PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Family Night
A sincere thank you to all the families that came along and supported our open evening last Wednesday. Thank you also to the staff who organised the evening and stayed back after work to run activities and welcome their students’ families to their classrooms.

LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY
Monday, 1st March
At the whole school assembly next Monday, presentations of badges will be made to all House Captains, Student Representative Council (SRC) and Coastal Ambassadors. All parents are most welcome to attend.

Morning Assemblies - Parents are most welcome to attend
Every morning we begin the school day with a whole school assembly. From Tuesdays to Fridays this is held outdoors and is usually quite short. On Mondays, assembly is in the hall and is the time when awards are given. On this coming Monday, House Leaders, SRC Representatives and Coastal Ambassadors will all be presented to the school.

Pupil Free Days
There are two pupil free days remaining for 2010:
Friday, 18th June - Reporting to parents
Monday, 9th August - all Victorian Government schools

Reminders
* Wednesday, 17th March - Karingal Kids’ Arvo
* Next three Mondays 1st, 15th & 22nd March - Connected Families Karingal program “Getting Kids to Cooperate” here at school, starting after assembly. All parents welcome.
It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell

New School Website for Ballam Park Primary School
This week we have a new website hosted by SponserEd. It will be much easier and less technical for us to keep up to date and so, will be more interesting and useful to parents. It also provides the school with a passive form of fundraising income. Every time someone goes to our webpage, it generates a small amount of income for the school. It would be great if every family at home made it their Home Page. The address remains unchanged at www.ballamparkps.vic.edu.au

Cyber safety - Students using Facebook
I believe that a number of our students have Facebook pages which have had no security settings activated. This allows any Facebook user to access their profiles. Has your child set up a facebook page by claiming to be 18 or older? If so, has he/she activated the security settings that are available on Facebook? Is your child sure who is “talking” to them on facebook?
See: www.cybersmartkids.com.au

Superclubsplus is a safe online forum for 6-12 year olds. It is Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) sponsored and monitored 24 hours a day. It is a much safer alternative to Facebook and My Space.

Reminder - Car Park Safety
Parent cars in the staff car park at drop-off and pick-up times create a safety threat to children who walk out from or into the car park from and to the cars. The students have been told that they are not to walk through the staff car park. Please do not ask your child to ignore this safety rule. Please park outside the school either near the athletics track or at the Naranga Crescent (eastern) end of the school.

Footsteps Dance
Today is the fourth week of this great program which gives the students an excellent experience of combining sequences of movement with music. It has been fantastic to see the excellent level of support from the students and parents. Remember that if you (parents) would like to come along one week and watch, you can ask your child what time their session is or contact the school office for the timetable.

Today a group of ten Years 5 and 6 students, who have been having some extra practice sessions, opened the Frankston Principal's Conference in Albert Park. Their report on the experience will be in our next newsletter.

Mark Renouf, Principal

The Assistant Principal Role
This year offers me a new opportunity to take on the shared Assistant Principal role with Mrs Sue McSweeney. I have been at the school for many years, firstly as the Librarian and then as a Year 6 teacher.

My role this year involves many of the administration tasks in the daily running of the school, meeting parents and meeting their concerns or enquiries, as well as leading the Student Welfare team. I am responsible for Assessment and Reporting which includes the student reports and the Curriculum Coordination. A teaching component is also part of my role. I will be working with groups of students in the Years 5 and 6 area, providing extra assistance and extension sessions.

I look forward to getting to know all the students and parents in the school community, and being available to help ensure your child is happy and learning to the best of their ability.

Maree Renowden

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS YEAR 2010 and EMA APPLICATION REMINDER

PLEASE NOTE: Ballam Park Primary School does not charge school fees or ask parents to make a voluntary contribution.

Thank you to all those parents who have already paid for their child’s supplies.

It would be appreciated if outstanding payments for the 2010 Essential Education Items could be finalised by tomorrow, Friday, 26th February 2010. A reminder that there are facilities for EFTPOS, credit card and phone credit at the office. There is also BPAY, with the BPAY details on your statement.

Alternatively, for parents who are eligible, an application for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) should be completed by no later than Friday, 26th February 2010.
What’s happening in Maths at Ballam Park?

The students in Level One are learning and practising counting the numbers one to ten. We have all been playing a new game called Buggy Bingo. It takes lots of concentrating and lots of counting. Well done Preps!

The students in Level Two are practising addition. They are rolling two dice to find the total. It looks like you are working and thinking very hard Year 1. We can see lots of correct answers too. Great job!

The students in Level Three are making lots of different numbers using MAB blocks. Using the MAB blocks helps the students to learn about numbers and place value in Year 3. It looks like you are working with quite large numbers, a fabulous job!
Keep up the great work every-

The students in Level Four are developing their understanding and skills using place value. They are working with all numbers up to one million.
Keep working hard everyone!
Maths Challenge

Complete the number pattern:

1, ___, 3, 4, ____  6, ____  8, 9, 10, ____

Look for a pattern. Match the box of numbers that come next.

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Put the numbers 1 to 8 in the square so that each side adds up to the middle number.

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Sport News

Inter-school Summer Sport
All Year 6 students have begun their Summer Sport season in teams of cricket, kanga cricket, rounders, newcombe and softball for the Frankston District Inter-school Sport season. With a bye the first week, Round 2 matches were completed on Friday, 19th February against Frankston Heights PS. Our next matches are TOMORROW against Overport PS with all matches at home. Matches will run from 9.30am – 10.45am.

Year 1 Swimming Program
The Year 1 Swimming Program will be held next week at Jubilee Park Aquatic Centre on Monday 1st – Thursday, 4th March.
Could all permission forms and money for swimming please be returned to the office TOMORROW so that we can notify the pool of our numbers attending swimming next week.
A reminder notice for Year 1s has been sent home this week.

District Swimming Trials
The Frankston District Swimming Trials were held last Friday (19th February) at Frankston High School. The District Trials were to select the top swimmers to advance to the Zone Swimming Finals. Two students (Rileigh S and Sian R) represented Ballam Park PS at the trials and should both be congratulated for their efforts in being selected and competing.

Years 5 and 6 Camps
Year 5 students have already received their initial notice for camp at Forest Lodge, outlining the details of the camp and costs involved. A reminder to parents that the deposit for Year 5 Camp is due THIS FRIDAY (26TH FEBRUARY).
Notices for Year 6 Camp to Coonawarra were sent home this week.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator

4L ice cream containers needed
Can you help?
As a sustainable school, we are concerned about saving water, and our drinking taps (‘bubble taps’) waste a lot of water. To use the leftover water, we put containers under our bubble taps and then use the water on our school gardens.
The best size containers are 4 litre ice-cream containers.
We don’t have enough of these to put under all our bubble taps. If you have any, could you please bring send them to school? It would be really appreciated.
Thank you
Lynda Stafford
PARENTS’ CLUB

SUNSCREEN SPF30+ KIDS ROLL-ON $5 — Please support our school by participating in this healthy fundraiser. Great to put in your child’s school bag and the school receives $2 for each Sunscreen SPF30+ roll-on sold. Please see notice in newsletter.

CAN YOU HELP US WITH EASTER RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS?
We are once again relying on your generosity for donations for our prizes in the Easter Raffle. Can you help us? Thank you to all those parents who have already sent easter eggs to school.

FORTHCOMING SAUSAGE SIZZLE: Tuesday, 16th March

SHOPPING TROLLEY TOKENS
Shopping Trolley Tokens are on sale at the office for $3 each. The tokens are a key ring which can be used in ANY trolley, so no more searching for loose gold coins! There are some great styles available.

PARENTS’ CLUB COMMITTEE 2010
President Tyla Mitchem
Vice President Jo Lothian
Secretary Robyn Anderson
Treasurer/School Council Rep Lizle Van Schalkwyk
Admin Officer Deb Pohlman/Kery Unwin

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

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Over the next fortnight, the children will be discovering the benefits of working together as a team.

For bookings please call Emma on 0418-108-557.

Star of the Week:
Ondine D and Tessa M

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
Sunscreen SPF30+ fundraiser

A reminder that our first fundraiser for the year closes next week. The sunscreen roll-on is great to put in your child’s bag. Price is $5.00 per roll-on. Please complete the order form below and return to school together with your payment. Thank you.

Best wishes
Parents’ Club

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Auscreen SPF 30+ Kids 100ml Roll-On Sunscreen is a trusted fragrance free formula that provides very high protection for children’s sensitive skin. The brand is 100% Australian owned and is made in Melbourne. It is a leading brand that has been used by Australian families for over 20 years and can be found in most major supermarkets and retail outlets. Auscreen Sunscreen is of the highest quality and has passed the Federal Government’s Therapeutic Goods Administration Test and conforms to the Australian/New Zealand Standard for Sunscreens (AS/NZ2604-1998). It also represents great value for money.

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To Ballam Park Primary School Parents’ Club

Student’s name: .................................................. Grade: ..................

Parent’s name: .................................................. Contact Phone No: .................................

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It is important that the school is kept up to date with any changes in family circumstances, change of address, telephone or new mobile number, emergency contact details, parents’ work details, etc. If there have been any changes within your family, please notify us as soon as possible by returning this note to the office, so that we can maintain accurate student details. Thank you for your co-operation.

Student(s) Names: .......................................................... Grade(s): ..........

Please note the following change(s) in student details: ..............................................................................................................................
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