PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Community Spirit at BPPS
In the last fortnight it has been very positive to see so many parents and family members at school for the family sports evening, the Prep family evening and for our assembly last Friday when our school leaders were presented with their badges. We also have had many parents attending our outdoor morning assemblies, and gathering for a chat in the afternoon while they wait to collect their children at the end of the school day.

In the last newsletter I put the following item:

Community Spirit of our School Survey
One of our parents on School Council has devised this 10 question on School Community Spirit. It will take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. It would be very helpful and appreciated if at least 50 parents completed the survey.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B75QWMZ

So far, the survey has attracted very little response. I'll leave it open for another week. It is one opportunity to help us continue to respond to what parents and students would like at your school.

Some Reminders
1. Dogs are not permitted on Victorian Government School Property for health and safety reasons.
   I am willing to authorise the occasional exception if a parent arranges in advance with the classroom teacher to bring a child’s pet in for Show and Tell, but even this might not be possible if there is anyone in the class with allergies to animals.

2. Yard duty begins each school morning at 8.45am. Prior to that, teachers who are here earlier than they are required to be, are preparing for the day in class.

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NOTICE TO PARENTS

2.30pm Dismissal
Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday, 30th March 2012 as this is the last day of Term 1.
Please note the Canteen will be closed on the first day of Term 2, Monday, 16th April.

We do have an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program here in our hall run by Camp Australia for students who arrive as early as 7.00am. Students in the program are supervised until 8.45am. Information on the OSHC program is available at the school office or on the Camp Australia website:


This OSHC program also runs after school until 6.00pm each school day.

Camp Australia has advised that the phone no. given in the last newsletter was incorrect, and they apologize for any inconvenience. The correct phone number of OSHC is 0452-247-787.

Mark Renouf
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES 2012

MARCH
Mon 12  PUBLIC HOLIDAY—Labour Day
Thurs 15  Footsteps
Tues 20  Camp Quality Whole School Incursion
Twilight Sports and Family Picnic
A big thank you to all the families who attended the Twilight Sports and Family Picnic on Wednesday, February 22nd. This is an opportunity for all members of the school community to interact.

A challenging game of Connect 4.

Boys enjoying a game of Jenga.

Lining up for the Sausage Sizzle organised by our Parents’ Club.

School Leaders
As well as House Captains, our Year 5 and 6 students have an opportunity to take on leadership positions as SRC (Student Representative Council members) and Environmental Rangers.

The SRC representatives assist with many of our school fund raising events such as Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal and State Schools Relief. These students also have a voice when discussing matters concerning the students at the school.

SRC representatives: Nathan, Zach, Colomen, Robbie, Corey, Kaycee, Rhiannon, Hope, Sammy and Blair.

Our Environmental Rangers have the role of promoting sustainability in the school. They do this by drawing the attention of the school to areas such as:

Using water wisely
Reducing our power usage
Recycling – paper and plastics etc.
Reducing our litter in the playground
Ensuring our plants are well cared.
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.

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CBA School Banking is free, it's fun and banking day is every Tuesday!

Hi EVERYONE!!

EXCITING NEWS...THE COMMONWEALTH BANK IS BACK IN 2012 WITH LOTS OF NEW REWARDS!!!

START BANKING NOW AND DON'T FORGET EVERY NEW SCHOOL BANKER WHO JoINS THE PROGRAM AND STARTS BANKING EARNs OUR SCHOOL $5.00! School Banking encourages a regular savings habit and we also receive commission with every deposit made!
PARENTS' CLUB

The next Parents' Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, 13th March due to the Labour Day public holiday on Monday.

Also, as from next week, all Parents’ Club meetings will be held in Room 16, the classroom next to the Canteen.

Parents’ Club usually meets every Monday morning straight after assembly (in Room 16). We welcome any new members, so please come along, join in and make new friends.

Can you help us with our Easter Raffle?
Thank you to all those parents who have kindly sent Easter Raffle donations to school.

We are still looking for more raffle prizes and would appreciate any donations. Please send these to school by Friday, 16th March. Raffle tickets will be sent home the following Monday.

KEYBOARD LESSONS

New Enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 1, 2012. At only $11.90 (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
This fortnight, the children will be exploring ‘Autumn’. The phone no. given in the last newsletter was incorrect. Camp Australia apologizes for any inconvenience. Please note the correct phone number for OSHC is 0452-247-787.

For bookings, please log on to: www.campaustralia.com.au

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**Star of the Week:**
Kaitlyn R for helping the younger children

Emma Cooper
Phone 0452-247-787

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**Term Dates 2012–2013**

**2012**
Term 1: 1 February to 30 March
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September

**2013**
Term 1: *29 January (teachers start) to 28 March
Term 2: 15 April to 28 June
Term 3: 15 July to 20 September
Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

* The first day of Term 1 is when teachers start – this is a student-free day. Please check with your school when your child starts as student-free day arrangements may vary from school to school.

**Please check with school when other student-free days will occur throughout the school year.**

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.

LOCALS WEEKEND IN FRANKSTON
Frankston City Council News

Children’s Day
11 April
George Pentland Gardens, Frankston

Mad Hatter’s Tea Party
22 April
Wells Street, Frankston

Visit www.frankston.vic.gov.au for up to date information on everything that is happening in Frankston City.

Teaching children good study habits

Join us for a Webinar on March 16

REGISTER NOW

Space is limited.
Reserve your Webinar seat now at: https://wmr1.gotomeeting.com/register/087102680

Research shows that children with good study habits do better in their schoolwork, examinations and further education. This webinar will provide parents and carers with tips on how to encourage children to get organised, do their own homework, prepare for exams, cope with study related stress and much more.

Title: Teaching children good study habits
Date: Friday, March 16, 2012
Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM AEDT

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

System Requirements
PC-based attendees
Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees
Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer