PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Welcome Back for 2011
This is our first newsletter this year. For families that are new, we send a newsletter home each fortnight on a Thursday. It is also available on our school website: http://www.ballamparkps.vic.edu.au/ I hope you find it interesting and informative.

Student Welfare
We have begun the year with a refocus on our four school rules:

- **B.P.P.S.**
  - Be friendly and respectful to others at school
  - Play and work safely
  - Persist when you face challenges
  - Strive to do your best

Each classroom teacher has been working in the grade making sure that all students understand what these rules mean and giving examples of each.

Our value focus for the start of the year is **Respect**. I would be disappointed if your child cannot explain what our rules and **Respect** are.

**Bikes/Skateboards/Scooters**
Please note that our school rule is that students must be in Year 4 or older to ride a bike, skateboard or scooter to school. Younger students need to be accompanied by an adult if they want to ride.

We prefer scooters and skateboards be left at home but, if they are ridden to school, the student must wear a helmet while riding/skating.

Notice:
Twilight Sports & Family Picnic
Wednesday
February 16th
5.30-7.30pm

IMPORTANT DATES

**FEBRUARY**
Thurs 10  Ballam Park Basketball Club
AGM, Uniform & Registration
Wed 16  Twilight Sports & Picnic, 5.30-7.30pm
Fri 18  Summer Sport Round 1
Thurs 24  District Swim Trials, 9am at Pines Pool
Fri 25  Summer Sport Round 2
Mon 28  Parents’ Club AGM, 9.30am
Preps at school Monday to Friday
Mon 28 to ) Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Fri 4 March }
Mon 28 to  Yr 1 Swimming 9.30-11am Jubilee Pk
Thurs 3 March

**MARCH**
Thurs 3  Prep Parents’ Coffee Morning
Prep BBQ Tea 5.00-7.00pm
Tues 8  Sausage Sizzle
Wed 9  Zone Swimming
Thurs 10  Footsteps 9.00am-1.15pm
Mon 14  PUBLIC HOLIDAY-Labour Day
Wed 16  Ride to School Day
Thurs 17  Footsteps 9.00am-1.15pm
Thurs 24  Footsteps 9.00am-1.15pm
Thurs 31  Footsteps 9.00am-1.15pm
**Principal's Comments cont/…**

**What's new for 2011?**

Our staff is unchanged from the end of 2010. *(That’s new.)*

Our six Junior classes have moved back into their building and love their newly refurbished facilities. We look forward to all parents being able to see the changes at our **Twilight Sports & Family Picnic Evening on Wednesday, February, 16th**.

Our Art/Music area is nearing completion, perhaps by early March.

Refurbishment work has begun on five classrooms in the Senior wing.

The secure bike rack has had a facelift.

**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

**Painting for the Mayor**

Kris Bolam, Frankston’s new and youngest ever Mayor is a past student of Ballam Park Primary School. Last year he commissioned a painting of Frankston from our students and Year 4/5B, Mrs Beilken’s class, took on the task.

On Wednesday this week, the class visited the Frankston City Council chambers and saw how their finished artwork looked in Mayor Bolam’s office. It looks fantastic!

*Mark Renouf*  
Principal

**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.**
**Parent Participation**
Parents are most welcome to be involved in our school. If you would like to assist in your child’s classroom, please discuss this with the teacher.

The Parents’ Club, which runs fundraising activities, meets in the staff room at 9.30am each Monday after assembly and new members are always welcome.

Every Monday, there is assembly in the hall for up to 30 minutes and it is always well attended by parents. On all other days, we begin with a brief outdoor assembly where parents are welcome.

**Personal Goods brought to School at Owner’s Risk - DEECD Policy**
- Principals are requested to remind staff, students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of this academic year. Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
- Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.
- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

**Head Lice**
We respectfully request that parents regularly check their children’s hair and treat any head lice problem. Apart from using expensive chemical treatments, the school nurse has advised that application of regular hair conditioner followed by thorough combing with a head lice comb on a daily basis for at least 10 successive days can be very effective in controlling head lice. With very little parent help, most children could do this, perhaps with a towel around their shoulders as they sit and watch TV.

**BOOK LIST AND ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS YEAR 2011**
The Book List and Essential Education Items Year 2011 for each year level were sent home at the end of 2010. If you did not receive this list, a copy is available from the office. Also a letter was sent home on 4th February regarding your child receiving their book list items.

**PAYMENTS ARE REQUIRED BY TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY.** A reminder that there are facilities for EFTPOS, Visa, BPAY and phone credit at the office.

Alternatively, for parents who are eligible, an **APPLICATION FOR EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) SHOULD BE COMPLETED before the end of February.**

**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

**BOOK CLUB**
Please note that Book Club orders are due back at school by Thursday, 24th February. Additional order forms are available at the office.

**PARENTS’ CLUB**
Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 28th February 2011, 9.30am in the school staff room where all Committee positions are declared open. ALL WELCOME.
Many of our Year 6 students came to school early yesterday for a special leaders of the school breakfast. Thank you Mr Renouf and Mr Lee for cooking on the barbecue and Mrs Burrows, Mrs Solis, Mrs Street, Mrs Renowden and Ms McSweeney for helping organise and prepare for the morning.
**PARENTS’ CLUB**

Welcome back! Hope everyone had a great holiday. Our Parents’ Club meets in the staff room every Monday morning after assembly, about 9.30am. We welcome any new members so please come along and join in.

**Forthcoming events:**

- **Wednesday, 16th February—SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT FAMILY PICNIC**
  The Parents’ Club will be holding a Sausage Sizzle at the Twilight Sports & Family Picnic night, 5.30pm-7.30pm next Wednesday, 16th February.
  Sausage in bread $1.00, drinks $1.00 for families who wish to add to their picnic meal.

- **Monday, 28th February—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
  Our Annual General Meeting will be held at 9.30am on Monday, 15th February in the staff room. ALL WELCOME.

- **Tuesday, 8th March—SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

- **Thursday, 7th April—EASTER RAFFLE**
  Easter raffle prizes will be drawn on Thursday, 7th April.

**OSHC NEWS THIS WEEK**

*‘we make kids smile’*

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**NEWS**

Welcome back! OSHC will be exploring life under the sea, and children will be creating their own marine life while they learn about one another.

**For new enrolments or booking changes:**

www.campaustralia.com.au

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
**CANTEEN**

Bellbrook Catering will continue to supply our Canteen services this year.

The Canteen is NOW OPEN, and will operate for three days each week — MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY.

**HOW TO ORDER**

Please write on a paper lunch bag:
- student’s name
- class
- room number
- amount enclosed, and
- the order.

The orders will be placed in crates in classrooms at the commencement of the morning session. Completed orders will be returned to the classrooms by 1.20pm, as lunch is eaten in classrooms.

The current Canteen menu (orange) was distributed in the last newsletter. Additional copies are available at the office.

Bon Appetit!

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**TERM DATES 2011-2012**

**2011**
- Term 1: 4 February (students start) to 8 April 2011
- Teachers begin Term 1 on 1 February
- 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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**$$ STUDENT BANKING $$**

Student banking will commence next **Tuesday, 16th February**.

School banking operates EVERY TUESDAY at our school, and parents of new students who wish to open an account for their child may collect details from the school office. If you would like more information regarding school banking, please contact Mrs Jo Lothian (parent volunteer) via the school office.

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**REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BANKING INFORMATION**

To: School Banking Co-ordinator
Ballam Park Primary School

Please send me a school banking information pack:

Parent's Name: ____________________________________________________________

Student's name: __________________________________________________________

Grade: .......... Room No.: .........