PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

XO Computers
The XOs are currently being enthusiastically used in five classrooms. I talked with three of our students who have used them to assist with their learning.

Saxon P (6S) “They are pretty cool because they have great activities which help educate me. Spirolaterals is my favourite because it’s fun. I have enjoyed learning about how to use them.”

Matilda H (5S) “I think they are pretty cool because they aren’t just a computer, they are a tablet too. I like to use Animal TV because it teaches you about animals and which country they live in.”

Taylon V (2C) “You can make things on them. We also use lots of fun games. It makes me want to come to school. I can’t wait to take it home to show my mum my work.”

Save the Dates:

School Fete
Our hard working Parents’ Club has been working vigorously behind the scenes to make Ballam Park’s School Fete a must attend event in your social calendar. It is taking place on Friday 17th October, 3:30-8:00pm with rides, face painting, show bags, stalls, a Craft Market, Sausage Sizzle and also a special guest appearance from The Transformers.

Please put the day in your diary so you don’t forget, and make sure to invite family and friends along.

Year 6 Musical
Rehearsals are enthusiastically underway under the close guidance of staff. This event is once again promising to be a fantastic, polished performance by all involved, and I can’t wait to see the finished production on Wednesday 10th September at McClelland College school hall. Tickets will be available soon through our school office.

Immunisation Status Certificate
In the wake of Victoria’s Chief Health Officer confirming three cases of measles at Essendon North Primary School, it is timely for all schools to check their student immunisation status records.

Under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, we are required to request an immunisation certificate for each child prior to enrolment and keep this on record.

In the event of a disease outbreak, this will help our staff quickly identify unimmunized children so they can be sent home until the risk of infection has passed.
**IMPORTANT DATES 2014**

**AUGUST**
- Mon 25 to Friday 29) Literacy/Numeracy Week
- Tues 26 Free Dental Checks at school
- Wed 27 Prep 2015 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
- Fri 29 District Athletics (Field Events Day)

**SEPTEMBER**
- Tues 2 Fathers’ Day Stall
- Wed 3 Prep 2015 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
- Fri 5 Fathers’ Day Raffle drawn
- Tues 9 Prep Farm Excursion 8.30-3.15pm
- Wed 10 Prep 2015 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
- Year 6 Musical Performance
- Tues 16 District Athletics (Track Events Day)
- Wed 17 Prep 2015 Come & Play 2.30-3.30pm
- Thurs 18 Footy Day
- Fri 19 End of term

**OCTOBER**
- Fri 17 School Fete 3.30pm-8.00pm

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**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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**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH JULY**

**Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for July 2014**

- Charlotte K - Prep G for Getting Along
- Billy Mc - 1R for Persistence
- Marcus S - 1B for Confidence
- Leigh C - 2C for Persistence
- Melody W - 3J for Getting Along
- Eden M - 4D for Organisation
- TJ S - 5B for Getting Along
- Nandar Z - Prep M for Getting Along
- Connor F - 1K for Persistence
- Ashlee W - 2B for Getting Along
- Bryce P - 3H for Persistence
- Tali T - 4R for Organisation
- Molly B - 5S for Persistence
- Tyrone W - 6S for Persistence
- Tahnee V - 6B for Persistence
BALLAM PARK PRIMARY

SCHOOL FETE

FRIDAY, 17TH OCTOBER

Belar Ave, Frankston

3:30PM - 8:00PM

FACE PAINTING • HOT FOOD • MAGICIAN • SHOWBAGS

RIDES • LIVE MUSIC • CRAFT MARKET

AND SO MUCH MORE!!!

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Working to reduce our waste
Ballam Park Primary School has registered to be part of the Frankston City Council new initiative known as ‘HOW’ - Halve our Waste.

As food waste makes up over 50% of household waste, the program focuses on how we can avoid and reduce waste. The program helps us understand that we can reduce this food waste and turn it into valuable compost for our gardens by using either a compost bin or worm farm.

Our Waste Reduction Program
At Ballam Park Primary School, we are already very aware of how we can recycle and reduce our school waste.

All paper and cardboard is recycled. Our Year 6 monitors ensure our recycling bins are emptied each Friday ready for collection on Monday. All glass, plastic and cans are recycled into the yellow lidded bins that are collected through the regular garbage service.

Our Year 3 students collect compostable food scraps from each classroom daily, to be placed in our compost area.

Worm Farm
As part of the ‘HOW’ Program, our school will receive a Worm Farm to also assist with putting our organic waste to good use. The liquid and castings will be an excellent source of nutritious matter for our vegetable garden beds.

When it comes to waste, think of the five Rs!

1. **Reduce**: Think before you buy! Do you really need it? What else could you use instead that you already have? Use a shopping list when you go shopping and stick to it. Reducing consumption is the most effective and simple way to reduce waste and impact on the environment.

2. **Reuse**: Packaging and products such as glass jars, plastic containers and paper and plastic bags can be used to store food. Old clothes make useful cleaning cloths and rags. Hold onto single-sided printed paper for lists and scribble paper by the phone. It is preferable to reuse rather than recycle in order to save on the resources (energy and water) that are required for the recycling process.

3. **Restore**: Can you restore or mend it rather than but a new one?

4. **Repurpose**: Can you add to it so that it will meet your needs? Can you use it for something else?

5. **Recycle...everything you can.** Visit recyclingnearyou.com.au to find where you can recycle items locally. Councils also have a great A-Z listing of where you can recycle different items locally. Visit frankston.vic.gov.au and search: Recycling directory.
Enrolments are presently being accepted for children commencing Prep in 2015

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 2015, for admission in 2015.

- 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 2014.)

- **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*
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PG - Roxy S  
1B - Natalia I, Ashley B  
1R - Jack V, Josh E  
2B - Charlotte N  
3H - Ina T, Braiden S-P  
4D - Lilly L  
5B - Bailey G  
6B - Hayley F, Tiya S, Cayla L  
PM - Tarquin K  
1K - Destiny J  
2C - Jordan S  
3J - Brodie H  
4R - Caitlin R  
5S - Will B

Would $500 assist you with education costs?  
You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms  
- text books  
- excursions  
- laptops  
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons  
- music tuition and instrument hire  
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

The Brotherhood of St Laurence delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card  
- are at least 18 years old  
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and  
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

To find out more contact Mehtap Williams,  
Saver Plus Worker at the Brotherhood of St Laurence  
8781 5937 / 0407 827 930 or mehtap.williams@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Barry Street, The Salvation Army and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Price Increases**

Please note the price for Potato Cakes and Dim Sims has increased to $1.00.

- Hot Potato Cakes $1.00 each are available each recess.

**Hot Dog 'N' Drink on Mondays**

Special lunch on Mondays only—Hot Dog 'N' Drink $5

Thank you to all our parents who are...

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**Winter is here!**

So now is the time to think about home fire safety.

- Every household needs to have a home fire escape plan
- Do not leave open fires or candles burning unattended
- Never overload power boards
- Drying clothes must be at least a metre from the heater
- Clean lint filters on clothes dryers after every use
- Ensure electrical equipment is in good condition
- Have chimneys and flues cleaned now

For further info go to: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

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**McClelland College Uniform Shop**

**End Of Lease Sale**

20% discount off all stock PLUS Sports Uniform** and Blazers 30% off! - only while stocks last.

**Hours**

Monday 8:30am – 11:30am
Tuesday 8:30am – 11:30am
Thursday 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Uniform Shop is currently on campus. Phone number 0433 420 518

**Please note that the School Council Uniform Subcommittee (in response to feedback) is working on a new Sports Uniform for sale in 2015. The existing sports uniform will be phased out by 2016.**

From October/November, McClelland College uniform will be available for purchase at PSW on Playne Street (not at sale prices listed above).

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**FRANKSTON HEIGHTS LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB**

**Little Athletics New Season**

Starting October 4

Join the fun and excitement of little athletics!

**Register Online**

http://tinyurl.com/atlts-rego

**Registration Day**

Friday September 19, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Ballam Park Athletics Pavilion
Baranee Drive, Ballam Park

Website: [www.flac.com.au](http://www.flac.com.au)
Enquiries: frankston.heights@gmail.com

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**CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Paperless School Newsletter**

How to receive the school’s newsletter:

- Internet—view newsletter on school’s website at [www.ballamparkps.vic.edu.au](http://www.ballamparkps.vic.edu.au)
- Register your email address on website
- Download tiqbiz App—download details at office (or collect a printed copy at the office)
Guitar Tuition
with Glen Vinton

On a musical note:
There is 1 vacancy available for 1/2 hour guitar lessons at school on a MONDAY afternoon. Please ask at the office for an ‘expression of interest’ form or, alternatively, ring Glen on 5979-4575 or 0437-440-265 for more information.

Private lessons are also available at my house in Hastings.

Glen Vinton
x10sivguitartuition.com.au
Ph: 5979-4575 or 0437-440-265
Email: glen@x10sivguitartuition.com.au

It’s Not OK To Be Away from school unless you are unwell.

How to get started — Before using our programs, you must register online for an account. Registering is quick and easy. Please visit our website to begin: www.campaustralia.com.au

Once registered you can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details any time of the day online. Please keep in mind we are able to take bookings at short notice to help busy families.

Save on care — You can save 50% or more on Before and After School Care fees with the non-means tested Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more, call our Customer Service Team on 1300-105-343 Monday to Friday.

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The papier mache was the children’s favourite activity this week. It was nice to see all the children being involved.

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

OSHC Co-ordinator: Mikaela Ramsay
Phone 0402-354-584

Wanting to know What's On this weekend?

Star of the Week
Naomi J.
Supporting those who care; 
the Victorian Carer Card

Are you an unpaid primary carer of a child? If you are, you might be eligible to enjoy a range of discounts and benefits from a number of businesses through the Victorian Carer Card Program.

More than 900 organisations across Victoria – from Europcar to Australia Post – provide discounts on products and services such as public transport, leisure and health and well-being through their involvement in the Carer Card Program.

The Carer Card is available to all unpaid primary carers including:

♦ Foster, kinship or primary carers and carers who care for vulnerable children who are unable to live with their parents
♦ Carer payment recipients who care for people with a disability or severe or chronic medical condition and
♦ Carer Allowance recipients who care for the frail aged or people in need of palliative care.

Eligibility
You might be eligible to receive a Carer Card if you answer yes to any of the following statements:

♦ You receive carer income support, such as a Carer Payment or Carer Allowance, through Centrelink.
♦ You receive payments to provide foster, respite or permanent care from the Victorian Department of Human Services.
♦ You provide at least 20 hours of care each week verified by your GP signing your application for a Carer Card.

For more information
To apply for a Carer Card and discover the discounts available through the program visit [www.carercard.vic.gov.au](http://www.carercard.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 901 958 toll free, during business hours.
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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School term dates 2014-2017

2014

Term 3: 14 July to 19 September

Term 4: 6 October to 19 December

2015

Term 1: 28 January (school teachers start) to 27 March *

Term 2: 13 April to 26 June

Term 3: 13 July to 18 September

Term 4: 5 October to 18 December

2016

Term 1: 27 January (school teachers start) to 24 March *

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June

Term 3: 11 July to 16 September

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

2017

Term 1: 30 January (school teachers start) to 31 March *

Term 2: 18 April to 30 June

Term 3: 17 July to 22 September

Term 4: 9 October to 22 December

* The first day of Term 1 is a student-free day in all government schools to allow for appropriate planning to take place for the arrival of students. Each year government schools are provided with four student-free days for professional development, school planning and administration, curriculum development, and student assessment and reporting purposes. The remaining three student-free days are determined by each individual school, so contact your school for details.

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