PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

BER Building Project
After a number of delays the work has now begun.
Hurray!

Watch this space to see our new Art and Music rooms appear.

Education in the Future
All Victorian Government school principals have been asked to read a book titled *Disrupting Class*. Despite what the title might suggest, the book is not about student behaviour but is about how computers, the internet and new technology is likely to change the way schools teach and students learn.

The author describes why disruption can be used as a positive force to improve education, to give students more control over what they learn and how they learn. This change in educational practice will occur very quickly as technology becomes more affordable, educational resources on the internet continue to improve and the technology skills of teachers and students grow.

In the last three years at Ballam Park Primary School, we have steadily increased student access to learning technology and teacher expertise in its use as a learning tool. The latest addition is a set of 14 netbook computers for Years 3 and 4 to share. Each class has access to these in their classroom every school day. If your child is in Year 3 or 4, ask him/her what they have begun using the netbooks for.

PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday, 18th June

Our school will have FRIDAY, 18TH JUNE 2010 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 Thursday, 17th June, 4.00pm-7.30pm or Friday, 18th June, 10.00am-1.00pm, depending on parent’s preference.

Students’ mid year reports will be sent home on Wednesday, 16th June.

Enthusiastic netbook learners in 3/4R

Monash University comes to 5S, 5H and 3/4R
Please read the some students’ impressions of the visits later in the newsletter.

Mark Renouf
Principal
Our Monash University Visitors

I had a fantastic time when the Monash students came to our classroom. We got to do really fun stuff like a puzzle. The people who finished the puzzle first got a prize. We also got to use play dough and charcoal to make pictures about sentences from the poem 'The Roaring Days' that is about the gold rush. I really enjoyed it.

By Rileigh (5S)

I thought it was fantastic and a lot of the things we did were interesting because we had to act out one line of the poem Nature's Way with our partner. This doesn't happen every day, just once in a few years. We were given the shape of a person about 40cm high and we had to choose where to add things like pictures of a bee, clouds and a flower and glue them on in the place we chose to match the poem. We could also add drawings. The Monash students were friendly, polite and helpful.

By Jemma and Ben (3/4R)

On Monday, 31st May we had some visitors from Monash University who came to study a poem with us called The Roaring Days by Henry Lawson because we are studying gold.
With the first group of Monash University students, we got into groups of about five or six, and we all got a small passage from the poem to study and draw what we thought the passage is trying to tell us. After we were finished, our adult helper chose two people to show it to the rest of the grade.
With the second group, we got a huge piece of white paper and we drew what we thought it would look like when the gold rush started. I thought that was really fun because I love to draw.
The third group played a game with us. We played a game that was exactly the same as bingo, except we didn’t use counters we used pebbles that were painted with metallic gold paint. The other little difference was that when we got all the answers right we yelled out ‘eureka’ instead of ‘bingo’.
The last group was my favourite. We played a treasure hunting game. My group chose me to look for the treasure that was hidden somewhere around the teacher’s desk. I was one of the first ones to find the treasure box. Inside it was a packet of chocolate coins. My group didn’t have enough chocolates to spread out evenly between all the people in our group so I got the treasure box.
That day was very educational, and it was also really, really fun. I am very grateful to the Monash students for taking time out of their lives to come and help us with our gold studies.

By Justus T (5H)

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. Uniform items can also be ordered online at www.psw.com.au

BPPS uniforms are also available at Primary School Wear Frankston store, 21 Playne Street, Frankston (opposite Savers), phone 9769-6510.

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.

FOUND

Black fleecy sleeveless vest found after recent Mother’s Pampering Afternoon. Please collect from the office.
Prep Enrolments for 2011
BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
GATE 1, BELAR AVENUE, FRANKSTON 3199

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
Ballam Park’s Biggest Morning Tea was a great success last Thursday. We raised $212 for the Cancer Council. Special guests included some visitors from the past including Carole Fortune, Jan McDornan and Sue Gahan. All staff and many of our parents and members of our school community enjoyed the lovely morning tea supplied by our hard working Parents’ Club.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCHOOL CHOIR

Congratulations to the School Choir who sang beautifully in their recent performance at the Let’s Sing Concert at Toorak College. This concert is part of the Mornington Peninsula Choral Festival. Eleven schools participated, and there was a huge audience of 800-900 people.

Here are the comments made by some of our students:

Nick 3/4R—I like singing in front of a lot of people.

Pheobe 2P—I like singing on stage. I haven’t seen that many people in front of me watching. I was shy the first time I got on the stage.

Jezzaray 3D—I liked that half of my family came. I liked performing, but didn’t like that we had to leave early.

Cayla 2P—I liked singing Rockin’ Robin. I like going behind the stage. We saw the drums.

Ondine 2P—I liked singing on the stage. I liked when all the parents were there watching as I’ve never performed to so many people. It’s the first time that my mum came.

Dakota 2P—I like hearing everybody singing. I like singing Rockin’ Robin. I was excited that I could see my mum.

Nathan 4M—It was fun and exciting because I got to go there again even though I wasn’t expecting it.

Melissa 4M—It was fun and I felt nervous and excited. It was great singing in front of a big, big crowd and so many schools, and especially my dad.

The choir also performed at the Senior School Open Night. Well done on two great performances! If your child would like to join the choir, they are welcome to come to our practices on Wednesday lunchtimes in the Library.

Best wishes
Kaye Coughlan, School Chaplain

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program has been running for over 70 years. Many of us - not to mention our parents and grandparents - first learnt about money management through this program.

The program has evolved considerably over time. While students once received a moneybox and a transaction book, they are now given a wide range of fun, engaging materials to help them learn how to manage their money and encourage them to save.

To encourage participation in school banking, we have introduced an exciting rewards program. Every time children make a deposit, no matter how big or small, they receive a cool Dollarmites token, which can then be exchanged for gifts of varying value. The more tokens the child saves, the greater the value of the gift, encouraging children to make regular savings.

For more information or to join the program, contact our School Banking Helpdesk on 1800 674 496 from 9am to 4pm (AEST) Monday to Friday, or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking
PARENTS’ CLUB

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA—THURSDAY, 27TH MAY
A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our “Biggest Morning Tea” and Silent Auction last Thursday in the staff room. The morning tea was a great success, raising $212 for the Cancer Council.

THANK YOU to the following businesses for their generous donations:
⇒ COLES SUPERMARKET
⇒ CLIVE ANTHONYS

BAYSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM
ONLY 4 WEEKS LEFT in the Bayside Shopping Centre ‘Better Schools Program’! All you need to do is shop in Bayside Frankston and then send your shopping receipts to the office. For every receipt your child brings to school, they will receive 5 house points and also be included in the weekly raffle for vouchers.

Last Friday, the whole school enjoyed FREE FRESH FRUIT as part of the Bayside Better Schools Program.

ANNUAL SHOPPING TOUR—SATURDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER
Details of the Shopping Tour are available at the office. Please book early so you don’t miss out!

TOYWORLD SHOPPING CARD
Customer loyalty cards for parents and friends of our school are available on application from Toyworld, Bayside Shopping Centre, Frankston. If you would like a shopping card (similar to Ritchies Community Benefit Card), please call into Toyworld Frankston to apply. 10% of all sales will go to our school, and you will also receive a discount on your purchases.

FORWARD DATES
Fete—Friday, 22nd October

Asthma and Winter

With the winter months approaching, it is important to be aware of any changes in your asthma and triggers that can affect your asthma. The following are some tips that may help you or a family member:

ASTHMA ACTION PLAN
Make sure your written Asthma Action Plan is up-to-date. If needed, visit your doctor for a review of your asthma, what to do if symptoms worsen, and how to cope with an asthma emergency.

MEDICATIONS
Carry your blue reliever medication at all times. It is recommended that you take your usual dose of reliever medication before going out on cold, windy days to reduce the effects of exposure.

TRIGGERS
A sudden change in temperature, such as cold air or windy days can be a trigger for some people with asthma. Wearing a scarf over your face will help to warm the air before you breathe in. Avoid smoke from fireplaces and other indoor triggers such as pet allergens and dust mites.

ILLNESS
Winter is the season for colds and influenza. The Asthma Foundation of Victoria recommends that everyone with asthma should have a flu injection as people with asthma are at greater risk of developing complications from influenza.

For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email advice@asthma.org.au
ICAS
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 $6.00.

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

- **English** - Tuesday, 3 August
- **Mathematics** - Tuesday 17 August

Notices and payment for all competitions must be received by:

FRIDAY, 11th 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, please contact Jan Beilken at school.

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**OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK**
‘we make kids smile’

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**NEWS**

Over the next fortnight, the children will be exploring and creating their Winter art work while keeping warm with lots of active games.

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

**Stars of the Week:**
Matthew K
and Molly B

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Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia