etc, etc. Please look through the sample display book in the office.

Please support our school (sale of each book contributes to our Playground Upgrade) — and at the same time save yourself money!
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*
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
WEDNESDAY, 2ND JUNE

Our school photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 2nd June 2010. Order forms were sent home this week, one per student.

It would be greatly appreciated if all students could attend in full school uniform on Wednesday, 2nd June, including wearing or bringing a blue uniform top (apache jacket/windcheater/bomber jacket/polar fleece jacket, etc.). Thank you.

HOW TO ORDER
Pre-order on-line at: www.aussieschoolphoto.com up until midnight of photograph day.

OR
Complete the order form sent home, place inside plastic bag with barcode visible, with payment, and give to the photographer on photo day.

OR
If you choose not to pre-order, Aussie School Photos will provide you with a proof photo together with a “second chance” order form. Orders can then be placed via the website, www.aussieschoolphoto.com

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 money box 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

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for April 2010.

Taylor T - Prep S for Persistence
Rusmedin G - 1M for Confidence
Hope A - 3D for Confidence
Samantha M - 3/4R for Getting Along
Brittany S - 4/5B for Organisation
Leith B - 5S for Persistence

Teah W - Prep B for Getting Along
Will B - 1H for Organisation
Lianiva S - 3F for Getting Along
Robbie A - 4M for Persistence
Eloise M - 5H for Organisation
Carly P - 6B for Persistence

Matthew K - 6PD for Persistence
Year 6 Excursion – Parliament House and Melbourne Museum

On Wednesday May 12th, the Year 6 students travelled by bus to Parliament House and the Melbourne Museum as part of our Integrated topic. First 6B went to Parliament House while 6PD went to the Museum and then we swapped. At Parliament House, we had a debate about wearing seat belts. Half had to argue that we should not wear seat belts and the other half had to agree that we should. At the end we had a formal vote and decided we had to wear seat belts.

In Parliament House, there was millions of dollars worth of real gold, decorating the interior of the building. It was a heap of fun to learn about how Government works.

The Melbourne Museum was really interesting because we saw old dinosaur bones and sculptures. We saw an old fashioned cinema, rollercoaster, houses, television, radio and heaps more. It was fun too.

Report prepared by Ellie and Odette (6B)
PARENTS' CLUB

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA—THURSDAY, 27TH MAY AT 11.00AM

We are hosting "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" to raise much needed funds for the Cancer Council. You are invited to attend at 11.00am on Thursday, 27th May in the Ballam Park Primary School staff room. Food and drinks will be provided. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.

We will be having a Silent Auction, and any donations will be helpful in making this morning a success. Hope to see you there!

MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE

THANK YOU to the following businesses for their generous prize donations for our Mothers’ Day raffle:

- CONTOURS
- THE GOOD GUYS
- KELLIE'S INTRACOLOUR
- PULSE PHARMACY
- WRAPPINGS

Also, thank you to our parents who gave donations for the Mothers’ Day raffle prizes.

Congratulations to the following Mothers’ Day raffle prize winners:
1st Prize Carys W (2J), 2nd Prize Jason A (5S), 3rd Prize Emily C (2P), 4th Prize Natalie J (1H), 5th Prize Abby H (5H), 6th Prize Madeline S (3/4R), 7th Prize Tyra M (3/4R), 8th Prize Lisa C (1M), 9th Prize Ryan W (Prep S), 10th Prize Liam H (2J), 11th Prize Michelle B (4M), 12th Prize Allen D (1M), 13th Prize Sarah L (Prep B), 14th Prize Jacqui A (5H), 15th Prize Imogen G (5S), 16th Prize Matthew K (6PD), 17th Prize Natalie M (6B), 18th Prize Cheryl S (4R), 19th Prize Sam L (2J), 20th Prize Joanne M (4M), 21st Prize Liam J (1M), 22nd Prize Kim H (6B), 23rd Prize Cassi S (1H).

BAYSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

6 WEEKS LEFT in the Bayside Shopping Centre ‘Better Schools Program’! All you need to do is shop in Frankston-Bayside and get your shopping receipts in! For every receipt your child hands in at the school office, they will receive 5 house points.

We have already won a $200 world globe on a stand from National Geographic. Let's all work together to support the school in winning some great prizes.

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

- Annual Shopping Tour—Saturday, 11th September
- Fete—Friday, 22nd October

BOOK CLUB

Please note that Book Club orders are due back at school by Friday, 28th May. Additional order forms are available at the office.

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.
ICAS
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS

ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement as an external assessment. In previous years, students from Years 3-6 have been invited to participate in the Maths and English Competitions. Students entering the competitions complete tasks under test conditions at school on dates determined by the organisers.

Participating students receive detailed results of their performance and a certificate. Our school receives a copy of results and access to these via the Internet.

The cost for entering each competition is $6.00.

If you wish your child to participate and did not receive a notice, these are available from the office. The sitting dates for each competition are as follows:

- **English** - Tuesday, 3 August
- **Mathematics** - Tuesday 17 August

Notices and payment for all competitions must be received by:

FRIDAY, 11th JUNE
No late entries can be accepted.

Parents wanting to know more about the competitions and/or to purchase past papers can do so at the following address: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

For further information, please contact Jan Beilken at school.

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**OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK**
‘we make kids smile’

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**Stars of the Week:**
Jayde B for participating and listening to instructions

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Over the next fortnight, the children will be exploring the benefits of working together and listening while enjoying new experiences.

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

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Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia