PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Building the Education Revolution
Facilities Refurbishment
The builders have now completed the work and have moved off site. Three senior classes are awaiting the Occupancy Certificate from the building surveyor before we can begin moving them in. I expect that all classes will be in their new classrooms within the next fortnight. There is some further maintenance work to be done to the Administration building. We do not have a date for the commencement of this work. The work should cause very little disruption to our students.

School Chaplain Parent Survey – online or by written comment
Our school has had a School Chaplain on staff for the last four years. This program has been funded through the Commonwealth Government and operates at BPPS because we applied for funding to be in the program.

Our Chaplaincy Program has resulted in extra student counselling by a qualified counsellor, lunchtime activity programs, choir, support for classroom student welfare activities, small group work for students with special needs and counselling for parents and staff.

The Chaplaincy program does not provide religious education or anything similar.

In the last four years, I have had nothing but positive reports from parents and staff, and there has not been one issue of concern raised with me about the manner in which the Chaplaincy program operates. I understand from media reports that some other schools have had reported problems or concerns.

I am giving parents the opportunity now to have a say about the future of the program before funding finishes at the end of the year. If the school community wants the program to continue, we must make a submission for funding for 2012 and beyond.

There are two ways to have your say:

1. Log into the survey and answer the four questions. (The survey is anonymous.)
   - http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6CG2KPY
2. Send in to school a written comment about the program.

If you wish to have input, please respond to either by Monday, November 14th.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER
Fri 4 Prep Fairytales Ball
Mon 7 to Year 2 Swimming Program
Thurs 10 Jubilee Park 9.30-11.00am
Tues 8 Prep 2012 Come & Play 9.30-10.30am
Tues 15 Prep 2012 Come & Play 9.30-10.30am
Friday 18 WALKATHON
Mon 21 to Prep Swimming Program
Thurs 24 9.30-11.00am Jubilee Park
Tues 22 Prep 2012 Come & Play 9.30-10.30am
Fri 25 BPPS House Sports
Tues 29 PREP 2012 TRANSITION MORNING 9.30-11.00am
Wed 30 Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Water Safety Pines Pool

DECEMBER
Th 1-Fri 2 Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Water Safety Pines Pool
Wed 7 to Years 3, 4 & 5 Water Safety
Thurs 8 Beach Program
Thank you to everyone for supporting our Year 6 students fundraising for the Musical O.H.W. With your help we raised a wonderful total of $285.50.

Congratulations to the raffle winners: 1st prize Brittany S (6B), 2nd prize Brodie L (2L), 3rd prize Richard L (6B) and 4th prize Charlotte H (6C) 

Interesting websites... Links provided if you view this newsletter online

Australian Inspiration is a unique and uniquely Australian project dedicated to capturing and celebrating the collective wisdom and inspiration of Australians through quotes that inspire and motivate.

Fun Brain Playground is a fabulous site created for the Prep and Kindergarten crowd. Every character you see in the screenshot is actually a different game. Each game is easy enough to understand without any directions and playable immediately with just a mouse! No reading involved!

Playnormous is a colourful, professionally designed, kid and teacher friendly site that features health games.

Class Tools which allows you to create games, activities, and diagrams in Flash (without knowing a thing about Flash!).

Mark Renouf
Principal

Mega Chocolate Raffle

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Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for October, 2011.

Ebony H. - Prep H for Persistence
Jacob L. - 1J for Organisation
John J. - 2B for Persistence
Izabela C. - 3F for Getting Along
Dylan S. - Prep B for Confidence
Eli H. - 1M for Getting Along
Matilda H. - 2L for Organisation
Jerome H. - 3D for Getting Along
Courtney H. - 4/5A for Organisation
Jessica P. - 5B for Persistence
Georgia G. - 5/6S for Confidence
Rebecca H. - 6C for Confidence
Lachlan R. - 4M for Persistence
Advice to support the safe and responsible use of digital technologies at home

At school, the internet is mostly used to support teaching and learning. At home, however, it is often used differently. Not only is it a study resource for students, but increasingly it is being used as a social space to meet and chat.

The term ‘space’ is used here to describe a website that works like a community with live interaction and the capacity for your child to chat with others, personalise their spaces and share information. Each space has a purpose, audience and tool set including those around security and protection. The internet also provides access to websites with information, images, videos for students to view.

The Ultranet is a password protected online learning space for all Victorian Government school students. In this space, your child will be able to use tools to communicate and collaborate with other students from their class/school both at school and at home. The Ultranet will continue to be used more by students at Ballam Park PS as we learn how to use it effectively. Some students have already begun to explore aspects of the Ultranet.

The Ultranet is designed as a learning space, accessible at home. It will not stop or replace access to the internet for your child. All students will need to be aware of their responsibilities in using digital technologies at school and, in signing the Acceptable Use Agreement, your child will be agreeing to behave in a certain way online and to take appropriate action when and as required. Before students sign the agreement, teachers will complete activities and discussions in class to ensure students have a thorough understanding of each aspect of the agreement. Parents also need to be aware of the agreement and support the school by ensuring students are using technologies in a safe and appropriate manner.

Prepared by Maree Renowden

Our BPPS eSmart Committee, which compromises teachers, parents and students, recently met to draw up a new ‘Acceptable Use Agreement’ for students to sign. This agreement sets out expected behaviour as well as rights and responsibilities for all students when using digital technologies at school.

Some of the important understandings that students will be asked to agree to are:

1. Not give out my name or address to anyone on the internet.

2. Keep your password safe and don’t let others use it.

3. Protect the privacy of others and never post of forward private information about another person.

4. Talk to a teacher if I feel uncomfortable or unsafe, or see others participating in unsafe, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviour.

5. Not to bring or download unauthorised programs, including games, to school or run them on school computers.

6. Be respectful with the photos I take or video I capture and never use these as a tool for bullying.
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.

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

CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO NEW SCHOOLS IN 2012
(excluding Year 6 students)

To assist us with our preliminary planning for Year 2012, we need to have fairly accurate estimates of student enrolment. It is important that we know about any families who are presently at our school but intend to transfer to another school in 2012.

Please return this form to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

(Please return form to school office)

CHILDREN IN YEARS PREP TO 5 TRANSFERRING TO OTHER SCHOOLS IN 2012

My children will be transferring to:

………………………………………… Primary School

Children’s names:

…………………………………….. Grade …..
…………………………………….. Grade …..
…………………………………….. Grade …..

Parent/guardian’s signature:

…………………………………………

WALKATHON

Friday, 18th November

Students have already received sponsor cards for our school Walkathon.

Some students have filled up their Walkathon card and have collected a second card to chase up more sponsors!

This year’s Walkathon is a “RAINBOW THEME”, in which students in each year level will dress in a different colour of the rainbow as follows:

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Prizes will be given to the most fancy and creative costume within those colours.

Prizes for top money raisers include:

- Laptop Computer
- iPod Nano
- Digital Camera
- Blade Board plus knee/elbow pads
- Body Board
- 6 In 1 Sports Pack
- Bike and Helmet
- Sports Store Voucher
- Book Store Voucher
- Basketball/Soccerball/Football (your choice)
- Board Games—Monopoly, Toy Story Scrabble
- Uno Game
- Totem Tennis Set
- Tennis Racquet and Tennis Balls
- Family Bowling Voucher
- Sports Store Voucher
- Book Store Voucher
- Sportime Pack including Bag and Drink Bottle

PLUS: Lots of Tunza Fun and 10-Pin Bowling Vouchers!
Maths Challenge

Find the answers to as many of these problems as you can!

The perimeter of a rectangle is 30cm.
What is the length of the rectangle?

“What is that” said Jack, “a design for a pie?”
“No,” said Sam “it’s a puzzle. Can you tell what number is missing? Can you work it out?”

The 8 key is broken on your calculator. How can you make the display show the number 18?

Can you make a strip of paper exactly 100cm long from an A4 sheet of

79 39 19
"Our musical was brilliant and the songs were just outstanding. My favourite part was Georgia, she sang really well in 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' and 'Life is a Highway'. The worst part of our musical was nothing really. Everything turned out great!" Stella

"I have loved looking forward for it to be my turn in a musical. I am always going to remember this, it has been my dream since Prep. I feel really proud of myself." Rebecca

"The performance was awesome. The lights were so bright. Everything went perfect. I loved performing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It was a great experience, I would do it again in a heartbeat." Caleb

"I can't believe it's over, all the rehearsals and hard work and now it's over! It was totally worth it though. You should have seen the little faces smiling and jumping around when we did our second performance in front of the school." Phoebe

"The musical was a really fantastic experience for me. I enjoyed it sooooo much! I wish it wasn't over and I will always, always, always remember it." Eloise

"I really thought it would have been harder to learn everything but it was easier. I wish I could tell myself in the past to audition for singing, that would have made the musical even funnier but I'm proud of myself." Leith

"Well considering that I didn't audition for singing I got a solo. I got to sing 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' which was at the end of Act One and was one of the Audience songs and just to tell you, I did pretty well, I was like Whitney Houston if you could put it into words." Georgia

"We had to learn all the dances and the words to the songs like 'I've Gotta Feeling' and 'Jai Ho'. It took two months to learn our lines and get all the songs right. It was long and hard but all worth it." Jordan

"In the first week of Term four we spent a lot of time on practising and rehearsing. Everyday was musical, musical, musical. I was so excited, I couldn't stop smiling or laughing, I was too happy, I didn't want it to end." Charlie

"The best performance I thought we did was the Matinee on Wednesday. I really liked having the kids standing up, singing and dancing with us." Liam

"Some of the voices were just fantastic. The second audition was for an acting role; of course I went for it because I've never ever had a speaking role in all the other shows. The only thing I remember is a few lines and that's it. I have to say the talent of some of the kids with the old script they gave us was just fantastic. After it I was hoping I had at least five lines or more. It didn't bother me what sort of role I got as long as it was a sort of character I can relate to." Imogen
“The day came when we got told who got one of the two roles. Either one of the three narrators or one of the support cast. I thankfully got one of the narrators. I soon found out that I

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“The musical was epic! On the night I was pumped, ready to rock and nervous all at once! In the end we all finished – feeling ecstatic and happy that the audience loved it. I felt, and still

“All of the grade sixes sang songs, they also did dancing and some had lines. Only one year 6 did a song on her own and that was Imogen.

“When it came to the night it was so much fun, I just let myself go. It was worth it going through all the lunchtimes and rehearsals. On the last night everyone

“The musical was a blast. I loved every second of it! I wish we could do it again...over and over and so on. I just want to say good

“I liked the musical heaps and I reckon the other people in the musical thought it was really fun as well. The parts I liked were

“When we got told that we were doing O.H.W, no one knew what it stood for, but we were all excited. The songs were chosen by Mrs. Burrows, most of them were

“I thought the musical was awesome! It was a great way to end my last year in

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Our Act One narrators were wonderfully led by Shaylie, Tessa and Leith.

I've gotta feeling that we're off to a great, great start!

Shackles (Praise You)

I Wish
I Was A Punk Rocker

Walking On Sunshine
Great job Justus, Phoebe and Imogen on leading the Act Two narrators!

A huge thank you to Peter Amesbury, Josh Lacey and Adam Wilson for their wonderful skills and expertise with our sound and lighting.
If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Youthsaver Account for your child, please complete the form below and return it to the school office ASAP. Alternatively, if you have an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, your child can start banking straight away through school, so just send the bank book to school on Tuesday every week!

Any questions – please feel free to contact the office

Please tear off form below and return to the office

Yes, please send me a School Banking Application Pack for my child/children:

Please sign:

Parent's Signature:……

Name of child:

Class:

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Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PB~ Kyle W     James M     Murianti P
1J~ Mitchell B     Tinomana N
2B~ Faith T
3D~ Ryan O     Ondine D
4M~ Courtney W     Freya R
4/5A~ Blair T
5/6S~ Tiarnee R     Ryan R
6B~ Kendall W     Hayley W     Jai O     Justus T

PH~ Emily C     Maddison G
1M~ Izaac L     Kristian P
2L~ William B     Ivory L
3F~ Kwest R     Dillon B
4R~ Gabby R     Ethan W
5B~ Kaycee G     Allys K
6C~ Nicole P     Jandre L
This fortnight, the children of OSHC will be travelling deep “Into the jungle”. We will look at the animals and how they live.

To make changes to your bookings, go to: www.campaustralia.com.au

Be a part of our Homework Club on Tuesdays or Fitness Fun on Wednesdays...

Homework Club: Tuesday nights 3.45 - 4.30pm
Fitness Fun: Wednesday nights 4.00 - 5.00pm

Please contact the office to complete a School Start Bonus application form which needs to be lodged before 15th December 2011.

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

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

Thank you to all our parents who have responded to the request for Canteen support. We still need your support mainly for Wednesdays.

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

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**Star of the Week:**
Ethan T

BE A PART OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Parents’ Club meetings are held in the staff room each Monday morning after assembly. New members are always welcome at Parents' Club. Please come along and join in.

FARM FRESH VEGIES—‘VEGIE RUN’ HOME DELIVERY

Why not have fresh vegetables and fruit home delivered at a great price, while also supporting our school? An order form for ‘Vegie Run’ Spring stock is available at office.
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.

TERM DATES 2011-2013

2011
Term 4: 10 October to 22 December

2012
Term 1: Friday 3 February (students start) to 30 March
Term 1 (Wed 1 February) is when teachers start and this is a student-free day. Thursday, 2 Feb is also a student-free day. Please check with your school when your child starts as student-free day arrangements may vary from school to school.

Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September
Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

* The first day of Term 1 is when teachers start – this is a student-free day. Please check with school when other student-free days will occur throughout the school year.


Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder WORKSHOP—GETTING READY FOR 2012

Croydon/Ringwood: Monday, 28th November 2011
OR
Moonee Ponds: Tuesday, 29th November 2011
9.30am-3.30pm
Registration includes morning tea and light lunch
For booking queries, phone or SMS 0433-660-379
www.suelarkey.com.au

JANICE SMITH RETIREMENT
(Director of Seaford Kindergarten for 37 years)
Seaford Kinder will be holding a Farewell Afternoon Tea and we welcome all who may wish to come along and help us to both reminisce and to farewell Janice

Farewell Afternoon Tea
Sunday, 11th December, 2pm to 4pm
Seaford Kindergarten, McRae Street, Seaford
Please RSVP for catering purposes to seaforkinder@y7mail.com or 9786-1720 by Monday, 5th December

TERM DATES 2011-2013

Peninsula Skateworld
Skating/Lessons/Hockey and more…
All Weekend Sessions
Come in dressed up to any night or day sessions!
Please note: Fog machine may be in use during night sessions
Night sessions include Halloween music, prizes, face painting and more...
Peninsula Skateworld, Cnr Frankston/Dandenong Rd & Amayla Cres Carrum Downs Ph: 9773-6799
www.skateworld.com.au

Hockey
Come and try it, learn new skills
Make new friends
“It’s Free”

The Frankston Hockey Club invites all school aged students to come down to the Peninsula Hockey Centre located behind the Monash University.
Melways reference Page 102 — G4, enter via Bloom Street
All students who come down will be involved in a Four week program that will show you not only the different skills used by hockey players but how much fun it can be.

Program Information
Every Friday Night Starting on
Friday 11th November to Friday 2nd December 2011

Times
Up to 9 years of age between 6.00pm and 7.00pm
10 years and older between 7.00pm and 8.00pm
(Please arrive 15 minutes early to allow for registration and warm-ups)
There will be no cost involved.

www.skiit.com.au