PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

School Council Membership
There were three parent and two staff vacancies on School Council as notified in our last school newsletter of February 9th. When nominations closed this week on Tuesday, February 21st at 4.00pm, there were three parent and two staff nominations:

Parents:  Mrs Robyn Anderson  
           Mrs Tyla Mitchem and  
           Mr Patrick Lee

Staff:    Mrs Maree Renowden and  
           Mrs Sue McSweeney

Because the number of nominations matched the number of vacancies, all five nominees are declared as elected without need for a ballot. The newly elected School Councillors will serve on Council until March 2014, a term of two years.

A further two school seconded community members can also join School Council for one year. One usually represents the Parents’ Club and one can be a parent or person from the wider community who has specific skills or knowledge that will be of assistance to School Council.

Might you be that person?

Twilight Sports & Family Picnic Night
Thank you to our staff and Parents’ Club for organising and assisting with our Family Fun Night, and to all parents and families who came along to support our students and their school last night.

Community Spirit of our School Survey
One of our parents on School Council has devised this 10 question survey on School Community Spirit. It will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. It would be very helpful and appreciated if at least 50 parents complete the survey.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B75QWMZ

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent/Teacher Meetings
The relationship between teacher, parent and student is vital, and a strong, supportive connection will help your child to be successful at school. Meetings are a chance for parents to exchange relevant information with teachers about their child, academically, socially and emotionally. It is also an opportunity for parents to meet the teacher and understand the expectations and learning that is planned for the year.

Next week teachers from Years 1 to 5 have organised to meet with parents on Monday, 27th February between 3.45pm and 7.30pm, whilst Year 6 teachers will meet on Wednesday, 29th February, 3.45pm to 7.30pm.

Years 4, 5 and 6 students are also invited to attend the meetings to share their learning goals for the year.

IMPORTANT DATES 2012

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
Would you like some ideas on Parenting from a recognised expert? Here is one helpful Australian internet site from Michael Grose who lives on the Mornington Peninsula. The website has some information (like that below) available to anyone who visits the website, and also has the option of subscribing to access a much wider range of information and ideas.

25 Great parenting Ideas from Michael Grose

—and suggestions for developing Resilience

You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. Having a positive attitude yourself.
   Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.

2. Look for teachable moments.
   Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

3. Make kids active participants in the family.
   Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

4. Build kids’ coping skills.
   There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for awhile and normalisation.


Cervical Cancer Vaccine Information from Cancer Council Victoria

Cancer Council Victoria has developed a new online video resource specifically targeted to young teenage girls. The video aims to clear up common misconceptions, answer frequently asked questions, and provide an easy-to-understand overview of cervical cancer, HPV and the vaccine, in a fun and engaging manner. The video is accessible to view on the cervical cancer vaccine website:

www.cervicalcancervaccine.org.au

Mark Renouf
Principal
Student Health and Happiness

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

Leadership Positions for Students

Giving students an opportunity to take on leadership positions is very important for their personal development. At Ballam Park Primary School there are a variety of opportunities for students in Years 5 and 6 to assume such positions.

Recently, students held elections for leadership positions in:

♦ House Captains
♦ SRC (Student Representative Council)
♦ Environmental Rangers.

Students were asked to make a short speech in front of their peers. The quality of the speeches made by the students was of a high standard. Students acknowledged the qualities that make a good leader in their talks, such as being responsible, reliable, friendly and caring for others.

In their role as leaders, students are asked to complete a number of tasks such as collecting house points, assisting with assembly, help with sporting events and organising yard duty.

All of the 2012 leaders will receive their badges at our first Friday Assembly in the hall on March 2nd commencing at 2:40pm.

Bradman:
House Captains: Madeleine & Ronaldo
Vice Captains: Tiarnee & Jeremy
Deputy Vice Captains: Lianiva & Jaykobe

Elliott:
House Captains: Tionne & Luke
Vice Captains: Skye & Nathan
Deputy Vice Captains: Georgia & Mitchell

Marsh:
House Captains: Sarah & Klay
Vice Captains: Jessica & Callum
Deputy Vice Captains: Courtney & Devlin

McKay:
House Captains: Tamara & Eric
Vice Captains: Louise & Mihailo
Deputy Vice Captains: Courtney & Joshua
Digital Technologies
Acceptable Use Agreement

All students in Years 3-6 have received a copy of the Ballam Park Primary School Acceptable Use Agreement yesterday.

This Agreement covers all digital technologies such as:
- School owned devices (e.g. desktops, laptops, printers, scanners)
- Mobile phones
- Emailing and instant messaging
- Internet, Intranet and Ultranet
- Social networking sites such as Facebook, SuperClubsPLUS
- Video and photo sharing websites (e.g. Picasa, Youtube)
- Blogs & Wikis

At Ballam Park Primary School, we recognise the need for students to be safe and responsible users of digital technology. We believe that explicitly teaching students about safe and responsible online behaviour is essential, and is best taught in partnership with parents/guardians. We request that parents/guardians work with us and encourage this behaviour at home.

Our school is becoming an eSmart school which means we are developing policies and curriculum programs to inform students, teachers and the school community about the safe use of digital technology.

Please take the time to go through the Acceptable Use Agreement with your child and have them sign it, as well yourself, and return it to school by Friday, March 2nd.

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.

FARM FRESH VEGIES AVAILABLE...
‘VEGIE RUN’ HOME DELIVERY

Why not have fresh vegetables and fruit home delivered at a great price, while also supporting our school. This is a school fundraiser continuing from last year.

An order form for ‘Vegie Run’ Summer stock is available at the school office.

Free home delivery within 10km of Ballam Park Primary School.

PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR
Uniform Shop News

The on-site Uniform Shop at school has closed permanently.

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

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Preparing Your Child for School Sports Days

Sports carnivals are an important highlight in every school’s calendar, and it is important that all students are able to participate to the best of their abilities. Exercise is a trigger for over 50% of people with asthma, so asthma exacerbations are common on sports days. Parents and carers can take several easy steps to help manage their child’s asthma, and to prevent them from having a serious asthma attack.

• Return an updated Asthma Action Plan to the school so that staff are ready to respond appropriately to any asthma symptoms that your child may have
• Teach your child to recognise early asthma symptoms, and help them to feel confident to self-administer reliever medication (also using a spacer where possible)
• Encourage your child to notify staff if they experience asthma symptoms, even if they self-administer reliever medication and feel comfortable returning to activity
• Be aware that if your child is unwell or has poorly managed asthma, they are more likely to experience symptoms during exercise.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au.

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

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 EARENS 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

Our Parents' Club meets in the staff room every Monday morning after assembly at approximately 9.30am. We welcome any new members, so please come along, join in and make new friends.

Annual General Meeting—Monday, 27th February
Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 9.30am on Monday, 27th February in the staff room. A list of Parents' Club committee positions is attached to this newsletter. If you are interested in getting involved, please come to the AGM next Monday. All welcome.

Can you help us?
Can you help us with donations for prices for our Easter raffle? Please send any raffle donations to school by Friday, 16th March. Raffle tickets will be sent home the following Monday.

Thank you for your support
Last year we raised $5,500 thanks to the wonderful support from our parents. These funds were used to update IT for our school. Thank you to everyone for your support. Thank you also to Lisa Cartwright for her generous donation.

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!!!
This fortnight, the children will continue to get to know each other and the rules. Please note new phone number for OSHC is 0402-354-584.

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

Congratulations to the following children who have been presented with Merit Awards:

Kodi B. 1M  Dominic P. 1SM  Lily W. 2L  Kristian P. 2B
Ko-Hein P. 3F  Maddison F-B. 3D  Tommi P. 4D  Polly G. 4R
Jaymes R. 4R  Ben G. 5M  Chole B. 5B  Jemma M. 6B
Corey L. 6B  Milo R. 6S  Lachlan H. 1M  Kyle W. 1SM
Felicity D. 2L  Jennah C-D. 2B  Allen D. 3F  Peter R. 3D
Ryan O. 4D  Ethan T. 4R  Corey J. 5M  Riley M. 5B
Robbie A. 6B  Tarni C. 6B  Shae H. 6S

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

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Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

Star of the Week:
Alannah M for listening

Emma Cooper
Phone 0402-354-584

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).
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.

BAXTER SOCCER CLUB

UNDER 6 TO FTV SENIORS BOYS GIRLS MEN WOMEN

REGISTRATION DAY

Sunday 12th February 11am - 2pm
Baxter Park: Frankston-Flinders Road Baxter Mel Ref 106 H3

Early Bird Discount Fee on or before the day!

Family focussed club

Small sided to U11

Social functions

Sausage Sizzle

Registration required: Julie Henderson Tel. 9789 6895 Email: registrar@baxtersoccerclub.org.au

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

LOCALS WEEKEND IN FRANKSTON

Frankston City Council News

Japanese Festival
Saturday, 25 February
11:00am - 5:00pm
Kananook Creek Boulevard, Frankston (between Wells Street and Playne Street)
Enjoy a range of activities including Taiko Drumming, Japanese Dance and Bonsai demonstrations as Frankston City celebrates the 30th anniversary of it’s Sister City relationship with Susono in Japan. For details phone: 1300 322 322 or visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au

Shakespeare in the Park - Romeo and Juliet
31 March - 1 April
4:00pm daily, George Pentland Botanic Gardens, Frankston
Visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au for up to date information on everything that is happening in Frankston City.

Frankston Toy Library's 24th Annual Teddy Bears Picnic!
George Pentland Botanical Gardens, Williams St, Frankston
11am - 4pm, Sunday 26th February
The Frankston Toy Library is hosting its 24th annual Teddy Bears Picnic. Entry to the event is $3 per person, children under 18 months are free.
Attractions include Ronald McDonald, Faerie Crystall, Cool4Kids, Fun-key Music & Hey Dee Ho. Activities include rides, an animal farm, face painting, craft as well as many stalls, a sausage sizzle, food & beverage stalls, free entertainment and much more.
Children are encouraged to bring their favourite teddy bear & participate in the free teddy bear competitions. Teddy bear competition judges will be looking for the teddy wearing the best costume, smallest teddy, the most colourful teddy & the biggest teddy.
To ease car parking congestion around the Gardens, free parking is available at Monash University with a free shuttle bus transporting patrons to and from the event. Entry is via the Foot Street entrance.

KARINGAL NETBALL CLUB

Come and play netball – the 2012 season starts in March
Registrations are currently being taken for new and existing players at the Jubilee Park Courts on Tuesday afternoons Training from 4.00 pm til 5.30 pm
New players of all abilities are most welcome.
The club caters for players from 5 years of age (modified rules) to seniors.

Any queries to:
Manda Lewis 0415 954 197
Kenrie Fletcher 9789 6895
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.