**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS**

Dear Parents

**School Disco Fever**
The excitement concerning the Disco was certainly building last Friday afternoon. Many hands shot up at assembly when I asked the question “Who is coming to the Disco?” What a silly question! On Friday night the school’s hall was rocking with loud music, happy children and dancing feet. The children have all told me that they had a terrific time and enjoyed coming along with their friends to have fun. I would like to thank our hard working parent group who organised and supported the Disco. It was a huge success - Lots and lots of smiling faces on the night. Many thanks as well to school staff who came along to offer their support.

**2013 School Council**
School Council held their first meeting and Annual General Meeting on Monday 18 March. The 2012 Annual report was also presented to Council during this meeting. This report will be available to the community in Term Two.

Congratulations to the following office bearers for the School Council this year.

President - Patrick Lee  
Vice President – Tim Watts  
Treasurer – Maree Renowden  
Assistant Treasurer – Sue McSweeney.

It is certainly wonderful to be part of such a positive and enthusiastic School Council.

**Ride to School Day**
This Friday 22 March is ‘Ride to School’ Day. It would be great to see as many students as possible ride. Please remember to wear your helmet! Children in classes Prep to Year 3 must be accompanied by an adult.

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**PLEASE NOTE: PUPIL FREE DAYS**

Tuesday, 25 June  
Pupil Free Day: Parent/Teacher Meetings

Friday, 26 July  
Pupil Free Day: Staff Professional Development

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**REMEMBER**

Book List and Essential Education Items Year 2013

Reminder letters have now been sent home

Please note that there are facilities for EFTPOS, Visa, BPAY and phone credit at the office.

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**IMPORTANT DATES 2013**

**MARCH**
Fri 22  
Ride to School Day  
Summer Sport Round 6

Thurs 28  
End of Term 1, 2.30pm dismissal  
Good Friday

Fri 29

**APRIL**
Mon 15  
Term 2 commences  
Public Holiday ANZAC Day

Thurs 25
CHANGING FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SCHOOL RECORDS
Some family circumstances do change from time to time. This has implications for our communication with family members. For example, in cases where parents separate and contact arrangements change, it is vital that we are made aware of these changes. Also, it is probably best in such cases for both parents to confirm the new arrangements with the school as this will prevent misunderstandings as to the agreed to and/or legal arrangements. Other situations, such as a change to the emergency contact person details must be brought to our attention as soon as possible. It is very frustrating for everyone when a child needs to go home because they are sick, for example, and we cannot contact anyone.

2:30pm Finish Friday 28 March
Wow where has the term gone? Time flies when you are having fun! Next Friday school finishes at 2:30pm. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break and a wonderful holiday if you have some time off. I look forward to seeing you all back after the holidays. Term 2 commences Monday 15 April. Take care.
Have a great week and a fantastic holiday over the term break.

Anneliese Kosach

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**Disco Dancing- Friday March 15th**
Lots of ‘Cool Dudes’ and ‘Lovely Ladies’ enjoyed the first Ballam Park Parent’s Club Disco for the year on Friday night. Many thanks to the Parents’ Club and all their helpers for making this event such a success.

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**Ballam Park “Boomers” Basketball Club Inc**
Hi everyone, Welcome to 2013.
This year we are very excited as we have 6 more Boomers than last year!!!
We have a grade 5 team, a grade 3 team and a grade one team.
Training has already started, and our first games are next weekend. We have 2 new coaches this year, which is very very exciting for us. Welcome on board Mandy (grade 1) and Kellie (grade 3).
Anyone who still wants to play, please grab a notice from the office and give us a call.
Thanks everyone. GO BOOMERS!!!!!
Student Health and Happiness
"When students are happy and healthy, their learning is maximised."

Developing Persistence by teaching Habits of the Mind

Everyone has a choice about how they are going to react to an event or happening. It starts with our thinking, we can have positive thinking or negative thinking, which then results in how we feel after making our choice.

Event:
When faced with a challenging assignment or situation we can choose to say:

Thinking
- I can do it!
- Or
- I can’t do it!

Feeling
- Strong effort, sticking to it
- Or
- Giving up, helplessness

Help children to develop good habits of the Mind by providing appropriate feedback.

Maximum effort, maximum return. I really know what that means!

I can see that the more I practise something the better I will be.

I don’t expect to fail, I approach things with optimism.

I understand that often things we have to do are boring but important.

I understand the connection between effort and success.

What’s luck got to do with success? Success happens with grit and determination.

Things may get boring and difficult, but I am able to ride out the tough times.

I know that by not giving up, I will do the best I can.
Students of the Month
February

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for February, 2013.

Toby K. - Prep J for Persistence
Shantae J-P. - Prep B for Confidence
Charlotte N. - 1S for Confidence
Annalise Mc. - 2B for Getting Along
Emily S. - 3H for Confidence
Jackson M. - 4R for Persistence
Ondine D. - 5S for Resilience

Daniel G. - Prep M for Persistence
Chase Mc. - 1M for Persistence
Emily S. - 2L for Organisation
Jennah C-D. - 3R for Confidence
Kyaw LP. - 4D for Organisation
Saxyn P. - 5B for Confidence
Terai N. - 6B for Confidence

Angus B. - 6S for Confidence

Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal

Our SRC students have organised two ways we can support the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal this year.

1. **Appeal envelopes:** These can be returned to the school as part of the school’s contribution.

2. **Dress-up/Parade day:** Students will be able to come to school dressed up as hospital/medical people or in Easter themed clothes on **Thursday March 28th**. There will be a whole school parade at 12:00- 12:50pm on the last day of term. Students who choose to dress-up will be asked to bring a gold coin donation.

Some dress-up ideas could be:

- Doctor or Nurse
- Surgeon
- Patient
- Easter hats
- Easter Bunny
Noah H, Lily, Jordon and Jai from Year 1 are using counters to help identify numbers before and after.

(Above) Mandy and Izaac from 3H are rolling dice, making two digit numbers, round them to the nearest ten and covering the numerals up on their game boards.

(Below) Hayley, Gabrielle, Lachlan, Madison, Corbyn and Astrid from 6S are using playing cards to order decimal numbers.

Lachlan and Ben from 6S are placing decimal numbers on a number line.

Kaipo and Jennah from 3R are using hundreds charts and coloured counters to help them record number patterns.

Phoenix and Lachlan from 3H are using MAB to make, trade and add numbers. They are recording what they have made in their Maths Journals.
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PB ~ Aidan W  Tatjana R
PJ ~ Indie W
1S ~ Ella M
2L ~ Mikaela M
3R ~ Olivia C
4R ~ Alex N
5S ~ Phoebe B
6S ~ Devlin L  Genevieve N
PM ~ Aiesha M
1M ~ Lily W
2B ~ Monique H
3H ~ Chloe M
4D ~ Ajay S
5B ~ Liam H
6B ~ Sammy T  Courtney H

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 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 we’re looking at the change of seasons and starting to think about Easter and what it’s all about.

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

Star of the Week
Angus B

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

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
Dear Easter Bunny...

(Excerpts from letters written by 2B students)

I hope you have a very good Easter. Thank you for all your lovely Easter eggs last year. I really like you! Please leave magic magic Easter eggs if you can. I’m desperate for you to come. Last year was amazing! Beware of my three cats – sometimes they can be very scary.
Best wishes this Easter, love Araya.

I have been waiting for you all year! I will be camping so don’t put chocolate at my home. Put it at my caravan at Alexandra at the jumping pillow. Put some in front of my caravan please...
Best wishes, Darcy

I hope you have a great day because you are a beautiful Easter Bunny! Be careful of Buddy. He is a big dog. Please give me a white chocolate egg.
Love from Naomi

How are you in bunny land? Thank you for giving me the giant chocolate eggs in the tray. I hope something fantastic happens this Easter!
Yours sincerely, Jaylen

How many Easter eggs do you have for everyone? Watch out for my dog – he is very vicious. I will leave four carrots at the front door for you.
Love from Brodie

I wish you are ready to hop around the world! I loved my humungous Easter egg last year. I’m leaving carrots on the table inside. Be careful of my cat and make sure my baby sister does not see you!
Love from Kyle

I would leave some carrots near the door and two Easter eggs near my bed – but don’t wake up my brother. I hope your feet don’t get cold.
Love from Sarina

I like you. You are the best! You always get the best chocolate! I like the big Easter eggs. Be careful of my dad’s boots because he likes to leave them in the middle of the lounge-room.
From Jamie

I know that you have been working extremely hard this Easter. This year I will give you fresh water and lots of carrots too. It must be dreadful walking around the world with a basket of eggs in your paws. I am extremely excited that you will come to Melbourne on Sunday. It would mean you raced around the world. Love, Maddy.

I hope you get really good presents this Easter. Will you get me a big Easter egg? I will get you Easter eggs and carrots. I hope your feet won’t get sore because of how many houses you have to visit. I might get you a drink too and can you get me Girl Lego?
Love from Emily

I might leave you some carrots outside. I might go to the shopping centre to buy you some Easter eggs. Can I please have CRUNCHIES Easter eggs because they are delicious! Make sure you don’t eat any birds because they have eggs too. I hope your fluffy tail and floppy ears don’t get tired.
Best wishes, from Annalise

This Easter I will be at home. I will leave a carrot next to the fire-place. Please be careful of the door near my kitchen because it squeaks. I really would like you to leave some footprints to where the Easter eggs are.
Yours sincerely, Melody

Thank you for giving my dad some eggs but he didn’t eat them. Please can you make a trail from my bedside table and then lead it to my lounge-room and I will leave you a treat...
(Xyla)

I have been good at school. I love my slippers you gave me. I am going camping. Can you please give me a big minty Easter egg? I am excited!
Love, Abigail
Challenge your family and friends to get active in 2013!

The 2013 Premier’s Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorian families to get active and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

So grab your family and friends, and register today to do 30 minutes of physical activity per day for 30 days between 4 March and 14 April 2013.

It’s fun and it’s free to participate, and just by registering you’ll receive:

- 20 free YMCA passes per family or team
- 15% discount at Rebel Sport
- one hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve
- one free child entry to the Melbourne Aquarium
- one free child entry to the National Sports Museum and MCG Tours.

You’ll also:

- have a chance to win great prizes, including iPads and Rebel Sport vouchers
- get regular tips and ideas on ways to keep your family active throughout the Challenge and be able to nominate your school for the chance to win between $350 and $1,000 in Rebel Sport vouchers as well as a coaching clinic with high-profile athletes.

Sign up today at [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge) or call 1300 463 684 — or go to our school website and click on the link.

When you sign on for the challenge you get to nominate our school and a chance to win some great prizes including sporting clinics and sporting equipment packages.

Are you up to the challenge?
Parents’ Club

“Help raise funds for our children’s school, every cent counts...”
bppsparentsclub@gmail.com

Fresh Fruit Friday’s fundraising progress
75% All funds raised by the Parents’ Club is to fund many programs and improvements amongst the school.
50% At the moment we are working on funding the Fresh Fruit Friday program for all the children in the school.
25% Keep track of our progress as we achieve this wonderful goal for your children.

Events for Term 1:
Tuesday 26th March
Easter Raffle

Events for Term 2:
Thursday 18th April
Sausage Sizzle

Thursday 9th May
Mother’s Day Stall

Donations Needed
We would appreciate any donations possible of Easter Eggs for the Easter Raffle coming up.
Students who donate eggs will receive house points!
Donations needed before Friday 22nd March

Donations for our upcoming Mother’s Day stall would be greatly appreciated also. Keep us in mind when spring cleaning your house over the holidays, any unwanted gifts or any sales you see, or maybe your a business and would like to donate your own products or gift vouchers.

Thank you!
We would like to extend a big Thank You to all the parents and adults who helped at the school disco, also to all the adults for bringing the children and all the children for such wonderful behaviour.
We hope everyone had a great time!

New Members are always welcome!
We meet in the portable near the canteen every Monday morning after announcements. Kids are more than welcome and kids activities and toys are set up in the room to keep them occupied while you enjoy a chat with the other parents. There is no commitment to come to every meeting if you can only attend a few or feel free to let us know if you would like to be on call to help at any events throughout the year. We also catch up socially as you develop strong friendships amongst the group. Plus your children will love to brag that your a part of the club!
Is your child hurting or abusing you?
Breaking things around the house?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Want to handle conflict better?

Out of Bounds!
Reclaim Joie de Vivre and Respect in your family!

Nine (9) Week Group Program
Commitment to Attending All First 8 weeks is preferred

for parents / carers of young people (11-18) who are violent or abusive in the home

The group offers parents / carers:

opportunities to develop strategies for managing their child’s behaviour
a supportive environment in which they can share their experiences

When?
Term 2 — 8 Weeks - Fridays 3rd May - 21st June 2013
10.00am (Sharp) — 12.30pm
(& follow up session 2-3 months later)

Where?
Hastings Community Health, 185 High Street, Hastings (Melways 154 F11)

Cost?
Gold coin donation per session
# Bookings essential — as limited places available

Child Care not Provided
# Booking & discussion with facilitator required & is essential

Call: Peninsula Health—Community Health - 5971 9100
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.

Saver Plus could help your family manage school expenses

By joining Saver Plus you could receive $500 to help pay for school items including text books, computers, camps and excursions, extra-curricular activities and uniforms.

Saver Plus is delivered by The Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ.
To be eligible you must:
• be a parent or guardian of a student attending school, or be intending to attend accredited vocational training yourself
• have a current health care card or pension card, and
• have some income from paid employment.

To find out more contact Kelly Clem, Saver Plus worker at The Brotherhood of St Laurence on 8781 5937 or email kclem@bsl.org.au

PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR
Uniform Shop News

Trading Hours:
Monday to Friday 8.30am-5.00pm
Saturday 9.00am-5.00pm

Uniforms can be purchased in two ways:
• From the PSW Shop at 21 Playne Street, Frankston
• Order online www.psw.com.au

There will be $8.65 postage fee for delivery to parent’s home address.

Primary School Wear (PSW)
21 Playne Street,
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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 either 5979-4575 or via email on x10sivmusic@rock.com

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). Information is also available at the school office.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN
Thank you to all our parents who are supporting our Canteen.

Lunch orders have improved for Mondays and Fridays, but we still need your support for WEDNESDAYS please.
STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS
Family Railway Fun—Maldon Station
Sat / Sun: April 13 / 14
Train Rides - Steam & Diesel, Animal Farm, Model Railway, Clown on board. Novelty Rides. Sausage Sizzle. Horse Cart Rides

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