Last Wednesday afternoon, an ‘Old Fashioned’ Sports day was held. The students participated in events such as the egg and spoon race, the three legged race and many different relays and games. The Year 6 students even learnt how to play hopscotch and jacks. Many parents and family members attended to watch their children participate. Following the sports, parents and children enjoyed afternoon tea and then had an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet the teacher.
Sport News

Inter-school Summer Sport

The Inter-school Summer Sport season was completed last Friday with students playing their final round against Somerville PS. All Year 5/6 students who participated in inter-school sport are to be congratulated on their outstanding behaviour, sportsmanship and efforts. Thank you to Mrs Burrows, Mrs Street and Mr Ennis for their fantastic coaching as well.

The Winter Inter-school Sport season will begin on Friday, 10th May. Students will be placed into teams of football, soccer, netball, newcombe and tee-ball shortly, and handed notices with all details.

Sport dates for Term 2

Term 2 is always a very busy term for sport at Ballam Park PS. Please keep the following dates in mind:

- Friday, 3rd May – BPPS House Cross Country (all Year 3 – 6 students)
- Friday, 10th May – Round 1 Inter-school Winter Sport
- Wednesday, 22nd May – District Cross Country (at Baxter Park)
- Wednesday, 5th June – Zone Cross Country (at Mornington Racecourse)

Further notices will be handed out next term with details of these days.

New sports uniforms
Celebrating Education Week
19th-25th May

sharing in your child’s education...

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the following events at Ballam Park Primary School:

BOOK FAIR
In the Staff Room: Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday, 22nd & Thursday, 23rd May, 3.30-4.30pm & Education Week Open Night, Wednesday, 22nd May, 6.30-7.30pm (refer newsletter page)

OPEN NIGHT
Wednesday, 22nd May, 6.30-8.00pm

✦ Visit classrooms – meet teachers, view displays
✦ Visit our Music and Art Rooms
✦ Book Fair in Staff Room 6.30-7.30pm
✦ Performance in Hall 7:30-8.00pm, sponsored by Our School Values

PREP STUDENT IN 2014?
You are warmly invited to our Open Night on Wednesday, 22nd May, 6.30-8.00pm.

School Tours — Please join us on one of our escorted tours and see for yourself our wonderful
Royal Children’s Hospital
Good Friday Appeal Easter Parade

A huge thank you to everyone for their generosity and support of our Easter Parade to raise money for the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal last term.

Our fundraiser was an enormous success!

We raised an amazing total of $825.95!

A record for our school!

Thank you to each and every family that donated and particularly,
YEAR 2 MAKING DIORAMAS
Emily and Hope from 3H are working together to complete a checklist about Months of the year.

Callum from 4R investigated 2D shapes and the ways they can be joined to create pictures.

Cooper, Bianca, Ella and Cooper from Year 1 are using marshmallows and straws to build 3D shapes.

Students from Prep M followed instructions to find locations in the Junior Playground.

Lily, Lilleah, Shai, Bailey and Jordan from 2L are making times on analogue clocks.
After 7 weeks of Dance Fever, last Monday parents had a chance to see what their students had achieved. It was with pride that the students performed their ‘Hip Hop’ dance and their partner dances such as the ‘Quick Step’ and the ‘Cha Cha’. The students even enticed their parents with social skills such as cooperation and courtesy, respect for others, fun and enjoyment, coordination and timing, and the importance of being active.
BLAST OFF!

My favourite part was when we all worked together as a team. Astrid L

I will probably watch the DVD 9 999 999 times! Thank you so much! Josh B

When we were waiting to go on stage I was terrified but getting the applause at the end made it worth it. Genevieve N

I felt amazing when we were singing and dancing because I was having so much fun! I felt very sad when it was over because I wanted to do it over and over again! Courtney H

I looooved being a part of this awesome experience. Angus B

My favourite dance was Energy because everyone had so much energy when they did it and the crowd loved it. Brodie M

When it came to Friday night, I was so calm performing. I felt like no one was there. Everyone supported each other and that made me feel comfortable. Freja R

My best memory will be that I had the best time of my life on the stage. Jack K

My favourite memory is all the fun I had and how we all worked together as a team. Emily S
By celebrating Health and PE week, we are reminding ourselves about the importance of regular exercise and eating healthy food to maintain good health.

When both of these aspects are normal parts of our daily life, it is easy to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Lunchtime dance sessions were enjoyed by everyone.

We meet the challenge of riding two exercise bikes non-stop from 9:00-3:30pm.

Our daily skip-a-thon found some students skipping through their recess and lunchtimes.

Years 2, 3 and 4 students enjoyed a clinic provided by Hockey Victoria on Wednesday.

On Thursday, students participated in a walk or ride to school.

Our week will conclude with a fitness circuit and breakfast for Year 5 and 6 students.

Throughout the week, classes joined in the pedometer challenge. Many classes had students who took over 10,000 steps in a day.

Also every morning Years 3-6 students have completed a morning fitness run.
Five Ballam Park PS students advanced to the State Athletics Finals at Albert Park on Monday after progressing through District, Division, and Region carnivals over the past few weeks.

Manuao H-G from Year 5 competed in the 9/10 year old girls shot put and threw a personal best of 8.39m to finish second in the State final. This now qualifies Manuao to compete for Team Vic in the National Titles to be held in Brisbane from November 22nd. An amazing effort!

Carys W from Year 5 competed in the 9/10 year old girls 100m. After winning her heat easily in the morning, Carys blew them away in the final to finish 1st and become State Champion, and break the State Record of 13.85 seconds which had previously stood since 1988!

This also qualifies Carys for the National Titles for Team Vic in Brisbane from 22nd November. Fantastic work Carys!

The 9/10 year old girls 4x100m relay team of Hannah P, Trinity S, Josephine T, and Carys W cruised through their heat in a great team effort to qualify fastest for the final.

After looking like finishing mid pack in a fast run final, it was left to a blistering final leg by Carys to get them home in an amazing finish...And become the first ever Ballam Park PS relay team to become State Champs! Well done girls!

A big thank you to Shaun Penny from Frankston Athletics Club who did an amazing job training the girls all the way to becoming State Champions.
Grade 3H has been working on ‘The Great Wall of Dairy Project’. The program increases students’ knowledge of the Australian Dairy Industry and the importance of dairy foods as part of a healthy, balanced diet for themselves and their families. We painted miniature cows, completed a learning journal and painted a large canvas where we made ‘Bony Bob’ — a large skeleton.