PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

School Council

The newly elected School Council met on Monday this week. The term of each School Council runs for 12 months, from March to March. Meetings are held eight times each year. This week, the meeting also included the AGM and the presentation of the school’s Annual Report. This document will be available on the school website from the end of March and hard copies are available upon request. At the AGM the following positions were filled:

President: Carol Nardella
Vice-President: Tim Watts
Treasurer: Maree Renowden
Assistant Treasurer: Sue McSweeney

Other members of School Council are:

Parents: Lisa Cartwright, Matt Taylor, Tamara McDonald, Jessica Nguyen, Kate Pase and Tyla Mitchem.

Staff: Chris Robinson, Lee Street, Mark Renouf

The sub-committees of Finance, Curriculum and Facilities were also established. Sub-committees of School Council can also have as members, people who are not on school council, but who might have a particular interest or skill. Please contact me if this sounds like it might interest you.

One of last night’s agenda items was a letter from our local state member of parliament, Mr Geoff Shaw who was replying to School Council’s request for assistance with two ongoing facilities issues. These issues and any response that School Council receives from the Minister of Education or from DEECD will be explained to the school community in upcoming School Newsletters.

Another item was the School Fete Proposal, which was endorsed. The date is Friday, October 17th, from 3.30pm to 8pm. We are hoping that everyone will set this date aside now and that at least 20 parents will make a commitment to assist at the fete for 1 or 2 hours and to be involved in the planning of the event.

Wetsuit Donations

Thank you to the parents and families who donated wetsuits to our school to replace those that went missing. Over 30 wetsuits were added to our set and these will continue to be used by students in Years 3 to 6 for our beach programs for years to come. Thank you also to two local businesses who supported the wetsuit effort, Raven Seconds and Jessica’s Pre-loved.

Mark Renouf, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES 2014

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Student Health and Happiness

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

Taking a stand against Bullying!

Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2014

Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide on Friday, 21 March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

Ballam Park Primary School is dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

We have a number of programs and initiatives in place to counter bullying. These include:

- A caring, respectful, inclusive and supportive school culture articulated by our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Friendliness and Honesty.
- A school policy on bullying which includes cyberbullying.
- Teaching and Learning programs such as ‘You Can Do It’ ‘Bounce back’ and ‘Friendly Schools, Friendly Families’.
- Surveying older students about inappropriate or bullying behaviour concerns.
- Immediate respond by staff to any reports of inappropriate or bullying behaviour received from students or parents.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years.

Download these free apps now in the Student’s section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Each day at Assembly a tip on dealing with bullying behaviour has been included and at our Friday Mach 21st whole school assembly we will celebrate the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

How can you help your child to deal with bullying or inappropriate behaviour?

- Talk with and listen to your child everyday, including experiences on the way to and from school and from lunch and recess/. Ask about their peers.
- Be a good example when you get angry at waiters, other drivers or others, model effective communication techniques.
- Make sure your child understands bullying explicitly, explain what it is and that it’s not normal or tolerable for them to bully, be bullied, or to stand by and watch other kids be bullied.
On Monday students from 4D and Mrs McSweeney went for a ride on our new bikes in Ballam Park. The purpose of the ride was to reinforce Bike Education skills taught in Year 3, to have some fun at lunchtime as well as to road test our new bikes. The bikes were purchased from Peninsula Star Cycles, Playne Street Frankston. We received a $2000 grant as a result of completing regular data collection on how students come to school. This data is recorded on the Bicycle network Victoria website. Peninsula Star Cycles delivered the bikes assembled to our school much to the delight of everyone.

Have you seen our cow? Do you know a great name for our cow.
This year 3H, Miss Hodkinson and Mrs McSweeney are taking part in the Picasso cow project.
Dairy Australia invites Australian primary school students to learn about the Australian dairy industry and the importance of dairy foods as part of a healthy, balanced diet by participating in an innovative education program, Picasso Cows.
What will this involve?
Schools design and paint a life-size fibreglass cow and create a school learning journal in one of three dairy-related themes:
• Unbeatable Bones
• Fuel for Life
• Farm to Plate
To celebrate the learning and to mark the end of the Picasso Cows program for each region, a selection of 15 students plus teachers and parents from each participating school attend a regional presentation day where schools display their learning journal and completed cow schools celebrate their learning and enjoy planned activities and the winning school from the region is announced and awarded a $250 prize.

If you have a name for our cow write it on a sticky note and place it on the cow. Our cow is in the Art Room. We will then vote to name her.
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

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

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NEWS

We have had quite a few new students that have started OSHC this year which is great. Each of the children help decide and create activities every day.

For bookings, please log on to: www.campaustralia.com.au

Star of the Week

Eden M.

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

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PG - Kyle L
PM - Kaneihana R
1B - Seth S
1K - Jazmine B
1R - Eliza H
2B - Jai D
2C - William F
3H - Sarina A
3J - Kodi B
4D - Jesse H
4R - Maddy M
5B - Jackson K
5S - Jackson M
Parents’ Club Events for Term 1

Wednesday 26th March - Hot Cross Bun order forms due
Friday 28th March - School Disco
Friday 4th April - Hot Cross Bun Delivery
Thursday 3rd April - Easter Raffle Drawn at morning assembly

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are currently seeking donations toward our Easter Raffle by Thursday 27th March. Any items can be handed into classroom teachers.

CLOTHING RECYCLING

Thank you to everyone who helped our clothing fundraiser by bringing in your unwanted clothing. We had an absolutely fantastic response and received a HUGE amount of donations which will help enormously toward our fundraising goals and also those people and countries where the items will be sent. We will be holding another drive toward the end of the year so please keep this in mind and keep an eye out for the date.

Proposed Fete

We would love to organise a school Fete for the end of the year, however in order for this to take place we need some committed parents to volunteer their help.

All we are asking is for some adults who are willing to spend an hour during the entire fete to help with duties such as, set up, cleaning up after the event, helping with stalls or games. We do not expect any parents to help for the entire duration, we are only requesting help for a maximum of an hour.

Without your help, we will not be able to go ahead with the fete.

Please return the yellow expression of interest form to the office ASAP if you are able to help.
The Parents Club can not 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.

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STUDENT BANKING AT SCHOOL

Banking operates EVERY TUESDAY at our school, and parents of new students who wish to open an account for their child can collect a School Banking pack from the school office.

If you would like more information regarding school banking, please contact Mrs Jo Lothian (parent volunteer) via the office.

This year the Dollarmites treasure is hidden in the Deep Sea!

The new banking rewards are fantastic, so don’t forget to keep your rewards card in a safe place, ready to order when you have saved 10 tokens.

Happy Saving Everyone!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CANTENE
Thank you to all our parents who are supporting our Canteen. We would appreciate more lunch orders on Mondays and Wednesdays to ensure that our school Canteen stays open.

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.
SURPRISE!!!!!!

Rock Solid Kids
Wednesday 16th April
10am - 2pm

Holidays and getting together can be full of all sorts of surprises! Come and join us at Rock Solid in April and see what sorts of surprises we come up with!

Open to all primary school children
Gold coin donation
Lunch included
Register by 11th April on 9783 3400 or frankstonuc@gmail.com

High Street Uniting Church  16-18 High Street Frankston
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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**9789 9779**

46 Karingal Drive
Frankston VIC 3199

karingaldrivedentalclinic@gmail.com

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**

Information is also available at the school office.

School term dates 2014 to 2015

**2014**

Term 1: *28 January 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 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.


SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT...

If you would like to view our online school newsletter, please click on...

www.ballamparkps.vic.edu.au