Celebrating Education Week: May 16th—20th

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the following events at B.P.P.S

• **Open Night 6:30—8:00pm Wednesday May 17th**
  - Visit Classrooms—meet teachers, view displays
  - Visit our new Music and Art rooms (hopefully!)
  - Performance in the Hall 7:30pm
    - Includes Skipping routine
    - School Choir
    - Grade Performances

• **Friday May 20th:** Classroom visits to share in your child’s learning between 12:30—1:20 pm followed by a Family Picnic in the school grounds.

Families with children starting Prep in 2012 are welcome to attend the Open Night, pick up an information pack and have a tour of the school.

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**Farewell and Thank You to Mrs Sandra Harding**

Last Friday night, the staff, colleagues and friends held a retirement function for Mrs Sandra Harding to recognize the considerable contribution Mrs Harding has made to Ballam Park Primary School since her connection with the school in the 1970s as a parent, and as an Integration Aide from 1992.

Mrs Harding has helped many students over the years and has made a significant difference to their lives. This was especially demonstrated by Kris Bolam, the current Mayor of Frankston, who attended to make a special presentation to Mrs Harding. This award recognised her dedication and hard work over her career.

Everyone wishes Mrs Sandra Harding a happy retirement and we will all miss her.
Enrolments for 2011
We are currently taking enrolments for next year. Please contact the school office on 9789 5614 to arrange a school tour.

New Art and Music Rooms and two new undercover decking areas
These four excellent new learning and playing spaces are expected to be ready for us to occupy by the end of next week. The section of the senior school currently under construction is scheduled to be ready soon after the end of May. The final section of the BER refurbishment will be ready for us at the start of Term 4.

Parents and families will have the opportunity to see the completed sections of our school on the Education Week Open Night, May 18th.

The Education Week events program is published on the front page of this newsletter.

A New Set of Notebook Computers
This set of 14 student computers has been recently purchased by the school and will be available for use by all students within a fortnight. Their purchase means that we now have more than 1 computer for every 3 students.

Frankston Learning City has a FREE Online Tutor Program for Years 4 - 12
Did you know that Frankston Library is supporting learning for students, parents and teachers Frankston-wide with the introduction of YourTutor, a free innovative online tutoring service provided by Frankston Learning City and Frankston Library Service.

YourTutor provides students with instant access to qualified, expert teachers for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions, from 4:00pm-8:00pm, Monday to Friday. Help is immediate, professional and secure. The tutorial offers students help with various subjects on the curriculum for student’s in Years 4 - 12.

Mark Renouf
Principal

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN
DUE TO INSUFFICIENT LUNCH ORDERS BEING RECEIVED EACH WEEK, CANCELLATION OF THE CANTEEN CONTRACT IS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED

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.

If we have a number of students with the same number of times banking deposits have been made, those names will be placed in a “hat” and a winner drawn by Karen from the Commonwealth Bank.

Not signed up for School Banking?…then sign up today to be part of this wonderful competition!
### Student Health and Happiness

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

#### SRC

**Royal Children’s Hospital appeal**

Our Royal Children’s Hospital dress-up proved to be a great success and a lot of fun. Everyone got into the spirit and brought along their generous donations. Our school raised **$556.00** which was a wonderful effort. Thank you to the SRC for their work in organising this event.

#### HIPPY—**Frankston North** (Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters)

I would like to draw you attention to an advertisement in this edition of the newsletter. Research has shown that children become better readers if they have had a rich experience with books before they come to school. This program provides all the materials and support to help you give your child, who will start school in 2012, the best possible start. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Congratulations to 120 students who had perfect attendance (100%) for Term 1. This represents over 1/3 of the student body. By attending school every day, these students have not missed any instruction which means they have improved their chances of being successful learners. Sickness is the only genuine reason not to be at school. Students with a less than 80% attendance are at severe risk of falling behind in their learning. Parents have a responsibility to ensure their child attends school every day, unless they are sick. The graph shows the average days absent per student in the class. It is pleasing to see that both Prep grades are establishing an excellent habit of attendance.

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Walk To School Day on Friday 20th May—Parents’ Diary Alert

It’s nearly that time of year again when parents and primary school aged children from right around Australia are being asked to make important steps towards a healthier childhood by participating in National Walk Safely To School Day. It is the perfect opportunity to start a new routine by simply getting up half an hour earlier and walking all or part of the way to school with your child. It teaches your child the value of a healthy lifestyle and helps set them up for a day packed full of learning, and you also start the day with some quality time with your child.

Two designated spots to meet others from our school and walk together (with your parents) are Ballam Park Pre School and the Adventure Playground closest to Cranbourne Road Crossing.

Meet Mr Renouf at the Adventure Playground or Mrs McSweeney at Ballam Park Pre School at 8:30am to join in the walk.

Please save this date: Bunnings Barbecue Saturday, 4th June

PLEASE TO COME AND HELP US AT OUR BARBECUE AT BUNNINGS FRANKSTON STORE ON SATURDAY, 4TH JUNE. Any volunteers please leave your name at the office. Thank you

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The 2011 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is officially open and we encourage all students to take the challenge and share their love of reading with family, friends and classmates. If you haven’t already signed up ask your class teacher or at the office for a permission form.

Challenge Rules:
1. You must register as a Challenger and keep a record of your reading. See your teacher for a challenge record form to keep your log.
2. You must be a student in a year level from Prep to Year 10 in 2011. You can be learning at a school or learning at home.
3. You must read the following number of books during the Challenge:

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4. If you are in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2 you can read books by yourself or with someone else, for example, a parent, teacher, brother or sister, classmate, buddy or friend. They can help you or read the book to you if you are just learning to read.
5. Your online books must be verified as read by a Coordinator in your school.
6. All your information must be completed online before 16 September 2011.

Go to http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/books/default.htm to find a list of Challenge books.

Sue McSweeney
Assistant Principal
**Sport News**

**Ballam Park PS House Cross Country**

The Annual School House Cross Country was held yesterday (4/5) for all Years 3 – 6 students in the park area next to the school. Students competed in age-based events after training over the previous weeks at school. All students who completed the course are to be congratulated for their fantastic efforts to earn valuable points for their house.

The final house totals were:

1st – McKAY (539 pts)
2nd – BRADMAN (468 pts)
3rd – MARSH (451 pts)
4th – ELLIOTT (407 pts)

CONGRATULATIONS TO McKAY HOUSE, WINNERS OF THE 2011 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY.

The top three placings for each event were:

- **8/9yr old girls:**
  1st – Carys W
  2nd – Casey K
  3rd – Izabella C

- **8/9yr old boys:**
  1st – Jacob W
  2nd – Tommi P
  3rd – Saxyn P

- **10yr old girls:**
  1st – Sophie H
  2nd – Jelani N
  3rd – Ondine D

- **10yr old boys:**
  1st – Reece M
  2nd – Hayden M
  3rd – Kieran F

- **11yr old girls:**
  1st – Erin D
  2nd – Kayece G
  3rd – Jenaya B

- **11yr old boys:**
  1st – Zac H
  2nd – Callum B
  3rd – Colomen G

- **12/13yr old girls:**
  1st – Cornelia K
  2nd – Eloise M
  3rd – Kendall W

- **12/13yr old boys:**
  1st – Zac G
  2nd – Jason A
  3rd – Jandre L

Well done to these students! All students who finished in the top 10 for their event will now advance to the Murdoch District Cross Country on Tuesday 17th May at Baxter Park. Mr. O’Brien will provide these students with details next week.

A big thank you to those parents who offered their time yesterday to assist as course marshals, and to the staff and student teachers who also helped out to make the day run smoothly.

**Peninsula Division Winter Sport Trials**

Two Ballam Park students (Steven T and Lachlan V) were recently selected in the Murdoch District Football team and on Monday competed in the Peninsula Division State Selection trials at Mount Eliza. Both boys figured prominently in the undefeated District team on the day. Special congratulations to Steven who was selected to the next stage of competition for possible selection in the Victorian State Football team. Well done Steven!

**Inter-school Winter Sport**

The Inter-school Winter Sport season begins TOMORROW (6/5) against Langwarrin PS from 9.30am – 11.00am. Students in 6C, 6B, 5/6S and 5A have been placed into teams of football, soccer, netball, new- combe and tee-ball and will participate tomorrow at the following venues:

- Football, newcombe and mixed netball – at Langwarrin PS
- Soccer, tee-ball, and girls netball – at Ballam Park

Parents are more than welcome to attend at either venue to lend their support.

Best of luck to all students participating tomorrow.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator
It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.

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.

Chaplain’s Corner

There has been lots of debate recently about the role of chaplains in government schools. So, you might be asking “what does our chaplain do at school?”

The chaplain’s role is part of the school-wide student wellbeing program. I see my role primarily about care, concern and support. Most of my time is spent working with the children, but I am available as a listening ear for parents and staff. My role doesn’t include religious instruction but is focused on student wellbeing.

Students are referred for individual or group sessions. Children are free to share their thoughts and feelings on issues that are worrying them, and I teach them strategies and skills to assist them in dealing with their problems.

Examples of issues are:

- Conversation skills especially listening to others.
- Anxiety and anger management—relaxation techniques, positive and negative thought patterns, recognising triggers, ways to release anger.
- Social skills – how to approach others and join a group, playing cooperatively, respecting others and self.
- Grief and loss – Seasons Peer Support Groups for children experiencing grief and loss due to death, separation or divorce are held as needed.

1. Solving the Jigsaw program—anti-violence program. Every class will have 3 sessions of this program during the year. This program supports and reinforces concepts and strategies taught by classroom teachers.
2. Lunchtime activities—all students welcome. On Mondays we have indoor activities i.e. board games, art and craft activities in the hall. On Wednesdays we have choir practise in the library, soon moving to the new music room. We are preparing for 2 performances this term.
3. Class support for teachers. This term I will be assisting with the Prep PMP program.
4. Support and counselling for parents and teachers. I am available if you would like to talk about any personal or parenting issues. Please contact the school office and leave a message and I will get back to you on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

With best wishes
Kaye Coughlan, School Chaplain

MARKET DAY—SEAFORD KINDER
McRae Street, Seaford
Saturday, 28th May

Seaford Kinder's next Market Day is Saturday, 28th May from 9am to 1pm and bookings are now open. Stall cost is $20, with table hire $5 each.

If you would like to secure a stall, please reply to Sam Keats via email to landskeats@optusnet.com.au or call Kara Lowe on 0411 787 361

CANTEEN NEWS
Please note that due to McCain Foods discontinuing the Margherita Pizza, this product will not be available at the Canteen.
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 $7.00.

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

**English - Tuesday 2nd August 2011**
**Mathematics - Tuesday 16th August 2011**

Notices and payment for all competitions, must be received by:
FRIDAY 20TH MAY

*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, contact Jan Beilken at school.

Jan Beilken
Asthma and Influenza

As the weather starts to cool down, the cold and flu season will soon be upon us.

The Facts:

> Approximately 2,800 Australians die every year either directly from the seasonal flu, complications due to the flu, or pneumonia.
> Adults and children with chronic illnesses (such as asthma) are at a higher risk of complications from the virus.
> Colds and flu can be a trigger for some people with asthma, and can make your symptoms worse.
> Flu vaccinations are the single most effective action in helping fight the spread of flu in the community.
> The vaccine provides protection from about two weeks after the injection, and lasts for about one year (so even if you were immunised last year, you need to have the vaccine again this year).
> The flu shot cannot give you the flu – as the vaccine does not contain any active virus.
> In Victoria, under the National Immunisation Program, the criteria state that an annual free influenza immunisation is available to children or adults with severe asthma.

The vaccination is available now, so contact your doctor or immunisation provider to make an appointment. Many workplaces provide free vaccinations for staff to help prevent absenteeism during the winter months, so it is a good idea to ask your employer if this is available to you.

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

OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

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Next week we are beginning a Homework Club, Tuesday nights! Don't miss out!

To register your children, go to Camp Australia’s website: www.campaustralia.com.au

There are also fun activities for your children online.

Stars of the Week:
Murianti P and Xyla M
for excellent participation

Emma Cooper phone 0402–258–786

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2011-2012—ONLY A FEW BOOKS LEFT!

The Entertainment Books are now available for purchase at school. You can purchase the Entertainment Book for **$65.00**, and start using the coupons immediately until June 2012 (that’s 13 months use).

*Remember Entertainment Books are the perfect gift for Mum this Mother’s Day (Sunday, 8th May).*

Just log onto [www.entertainmentbook.com.au](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au) and select ‘Search the Book’ tab. Then select the 2011-2012 Book, type in the suburb that you mainly shop in, and then select ‘All Businesses’, and see how many businesses are giving great discounts in your area. You will only need to purchase from a few discounted businesses to cover the price of the Entertainment Book, and then all the other great discounts are a bonus!

A sample Entertainment Book is on display at the General Office. This edition has a great number of Mornington Peninsula restaurants and venues, and also other great discounts on holiday resorts, etc. It also has an exclusive offer from Coles. As an Entertainment member, you can purchase $100 Coles Gift Cards for only $95. With the average family spending over $100 at the supermarket per week, that adds up to savings of more than $260 over the course of the year! It also includes discounts at Village Cinema movies, AMF, Melbourne Zoo, Melbourne Aquarium, Luna Park, Puffing Billy, McDonalds, KFC, Krispy Kreme, Nando’s, Red Rooster etc etc etc. Just look through the sample display book in the General Office. Please support our school (sale of each Entertainment Book contributes to our notebook and netbook program) — and at the same time save yourself money!

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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 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](http://www.psw.com.au)

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**BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### TERM DATES 2011–2012

**2011**
- Term 1: 4 February (students start) to 8 April 2011
- 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.

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To: School Banking Co-ordinator
Ballam Park Primary School

**REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BANKING INFORMATION**

Please send me a school banking information pack:

Parent's Name: .................................................................

Student's name: ..............................................................  Grade: .............  Room No.: ..........

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