PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

School Council
The AGM of Ballam Park School Council was held yesterday evening. This year’s office bearers are:
President: Patrick Lee (parent), Vice-president Tim Watts (parent), Treasurer, Marie Renowden, Assistant Treasurer, Sue McSweeney.
Other parent members on School Council are: Robyn Anderson, Tyla Mitchem, Kira Dudas and Lizle Van Schalkwyk.

Resilience
Two newsletters ago I included some information about developing resilience in children/students. On Tuesday this week, I was at a meeting where this story was read, so I found it on the www to share it with the school community.

The story attributed to Henry Miller, the writer, about a little boy in India who went up to a guru who was sitting and looking at something in his hand. The little boy went up and looked at it. He didn’t quite understand what it was, so he asked the guru, "What is that?"
"It’s a cocoon," answered the guru, "Inside the cocoon is a butterfly. Soon the cocoon is going to split, and the butterfly will come out."
"Could I have it?" asked the little boy.
"Yes," said the guru, "but you must promise me that when the cocoon splits and the butterfly starts to come out and is beating it’s wings to get out of the cocoon, you won’t help it. It is important not to help the butterfly by breaking the cocoon apart. It must do it on its own."
The little boy promised, took the cocoon, and went home with it. He then sat and watched it. He saw it begin to vibrate and move and quiver, and finally the cocoon split in half. Inside was a beautiful damp butterfly, frantically beating its wings against the the cocoon. It beats against the cocoon so its muscles will grow strong. When you helped it, you prevented it from developing the muscles it would need to fly and survive."

Resilience in children/students develops when they work through life’s challenges (with adults' guidance and encouragement when necessary). Finding solutions to the problems they all face as they grow up is how children learn to develop the resilience required to achieve their potential in a challenging world.

Mark Renouf
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES 2012

MARCH
Fri 23         Ride To School Day
Thurs 29       Easter Raffle drawn
Thurs 29       Footsteps
Fri 30         End of Term 1 Early Dismissal 2.30pm

APRIL
Mon 16        Term 2 commences
Fri 20         Year 6 Frankston Council Activate
Wed 25        PUBLIC HOLIDAY—Anzac Day
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.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
SCHOOL CANTEEN
Thank you to all our parents who have
responded to the request for Canteen
support. Lunch orders have
improved for Wednesdays and
Fridays, but we still need your
support for MONDAYS please.

SCHOOL CROSSING ON
LINDRUM ROAD—PLEASE USE
Do you walk, ride or scoot to school and cross at
Lindrum Road? Then we are asking you to utilise the
newly manned school crossing!

Some of you may have noticed that we now have a
crossing lady. Her name is Marie and she is there
specifically to help us get to school safely.

However, Marie is there on a trial basis—that is, if
we don’t use the crossing and continue to cross
elsewhere on Lindrum Road, then it may have
to be removed due to low numbers of
pedestrian flow and not reaching warrants for
funding.

We have until the end of Term 1 to reach
minimum numbers of 20 children each day, so
please, use the school crossing, stay safe and
say ‘Hi’ to Marie on your way through!

It’s Not OK To Be Away from
school unless you are unwell.

It's cool to be at school

PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR
Uniform Shop News
Please note PSW Retail Stores
will be closed during the
following days over March and
April for public holidays:

Labour Day Monday 12 March 2012
Easter (all stores)
Good Friday 6 April 2012
Easter Saturday 7 April 2012
Easter Sunday 8 April 2012
Easter Monday 9 April 2012
ANZAC Day Wednesday 25 April 2012

Uniforms can be purchased in
two ways:
- From the PSW Shop at 21 Playne
  Street, Frankston
- Order online www.psw.com.au with
  free delivery to the school office on
  Thursday mornings.

This delivery service will operate until 28th
June 2012 and, after that date, there will be
$8.00 postage fee for delivery to the
parent’s home address.

Primary School Wear (PSW)
21 Playne Street, Frankston
(opposite Savers)
Phone 9769-6510

SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT...
Would you like to receive a newsletter link every fortnight
via email? If you are interested, please email
us at...
ballam.park.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PBS~ Stephanie U Patrick D Tamsyn M
1M~ Sarina A Mackenzie Mc-J Xyla M
2B~ Allysia S Justin B
3D~ Samantha W Austin D
4D~ Mason Mc Tyrone W
5B~ Ethan W Genevive N
6S~ Callum B Shae H Dylan G Allysia K
6B~ Joshua P Sophie H Chris K Louise R

CBA School Banking is free, it’s fun and banking day is every Tuesday!

Hi everyone,

Exciting News... The Commonwealth Bank is back in 2012 with lots of new rewards!!!

Start banking now and don’t forget, every new school banker who joins the program and starts banking earns our school $5.00! School Banking encourages a regular savings habit and we also receive commission with every deposit made.

Collect your tokens, then swap them with your School Banking Co-ordinator for cool rewards.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN OPEN AN ACCOUNT VIA YOUR LOCAL BRANCH OR DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM FROM www.commbank.com.au and return it to your school along with your identification.
PARENTS' CLUB

The last Parents' Club meeting for the term will be held on Monday March 26th March. Also, from now on, all Parents' Club meetings will be held in Room 16, the classroom next to the Canteen.

Parents' Club usually meets every Monday morning straight after assembly (in Room 16). We welcome any new members, so please come along, join in and make new friends.

Our Easter Raffle will be drawn next Thursday 29th March at morning assembly. Our great prizes are on display in the office area. Don't forget to buy some tickets.

KEYBOARD LESSONS

New Enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 1, 2012. At only $11.90 (incl. GST) per lesson, this keyboard music program is Great Value!!!

Enrolment forms are available from keyboard music teacher(s), the school office or you can enrol electronically on our website – www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au.

Small Reminder
Re-enrolment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so, once enrolled, you don't need to send in a new enrolment form each term in order to continue.

If at any stage you wish to cancel: Written advice to that effect must be mailed or faxed to PMI at the above address/fax number at least two weeks prior to the start of any given term in order to avoid incurring the next term's fees. (Please note: It is not sufficient for this advice to be communicated to the school or keyboard teacher).

The Primary Music Institute wishes all families a safe and musical holiday!!!
A sample of Art work on display in the office
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).

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK

‘we make kids smile’

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This fortnight, the children will be working on our social skills as well as discovering our impact on the environment and each other.

OSHC will be operating from 2:30pm on Friday 30th March (end of Term 1)

Please note the correct phone number for OSHC is 0452-247-787.

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

Star of the Week:
Seth McCrae

For packing up with a wonderful smile.

Emma Cooper
Phone 0452-247-787

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

TERM DATES 2012-2013

2012
Term 1: 1 February to 30 March
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September
Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

PUPIL FREE DAYS:
* Wednesday, 27th June 2012 (Parent/Teacher Meetings)
* Friday, 27th July 2012 (Curriculum Planning)

2013
Term 1: 29 January (teachers start) to 28 March
Term 2: 15 April to 28 June
Term 3: 15 July to 20 September
Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

* The first day of Term 1 is when teachers start – this is a student-free day. Please check with your school when your child starts as student-free day arrangements may vary from school to school.

** Please check with school when other student-free days will occur throughout the school year.

NANNA JAN’S
MOBILE
DOG GROOMING
for all your dog grooming needs
*Grooming  *Hydrobath
*Clipping  *Walking
*Nails Cut  *Ears Cleaned
I come to you...
Nanna Jan 0439-335-063

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.

Moonlit Sanctuary – Summer School Holidays
Young Ranger Program
Environmental Activities - Native Animal Care
Fun and Games during Easter 2012

Monday 2nd, Wednesday 4th April
Wednesday 11th, Friday 13th April
Cost: $39.00 per day, or $140 for 4 days
Booking essential - suitable 7-14 years
Hours: 10AM – 3PM
Wear closed toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat!
Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50
Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7535
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com.au
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

RSPCA Peninsula
Event update

Peninsula Open Day
- Shelter and clinic tours
- Shoebags
- Children’s entertainment
- Lots of animals!

Come along to our RSPCA Peninsula Open Day and help us celebrate animals! We invite all residents from the Peninsula region to learn more about our Adoption Centre, Vet Clinic and Inspectors’ service. Come and meet the team who help protect and care for animals in your local area!

Entertainment on the day includes tours of our shelter and clinic, exhibits, children’s activities and a sausage sizzle. Attendees will also have the chance to take advantage of discounted pet microchipping and dog washing services.

Please note that pets brought for microchipping must be restrained and comfortable in the company of other animals. Dogs must be on leads and cats must be in carriers. Unfortunately we cannot allow your pets on the Theatre and clinic tours.

LOCALS WEEKEND IN FRANKSTON
Frankston City Council News

Children’s Day—11 April
George Pentland Gardens, Frankston

Mad Hatter’s Tea Party—22 April
Wells Street, Frankston
Visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au for up to date information on everything that is happening in Frankston City.

FRANKSTON HEIGHTS
MARKET STALLS

TO CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE WE INVITE OUR COMMUNITY TO ATTEND OUR SCHOOL FAIR.

DATE: SATURDAY 29TH APRIL
TIME: 10AM – 4PM
LOCATION: FRANKSTON HIGH SCHOOL

IF YOU'D LIKE TO HOLD A STALL AT OUR FAIR, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR ENTRY DETAILS.

Pipes

For all your meat needs
Paul's Poultry Direct to Public and Wholesale Butcher Outlet
Call: 5971-1172 or 1300-653-181
Paul’s Poultry
490 Warrandyte Road, Langwarrin South