PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Student Leadership Award
Congratulations to Sarah and Rhys on being chosen by your classmates as two of our most outstanding Year 6 student leaders.

African Drumming
Most children in Years 3 to 6 attended and really enjoyed this performance last week.

The Ultranet – A new online learning resource for Victorian Government Schools
The Ultranet is here! This exciting new online learning system is building a network across Victoria that will take Victorian government schools into the learning environment of the future.

The Ultranet is a statewide, secure site that students, parents and teachers can access via the internet. It will provide a new learning space and more opportunities for information sharing across the Victorian government school system.

Teachers will be the first to access the Ultranet, followed by students and parents from later this year or early next year. The Ultranet will connect 50,000 teachers, 500,000 students and one million parents.

The Ultranet will give parents better access to information so they can monitor and support their child’s learning. Parents can access the Ultranet at their own convenience – at home or at work, anywhere or anytime.

Parents will be able to:
- see what’s happening with their child at school such as their attendance and timetable;
- check their child’s learning progress, including at home or in-school tasks and teacher feedback;
- discuss learning or schooling issues with their child as they arise;
- work more closely with teachers to support their child at school.
At first, the amount of student information that parents will see on the Ultranet may vary from school to school. It will depend on how long the school has had access to the system and how they have chosen to introduce it into the classroom.

The Ultranet will not replace personal communication between parents and teachers – parents should always contact the school directly if they have concerns about their child’s learning.

Who can access the Ultranet as a ‘parent’? Access to the Ultranet as a parent/guardian is determined by one of the following relationships to a child enrolled in a Victorian government school:

- a parent
- a step-parent
- an adoptive parent
- a foster parent
- a legal guardian
- a person who has custody or daily care and control of a child.

More information will be sent home about the Ultranet as students begin to use it.

Mark Renouf
Principal

Coles Sports for Schools Program

The Coles Sports for Schools program is a great way to get some sporting equipment for our school, simply by collecting vouchers from your weekly shopping at Coles, Coles Online and Coles Bi-Lo. Our school has now registered, and we have 8 weeks to collect as many Sports for Schools vouchers as possible. Hopefully your family and friends may be able to help.

From today, Thursday, 2nd September until Sunday, 31st October 2010, every $10 spent at Coles Supermarkets will earn customers a Coles Sports for Schools voucher worth 1 point. For as little as 85 points, schools will be able to get some brand new sporting equipment. There is a box in the office for collection of Coles vouchers.

We hope everyone will support this opportunity to get some sporting equipment for our school.

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for May 2010

Coles Sports for Schools Program

![Coles Sports for Schools Program](image)

**Students of the Month**

**May**

**Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for May 2010**

- Melanie A - Prep B for Confidence
- Ivory L - 1M for Persistence
- Seth C - 2P for Persistence
- Brodie M - 3D for Organisation
- Gabby R - 3/4R for Confidence
- Sebastian I - 4/5B for Organisation
- Cornelia K - 5S for Resilience
- Lily W - Prep S for Persistence
- Matthew H - 1H for Getting Along
- Mia M - 2J for Persistence
- Sammy T - 3F for Persistence
- Zach S - 4M for Getting Along
- Kendall W - 5H for Persistence
- Curtiss L - 6B for Confidence
- Kristy-Lee H - 6PD for Confidence
Enrolments are presently being accepted for children commencing Prep in 2011

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 2011, for admission in 2011.

- If your child was born in a country other than Australia, the appropriate **visa**.

- **School entry immunisation certificate**
  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 2010.)

- **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*
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR STALL HOLDERS

BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL 40th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FETE
Friday, 22nd October 2010

Name: .............................................................

Phone No: ......................................................

Type of Stall: ................................................................

For cost of stalls and general information, please contact Kery 0432-456-402 or Tyla 0421-872-953

PARENTS’ CLUB

THANK YOU — FATHERS’ DAY RAFFLE
A big THANK YOU to MITRE 10 FRANKSTON and THE GOOD GUYS, FRANKSTON for your generous support for our Fathers’ Day raffle prizes. Your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL AND RAFFLE
The Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Thursday, 2nd September, with a variety of gifts available for children to buy. Prices will range from 50 cents to $5.00. Raffle prizes are on display in the office. Tickets cost 50 cents each and the raffle will be drawn on Friday, 3rd September at morning assembly.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION FETE???
The Parents’ Club is organising a 40th Birthday Celebration Fete to be held on Friday, 22nd October and we are looking for interested stall holders. If you would like to join in this day, please complete the above form and return to school.

CAN YOU HELP WITH FETE SPONSORSHIP?
We are calling on any parents and friends who have a business/company or know of a business which would be willing to provide sponsorship towards the costs of running our 40th Birthday Celebration Fete. Any support would be much appreciated, and in return we will be pleased to advertise your business. Please contact Tyla 0421-872-953 or Kery 0432-456-402 to register your interest. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

A special thank you to
COMMONWEALTH BANK, KARINGAL
for becoming a Fete Sponsor and for the generous donation.

*(Please return to school office)*

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Commonwealth Bank School Banking is here at school in 2010!
School Banking is a great way to help teach children to save and also get great benefits for our school.

There is an exciting new Rewards Program with great merchandise up for grabs. Children receive a token every time they bank and can redeem their tokens for amazing gifts such as hats, pencil cases, backpacks and much more.

*Every new account opened through our school earns our school $5 and we also receive commission with every deposit.*

*Every child who opens a new account in 2010 will receive a FREE PLATYPUS MONEY BOX.*

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Youthsaver Account please complete the form below and return it to the office ASAP. Alternatively, if you have an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, your child can start banking straight away so just send your book in every week on Tuesday.

School Banking Day is **every Tuesday**.

Any questions – please feel free to contact Jo Lothian, School Banking Coordinator c/o the office

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**CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?**  
**MY TIME - KARINGAL**

Would you like to meet up weekly with other parents/carers of children with special needs? Morning tea and activities are provided by My Time Karingal from 9.30-11.30am on Tuesdays.

My Time groups provide facilitated peer support for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for children with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition. Socialise and share ideas and information with others who understand the rewards and intensity of caring for a child with special needs.

You are also welcome to attend even if your child is attending school.

**Please Contact:** Raylene Cullen on 0417 033 961 or visit [http://www.myt ime.net.au](http://www.myt ime.net.au)

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**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**  
*(operated by Primary School Wear)*

The Uniform Shop (which is located at the end of the senior building near the Library) is open **every Thursday — 8.30 to 9.45am**. Uniform orders may be left at the school office at any time. If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop, you may make a phone order with a credit card payment, telephone 9581-3333. The order will be packed and delivered to your child. Uniform items can also be ordered online at [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au)

BPPS uniforms are also available at Primary School Wear Frankston store, 21 Playne Street, Frankston (opposite Savers), phone 9769-6510.
OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

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The children at OSHC will be participating in a variety of experiences to help develop independence and decision making while being considerate to one another.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER
For bookings please call Emma on 0402-258-786.

Star of the Week:
PHOENIX B
for better decision making

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

Minimising Exposure to Asthma Triggers

Although we don’t know what causes asthma, we do know that under certain circumstances the airways react and asthma symptoms develop. We refer to the stimuli that can lead to asthma as “triggers”. Reducing your exposure to things that trigger your asthma is a large part of taking control of your asthma. Here are some asthma triggers you should be aware of:

**Changes to weather/air temperature:**
Temperature change - either hot to cold or cold to hot can be an asthma trigger. Typically, the drop in temperature at night can trigger asthma. If you are affected by cold air, try to avoid breathing through your mouth and exercise indoors.

**Dust/Dust Mites:**
House dust mites are microscopic creatures that are too small to be seen, and small enough to be inhaled. Millions of mites can be found throughout the home, but they especially thrive in any warm, humid places, particularly beds, fabric-covered furniture, cushions and carpet, and children's soft toys. When it comes to dust mite control, remember this simple rule: if you cannot remove it, then encase it, wash it or wipe it.

**Pollens:**
Airborne pollens are a very common trigger for asthma symptoms. Many trees, grasses and weeds, have small, light, dry pollens that rely on the wind to disperse. Pollens can blow for many miles. You can monitor the daily pollen count from September to December on the Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s website www.asthma.org.au.

**Gardens:**
Gardens can harbor many triggers that may cause trouble for hayfever and asthma. Things to be aware of in the garden that can cause trouble for allergies and asthma include: pollens, mould spores, animal dander, venom of sting insects, weather. The 'Low Allergen Garden’ brochure offers practical tips to avoid contact with common garden allergen and triggers. To obtain a copy of this brochure contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria.

If you would like more information please call The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au
TERM DATES 2010-2012

2010
Term 3: 12 July to 17 September 2010
Term 4: 4 October to 17 December 2010

2011
Term 1: 4 February (students start) to 8 April 2011
Teachers begin Term 1 on 1 February
Term 2: 27 April to 1 July 2011*
Term 3: 18 July to 23 September 2011
Term 4: 10 October to 22 December 2011

*(25 April is Easter Monday, a public holiday, as well as ANZAC Day. 26 April is a public holiday in lieu of ANZAC Day)

Please note that schools are able to set a student free day in either Term 2 or Term 3.

2012
Term 1: 6 February (students start) to 30 March 2012
Teachers begin Term 1 on 1 February
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June 2012
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September 2012
Term 4: 8 October to 21 December 2012

Please note that schools are able to set a student free day in either Term 2 or Term 3.

Dads & Lads
Outdoor Bonding adventure!
Fathers’ Day Weekend 4-5 September

Dads & Lads is a fun weekend created especially for dads, sons, granddads, uncles and nephews to spend quality time together in the great outdoors of Phillip Island.
Book now—call Jade Cranton on 5951-2802
Phillip Island Nature Parks

Moonlit Sanctuary Summer School Holidays
Young Ranger Program
Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care,
Fun and Games in Spring 2010
Friday 24th, Monday 27th, Wed 29th September,
Friday 1st October

Cost: $39.00 per day, or $105 for 3 days.
Bookings essential - suitable 8-14 years.
Hours: 10.00am – 3.00pm
Wear closed-toe shoes, long pants & remember your hat
Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50
Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

KEYBOARD OPEN LESSON DAY
Ballam Park Primary School
in association with the Primary Music Institute
cordially invites you to attend a special event - our Keyboard Open Lesson Day

All parents and relatives, especially those of our present students, are invited to come and see the students take part in a group keyboard music lesson.

The keyboard teacher will demonstrate different aspects covered during a keyboard lesson. This provides a great opportunity for parents to gain a better understanding of the program and to interact with the keyboard teacher.
Lessons will be held at the usual times unless an unexpected event occurs at school on the big day.

Parents are advised to check with the school or Primary Music Institute on 1300 764 877 if in doubt of the lesson time of their child. So come and join in the fun on Friday 10th September 2010 (at the normal lesson times) See you there!

CHANGE TO STUDENT DETAILS
(Please return to office)

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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Thank you