PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

School Review
Each government school in Victoria is reviewed every four years. For the first part of this year we were involved in a school self-assessment that culminated in a Review Day chaired by an external reviewer on July 20th. Staff, three parents and 12 students participated directly with the reviewer on the Review Day.

The reviewer has now provided a draft Review Report which begins as follows:

Ballam Park Primary School has made highly effective changes to teaching and learning programs since the last strategic plan. The goals and key improvement strategies have been implemented well and most targets have been met. Strategic funding has supported school improvement and a range of targeted programs have been provided for students. There is a strong climate of professional growth and support between all staff. It is evident that teachers demonstrate a high sense of commitment to building their own teaching capacity and extending the learning of all students.

If you would like to hear her report to School Council on Monday August, 27th at 5.30 pm, please contact me at school and I will add your name to the agenda as a visitor. Parents other than School Councillors are most welcome to attend.

Parent Opinion Survey
Each year a sample of parents from each Victorian Government school receives a Department Survey on their children’s school. This year 50 families received the survey from our school. The sample of families to receive the survey is always randomly generated by computer. The survey takes around 15 minutes to complete and I sincerely thank families who took the time to complete and return their surveys. Receiving the maximum number of survey replies assists us to make our school better for your children.

The surveys are not opened at school, but sent in sealed envelopes to be scored by a company employed by DEECD. No respondents’ names can be connected to your responses.

Training our future teachers
Ballam Park Primary School continues to have an active role in training teachers of the future. We regularly have tertiary students from Australian universities undertaking their practicum placements here. This week we have five final year students from Monash University working with our teachers.

“Try walking and talking” from The Age
As I watch the Olympic athletes show off their high level of skills, I always admire their high level of fitness and how healthy nearly all of them look. This could have one of two effects on me:
I could say to myself that I could never have been that fast or skilled and just be happy to sit and watch, or I could decide that I’d like to be fit and healthy and do some regular exercise.

What about our students here at Ballam Park Primary School? Apart from playing sport, being taught Physical Education and riding bikes, etc. have you considered the potential benefits of walking to and from school?

Here’s part of an article I found in The Age:
As another school term begins, the roads will become a lot busier. Not because the streets will be full of children walking to school, but because the roads around schools will be packed with cars ferrying primary school children to class. From an environmental, social and physical health perspective, this is bad news.

IMPORTANT DATES 2012

AUGUST
Tues 7 ) Life Education Van visit
Mon 13  )
Mon 13  Prep Mini Moves
Wed 15  Come & Play Session 9.30-10.30am
Mon 20  Year 1 Mini Moves commences
Wed 22  Come & Play Session 9.30-10.30am
Year 4 CERES Excursion
Wed 29  Family Maths Night 5.00-6.30pm
Come & Play Session 9.30-10.30am

SEPTEMBER
Wed 5  Come & Play Session 9.30-10.30am
Wed 12  Year 6 Musical
Fri 14  Year 6 Musical
Student Health and Happiness

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

Connectedness
When students have a strong feeling of connectedness to their school, it makes for a positive culture. Students have a sense of feeling safe, and caring for others as well as being able to show respect towards themselves and others.

A sense of connectedness needs to be built between:
- the student and the school,
- the student and their teachers, and
- the student and other students.

Last week at Ballam Park Primary School, there were many activities/events that help to strengthen students’ connectedness across the board.

1. District Finals: Football & Tee-Ball teams
The students demonstrated great endeavour and effort, as well as supporting and encouraging each other. They were all proud to represent the school and wear our school colours whilst having lots of fun.

2. ‘Mana– Spirit of Polynesia’ - Incursion
Apart from enjoying the performance, the students eagerly involved themselves in the dances and discussion, with many volunteering to perform out the front.

3. Painting the Planter Boxes
Our Year 4D students have been working enthusiastically on a project to paint some apple crates that are going to be used as vegetable planter boxes.

4. Olympics at School
Many grades have participated in fun Olympics activities that have focused on individual and team goals.

5. Students host Assembly
More and more students are taking responsibility for delivering our whole school Assembly each week.
Principal's Comments cont/…

Since the early 1970s there has been a dramatic decline in the rate of children walking to school. Then, 40 per cent of children walked, in 1994 it was 24 per cent and it is now thought to be as low as 15 per cent.

This decline represents a lost opportunity for children to achieve the one hour of physical activity required a day for good health. To put it in perspective, activities such as walking to school can use more kilojoules than organised sport and other activities outside school. Little wonder we face a childhood obesity epidemic and increased incidence of Type 2 Diabetes.

Victoria Walks For more information and ideas on enjoyable walking.

Mark Renouf
Principal

Cont/...Student Health and Happiness

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

Past Student’s Success

Congratulations to our past student, Stephen Topalczay who represented Victoria in the National Football School Boys Competition recently. The final was held in Adelaide.

Stephen was keen to share his success with everyone at Ballam Park Primary School and, in particular, Mr O’Brien who Stephen acknowledges as instrumental in encouraging and supporting him to pursue his goal of playing for Victoria at the highest level.

FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

Wednesday, 29 August

On Wednesday, 29th August, Ballam Park Primary School will be holding a Family Maths Night.

The evening will begin at 5.00 pm until about 6:30 pm. You and your children will be working with some hands-on activities that will include measuring, problem solving, puzzles and number.

Please come along with your family and join them in some fun maths activities that may challenge you! All welcome!

If you intend to come, please return the slip below so that we can make suitable arrangements.

Please return to school

FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

Wednesday, 29 August

I will be attending the Family Maths Night on Wednesday, 29th August.

Number of people attending (parents and students): __________________

Signed: _____________________________

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
**Peninsula Division Winter Sport Play-offs**

Two Ballam Park PS Years 5/6 Winter Sports teams, tee-ball and football, recently took part in the Peninsula Division Play-offs after winning their respective District Premierships a few weeks ago.

The tee-ball team ventured to Mornington Baseball Club and played two matches. The first match was against Mt. Martha PS with Mt. Martha winning 23 to 5.

Ballam Park PS then played Dromana PS in a shortened match and lost 9 to 5.

Despite losing both games, the tee-ball team showed outstanding sportsmanship, behaviour and team spirit, and should be commended for their improvement and efforts this season.

The football team played at a very wet and muddy Madsen Reserve in Mount Eliza.

The first game was against Tyabb PS and, in a close and tightly contested match, ended up losing by 18 points 7-6-48 to 4-6-30.

The second match was against St. Josephs PS from Sorrento. In another close match, the Ballam Park PS team managed to hang on for a draw, with a goal kicked right at the end of the game. The final scores: Ballam Park PS 6-3-39 to St. Josephs PS 5-9-39.

The football team can hold their heads high after fantastic efforts in both games, and should be very proud of the way they played and represented the school for the whole winter sport season!

A big thank you to those parents who arranged transport for children to and from the venues, both tee-ball and football, and for their wonderful support on both days.

**Year 3D Bike Ed Program**

Students in grade 3D began their Bike Ed program last Friday, and will continue to do so every Friday for the rest of term from 12.30pm – 1.30pm.

The program is designed to improve students’ riding skills and confidence, and to provide them with a basic awareness of traffic safety and road rules.

The program will also finish with a group ride in Ballam Park later in the term.

**District Athletics**

With District Athletics events being held later in the term, and the Olympic Games now upon us, students in Years 3-6 have been busy during PE and Sports sessions practising and trialling athletics events.

Those students who excel in certain events may be selected to represent the school in District Athletics in the last two weeks of Term 3. Those students selected will be notified of their events in a few weeks’ time and given relevant details.

Unfortunately, not all Years 3-6 students will be selected, as there simply aren’t enough events at the District Athletics for all students to compete.

However, we will be having a whole school sports day at the athletics track for all students to participate in later in Term 4.

*Darren O’Brien*

*Sports Coordinator*
CANTEEN NEWS
Winter Special Mondays
Hot Dog & Drink for only $3
Don’t miss out!
Available on Mondays only in Term 3.

Ballam Park “Boomers” Basketball Club Inc
Well, we are nearing the end of the winter season, with four games to go plus finals. All 3 teams are doing an AMAZING job, and all members have come so far this year. We have had a couple of Saturdays where the Boomers have had a clean sweep...Very exciting to have all three teams win on the same day!!! I went and watched the grade 2 team play last week, and wow, what a proud Big Boomer I was!!! I want to especially mention Lilleah and Mason—it was so amazing to see how far you two have come since the start of the season. Well done guys!!!

It has been a very busy couple of months. Manuao and Jacob from the grade 4 team both had the opportunity to have a training session with the Aussie Boomers at Frankston Stadium before they headed off to London for the Olympics. Manuao was representing the Ballam Park Boomers, and Jake was representing the Frankston Blues. I heard it was a huge success, and what an experience!!!

The try-outs for new players for the Frankston Blues are coming up soon. I know there are a couple of Boomers who are having a go. We wish you all the very best of luck and are very proud of you. We will keep everyone posted.

Please look out for our “Boomers Bike raffle” which we will launch this week at school. We have Boomers stickers to give away to the first 100 people who buy tickets. And, of course, you will have a chance to win an awesome bike!!!

Thankyou for supporting the Boomers. Have a great week everyone.

GO BOOMERS!!!
If you are interested in being involved, please call Kellie on 0416 055 346

HELP PLEASE...
DONATIONS OF SECONDHAND UNIFORMS NEEDED
Thank you to those kind parents who have donated pre-loved uniforms to our school. We are still in need of uniform donations to assist us in helping students, and would be grateful if any spare second-hand uniform items could be left at the office.
Your donations are sincerely appreciated. Thank you.

BOOMERS BIKE RAFFLE
1st prize- Repco unisex bike
2nd prize- Small girls bike
Drawn Friday 24th August
Tickets- 50c each/ 3 for $1.00

Thankyou for supporting the Ballam Park Boomers
2012 Year 6 Musical

OUT OF REACH

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rehearsals for our Year 6 Musical Production, 'OUT OF REACH', have begun! We are having a lot of fun rehearsing and working with all the Year 6 students.

This year we are approaching local businesses for corporate sponsorship. If you operate, or work for, a business that would like to sponsor our Year 6 Musical we would greatly appreciate your support. In return for your kind donation, we would include your company details and logo in our musical program and on our hall foyer display board.

If you would like to take part in this exciting sponsorship opportunity, we would love to hear from you by Friday, 24th August.

Thanking you
Mrs Street and Mrs Burrows

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Living Well with Asthma: Advice for Parents and Carers

1 in 10 people in Australia have asthma and people with asthma often rate their health a lot worse and report a poorer quality of life than the general population. Children and adolescents with current asthma are more likely to miss days of school/preschool due to asthma and a key aspect of improving quality of life is ensuring that your child or teenager is able to engage in fully in physical activity and social aspects of life and learning.

Good asthma control:

- Symptom free during the day and during physical exercise, reducing the need for reliever medication
- Symptom free at night, allowing for a good night’s rest
- Rarely experiencing asthma attacks or exacerbations
- Preventer medication and devices are being used correctly and as prescribed (e.g. on a daily basis)
- Having an asthma action plan to follow, both for the school/preschool and at home, and promptly acting on the plan when asthma symptoms occur

Asthma symptoms are not a normal aspect of life and should be taken seriously. Children and teenagers with poor asthma control should be encouraged to seek assistance, and should visit their GP or respiratory physician for an asthma review as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email schools@asthma.org.au
Prep Enrolments for 2013

BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
GATE 1, BELAR AVENUE, FRANKSTON 3199

Enrolments are presently being accepted for children commencing Prep in 2013

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 2013, for admission in 2013.

♦ If your child was born in a country other than Australia, the appropriate **visa**.

♦ **School entry immunisation certificate requirement:**
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 2012.)

♦ **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
Guitar Tuition available at school

If you would like your child to have Guitar lessons at the school on Mondays, please contact Glen Vinton of X10SIV Guitar Tuition on either 5979-4575 or via email on x10sivmusic@rock.com

Glen teaches both acoustic and electric guitar styles which will incorporate major and minor chords, moving on to barre chords, lead construction and, when your child gains confidence, song composition.

Glen has been playing guitar for over 35 years and has a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (Music).
OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK
‘we make kids smile’

Over the next fortnight we will be stepping back into medieval times. We will be creating castles, groups with shields and castle logos.

The phone number for OSHC is 0402-354-584.

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

Star of the Week:
Kiera L for consistently outstanding behaviour

Emma Cooper
Phone 0402-354-584

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

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.

Why not register for Relay For Life Frankston?
Relay For Life is an overnight Cancer Council community event for thousands of Australians who relay (walk) non-stop as they celebrate cancer survivors, remember those lost to cancer and fight back against the disease by raising important funds.

Please support us by:
* Joining our team and walking with us (please register online—details available at office) or
* Donating to our fundraising. A collection box is located at the school office and receipts are available

Date: Saturday, 22nd – Sunday, 23rd September 2012
Time: 4.00pm Saturday to 10.00am Sunday
Place: Ballam Park Athletics Track

Ballam Park PS is entering a team called “Dare to Dream”. Please see Chris Robinson with any questions before school or after 3.30pm (phone 9789-5614), for further details or to help with fundraising ideas.

Thank you
I would like to draw your attention to the ad that has been in the local paper over the last two weeks.
You may be aware that a number of local schools run select entry ‘special’ programs. At McClelland College our Personalized Learning approach provides all capable students with the opportunities to really fly in one or more areas, but in so doing, we avoid the situation whereby some students may be seen as the only ones who are capable of high levels of achievement. Every student at McClelland College has the opportunity to be extended in their learning. But we also know that many parents like the sound of programs that suggest exclusivity, and value having their children singled out to work with likeminded students. However, there is little evidence to show that being in a traditional select entry program actually improves student outcomes [in schools with SEAL programs, the top VCE performers do not all come from that group].
So we have developed a unique approach that acknowledges the talented and motivated students without ‘selling out’ and moving away from our key purpose – to provide exceptional opportunities for every student. This is our **Elite Performance Program** which will relate to every program in the college [not just English, Maths and sport]. Students will apply to be involved, and provide evidence of why they should be considered. If successful, they will be presented with a certificate of acceptance into the program and a badge [EPP Music, EPP Maths, EPP Art, EPP Leadership etc] and will sign a contract that they will maintain their ‘grades’ at a minimum of 6 months above the expected level. However, they will continue to work in classes as they currently do. In the MAXs they are already frequently grouped with similarly skilled students. In other classes, similar arrangements will continue to be developed.
The **Elite Performance Program** will be initially offered for years 7 and 8 in 2013, and extended to other year levels subsequently.
Please contact us at the college if you are interested in this opportunity for your son or daughter.
A GREAT START AT...
BALLAM PARK PRESCHOOL
26 Naranga Crescent Frankston 3199
Telephone 9789-1267

We are now taking enrolments for 2013 for both our 3 year old and 4 year old groups.

At Ballam Park Preschool:

♦ We aim to provide high quality Early Childhood Education, full of valuable experiences with positive outcomes for all children.

♦ We are committed to provide your children with a nurturing, supportive, secure and fun environment, where children and adults collaborate together, share their learning and extend their knowledge.

♦ Our belief is children learn through play. We provide fun, exciting, spontaneous, hands-on, stimulating, relaxing, comforting and challenging experiences, where the children learn at their own pace.

♦ We provide an all inclusive Preschool environment, recognising and respecting the diverse culture, traditions and beliefs within our community. We welcome and appreciate families’ participation and contributions to our Preschool community.

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**HEAD LICE**

The occurrence of head lice in students' hair is a constant and frustrating problem. Notices are sent home if head lice are noticed or reported in a particular grade. It is parents' responsibility to check and treat hair if head lice are present.

Regular checking at least once a week and appropriate treatment is essential if we are to reduce the number of head lice cases at school.
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.

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WHERE: Rosebud West Community Hub, 11a Allambi Ave, Rosebud West (Beside Rosebud Primary School)
WHEN: Tuesday 14th August 2012
TIME: 1.30pm to 3.30pm
RSVP: By Friday 10th August to Sue Wathen@Anglicare Victoria, ph: 5986
or 9945 or 0447 500 380 or email sara.wathen@anglicare.vic.gov.au
CHILDCARE: It is available but bookings are essential

Afternoon tea will be provided

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