WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY SCHOOL BY YEAR 6 STUDENTS...

My name’s Michael and I think this is the best school ever built because the teachers really strive to teach us. We have a good amount of discipline at the school and it is very easy to make friends here. It’s cool that we have volunteers who come here and teach us guitar, how to deal with loss and how to deal with bullying. (Michael, 6PD)

I like some of the changes that have been made to make the school look nicer and more modern, like the new playground and the sheltered area near the portables. Improvements are planned for the Junior and Senior buildings that I can’t wait to see. (Brianna, 6PD)

Our school is a safe and friendly place because of good students and teachers who are helpful with any problems in the school grounds. (Lisa, 6PD)

I think Ballam Park is a very good school because all of the kids are nice. I have only been here for a couple of terms and I love it already. (Telaah, 6PD)

The reason I like my school is because all the kids are kind, especially my best friends, Jayde and Lisa. I also love my teachers, because they push me and encourage me with my work. (Karrah, 6PD)

These are just some of the things I love about my school. The teachers are friendly and are interested in thinking up new ways to make learning fun. The facilities are awesome like the new rope playground and the mini laptops. (Sarah D, 6PD)
WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY SCHOOL BY YEAR 6 STUDENTS… cont/…

Ballam Park Primary is one of the best schools in Frankston because we grow vegetables and flowers and have our own compost to help them grow. (Erykah, 6PD)

Ballam Park is a reliable, happy and caring school. (Luke, 6PD)

My school is great. I especially like the variety of play areas and the “brand new” equipment. (Sian, 6PD)

I like the classrooms, how they’re warm and cosy. (Savannah, 6PD)

What I like about my school is the education we get here. We all learn something new every day. (Sarah L, 6PD)

Bayside Better Schools Program

It was the fourth week of the Bayside Better Schools Program, and our enthusiastic parents rallied by setting up a special table at the Shopping Centre, advertising our school as well as recouping many shoppers’ receipts to aid our bid. The hard work was rewarded with Ballam Park Primary School winning the Encouragement Award, a world globe valued at $200 this week. Everyone can help by handing in their Bayside shopping receipts at the Customer desk or in the special box located in the School Office. The program runs from April 5th until June 27th.
WHAT I LIKE ABOUT MY SCHOOL BY YEAR 6 STUDENTS...

What I like about school—my friends that are always there for me. The children booming with knowledge. The playgrounds which everyone is grateful for the time and effort put into it. The teachers ready to teach and we’re ready to learn. The knowledge built in the walls, creating the perfect learning environment. The hard work put into every sheet of work. School is sometimes hard, but worth it! (Kate, 6B)

Having a super time with my friends and making the most of it because once one day is over, you can’t do it all over again, and learning to ensure my future life. (Raymond, 6B)

Well, waking up in the morning and getting really excited that I’m going to see all my friends. “Hey dad, I HAVE SPORT!” I yell. I love sport. It’s sooo fun, and just wondering what my teacher could teach us. Just sitting in class and having words and numbers wizzing around in my head 80 million times, wondering what I could possibly learn next. (Isabelle, 6B)

I like PE, Art, jigsaw program and computer. I like all the lovely teachers that help me learn. I like Maths, writing and sound waves. I love snack and lunch time where there is plenty of time to play. I love this school and would never leave, and never will (besides when I go to high school). (Gabrielle, 6B)

What I like about school is when my friends and I have fun, laughter and never fight. We always get along together and I can trust them. They are really nice friends. They are always there for me. (Odette, 6B)

What I like about school is my friends are really nice and my teacher is great. I learn a lot and my school’s pretty cool. I love Mrs Street and Mrs Burrows. I love Ballam Park and that’s about it, not to mention Mr O’Brien who helps with just about everything. (Carly, 6B)

What I like about school—having fun hanging with friends, doing good activities like drawing, Art, Music and Sport. School is fun! And that’s why I’ll never be away! (Emily, 6B)

PENDENTS’ CLUB

♦ BAYSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE BETTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM
Information was recently sent home regarding our school’s involvement in the Bayside Shopping Centre ‘Better Schools Program’. Please remember to collect any shopping receipts from shopping at the Frankston shopping centre complex and send them to the office to be put in our ‘quick drop box’. Shopping dockets collected will help our school to win cash and prizes. Last week our school won the Encouragement Award which was a fabulous world globe on a stand, donated by National Geographic and valued at $200.

♦ BIGGEST MORNING TEA (Thursday, 27 May)/CANCER COUNCIL
We are holding a Biggest Morning Tea at 11.00am on Thursday, 27th May in the staff room, in support of the Cancer Council. We would love you to come along and support this very worthwhile cause. There will be silent auctions, fabulous food and great company. A small donation fee is expected which will raise funds for the Cancer Council.
Hope to see you there!

♦ 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
* Annual Shopping Tour—Saturday, 11th September
* Fete—Friday, 22nd October
**Sport News**

**Ballam Park PS House Cross Country**

The Annual School House Cross Country was held on Friday, 23rd April 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.

In the closest ever House Cross Country, the final house totals after all completed events were:

1st – McKAY (495 pts)  
2nd – MARSH (482 pts)  
3rd – BRADMAN (474 pts)  
4th – ELLIOTT (465 pts)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO McKAY HOUSE, WINNERS OF THE 2010 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY.**

The top three placings for each event were:

- **8/9yr old girls:**  
  1st – Jelani N  
  2nd – Sophie H  
  3rd – Courtney H

- **8/9yr old boys:**  
  1st – Reece M  
  2nd – Hayden M  
  3rd – Ben D

- **10yr old girls:**  
  1st – Kaycie G  
  2nd – Erin D  
  3rd – Madeleine H

- **10yr old boys:**  
  1st – Joshua P  
  2nd – Callum B  
  3rd – Steven T

- **11yr old girls:**  
  1st – Rachel S  
  2nd – Eloise M  
  3rd – Kendall W

- **11yr old boys:**  
  1st – Aedan T  
  2nd – Zac G  
  3rd – Caleb J

- **12/13yr old girls:**  
  1st – Carly P  
  2nd – Lisa R  
  3rd – Kate B

- **12/13yr old boys:**  
  1st – Rhys W  
  2nd – Jacob J  
  3rd – Matt K

Well done to these students. All students who finished in the top 10 for their event advanced to the Frankston District Cross Country.

A big thank you those parents who offered their time to assist as course marshals, and to Years 3-6 staff for their organisation on the day and with training students over the past few weeks.

**Frankston District Cross Country**

The District Cross Country was held last Friday (30/4) at Ballam Park for those students who finished top 10 at the school’s House Cross Country. All students who competed did a fantastic job representing Ballam Park PS against the top runners from the other schools in our district: Overport PS, Baxter PS, Kingsley Park PS and Frankston Heights PS.

Special congratulations to the following students who finished top 10 in their event:

- **8/9yo girls:**  
  Jelani N – 3rd in 8/9yo girls  
  Sarah S – 9th in 8/9yo girls  
  Quinn L – 7th in 8/9yo boys  
  Steven T – 10th in 10yo boys  
  Karrah M – 10th in 11yo girls  
  Carly P – 4th in 12/13yo girls  
  Matthew K – 12/13yo boys  
  Sophie H – 4th in 8/9yo girls  
  Casey K – 10th in 8/9yo girls  
  Lachlan G – 8th in 8/9yo boys  
  Rachel S – 8th in 11yo girls  
  Aedan T – 1st in 11yo boys  
  Ellie G – 6th in 12/13yo girls  
  Rhys W – 2nd in 12/13yo boys

These students (except those in the 8/9yo age group) will now advance to the Peninsula Zone Cross Country on Wednesday, 9th June at Mornington Racecourse.

Ballam Park also won points trophies in the following age groups:

- **8/9 year old girls**  
- **8/9 year old boys**  
- **12/13 year old girls**

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*Sport News cont...*
Ballam Park PS finished 3rd overall for the day with 1543 points, just behind Overport PS (1559pts) and Kingsley Park PS (1637pts) which was a fantastic effort by all who participated. Thank you to Mrs. Howard, Miss McLeod, Mrs. Buxton and Mr. Petrucci for assisting with organising students on the day.

Peninsula Zone Winter Sport State Selection Trials
A number of Year 6 students were recently selected into district winter sport representative teams, and earlier this week competed in the Peninsula Zone trials for possible further advancement to State team selection:

- Football: Matt K, Rhys W, Adrian P
- Basketball: Jacob J, Savannah B, Kate B
- Netball: Brianna C
- Soccer: David P, Callum H, Karrah M

Well done to these students.

The district inter-school winter sport season will commence on Friday, 21st May. Year 6 students will be selected into school teams of football, soccer, netball, tee-ball and newcombe in the coming weeks. Notices with all details and fixtures will be sent home next week. We will also require a number of Year 5 students to fill in to make up our inter-school sport teams again this term. Those Year 5 students selected will be notified next week.

Year 5 Camp
Year 5 students returned home from camp yesterday afternoon after three fantastic days at Forest Lodge. All students are to be congratulated for their fantastic behaviour whilst on camp. Thank you also to Mr. Renouf, Mrs. Street, Mrs. Buxton, Mrs. Beilken, Mrs. Harding and Miss Quadara for giving up their time to attend and help make the camp run so smoothly.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator

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
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
2010-2011

The Entertainment Books are now available for purchase at school. You can purchase the Entertainment Book now for $65.00, and start using the coupons immediately until June 2011 (that’s 13 months use).

Remember Entertainment Books are the perfect gift for Mum this Mother’s Day (Sunday, 9th May).

Just log onto www.entertainmentbook.com.au and select ‘Search the Book’ tab. Then select the 2010-2011 Book, and then 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 Village movie cinema discounts, as well as complimentary AFL MCG Reserve admission when another ticket is purchased. There are also discounts at AMF, Melbourne Zoo, Krispy Kreme, Melbourne Aquarium, Luna Park, Puffing Billy etc, etc. Please look through the sample display book in the office.

Please support our school (sale of each book contributes to our Playground Upgrade) — and at the same time save yourself money!

BOOK CLUB
Please note that Book Club orders are due back at school by Friday, 7th May. Additional order forms are available at the office.

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OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

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Over the next fortnight, the children will be creating all things “pirate”.

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

Stars of the Week:
Jezzaray S
and Tessa M

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
Find the answers to as many of these problems as you can!

How many thumb prints long are these shapes?

How many more hand spans does it take you compared to someone else in your family?

John’s farm has a fence which goes all the way around to keep his sheep in. His land is a rectangle and the total perimeter of his fence is 24 metres. What are the measurements of his fence?

Blake’s watch gains 30 minutes every day. If Blake sets his watch at noon one day, how long will it be before it next correctly shows 12 o’clock again?
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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

STALL HOLDERS NEEDED
FOR GIANT GARAGE SALE, SATURDAY 22nd MAY

We are looking for stall holders for our Giant Garage Sale to be held on Saturday, 22nd May from 8.00am to 12.00pm at Seaford Kindergarten, McRae Street, Seaford. New, crafts and second hand items plus food and drinks available for purchase. Stall Fee $10 and Table hire $5. To make your booking, please contact Sam Keats on 0419 334 540 or directly to seaford.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au or 9786 1720.

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.

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: .......................................................... .......................................................... .......................................................... .......................................................... .......................................................... .......................................................... .......................................................... .......................................................... Thank you