教育周开放夜和开放日

考虑到天气非常不稳定，我们昨晚的开放夜活动热情高涨，家长们参观了教室，与老师交谈，并观看了学生的作品。紧接着，我们的高级学生准备并展示了关于网络安全的表演，向Courtney, Hope和小舞者们表示祝贺。

Mr Ennis将合唱队训练得非常到位，他们以优美的和声和充满自信的声音进行了两首歌曲的表演。我非常感谢我们的工作人员在下班后留下来为活动做准备，也感谢我们的清洁工Gavin在6:30之前将学校打扫得如此干净。

我们希望看到更多家庭参加明天的开放日活动。

NAPLAN考试

上周，三年级和五年级的学生进行了NAPLAN（全澳大利亚范围）的数学和英语考试。我认为这对家长来说很有趣，可以看看学生被要求做什么。

考试题目范围广泛，包括不同难度的样题。样题可以在http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/The_tests/index.html获取。

EMA支付

学校理事会讨论了2012年EMA支付的变化以及它可能对2013年学校项目的影响。今年不会有变化。之后会有更多信息公布，包括如何根据支付方式将所需材料如书籍、铅笔、艺术材料和学校旅行等进行支付。

Mark Renouf, Principal
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
Student Health and Happiness

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

Student Attendance

‘It’s Not OK to be Away’

In Term 1 there were 110 students who achieved 100% attendance.

WHAT A FANTASTIC EFFORT!

Being at school every day is very important for children to not only maximise their learning but to also establish and build friendships, and to develop a strong feeling of connectedness with the school and their peers.

If students are ill, they should not be at school and should only return when they are well. A written note should be sent to their teacher to explain the absence, as well as a telephone call to the school.

School starts at 9:00 not 9:25!

Equally important is for children to arrive at school on time.

School starts at 9:00am. If children are consistently late, they miss the early instructions and routines for the day as well as the important learning that is taking place. It is often the reading lesson that is missed. 12 minutes late each day adds up to the same as 8 days over a year!

School ends at 3:30pm not 2:05 pm

Leaving school early also means children are missing out on their learning, reminders for the day and the routines of the class. The afternoons are often Art or Music sessions, or time when students are working on Science or Humanities investigations.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR NEW SIGN AT THE SCHOOL?

Resilience

Coping when things go wrong!

The following five life messages to give children every day to promote resilience were developed by Michael Grose who is a leader in children’s behaviour.

He says that parents can give positive life messages that promote a sense of resilience and provide clues about how they should think and behave both now and in the future.

1. **I care for you**– Every person needs to feel that there is one person in their life who cares for them unconditionally. Parents can express caring through affection, genuine listening and providing opportunities for one-on-one time.

2. **You are Unique**– It is helpful to remind children that as unique individuals they have their own strengths, talents and ways of solving problems. Never compare children to others, and help each to focus on his or her strengths, even if they are not in the areas you value highly as parents.

3. **You can handle life’s difficulties**– By stepping back and allowing children to resolve some of their day to day problems, we show faith in children’s ability to fend for themselves. If we can develop in children a notion that ‘I can’ rather than the notion of ‘if the conditions are right, and with a little bit of luck I can do okay’ then we provide them with reasons to be optimistic.

4. **You choose how you think, feel and behave**– An important life lesson to give children is that they have some control over how they think, feel and behave. Whether they smile or not is a choice that they make. They are not victims of their emotions or events that happen to them. Rather they can choose how they react when positive or negative things happen.

5. **There are no feelings so bad that you can’t talk about them**– One vital life skill is the ability to speak about emotional issues rather than bottle up feelings or lash out at others. By acknowledging children when they feel sad, angry or scared, providing opportunities to talk about feelings and giving them some strategies to deal with emotions, we are equipping children with fantastic life tools.

Thank you Mat, Corey, Brodie and Khye, and also to Mrs McSweeney and Mr Tozer.
It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.

PARENTS’ CLUB

PARENTS’ CLUB MEETINGS—ALL WELCOME
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held on Monday, 28th May after assembly. Please meet in the office. New members are always welcome at our meetings so please come along and join in.

WINNERS OF MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE
Congratulations to the following lucky winners of the Mothers’ Day raffle:

1st Prize Kaycee G (6S)
2nd Prize Devlin L (5M)
3rd Prize Jesse H (2B)
4th Prize Joshua B (4D)
5th Prize Riley M (5B)
6th Prize Tarni C (6B)
7th Prize Lachlan G (5B)
8th Prize Jeremy H (6B)
9th Prize Jeremy H (6B)
10th Prize Dylan M (4D)
11th Prize Jack B (PBS)
12th Prize Jasper C (6B)

13th Prize Lilleah C (1M)

FORTHCOMING EVENT:
• School Disco Friday, 15th June
In school hall, Ballam Park PS students only. Cost $5 includes drink and treat.

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.

Asthma-and-School-Holidays---Tips-for-Travel

When travelling it is important to be aware that different locations and environments may harbour triggers for asthma; particularly new triggers that you or your child may not have come into contact with before. 

- Even if asthma is mild or has not occurred for some time, travel to a new destination can often bring about asthma symptoms.

- People with asthma should always carry reliever medication and a spacer with them when they travel to ensure they can treat asthma symptoms quickly if they occur.

- It is important that people with asthma take enough medication to last for the trip, and have repeat prescriptions with them if they expect to run out during the trip.

- People with asthma should have a review with their doctor and update their Asthma Action Plan prior to the trip. A clear guide is available on what to do if asthma symptoms or an asthma attack occur while on holiday.

- Ensure that travel insurance adequately covers medical costs and needs while on holiday. Some policies may not cover for asthma treatment if a recent asthma emergency has occurred. Be sure to read the fine print or ask the insurance provider about their asthma coverage.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800-645-130 or email schools@asthma.org.au.
ICAS 2012
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS

ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement as an external assessment. In previous years students from Years 3-6 have been invited to participate in the Maths and English Competitions. Students entering the competitions complete tasks under test conditions at school on dates determined by the organisers.

Participating students receive detailed results of their performance and a certificate. Our school receives a copy of results and access to these via the Internet.

The cost for entering each competition is $7.00.

If you wish your child to participate and did not receive a notice, these are available from the office. The sitting date for each competition is as follows:

**English - Tuesday, 31st July**
**Mathematics - Tuesday, 14th August**

Notices and payment for all competitions, must be received by:

**FRIDAY, 15TH JUNE**

No late entries can be accepted.

Parents wanting to know more about the competitions and/or to purchase past papers can do so at the following address: [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

For further information, contact Jan Beilken at school.

Jan Beilken
ICAS Co-ordinator

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**Ballam Park “Boomers” Basketball Club Inc**

Well, what a fantastic weekend it was for the Ballam Park Boomers last weekend.

The grade 2 team played FE Falcons at Frankston Stadium. It was a tough game, but the Boomers fought hard with an amazing comeback. Unfortunately we didn’t quite get there, but showed what little champions they really are!!

The grade 4 team came up against the Lazer Allstars at Langwarrin stadium. Another tough game, but the Boomers managed to hang on and come out of it with a 1 point win. Brilliant effort!

The grade 5 team also played at Langwarrin against the Woodlands Warrior H team. We had no subs as we had a couple of players away, but the team managed to finish with a 7 point win—what a massive effort.

All teams are working together so well, and really showing that Ballam Park spirit that makes us all so proud. Ballam Park Boomers—you really are a club made up of champions!

**GO BOOMERS!!!**

*Remember, we are always looking for new players and coaches for new teams...If you are interested in being involved, please call Kellie on 0416 055 346.*
**Murdoch District Cross Country**

The District Cross Country was held on Wednesday, 23rd May for 80 Ballam Park PS students in Years 3 – 6 at Baxter Park against the other schools within the Murdoch District including: Woodlands PS, Baxter PS, Langwarrin Park PS, Langwarrin PS, Pearcedale PS, Somerville PS and Somerville Rise PS.

Students competed in age based events over the following distances:  8/9yo – 1.5km, 10yo – 2km, 11yo – 3km, 12/13yo – 3km.

All students who attended and participated found the Baxter Park course quite tough, and were up against some strong runners from schools much larger than Ballam Park PS. However, all students are to be congratulated on their fantastic efforts and behaviour on the day.

Some notable performances included:

- Carys W – 4th in 9yo girls
- Jacob W – 8th in 10yo boys
- Courtney H – 9th in 11 year old girls
- Reece M – 6th in 11 year old boys
- Callum B – 10th in 12/13 year old boys
- Zac H – 11th in 12/13yo boys

Those students who finished top 10 (except for 9 year olds) now advance to the Peninsula Zone Cross Country on Wednesday, 6th June at Mornington Racecourse.

Ballam Park PS finished 5th out of the 8 competing schools in the overall school points total.

Thank you to all Years 3 – 6 staff for their assistance with training over the last fortnight and to those staff members who attended on the day including Mrs Duncan, Mrs Davis, Miss McLeod and Mrs Street.

**Inter-school Winter Sport**

Years 5/6 students have been busy competing in Inter-school Winter Sports over the last few weeks on Friday mornings.

Tomorrow’s Round 5 matches are against Langwarrin Park PS (weather permitting) at the following venues:

- Football and newcombe – Ballam Park
- Netball, tee-ball and soccer – Langwarrin Park PS

All games will be from 9.30am – 10.45am. Parents are more than welcome to attend and lend their support.

**Years 3 – 6 Fitness Tests**

All Years 3 – 6 students have recently completed their Term 2 ‘Beep-tests’ in P.E. classes. Students were tested in early Term 1, and since have participated in a variety of fitness activities in P.E. and sport sessions including fitness circuits, fitness track running time-trials, and School and District Cross Country events.

Many students showed considerable improvement in their fitness levels in that short amount of time based on Term 1 and Term 2 ‘Beep Test’ results, which was most pleasing to see.

*Darren O’Brien  
Sports Coordinator*
Woolworths Earn & Learn Program
2012...Don’t forget to ask for stickers!

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2012 is now operating. We hope everyone will support our school by simply collecting stickers at the checkout of Woolworths supermarkets (self-service included) until 22nd July 2012. The stickers are then placed on your child’s sticker card, with one sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, please send the sticker card to school with your child. For every sticker card placed in the box at the office, our school will earn valuable learning resources. We appreciate your support.

Last year Ballam Park PS received many useful resources as a result of parents and friends supporting this initiative.

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

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, 22nd September 2012 – Sunday, 23rd 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. Thank you.
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PBS~ Lily W  Aiden R  Charlotte N
PHS~ Dayle C  Vincent Y  Jordon P
1M~ Lilly M  Shai H  Ebony H
2B~ Rhys P  Mandy G
3D~ Gardenia F  Adrian M  Kathryn S
4D~ Cooper M  Hayley T  Chloe T
5B~ Jack K  Hope A  Freja R
6S~ Tyson M  Zach S
6B~ Nathan L  Colomen G  Melissa E  Klay S  Kiara W  Tionne C

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.

Money Box 10 Tokens
No Adly Cool Pet Spin
Release Date: February 2012

Wallet 10 Tokens
Release Date: February 2012

Drink Bottle 10 Tokens
Release Date: February 2012

Lunch Box 10 Tokens
Release Date: February 2012

Watch 10 Tokens
Release Date: February 2012

Handball 10 Tokens
Release Date: February 2012

Booklight 10 Tokens
Release Date: May 2012

Pen Pod 10 Tokens
Release Date: May 2012

USB 10 Tokens
Release Date: October 2012

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.
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).
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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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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.

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TERM DATES 2012–2013

2012
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.