PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Prep Students for 2013
Did you know that our transition program for our 2013 Prep students is well underway, with the second Come and Play Session yesterday morning and visits to Ballam Park Pre School on Tuesday?

If you know anyone with a Prep student for 2013 who has not yet enrolled, please invite them to come up to school, enrol their child and join in the transition activities.

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) upgrades for the use of our students
This week we have been rolling out new computers at school. The computer lab has been fitted out with new Lenovo units this week, and all classroom Interactive Whiteboards have been upgraded with a new brighter projector. Next week, the Whiteboards will have new computers connected. A set of 40 iPad 2 units are on order and will be in the students’ hands soon. This new equipment adds to the 40 desktop computers in our corridors and the 4 sets of notebooks and netbooks that are shared between the classes.

What do your children do with this extensive and expensive technology?

I would hope that if you ask your child(ren), you will be given a really informative answer.

ON A MUSICAL NOTE…

FAMILY MATHS NIGHT
Wednesday, 29 August

On Wednesday, 29th August, Ballam Park Primary School will be holding a Family Maths Night.

The evening will begin at 5.00 pm until about 6:30 pm. You and your children will be working with some hands-on activities that will include measuring, problem solving, puzzles and number.

Please come along with your family and join them in some fun maths activities that may challenge you! All welcome!

If you intend to come, please return the slip below so that we can make suitable arrangements.

Please return to school
Family Maths Night
Wednesday, 29 August

I will be attending the Family Maths Night on Wednesday, 29th August.

Number of people attending (parents & students):

Signed: ____________________________
Student Health and Happiness

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

Life Education Van

Each year the Life Education Van visits Ballam Park Primary School, delivering a message about health and wellbeing. Over the grade levels, various topics are covered. Each session is very interactive for the students, and the messages are delivered in an engaging manner.

At Prep level, through a party in the park, they explore:
- Healthy food choices
- Sickness and injuries and what to do
- What to do if they find a discarded syringe.

At Year 1, the lesson focuses on the body and the internal organs:
- The safe use and storage of medicines
- Being scared/pressured to do things and ways of coping
- Safety in public, and
- Appropriate remedies for illness.

At Year 2, the students become Superheroes with Harold to explore:
- Local environmental and health issues including pollution and passive smoking
- Issues around individual need for medicines and their safe use and storage
- Emergency (drug) procedures
- Issues around litter/used syringes.

Year 4 students investigated:
- Bullying and expressing emotions
- Developing coping strategies and support networks
- Healthy food choices
- Defining a drug
- Safety with medicines, and
- Active life styles.

Year 5s, through the topic called ‘The Burning Issue’ discovered:
- That smoking effects all body systems
- Services and products advise, educate and inform people of the facts about smoking
- Harmful effects that smoking has on the environment
- The laws governing the advertising, sale and use of tobacco products.

At Year 6, the students discussed:
- The definition of a drug
- Recognising that legal drugs (e.g. alcohol, caffeine, nicotine and medicines) have varying degrees of risk
- The levels of risk defined by the relationship between the person, the drug and the environment
- That behaviours can risk the safety of self and others.

Power drinks contain huge amounts of caffeine that can be dangerous especially for children.

Year 3s explored the healthy individual in a unit called ‘Mind your Medicines’:
- Factors that contribute to a person’s sense of self-worth
- Being healthy includes – physical, emotional and environmental aspects
- Communication is an essential component of maintaining positive relationships.
Principal’s Comments cont/…

Deakin University Study Project funded by the Heart Foundation

I have been contacted by Manuela Rigo from the School of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, Deakin University. She is the SONIC (Salt & Other Nutrient Intakes in Children) Study Project Manager, funded by the Heart Foundation, coordinating research into the salt intake in primary school children.

If you would like to assist and learn more by participating in this study, please see the insert of information later in this newsletter. There is a tear-off slip to return to school.

Thank you for supporting School Fundraising

The Basketball Boomers Bike Raffle, Year 6 Musical Raffle, Milo Day etc. — All of these fundraising activities help make better things possible here at school for your children. Your support continues to be appreciated and does make a real difference. Thank You.

School Review Invitation Reminder

(more detail in our last newsletter, August 9th)
Each government school in Victoria is reviewed every four years.

If you would like to hear the Reviewer’s Report to School Council on Monday, August 27th at 5.30pm, please contact me at school, and I will add your name to the agenda as a visitor. Parents other than School Councillors are most welcome to attend.

Mark Renouf
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES 2012

AUGUST
Wed 29 Come & Play Session 9.30-10.30am
Thurs 30 FAMILY MATHS NIGHT 5.00-6.30pm

SEPTEMBER
Tues 4 Prep Excursion to Chesterfield Farm
Wed 5 Come & Play Session 9.30-10.30am
Mon 10 2012 District Athletics Carnival—Field
Wed 12 YEAR 6 MUSICAL, 7.30pm
Fri 14 YEAR 6 MUSICAL, 7.30pm
Mon 17 Ballam Pk Preschool Visit 9.30-11am
Tues 18 Ballam Pk Preschool Visit 9.30-11am
Thurs 20 Footy Day
Fri 21 2012 District Athletics Carnival—Track
Last day of Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

A GREAT START AT…

BALLAM PARK PRESCHOOL
26 Naranga Crescent Frankston 3199
Telephone 9789-1267

We are now taking enrolments for 2013 for both our 3 year old and 4 year old groups.

At Ballam Park Preschool:

♦ We aim to provide high quality Early Childhood Education, full of valuable experiences with positive outcomes for all children.
♦ We are committed to provide your children with a nurturing, supportive, secure and fun environment, where children and adults collaborate together, share their learning and extend their knowledge.
♦ Our belief is children learn through play. We provide fun, exciting, spontaneous, hands-on, stimulating, relaxing, comforting and challenging experiences, where the children learn at their own pace.
♦ We provide an all inclusive Preschool environment, recognising and respecting the diverse culture, traditions and beliefs within our community. We welcome and appreciate families’ participation and contributions to our Preschool community.

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.

It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.
On Monday and Tuesday of this week, our Year 4 students visited Ballam Park Preschool. Our students were matched up with a buddy and they helped with all sorts of kinder activities.
Prep Enrolments for 2013

BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
GATE 1, BELAR AVENUE, FRANKSTON 3199

Enrolments are presently being accepted for children commencing Prep in 2013

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 2013, for admission in 2013.

♦ 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 2012.)

♦ 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
Preps have been having fun learning about location words. They had to follow directions to find the correct location in the playground.

The Year Ones had a great time creating 3D shapes with matchsticks, skewers, marshmallows and playdough.

Year Twos were busy measuring the school in centimetres and metres with rulers that they had made themselves.
Rehearsals for our Year 6 Musical Production, ‘OUT OF REACH’, are well underway! We are having a lot of fun rehearsing and working with all the Year 6 students.

This year we are approaching local businesses for corporate sponsorship. If you operate, or work for, a business that would like to sponsor our Year 6 Musical we would greatly appreciate your support. In return for your kind donation, we will include your company details and logo in our musical program and on our hall foyer display board.

If you would like to take part in this exciting sponsorship opportunity, we would love to hear from you by Friday, 24th August.

Thanking you,
Mrs Street and Mrs Burrows
Parents’ Club Fundraising Target for 2012
Over the past few months, some parents have asked about our school’s fundraising efforts and where the funds raised are being used.

Since the start of the year, and for the remaining months of 2012, the Parents’ Club plan to raise funds for IT (Information Technology) and computers for Ballam Park Primary School, and we are very grateful for the constant support from our parents with our fundraising activities.

Can you help us with donations for the Fathers’ Day Raffle?
The Parents’ Club would appreciate your assistance with any contributions which could be included in our annual Fathers’ Day Raffle. We would be grateful for any new items which you may be able to donate, such as toiletries, books, car products, sports items, etc. and would appreciate receiving donations for the raffle at the office by Monday, 27th August. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Fathers’ Day Stall and Raffle
The Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Thursday, 30th August, with a variety of gifts available for students to purchase. Prices will range from 50 cents to $5.00. The Fathers’ Day Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 31st August at assembly.

Parents’ Club Meetings—ALL WELCOME
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held next Monday in the staff room after assembly. New members are always welcome at our meetings, especially new parents, so please come along and join in.

Forthcoming Events:
- **Wednesday, 12th & Friday, 14th September—Year 6 Musical refreshments**
  Parents’ Club will be providing refreshments during interval on both nights at the Year 6 Musical. Tea, coffee, cold drinks and snacks will be on sale.
- **Saturday, 13th October—Sausage Sizzle at Karingal Hub**
  On Saturday, 13th October, the Parents’ Club will be holding a Sausage Sizzle outside the (top) Safeway supermarket, near the Commonwealth Bank, from approximately 9.00am to 3.00pm.
- **Saturday, 10th November—Car Boot Sale and Market Stalls**
  Details will be provided later.

(Please return to school. Thank you)

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**FOR SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT KARINGAL HUB—SATURDAY, 13TH OCTOBER**

Our school has booked Saturday, 13th October at Safeway supermarket, Karingal Hub, to hold a Sausage Sizzle, from approx. 9.00am to 3.00pm. Because this is the first Saturday of Term 4 and to assist with planning, we would appreciate it if any parents could let us know if they can assist on this day (even for 1/2 hour). Please complete this slip and return to school if you can help us.

Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………

Child’s name: ……………………………………………… Grade: …………………………………

I am available to help at Sausage Sizzle, Karingal Hub on Saturday, 13 October at: ……………………………(times)
We completed activities around the organic farm where they were growing lots of vegetables. We saw worm farms and compost. We fed the chickens. Free range eggs are healthier: for the chickens the environment and for us!

We were there to learn about soil and rocks. We held different rocks and Glen told us how and when they were formed. We painted our faces with different colour ochre.
Our environmental rangers are busy at the moment designing posters to be displayed in our community to help us collect as many Pauls Collect a Caps as we can. We will receive 20c for each cap posted in during September and we are planning on using the money to sustain our Fresh Fruit Friday Program. Please help us by collecting any caps from Pauls milk and encourage friends and family to collect them for you.

A huge thank you for all the fantastic support from parents, family and friends of our students who have brought in Coles Sports for School vouchers and sheets and stickers of Woolworths Earn and Learn Program. We have been overwhelmed by your support and can’t wait to send them off soon and place our order for more school equipment.
Ballam Park “Boomers” Basketball Club Inc

Another fantastic week for the Boomers last weekend. The grade 2s and 5s had wins, and the grade 4s came back from being 16 points down, but just missed out by 2 points.

Thank you to everyone for their support by buying raffle tickets for our bike raffle, which will be drawn on Friday, 24th August. All the funds we raise will go towards new basketball uniforms and equipment.

We will be starting to take names for our teams to compete in the Summer season very soon. Please keep an eye out for further announcements. The Summer season only runs for 8 weeks, and is a great opportunity to give basketball a go and see if you enjoy it.

Our final piece of VERY exciting news is a BIG congratulations to Manuao. At the grade 4 game on Saturday, Manuao was approached by a Frankston Blues scout and asked to try-out for the under 12s Blues team for 2013. We are all very proud of her and wish her all the best.

Thank you for supporting the Boomers. Have a great week everyone.

GO BOOMERS!!!

If you are interested in being involved, please call Kellie on 0416 055 346

A Fathers’ Day Gift Idea...
ENTERTAINMENT BOOK 2012-13

Are you not sure what to get dad for Fathers’ Day? Why not buy him an Entertainment Book?

There are still a few Entertainment Books left at school, cost $65. If you would like to find out how much you can save, log onto: www.entertainmentbook.com.au and select ‘2012-2013 book’.

There is also a sample Entertainment Book on display in the office. Don’t miss out on these great savings!

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.

BOOMERS BIKE RAFFLE
1st prize- Repco unisex bike
2nd prize- Small girls bike

Drawn Friday 24th August
Tickets- 50c each/ 3 for $1.00

Thankyou for supporting the Ballam Park Boomers

CANTEEN NEWS

Winter Special Mondays
Hot Dog & Drink for only $3
Don’t miss out!
(Available on Mondays only in Term 3.)
OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

This fortnight the children will be creating an Underwater World, and looking at the impact they have on the environment.

The phone number for OSHC is 0402-354-584.

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

Star of the Week:
Layla E for using initiative and playing well with others

Emma Cooper
Phone 0402-354-584

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

Are you interested in helping improve our understanding of the associations between children’s health and diet? Ballam Park Primary School has been selected to participate in a Victorian study looking at the salt intake in primary school children, funded by the Heart Foundation.

Excessive salt consumption during childhood can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease later in life. Given much of the food we eat is high in salt, it is likely that children are consuming more salt than recommended by dietary guidelines and that this may be impacting on their health.

This is the first time this type of study has been undertaken in Australia. Through this study your child will begin to understand the link between what they eat and what happens in their body.

- In this study we will measure children’s salt intake using a 24-hour urine collection.
- This information is needed to help develop ways to lower salt intake in children, and in turn protect their health.
- We will also measure children’s blood pressure and body weight, record their dietary input and food tasting preferences.
- We will examine the relationship between children’s salt intake and these factors.

If you would like further information on the SONIC Study please call Deakin University Ph: 9244 6380 or e-mail m.rigo@deakin.edu.au Manuela Rigo, visit our Facebook page. http://www.facebook.com/SONICstudy or the ABC report on Youtube http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cToXdiUgFuE.

SONIC Study - Salt & Other Nutrient Intakes in Children

Please let us know that you are interested by returning this slip to school:

Child’s Name:.................................................................
Grade:.................................................................
E-mail:.................................................................
Phone:.................................................................
Frankston City Council Events:

**Mayor’s Family Picnic**  
**Sunday, 9 September, 11:00am-3:00pm**  
George Pentland Botanic gardens (Gate1)  
BYO picnic and enjoy a family day in the park with free entertainment, activities, community, Council and food stands.

**Pets’ Day Out**  
**Sunday, 14 October, 10:00am-4:00pm**  
Ballam Park, Frankston-Cranbourne Road, Frankston  
Bring your pet and the whole family for a fun day out with entertainment, rides and pet stalls.

For more information  
or phone 1300 322 322

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**PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR—Uniform Shop News**

Uniforms can be purchased in two ways:

- From the PSW Shop at 21 Playne Street, Frankston
- Order online [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au) There will be $8.00 postage fee for delivery to parent’s home address.

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**Why not register for Relay For Life Frankston?**

Relay For Life is an overnight Cancer Council community event for thousands of Australians who relay (walk) non-stop as they celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to cancer and fight back against the disease by raising important funds.

**Please support us by:**
- Joining our team and walking with us (please register online—details available at office) or
- Donating to our fundraising. A collection box is located at the school office and receipts are available

**Date:** Saturday, 22 – Sunday, 23 September 2012  
**Time:** 4.00pm Saturday to 10.00am Sunday  
**Place:** Ballam Park Athletics Track

Ballam Park PS is entering a team called “Dare to Dream”. Please see Chris Robinson with any questions before school or after 3.30pm (phone 9789-5614), for further details or to help with fundraising ideas.

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**BALNARRING COMMUNITY sustainability fair**

**Exhibitors/Stall Holders Expressions of Interest**

The Balnarring Community Fair is a one day event that aims to inform, educate and inspire the wider community to work toward a more sustainable future.

**Saturday 24th November 2012 ... 9am - 4pm**  
Balnarring Race Course, Mornington Peninsula

For further details contact: Peta Saunders, Balnarring Primary School  
Ph: 59514444  Fax: 59514445  Email: saunders.pea@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**Primary School Wear (PSW)**  
21 Playne Street, Frankston (opposite Savers)  
Phone 9769-6510
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).
School term dates 2013 to 2015

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

2014
Term 1: *28 January (teachers start) 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 January (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.

Come and Try Day
Batterup and Softball
Saturday, 1st September 11am-1pm
For all Ages & Abilities
Boys & Girls from 4 years of age
Men & Women wishing to play Competitive or Social Softball
ALL WELCOME
CASEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION
Sweeny Reserve, Cnr Melzak Dr & Dempster Way, Berwick
Contact Steven Lloyd 0434-715-655
www.casey.softball.org.au

Free Father’s Day Family Night
Thursday 30 August 6pm – 8pm
Bunnings Frankston
Join us for a free night of fun for the whole family!
• Kids D.I.Y. workshops — make dad your own special gift
• Your chance to enter our colour-in competition
• Light refreshments provided

Bookings Essential: Bunnings Frankston, Cnr McKafray Rd & Berthoud St, Frankston 03 8790 7100

LEGO Exhibition
1st Mornington Scout Hall
Mitchell Street Mornington.
Sat, Sun, Mon and Tue
22nd-25th September 2012
See completed and working LEGO models
Latest releases and vintage collectables
9am - 5pm
Proudly supported by Toyworld Mornington
Enquiries 0438 068 309
Exhibitors Welcome
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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HEAD LICE

The occurrence of head lice in students’ hair is a constant and frustrating problem. Notices are sent home if head lice are noticed or reported in a particular grade. It is parents’ responsibility to check and treat hair if head lice are present.

Regular checking at least once a week and appropriate treatment is essential if we are to reduce the number of head lice cases at school.

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