Important Information about changes to EMA payments for 2013

In the Victorian State budget that was handed down in May, significant changes to the School Start Bonus and Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) were announced for 2013. Two State Government payments to parents, the School Portion of the EMA and the School Start Bonus for new Prep students, are not continuing in 2013. These changes will mean that no parent will have a 2013 credit of State Government-provided funds held at school to pay for things like:

- Essential Education Items - books, pencils, pens, computer printing paper and ink, art materials, Mathletics, Life Education program and booklet.
- All excursions and in-school visits - swimming, inter-school sport, Footsteps Dance, etc.

Next year, you will have to send money to school to pay for the Essential Education Items and every time there is an excursion or an activity like swimming.

I believe that it is important that all parents fully understand this change now, so that you are able to begin to budget for 2013.

Two suggestions:

In 2013, the school will continue to offer the option of parents signing the parent portion of the EMA over to the school. The school has BPAY facilities and most parents should be able to choose to build up a credit in their school account by making regular fortnightly direct debit payments of perhaps $10. This will mean that parents could continue to pay for school-related costs from a credit held at school.

In early Term 4 this year, we will publish a list of events and an estimate of costs for the 2013 school year to assist parents with planning and budgeting.

Mark Renouf
Principal
NOTICE TO PARENTS

(1) PUPIL FREE DAY
Wednesday, 27th June

Our school will have Wednesday, 27th June as Reporting Day for parent/teacher interviews, therefore students will not be in attendance on this day.

Teachers look forward to discussing your child’s progress on Wednesday, 27th June from 1.00pm to 7.30pm, depending on parent’s preference.

Students’ reports and interview times will be sent home on Monday, 25th June.

(2) EARLY DISMISSAL 2.30pm
Friday, 29th June

Please note that students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday, 29th June as this is the last day of Term 3.

Also, the Canteen will be closed on the first day of Term 3, Monday, 16th July.

IMPORTANT DATES 2012

JUNE
Fri 22    Winter Sport
Wed 27    (PUPIL FREE DAY
          (Parent/Teacher Mtgs 1.00-7.30pm
Thurs 28  Yrs 5 & 6 Graffiti/Vandalism Program
          Milo Day (Parents’ Club)
Fri 29    Early dismissal 2.30pm
          Last day of Term 2

JULY
Mon 16    First day of Term 3
          Canteen closed first day of Term 3
Wed 18    Canteen reopens
Fri 27    CURRICULUM DAY—Pupil Free Day

AUGUST
Wed 1    School Photographs Day (Forms sent home first day of Term 3)

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This 3D scene (see photo below) is about the Gold Rush in Ballarat and Bathurst in the 1850s. My scene includes a sleuth and a pan, two of the tools for finding gold. The main material I used for my scene was drying clay because it's easy to shape and model. I also used a plastic container, popsicle sticks, an old peg basket, some hay and scented sticks for the axles. It's really good to improvise. I completed the whole scene at home with some help from Mum. Courtney (5M)

It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.
Student Health and Happiness
“When students are happy and healthy, their learning is maximised.”

Resilience – the ability to bounce back from bad stuff!
Here are some responses from a range of our students to show their understanding of resilience.

Ignore the bad stuff...Gardenia

Not to act like the world has ended when something bad happens but be able to bounce back...Alex

Bounce back...walk away from fights...Ben

Staying strong and not giving up on what you are doing...Corey

Ignore the bad stuff...Gardenia

Someone who never gives up. If they get knocked down they get up and keep trying...Zac

If a person was insulted, they wouldn’t feel hurt, they would get back up and get on with things...Ronaldo

When someone says something rude to you, you don’t respond back in the same way...Tiarnee

If something bad happens, it doesn’t matter. You can bounce back...it’s not the end of the world...Ashley

When people say bad things to you, you can say I don’t really care – you’ve got your opinion and I’ve got mine...Trinity

Being responsible about how a problem starts and taking care of it by telling a teacher, or not letting it bug you...Melissa
Has your child been talking about VCOP?

**V**

**Vocabulary (WOW words)**
Can you use clever words in place of ordinary words?

**Said:** uttered, muttered, replied, announced, exclaimed

**Walked:** strolled, wandered, trudged

**Hate:** loathe, detest, despise

Technical words for topics

Some grades look at *Word of the Day*

**C**

**Connectives** join sentences and ideas

My baby brother watched television *while* I did my homework.

Steven loves to play basketball *whereas* Michael loves to play tennis.

She was not allowed to go to the park *unless* her big brother went with her.

*Furthermore,* I don’t believe....

**O**

**Openers** are powerful ways to start stories and sentences.

**Use a connective:**
After lunch, we went for a walk.

**Use an adverb** (*ly* or *ed* word)
Quickly, she raced through the forest.

**Use a verb**
Giggling and laughing, they skipped home.

**Use a noun or adjective**
Leaves fell from the trees...

**Use a simile or metaphor**
Like a lion, he faced battle...

**Use a feeling**
Lonely, she walked the corridors.

**P**

**Boundary punctuation** shows where sentences begin and end.

All sentences start with a capital letter. A statement can end with a full stop or an exclamation mark.

A question ends with a question mark.

Quotation Marks (Talking marks) show dialogue.

Commas separate words in a list and phrases added to sentences.
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
Year 4 students performed puppet plays for their families this week.

They designed and created their own puppets, wrote their own scripts and prepared props and backgrounds.

They all thoroughly enjoyed the unit of work, especially the performance!

Thank you to all who attended.
Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for May 2012.

Noah R. - Prep H for Organisation
Rylie R. - 1SM for Persistence
Chloe M. - 2B for Getting Along
Josephine K. - 3F for Getting Along
Dylan M. - 4D for Confidence
Terai N. - 5B for Getting Along
Sarah S. - 6S for Organisation

Stephanie U. - Prep B for Confidence
Phoenix S. - 1M for Persistence
Jacob L. - 2L for Getting Along
Marcelle J. - 3D for Getting Along
Saxyn P. - 4R for Organisation
Jessica S. - 5M for Persistence
Melissa E. - 6B for Organisation

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program 2012
Don’t forget to ask for stickers!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our school with the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program by collecting stickers at the checkout of Woolworths supermarkets (self-service included). This program runs until 22nd July 2012. The stickers need to be placed on your child’s sticker card, with one sticker for every $10 spent. Additional card sheets are available at the office. Please send completed sticker cards to school with your child. For every sticker card returned to the office, our school will earn valuable learning resources. Last year Ballam Park PS received many useful resources as a result of parents and friends supporting this initiative.

We sincerely appreciate your support.

PLEASE BRING YOUR BEST SMILE ON SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY
WEDNESDAY, 1st AUGUST

Our school photographs will be taken on Wednesday, 1st August 2012. Order forms (one per student) will be sent home on the first Monday of Term 3. Please return the envelope with payment for your child to give to the photographer on photo day, Wednesday, 1st August.

It would be greatly appreciated if all students could attend in full school uniform on Wednesday, 1st August, including wearing a blue uniform top (apache jacket/windcheater/bomber jacket/polar fleece jacket, etc.). Thank you.

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.

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
HELP PLEASE!!!

DONATIONS OF SECONDHAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

Thank you to those kind parents who have donated pre-loved uniforms to the school. We are still in urgent 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, especially windcheaters and track pants.

Your donations are sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

“Woof! I’ve missed you…!”

Don’t forget SCHOOL BANKING DAY is EVERY TUESDAY!

It is important to learn to save EVERY WEEK and, if you do, you will soon have ten tokens and you could choose ME (Pat the Dog) as your reward! Also every time your school gets a new student banker who starts making deposits, this gives your school a commission of $5.00.

If you would like to open an account, you can collect an information pack from the school office, a Commonwealth Bank branch, or download an application form from www.commbank.com.au

“Don’t forget me…and your School Banking! Woof! Woof!”

Pat the Dog,
Commonwealth Bank

PARENTS’ CLUB

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 so please come along and join in.

DISCO THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to all those parents who helped out at the school Disco last Friday night and to Mr Renouf who also assisted. A number of comments have been made about students being very well behaved, so thank you to all those children who attended for your good conduct.

MILO DAY

The Parents’ Club will be selling Milo drinks with or without marshmallows for $2 on Thursday, 28th June.

CANTEEN

SPECIAL MONDAYS IN TERM 3

Starts Monday, 23rd July

Don’t miss out!

HOT DOG & A DRINK

FOR ONLY $3

Winter Special available on MONDAYS ONLY
What impact does graffiti have on your child, your family and your community?

These questions and others are explored in a creative, education presentation themed “RESPECT IT, DON’T WRECK IT!” and focuses on preventing youth from travelling down the graffiti path.

Frankston City Council recently secured a Community Crime Prevention state grant, through the Department of Justice Graffiti Grants Program, to deliver a preventative anti-graffiti pilot program to a selection of Primary and Secondary schools in Frankston.

The program is designed to enhance Council’s existing Graffiti Minimisation Strategy in the area of prevention, and will be delivered by Warner Awareness Education to year 5, 6 and 8 students.

Highly engaging and entertaining the program is designed to prevent youth from undertaking a range of anti-social behaviours with a focus on tagging, and provides them with crucial life skills.

The developed approach involves an interactive, entertaining presentation with the aim of involving your child in thinking about and discovering the impacts of graffiti, in particular tagging, with a focus on the criminal aspects. (It is illegal when a person damages or defaces private and public places without the property owner’s permission).

The delivery combines acting, role play and facilitation to guide and involve the students in social development topics like self respect, positive decision making and responsible action.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Talk to your child about respecting other people’s property and the issues surrounding property damage. The success of this type of program is enhanced when it is reinforced at home. Discuss the Graffiti Prevention Act that covers graffiti specific offences & penalties, e.g:
   - Marking property without owner’s consent: Jail term of up to 2 years and fine of up to $28,037.
   - Possessing a graffiti implement while on or near public transport property: Carries a fine of up to $2,921 or an on the spot fine of up to $584.

2. Seek further information by visiting Council’s websites:
   - For fun youth activities, information and support log on to Council’s Youth Resource Centre www.youth.frankston.vic.gov.au or phone 9768 1366.

Program funded by
Department of Justice
Graffiti Grants Program:
Some children from Ballam Park Kindergarten visited Ballam Park Primary yesterday. They spent time in the Prep classrooms, played games and read with Year 4 students in our Library, and attended the incursion ‘Flying Bookworm.’

Come and Play sessions will start in Term 3. These sessions are designed for kinder children interested in attending our school in 2013.
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.

### 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

**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.**  

**PUPIL FREE DAYS:**
- * Wednesday, 27th June 2012 (Parent/Teacher Meetings)
- * Friday, 27th July 2012 (Curriculum Planning)
OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

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To finish off the term, we will be completing all our artwork.

We are still collecting blankets, towels and food for RSPCA and your help is appreciated.

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

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

Star of the Week:
Sophie H... for amazing manners and kindness

Emma Cooper
Phone 0402-354-584

Our school is collecting COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS!

Last year our school received some fantastic sports equipment through the Coles Sports for Schools vouchers program. We hope that our school families and friends will start collecting these Coles vouchers for us again this year. Please send vouchers to the school office.

Collecting vouchers is easy! Shoppers will earn one voucher for every $10 spent in a Coles, Coles Online, Bi-Lo or Pick ‘n’ Pay store from now until August.

This week, until Sunday, 24th June, shoppers will receive TWO VOUCHERS for every $10 spent!

We appreciate your support. Thank you.
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 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
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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Frankston City Libraries
School Holiday Program July 2012
Some sessions require bookings.
Bookings taken from Monday, 18 June 2012
Children need to be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.
Frankston Library, 60 Playne Street, Frankston 3199
Carrum Downs Library
203 Lyrebird Drive, Carrum Downs 3201
Visit us online for more details www.frankston.vic.gov.au/library
Email: libraryenquiries@frankston.vic.gov.au
Please note: There will be no pre-school storytimes

Frankston Toy Library Inc
MARKET DAY!!!!!

The Frankston Toy Library is holding a Market Day!
PLEASE come along and support the Frankston Toy Library!
When: Saturday 23rd June
Time: 11am - 2pm
Where: Frankston Toy Library, 20 Riddell Street Frankston
Cost: Free Entry
Don’t miss this fantastic event!!
For more information email: events@frankstontoylibrary.org.au

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