A Ballam Park Primary School Year 6 Musical Production

Performance date:
Friday 13th September

Showtime:
7.00pm

Venue:
McClelland Secondary College School Hall

Tickets:
Adults $10
Children $5
Our School’s Camp Outdoor Education and Water Safety/Swimming Programs

What is your level of support for these aspects our Physical Education Program?

Outdoor Education and Swimming/Water Safety/Aquatics are parts of the Physical Education and Sport Curriculum. Ballam Park Primary School’s programs in these areas have been changing to respond to parent and student levels of support for them.

In this week’s newsletter, I am writing to explain our program schedule and asking parents and students to tell me what you think.

School Camps
In our school newsletters beginning in 2011 and 2012, I described changes in our Camps Program and requested parent feedback.

This was necessary as the number of our students participating in the annual school camps for Year 5 and then a year later in Year 6 had declined, making it financially unviable to run both camps.

In 2011, we invited Year 5s to join the Year 6 Camp, and offered no Year 5 Camp.

Last year in 2012, we offered a combined Years 5 and 6 Camp and just reached the maximum capacity for that camp of 76 students. Approximately 30 Year 5 and 6 students did not participate due to family choice.

Late in 2011 and again early in 2012 parents and students were informed that because over 25% of our students were not participating in the camp, the decision had been made to organise a Years 5 and 6 camp only every alternate year, but to plan and provide an Outdoor Activities Week on the alternate year to camp. This year is the year for the Activities Week, which will be organised in December.

So last year there was a Years 5 and 6 Camp;

This year there is an Outdoor Activities Week. Eight of our senior students also gained a place in the regional Somers School Camp which is offered in alternate years, the same year as we have our Outdoor Activities Week.

A week at school camp in 2014 could be expected to cost $300 to $350 per student.

An Outdoor Activities Week, as we are planning this year, will have a cost per student of between $80 and $100.

A notice will come home to Years 5 and 6 students before the end of August with the details.

Note: Earlier this year the school asked for an expression of interest from our 2014 Year 6 students to attend a camp:

In February 2014, a maximum of 35 Year 6 students will be offered the opportunity to attend a ‘Paddock to Plate-City Kids Experience Camp’. The camp involves opportunities for children to experience food production, the aim being to show students first-hand just how many people, jobs and skills are involved in bringing fresh food to dinner tables right around Victoria and Australia every day.

There was insufficient interest and the Camp booking was cancelled.

Thank you sincerely to those parents who responded with either a yes or a no.
Swimming/Water Safety/Aquatics

We offer a 4 session heated pool set of lessons with swimming instructors for Years Prep, 1 and 2. A program like this costs $50 to $60 per student in 2013.

In 2009, we reintroduced an Aquatics Program for Years 3 to 6 and last year, because of the cost of Years 5 and 6 Camp, we offered it only to Years 3 and 4.
The Years 3 and 4 Aquatics Program consists of 2 x 2 hour sessions, last year both at Frankston Beach and this year combining sessions at Frankston Beach and the Pines Pool.
The school has our own set of wetsuits and surfboards for use at the beach where we engage Frankston Lifesavers to assist with teaching.
This year the Years 3 and 4 students will pay around $30 to $35 for this program.
The Aquatics Program for Years 5 and 6 this year will be part of the Outdoor Activities Week.
Students will have a 2 hour session at Pines Pool, and 2 x 2 hour sessions at the beach. One session will be taught by a Stand Up Paddleboard School.
There will be two days where students participate in sports that are not regularly offered at school.
As written above, the cost of this Activities Week in 2013 will be $80 to $100 per student.

Orienteering

In 2009 we introduced the sport of Orienteering to our Years 3 to 6 students. We take a team of 50 students to Regional Championships each year. This is an optional activity. We participate for the learning experience and as an option for interested students rather than to compete seriously, but we have had individual and pairs champions, and our school team has finished as high as second place overall. This year, it will cost $17 or $18 per student to participate.

What is your opinion and level of support?

Outdoor Education and Swimming/Water Safety/Aquatics are parts of the Physical Education and Sport Curriculum and are not optional extras. They are an important part of our curriculum and of student learning.

Do you think we are providing a valuable set of program options?

Given that the cost of the programs includes bus transport, venue and equipment hire and the employment of qualified instructors (who our teachers work with), do you consider the programs to be “value for money?” The school only seeks to cover the cost of these programs from the money parents pay.

Please let me know. Drop a response into school, or send me an email at: renouf.mark.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Mark Renouf
Principal
### Important Dates 2013

#### August
- Fri 23 to 27: Life Education
- Thurs 29: Program
- Wed 28: Prep 2014 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
- Thurs 29: Fathers' Day Stall

#### September
- Mon 2: Students wear school SunSmart hats
- Wed 4: Prep Chesterfield Farm Excursion
- Thurs 5: Prep 2014 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
- Mon 9: District Athletics (Field events)
- Wed 11: Prep 2014 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
- Fri 13: Yr 6 Musical McClelland College 7pm
- Tues 17: Sausage Sizzle
- Wed 18: Year 5 Scienceworks Excursion
- Thurs 19: BPPS Footy Day

### Dance Fever

**Parent Invitation to our Dance Fever Performance**

Our Dance Fever program has been a great hit with the students. The eight week program concludes on **Monday, September 2nd** with a Showcase Performance. Parents are invited to attend the performance which will be held in the school hall.

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### Free Shoe Shine Service

All next week (Monday 26th–Friday 30th) we are celebrating Fathers’ Day by providing a **free shoe shine service before and after school**.

Our Shoe Shine stall will be on the outside stage. All our products (black wax, shoe polish-neutral, black & tan, Dubbin, white leather restorer and water proofing spray) have been provided by Kiwi.

Some of our grade 5 students will be available to assist younger students. So bring your boots, shoes or runners for a polish!

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### Blast Off!

**by Angus (6S)**

*Why wouldn’t you come to our Year 6 School Spectacular? It’s packed full of dancing, singing and great acting!*

*Firstly, there are a lot of great songs, some songs adults may know! Along with choreographed dance moves. It’s obviously performed on a stage, and there is lights, amazing dancing, it is all a good time!*

*Secondly, it is pretty cheap, kids are $5 and adults are $10, we’re hoping for a good turnout, so we give a good price to everyone! It’s in a big spot, so there will be plenty of (cheap) tickets available!*

*Finally, Blast Off! This production is a space themed one, for all the spacey people! So who wouldn’t come this year? It will be truly amazing, along with good lighting, awesome dancing, wonderful singing and astonishing acting!*

*So come to our Year 6 musical and have a blast! It will be loads of fun, guaranteed!*
Student Health and Happiness
“When students are happy and healthy, their learning is maximised.”


Ballam Park Primary School has joined the Halve Our Waste program - an innovative new program that aims to support 1000 households, as well as schools, kindergartens and preschools, to substantially reduce their waste. As part of this program, we will be receiving a free compost bin or worm farm, and the children will be learning all about composting, worm farming, recycling and other ways to reduce waste.

We really encourage everyone to sign up for this program to help foster a positive culture of environmental responsibility.

As part of the HOW program participants will receive:

* A free compost bin with a compost turner OR a subsidised worm farm;
* A kitchen caddy to collect food scraps in the kitchen;
* Free workshops;
* Educational resources and online tools to help you and your household reduce waste;
* Posters and stickers;
* $20 reward to celebrate your achievements;
* A regular email newsletter to help you on your lifelong journey to reduce waste
* Access to a supportive community to help out if you are having any problems or need a hand along the way.

To identify participants, the rubbish bin lid will be changed from dark green to red, and will be collected fortnightly, on the same day as the recycling bin. Having less bin capacity encourages us to think more carefully about what we buy and what we throw away. (Between 1 December and 31 January participants can put their bin out weekly).

To apply go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/halveourwasteapplication or visit Council’s website www.frankston.vic.gov.au and search for ‘Halve our waste’, complete the expression of interest and Council will contact you to advise you if you are successful. (We would love to have lots of our BPPS families join this program. Please let us know if you are one of the 1000 successful families.)

Walk/Ride to School
On Thursday, we had our second Walk/Ride to School which is part of our 'Health Promoting Schools' program. It was great to see some new faces meeting teachers at the assembly spots at 8:30am to walk to school.

Our next Walk/Ride to School is Thursday September 5th.
Parents also are catching the ‘fitness’ bug with a small but enthusiastic group walking around Ballam Park P.S. after assembly on Thursdays. Come along and join the group!
Raising funds for our school is easy!

Bakers Delight at 217 Beach Street Frankston, is offering 5% of every purchase to our school when nominated. This is part of the ‘Dough Raisers Program.’

This is a benefit to both parties: Bakers Delight and our school.

A similar scheme ‘Community Benefits’ operates with Ritchies Supermarket.

Every time your card is scanned, 1% of the money is automatically allocated to your nominated organisation. You can nominate our school as your preferred recipient. Application forms are available at the office with all the details.

These schemes don’t cost you anything, but you can still be supporting our school.

Life Education Van

Life Education: The Life Education Program commences on Friday August 23rd and concludes Thursday August 29th. This Drug Education/Health & Well Being Program is a valuable part of our whole school program: Topics covered include:

**Prep – Harold’s Surprise:** Seeking help from trusted adults, benefits of physical activity and identifying safe and unsafe behaviours and environments.

**Year 1-Harold’s Mystery Tour:** The function of internal body parts e.g. Heart and lungs, safe use and storage of medicines, exploring and managing feelings and emotions, safety in public places and appropriate remedies for illness.

**Year 2-Harold’s Heroes:** Local environmental and health issues including passive smoking, issues around individual needs for medicines, safe use and storage, exploring feelings and emotions, emergency (drug) procedures and safe and unsafe behaviours and environments.

**Year 3-Mind you Medicines:** Factors that contribute to a person’s sense of self-worth, dimensions of health such as physical, social, emotional and environmental, effective communication as an essential component of maintaining positive relationships and medicines as drugs and the consequences of their misuse.

**Year 4-Harold’s Diary:** Bullying, feelings and support networks, managing transitions in life and coping strategies and healthy food choices.

**Year 5-The Burning Issue:** Short term and long term consequences of smoking, services and products that advise, educate and inform people of the facts about smoking, personal and community strategies to reduce the harms related to tobacco use, harmful effects that smoking has on the environment and laws governing the advertising, sale and use of tobacco products.

**Year 6-It’s Your Call:** Short term and long term physical, social and legal consequences of alcohol use, laws governing the advertising, sale and use of alcohol, myths surrounding alcohol and personal strategies to reduce alcohol related harm.
**District Athletics**

Years 4 – 6 students have been very busy in PE and sport sessions completing athletics activities including hurdles, high jump, long jump, triple jump, shot put and discus. All students have worked exceptionally well to improve their skills in each of these areas.

Some students will soon be selected into events for the upcoming Murdoch District Athletics Carnival which will be held at the Ballam Park Athletics Track on the following dates:
- Monday 9th September – Field Events and 1500m Day
- Tuesday 17th September – Track Events Day.

Students who are selected into District Athletics events will be notified of their events next week and given a notice with all relevant details, and a permission form which will need to be returned Mr O’Brien’s office within the next two weeks.

Congratulations and best of luck to those students who are chosen to represent the school at the District Athletics.

**BPPS Footy Day**

Our Annual FOOTY DAY will be held on Thursday 19th September (2nd last day of Term 3) for all students. The Footy Day allows students to dress up in their favourite AFL team colours and participate in a variety of activities including:
- Whole school parade and coin line (to raise money for State Schools Relief)
- Whole school colouring competition
- Years 2/3 and 4/5 Footy Tabloid sessions

A notice will be sent home in the last week of term with all relevant details.

**Term 4 Swimming Programs**

Year 2: Monday 21/10 – Thursday 24/10 (11.30am – 1.00pm) at Jubilee Park
Preps: Monday 18/11 – Thursday 21/11 (9.30am – 11.30am) at Jubilee Park
Years 3/4: Tuesday 3/12 – Friday 6/12 at Pines Pool and Frankston Life Saving Club
Year 5/6: Tuesday 10/12 – Thursday 12/12 at Pines Pool and Frankston Life Saving Club

Notices with all details for swimming programs will be sent home in the coming week or so.

**Georgia Gourlay makes Under 16 All-Australian Team**

Congratulations to former BPPS student Georgia Gourlay who is now in Year 8 at McClelland College.

Georgia has recently competed in both the Under 18 and Under 16 Girls AFL Victorian representative team in both Shepparton and Darwin. Georgia’s Under 18 team won the national title, and the Under 16 team lost the final by just 5 points.

However, Georgia, along with 7 other girls from the Victorian side, were selected in the Under 16 All-Australian team – a fantastic achievement!

Well done Georgia from everyone at Ballam Park PS.

Darren O’Brien, Sports Coordinator
Prep students 2014

Come and Play

Sessions Term 3

Wednesday 28th August
Wednesday 4th September
Wednesday 11th September
Wednesday 18th September

2:30pm until 3:30pm—Meet in our school office
Ballam Park Primary School, Gate 1 Belar Ave Frankston, Phone 9789 5614

Prep students for 2014 can come and experience school. Mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents or carers can stay and have a coffee or enjoy an hour off.

Come and enjoy craft, stories and developmental play.

A great opportunity to connect with other families and help your child prepare for school

For further information or bookings please contact Sue McSweeney on 9789 5614.
Celebrating the important males in our lives...

All Students in Years 3 & 4 are invited to bring their Dad or special male guest to Ballam Park Primary School’s

Dads’ Workout
Thursday, August 29th
5:30-7:15pm

Program:
5:30- 6:15pm Participate in a physical and/or mental work out
   Bring along your shoes & boots and enjoy a shoe shine
6:15- 6:45pm Sausage Sizzle and Fruit Salad & Icecream
6:45- 7:15pm Sports Quiz

Please return the slip below to your child’s teacher by Monday August 26th

We (names of Dad/Male guest & Year 3/4 Student) ____________________________________________

will be attending the Dad’s Workout on Thursday, August 29th.

Signed: ____________________________

SAVING OUR ENVIRONMENT...
If you would like to view our online school newsletter, please click on...
www.ballamparkps.vic.gov.au

PRIMAR Y SCHOOL WEAR
Uniform Shop News
Trading Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 8.30am-4.30pm
Saturday 8.30am-2.30pm

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,
Frankston
(opposite Savers)
Phone 9769-6510

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 are supporting our Canteen.
Lunch orders have improved for Mondays and Fridays, but we still need your support for WEDNESDAYS please.

It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.
Enrolments are presently being accepted for children commencing Prep in 2014

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 2014, for admission in 2014.

- If your child was born in a country other than Australia, the appropriate visa.

- **School entry immunisation certificate requirement:**
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 2013.)

- **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
Parents’ Club

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

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

Events for Term 3

Thursday 29th August
Fathers Day Stall

Friday 30th August
Father Day Raffle drawn at assembly

Tuesday 17th September
Sausage Sizzle

Friday 1st November
Halloween Disco

REMINDER
We have a sausage sizzle coming up on Tuesday 17th September. Put it in your diaries.

DISCO TIME
Don’t forget about our Halloween Disco on 1st November! Get those costumes ready.

Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday 29th of August. There will be a huge range of items available for the students to purchase for 50c - $5

Donations Needed
We would appreciate any items or vouchers to go toward our Fathers Day Raffle. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please give items to classroom teachers before Tuesday 26th August.

New Members are always welcome! We meet in the portable near the canteen every Monday morning after announcements.
Ballam Park PS has become a TIQBIZ school
DOWNLOAD OUR FREE APP TODAY!!!
100 Families have already downloaded our FREE App
Have you???

Tiqbiz allows Ballam Park Primary School Staff to send you instant messages, notices reminders and alerts to Smartphones, Ipads, tablets and computers (PC and Mac). These might be of a general nature for example “Don’t forget the Mothers’ Day Stall is on tomorrow” OR Year level specific “Year 3 is doing a puppet show this afternoon if you wish to attend”.

Download our FREE APP today!

**STEP 1**
Download TiQBiz on your preferred device.
Ipad and Iphone – App Store
Android Device – Android App Store (google play)
Windows and Mac PC - http://www.tiqbiz.com/

**STEP 2**
Once the App or Software is loaded – Register
Enter Name, Country, Email Address and create a Password

**STEP 3**
Login using Email address and Password (from Step 2)

**STEP 4**
Click on the FIND tab/button. Type in Ballam Park Primary School and click on FIND
Click on the tiq next to the categories you would like to subscribe.
We recommend – **General** and your child’s year levels.
You will be asked to key in a password. The password for General is **b5005** and all year levels is **BallamP**.

Now you are ready to receive instant messages!

Help please...
Donations of secondhand uniforms needed

Thank you to those kind parents who have donated pre-loved uniforms to our school. We are still in need of uniform donations to assist us in helping students and would be grateful if any spare second-hand uniform items could be left at the office.

Your donations are sincerely appreciated. Thank you.
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.

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This week has been a good week! Unfortunately, due to the weather, we were unable to go outside and so came up with new games to play inside.

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

Star of the Week
Loui M

OSHCO-ordinator: Haylie Lelliott
Phone 0402-354-584

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
Frankston Learning City—Pathways to Education, Training & Employment

Farmer's Market, Wells Street Frankston
for 6 Weeks starting Thursday, 19 September, 8am-2pm

A Frugavore Masterclass!
Come down to the new local Farmer's Market in Wells Street, Frankston and join local nutritionist, chef and author Arabella Forge in a Frugavore Masterclass! Arabella Forge will appear on Thursday 26 September 10am-11am & 12pm-1pm. The Farmers Market will run from 8am-2pm. For family entertainment, there will also be Gemma the Giraffe and Tubby the Robot. Shoppers can expect up to 35 market stalls selling organic breads, gourmet meats, sauces, free range eggs and much more.

**This farmers market event will run for six weeks starting from 19 September between 8am-2pm each Thursday. (special entertainment & chef only on Sept 26)**

**PENBUS service:** Residents of the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula region are eligible to apply for free access to PenBus services if they are:
- A full-time, or part-time tertiary student, formally enrolled in study
- A registered apprentice or trainee
- A jobseeker

**Frankston City Libraries: Children’s Book Week activities**
Author visits, workshops, competitions and the Mayor’s Reading Challenge!
Get involved in book week during August.

**MPS Careers & Jobs Expo: Tues, 27 August 2013, 9am to 3pm**
Are you joining the work force soon, thinking of changing careers or interested in further education options? Come along to the Peninsula Community Theatre on Tuesday August 27 to explore your options. Over 40 stalls representing education, training, job and career providers will be in attendance on the day, offering you practical careers advice, further education and hands-on experiences. Venue: Peninsula Community Theatre, 91 Wilsons Road (cnr of Nepean Hwy), Mornington Cost: FREE.

Brotherhood of St Laurence Kitchen Operations Certificate II
- Gain your Food Handlers Certificate
- Gain your Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate
- Learn how to prepare and serve food and coffee
- Improve your hospitality knowledge and your employment options!
Course starts in August - FREE for 15-19 year olds not currently attending school and not currently holding a Certificate II or higher.
Contact: Miia Tolvanen on 8781 5911 or mtolvanen@bsl.org.au

**School term dates 2013 to 2015**

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* 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. www.education.vic.gov.au/about/keydates/termdates.htm

Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

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