PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Absence
I will be absent for the first three weeks of Term 3. During that time, Mrs Sue McSweeney will be Acting Principal and will be supported in that role by Mrs Maree Renowden. Other senior classroom teachers will be relieved of classroom duties on some days to be involved in responsibilities that support Mrs McSweeney and Mrs Renowden.

Netball Ring Rescue
This year, the adult netball teams associated with Karingal Football Club have been using our bottom netball court for training and home games. Last week they came to our rescue after one of the old netball goal rings broke two days before our last inter-school sport day on Friday.

I would like to thank Sara Bourke who bought and picked up a replacement ring, and Tristan Moore who removed the old ring and installed a new one on Thursday. This was all done so fast that I don't think our students even noticed, but a relieved Mr O'Brien certainly did.

Students take V.I.P. on a School Tour
Last Tuesday, Mrs Inga Peulich MLC, the State Parliamentary Secretary to the Education Minister came to visit our school. Two of our House Captains, Georgia and Brandon, had the task of leading a school tour during the lunch break and did such a thorough job that the School Council President and I had very little left to add. Thank you Brandon and Georgia.

NEW PRICE LIST FOR CANTEEN
Attached to this newsletter is a new Canteen price list which will operate from the commencement of Term 3. Please dispose of any old Canteen price lists.

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

NOTICE TO PARENTS
2.30pm Dismissal
Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday 1 July as this is the last day of Term 2.
Please note the Canteen will be closed on the first day of Term 3, Monday, 18th July.

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY
Fri 1 End of Term 2.30pm Dismissal
Thurs 21 Years 3-6 Hot Chocolate Milo Day
Mon 25 Big Burger Bonanza Day (Canteen)
Tues 26 Prep-Year 2 Hot Chocolate Milo Day

AUGUST
Tues 2 Year 3 Excursion to Gould League
Wed 3 School Photos
Tues 9 Year 4 Excursion to Gould League
Tues 10
Tues 17 Prep 2012 Come and Play Sessions
Tues 24 2.30-3.30pm
Tues 31
Thurs 25 Year 2 Zoo Excursion
School Chaplain

Kaye Coughlan, our Chaplain is unwell and will be absent for the remainder of 2011.

Fortunately, I have been successful in locating another experienced School Chaplain, Angela Bilson who will begin here on Wednesdays and Thursdays at the start of next term. Angela has provided an introduction of herself to our school community which I have included on this page.

Given recent attention in the media to School Chaplaincy, much of it negative, I would also like to state that both Kaye Coughlan and Angela Bilson hold university degrees that qualify them to provide counselling to students, staff and parents. I also note that in the last three and a half years, there has not been one parent complaint about our School Chaplain’s work. It is not in the Chaplain’s role to be promoting any of their own spiritual perspectives.

School Council Parent Vacancies

There is currently an opportunity for two members of our parent community to be co-opted onto School Council for the four remaining meetings this year and the first meeting of 2012.

School Council meeting dates are: August 8th, September 12th, November 14th and December 12th. There will also be a meeting in mid February 2012. Meetings begin at 5.30pm and are generally finished by 7.00pm. School Council considers and endorses reports from the Principal, Assistant Principals, Curriculum, Parents’ Club and Finance. Agenda items, including items listed by parents on School Council, are discussed and decisions are made.

If you would like to join the parent representation on School Council, please give me a call at school (9789-5614) or come to see me. You would be welcome to come as a visitor to a Council meeting before making any commitment to filling one of the vacancies.

School Holiday Programs in Frankston & nearby

Follow this link for three pages of ideas:
Frankston Visitor Information Centre website at www.visitfrankston.com — there is a link to school holiday activities on the home page.

Art and Music Supplies Clear Out

With the opening of the new Art and Music rooms, there are many surplus art and music materials that both Mrs Rhodes and Mr Ennis do not require and which have been left in the multi-purpose area behind the Library. Items include recorders, xylophones, art supplies (paper, wool, material, cardboard, paint, etc), tools, and art easels.

We are inviting parents to take any of these items they may want to take home immediately after school tomorrow (2.30pm).

Mark Renouf, Principal

My Name is Angela Bilson and I will be filling in for Kaye Coughlan in the position of School Chaplain for the remainder of 2011.

To give you a bit of insight as to who I am, I will give you a bit of background information about myself.

I am married with four children, two of which are still in primary school. My hobbies include reading, knitting, sewing, camping, bushwalking and spending time with family and friends.

I have a Bachelor of Applied Social Science (Counselling), and currently work as the Chaplain at Aldercourt Primary School in Frankston North. I have been in that role for two and a half years now, and I thoroughly enjoy working with the children and their families. My approach to Chaplaincy work which is primarily that of a welfare role, is to support, encourage, empower and help young people to be the best that they can be!

I also work in a casual position for Knox City Council in Youth Services from time to time. This involves working in the Youth Information Centre at Knox City as well as program delivery in Secondary Schools in the city of Knox.

I will be working at Ballam Park Primary School on Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning in Term 3. Please feel free to contact me through the school office. I will be happy to meet with parents at any time, and feel free to say ‘Hi’ and introduce yourself to me.

I look forward to working here at Ballam Park PS for the next two terms, and being part of your great school community.

Kind Regards,

Angela Bilson
Last Monday we enjoyed a visit from Ballam Park Preschool. Our students in 6C read stories to the kinder children and then they used the computer program ‘Paint’ on the computer. We spent some time with the Prep grades for stories and songs and also listened to a story from the interactive whiteboard. A little play outside on our Junior
Student Health and Happiness

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

Why not get out and play these Holidays?

With the holidays looming it is a good time to explore the importance of play in the life of a child.

Playing is an instinctive thing for animals as well as humans. Have you ever watched a puppy or a kitten and see how they explore their world and learn the skills they need to survive?

The benefits of play for young children should not be underestimated, and should be seen as an essential part of growing up.

Why is Playing so Important?

- Play allows the child to be ‘in charge’ – the child gets to run the show!
- Play helps the child to learn about the world in which they live.
- Play helps build self-esteem. Children will often play at something they can do well, at which they can be successful.
- Play builds social skills. The child may start with their toys and then move on to playing with other children. They learn to take turns, share, exert themselves and begin to understand how others may feel.
- Play helps children sort out their feelings – they may act out their anxiety about an unpleasant happening, such as going to the dentist.
- Play helps language development.
- Play allows children to grow beyond their years – pretending to be a doctor or racing car driver.
- Play can also stimulate the child’s creativity and imagination.
- Play is an antidote to loneliness, isolation, anxiety and depression.
- Play makes us happy.
- Play connects us with others.

Play Time instead of Screen Time

With television and all the computer and video games around, it may be difficult to get children to want to play outdoors these days.

Here are a few suggestions that you may like to consider this holidays:

- Have a dress up box (put in some old clothes, shoes, bags, hats etc) and allow children to play.
- Visit the playground and park.
- Make and fly a kite.
- Go fishing.
- Write and perform a skit or play.
- Establish and work on your hobby (stamps, model making, scrap booking etc).
- Go for a Nature Walk and collect interesting things that you find along the way.
- Go for a bike ride.
- Hair Salon Prop Box – include combs, brushes, hair rollers, ribbons, hair ties and an old hair dryer with the cord removed.
- Race track—Use a large flattened cardboard box to draw a race track. And get toy cars out and become Mark Webber for the day.
- Playing Shop—Set up a grocery—use some cans and empty cereal type boxes, and some pretend money.
- Play some board games or card games.
Prep Enrolments for 2012

Ballam Park Primary School
Gate 1, Belar Avenue, Frankston 3199

Enrolments are presently being accepted for children commencing Prep in 2012

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 2012, for admission in 2012.

♦ 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 2011.)

♦ **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
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.

“What’s Your Story” – Scrapbooking My Life
You are invited to join our FREE 5 week program

Children aged 8 – 12 years, with a parent/carer welcome

Explore children’s life long learning through books!!!

By taking part in the “What’s Your Story” program, parents, grandparents or carers can work together with their children/grandchildren to develop a scrapbook – life story and undertake many fun-filled activities.

Dates
1. Thurs 28th July - 3.45-4.45pm at Ballam Park PS
2. Thurs 4th August - 3.45-4.45pm at Ballam Park PS
3. Thurs 11th August - 3.45-4.45pm at Ballam Park PS
4. Thurs 18th August - 3.45-4.45pm at Ballam Park PS

PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS

PARENTS’ CLUB MEETINGS — ALL WELCOME
Parents’ Club meetings are held in the staff room each Monday morning after assembly. New members are always welcome at the Parents’ Club. Please come along and join in.

PAULS MILK ‘COLLECT A CAP’
We have registered our school for the ‘Collect A Cap’ fundraising activity by Pauls Milk. Could parents please collect any Pauls Milk ‘Collect A Cap’ milk caps (Rev, Smart Milk) and send them to school. Every cap equals 10 cents to our school, and all money raised will go towards much needed school facilities. Every cap counts! We hope you can help!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE—THURSDAY, 23RD JUNE
Thank you to parents for your continuing support of our Sausage Sizzles, even though we had to put the prices up for the first time in over 10 years due to the rise in cost of living. Thank you also to all the wonderful helpers who worked hard on the day of the Sausage Sizzle.

HOT CHOCOLATE MILO DAY (WITH MARSHMALLOWS)
We are planning a Hot Chocolate Milo day at the start of next term to be held during lunchtime: Years 3-6 Thursday, 21st July and Prep-Year 2 on Tuesday, 26th July.

It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.

Afternoon snack provided
Places are limited – Be Quick – Don’t Miss Out!

Please collect enrolment form & further information from school office & return to school ASAP

A collaborative project between Frankston City Libraries, Ballam Park Primary School and Communities for Children. The Communities for Children Initiative is funded by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
New Enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 3, 2011. At only $10.90 (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!!!
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.

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 Fridays, but we still need your support for Mondays and Wednesdays.

MELBOURNE PLAYGROUNDS
FREE On-line Guide to Children’s Activities
Melbourne Playgrounds is a free on-line guide to thousands of Melbourne activities for the entire family! Activities cover playgrounds (more than 2100 reviewed with photos), Play Centres, Aquatic Centres, Skate Parks, BMX tracks, miniature train rides, sport and recreation, nature activities, museum & science, educational pursuits, indoor activities, hobbies and cultural activities such as music and dance. Melbourne Playgrounds is unique in that it provides reviews, ratings and photos of activities.

There is also an extensive list of family activities outside Melbourne covering all of Victoria which is useful when planning a day trip or longer holidays within the State.

The website is: http://www.MelbournePlaygrounds.com.au

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 9585-3333. The order will be packed and delivered to your child.

BPPS uniforms are also available at the Primary School Wear Frankston store, 21 Playne Street, Frankston, phone 97696510. Uniform items can also be ordered online at www.psw.com.au

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…then sign up today to be part of this wonderful competition:
Would you like to win a Cricket Australia shirt signed by Mike Hussey?
To win you need to have the most number of deposits (not money banked) in Term 2 and Term 3 this year.
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