Farewell to Mrs Sue Gahan

At Monday assembly, our students farewelled Mrs Sue Gahan, who has been a teacher here at Ballam Park Primary School since 1989. In that time, she taught a total of over 500 students in her classes. For the last two years prior to 2010, Mrs Gahan taught Prep classes and so even though she has decided to retire, the excellent work that she has done with BPPS students will be carried through with last year’s preps until the end of 2015.

As well as being a classroom teacher, Mrs Gahan took on many leadership roles within the school and, through her quiet, caring and dedicated approach, had a major influence on the positive culture and programs of our school today.

On behalf of the school community, I sincerely thank Mrs Gahan for her extemporary contribution to our school and wish her a long, healthy and happy – well earned, retirement.

Perfect attendance

73 students received Perfect Attendance Certificates for being at school every day during Term 2. Being at school is the most important factor in a student making the best of their ability to learn what is being taught in class. It is not surprising to find that students who have high levels of attendance also have the highest levels of school achievement. Of course if your child is unwell, he/she should be at home getting well as soon as possible. Remember that a child who is unwell will probably have a warm forehead because of a raised body temperature.

Wishing Mrs Gahan a Healthy and Happy Retirement from the Students, Parents and Staff at Ballam Park Primary School

And the opposite: Missing 3 to 4 days of school per term may not seem like a lot, but it adds up to a whole two terms of school missed by the end of primary school.

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.
work gives every child a head start at school

Parents vital to pupils’ success

PARENTS who help their children with homework and are strict about sickies give their children the best start in life.

Parents who let their children stay home from school only when they are “really sick” have sons and daughters who perform better in maths and vocabulary, an Australian study has shown.

It shows that even in the most disadvantaged areas, parental involvement can have a significant impact on children’s education.

Melbourne mum Penelope Anastasiadis regularly helps her nine-year-old daughter Elizabeth with school work. But she knows when to stop.

“It’s great to help out, but doing their homework for them is completely against it,” she said.

Instead she makes sure her daughter makes a start on it herself. “We let her try it, but we’ll look over the work once she’s done,” she said.

A Griffith University study considered parental involvement to be monitoring homework, reading with your children, attending P&C meetings, taking your child to the library and attending parent-teacher interviews.

Lucie van den Berg

Even a parent’s attitude to school attendance leads to better results.

The Smith Family general manager Heather Le Roy said attendance was critical.

“Parents are putting their child first,” she said.

“Every parent needs to make that critical decision by checking the temperature of their child’s forehead.

“But it’s also important that children attend school. We know that there is a strong link between attendance and education outcomes.”

The research found that parents who led by example, by reading at home, tended to have children who performed better in reading comprehension at school.

These children also displayed better vocabulary than other children in the group.

The study focused on children in years three to five across seven state schools.

Researcher Samantha Batchelor said the data was taken from a highly disadvantaged Queensland community.

“It’s showing that even in difficult circumstances, parents’ involvement can help children at school,” she said.

From the Herald Sun, Tuesday, July 13th 2010
**Principal’s Comments cont/...**

**A future AFL player here in Year 1?**

Congratulations to Jason Hanna from Year 1 who led the Sydney Swans to victory on the weekend.

**Mini-Moves**

This program for Years Prep and 1 is funded again this year by the Health and Active Schools Grant.

It takes place in our hall on Mondays from morning recess to lunch. Ask your child how they enjoyed their first Mini-Moves session this week.

Mark Renouf
Principal

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**School Banking Program**

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 moneybox 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](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

Commonwealth Bank representatives will be visiting our school for assembly next Monday, 26th July.

One of the Commonwealth Bank characters will be there to encourage students to participate in the school banking savings program, and information packs will be handed out.
Prep Enrolments for 2011
BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
GATE 1, BELAR AVENUE, FRANKSTON 3199

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
At school, this term’s value is **honesty**, so here are a few tips for teaching honesty and responsibility at home. This is part one of an article by Sandra Hardin Gookin and Dan Gookin. Part 2 will be in the next newsletter.

Teaching honesty and responsibility takes a considerable amount of time and patience, and it isn’t anything like teaching your kids how to tie their shoes, where they understand the basic concept after a few lessons. You’ll have to keep hammering away at these lessons for a long time.

**Can we be honest?**

You teach honesty by **encouraging your kids to tell the truth** and to let you know what’s on their minds. Having your children tell you what’s on their minds shouldn’t be a frightening thought.

When you’ve taken a toy away from your child because she was throwing it, you know she’s going to be mad. Ask her how she feels. Tell her that it’s okay to tell you whether she’s mad and let her know that you won’t be angry. Then ask her why she’s mad. This strategy teaches your kids that they can talk to you honestly without you getting upset or yelling. Your part in this business is that you must be prepared for this kind of input from your children.

A second way of encouraging honesty is **avoiding confrontations** in which telling a lie is made easy for your child. Instead of saying, "Simon, did you color on the wall?" say, "Simon, you know you’re not supposed to color on the wall." Avoid direct confrontation when you already know the answer. Asking him if he colored on the walls, when you saw him do it, sets your child up to tell a lie. Don’t put your kids in situations where fibbing is easier than telling the truth.

The third and most important way of teaching honesty is **being honest yourself**. Don’t ever lie to your children. You’re setting an example. When you lie to your children, they’ll think that it’s okay to lie. But, on the other hand, when your children lie to you, you get mad. You can't have double standards.

Thinking that you’d never lie to your children is easy. However, you must be careful about unintentional lies: "I'll be back in just a few minutes" — and you’re gone for several hours. These kinds of **white lies** can teach your kids not to trust you. e.g.

1. “This medicine tastes good” (and it really has a very unpleasant taste). Instead say “this medicine helps to make you feel better”.
2. "We’re going to Aunt Mildred’s and we won’t be long. (She is your elderly great aunt and expects the children to be quiet and not touch her belongings.) Instead say “we will leave at 11.30” and take lots of quiet games/activities for the children.

Kidding and teasing can be fun. Everyone does it and thinks that it’s a hoot. But be careful not to overdo the kidding with your kids. They don’t have the knowledge and experience to determine what’s a joke and what isn’t, so they take everything you say to heart. When your kids get to the point where they follow everything that you say by asking "Really?", then perhaps you ought to hold off on some of the joking until they start believing what you say without questioning it.

Have a great term

Kaye Coughlan
School Chaplain
Annual Shopping Tour
Saturday, 11th September 2010

Have you thought about Christmas shopping yet? Well, here's your chance to make a start! The Parents' Club has arranged for our Annual Shopping Tour with Jackie's Shopping Tours, visiting a variety of places to provide a wide selection of product choices. This invitation to join the shopping tour is extended to family and friends.

Why not join us for a great day's shopping? Numbers are limited, so please book in early. The bus will leave Ballam Park Primary School, Gate 1, Belar Avenue, Frankston at 8.00am on Saturday, 11th September, and will arrive back at 6.00pm.

Payment includes bus trip and a great social day with friends. A lunch snack of sandwiches/muffin/drink will be provided on the bus. You may also bring your own snacks and drink. Price to attend the shopping tour (which includes bus) is as follows:

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The Parents' Club is hoping that there will be at least 40 people attending at a cost of **$33 per person**.

If you are interested in attending, please complete the slip below and return to school together with a deposit of **$10.00** by Friday, 30th July. The balance will need to be paid by Monday, 30th August, once the number of people attending has been confirmed.

Best wishes
Parents' Club

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**NATIO COSMETICS**
One of the fastest growing beauty care brands, pure and natural Natio products

**BEACHES, Collingwood**
An outlet of budget priced fashions, includes larger sizes, menswear, children's wear and sleepwear

**FAULTY TOWELS/MANCHESTER, Richmond**
A great range of towels, hand towels, face washers in the latest colours. Now has a very good range of sheets, doona covers and sheet sets all at great prices

**SWEET SUCCESS, Brunswick**
A popular outlet for lollies, nuts and boxed chocolates

**TOYWORX**
A great selection of brand name toys

PLUS LOTS MORE...we will let you know more closer to the shopping tour date!
Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for June 2010.

- Eli H. - Prep S for Persistence
- Bradley M. - 1M for Persistence
- Mason M. - 2J for Persistence
- Devlin L. - 3D for Confidence
- Destiny S. - 3/4R for Organisation
- Sarah S. - 4/5B for Resilience
- Charlotte H. - 5S for Organisation
- Emily S. - Prep B for Organisation
- Josephine K. - 1H for Getting Along
- Tommi P. - 2P for Persistence
- Quinn L. - 3F for Getting Along
- Alexandria M. - 4M for Getting Along
- Neil I. - 5H for Organisation
- Gabrielle R. - 6B for Organisation
- Karrah M. - 6PD for Organisation

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**OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK**

‘we make kids smile’

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The children have been creating monsters in a week of ‘Monster Mayhem’.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER

For bookings please call Emma on 0402-258-786.

**Stars of the Week:**

- Jayde B
- Tessa M

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**Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia**

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**BOOK CLUB**

Please note that Book Club orders are due back at school by Friday, 30th July. Additional order forms are available at the office.
PARENTS’ CLUB

**FETE MEETING NEXT MONDAY**
On Monday, 26th July we are holding a Fete Meeting in the staff room after assembly.
If anyone would like to be involved in organising the Fete, which will be held on Friday, 22nd October, please come along next Monday or ring Tyla 0421-872-953 to register your interest in helping.

**SHOPPING TOUR—SATURDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER**
Please refer to Shopping Tour details in this newsletter.

**THANK YOU: BAYSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM**
Thank you to all those parents who supported the Bayside Shopping Centre competition by sending in shopping receipts.
It is important that the school is kept up to date with any changes in family circumstances, change of address, telephone or new mobile number, emergency contact details, parents’ work details, etc. If there have been any changes within your family, please notify us as soon as possible by returning this note to the office, so that we can maintain accurate student details. Thank you for your co-operation.

Student(s) Names: ………………………………………………………...……….  Grade(s): ………
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