Principal’s comments

Principal taking leave
I will be on leave during Term 3. Mrs Sue McSweeney will be Acting Principal during my absence. Mrs Lee Street will take the role as Acting Assistant Principal, but will continue teaching her Year 6 class four days each week.

XO computers are coming in Term 3
Under a subsidy scheme set up by the previous Federal Government and that finishes on June 30th, the school has investigated and decided to purchase a set of XO computers for students in Years 5 and 6 and also for 2C. This is an opportunity for our students in those classes to access a personal computing device on a 1:1 basis. The staff at school have been investigating this opportunity over the last five weeks and it has been on the agenda for the last two School Council meetings.

XO computers have a double function, both as a small notebook computer and as a tablet. Their operating system and all software on them is included in the price and has been developed specifically for primary school students.

We at school were not aware of this opportunity until recently and so their purchase was not allowed for in the budget. In order to make their purchase financially feasible, I requested that School Council endorse the proposal to ask parents of students who have access to an XO to contribute $10 per term (= $1 per week) towards the cost.

Students whose parents pay the $10 will have an XO specifically allocated to them each term. This unit will be just for the one student to use. Students in Year 5 will continue to use the same unit in Year 6. By late term 3, these students will have the opportunity to take the XO home 1 or perhaps 2 nights per school week. All units will be stored at school during the school holidays.

Notice to Parents

♦ 2.30pm Dismissal — Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on Friday, 27th June as this is the last day of Term 2.
♦ Canteen closed — Please note the Canteen will be closed on the first day of Term 3, Monday, 14th July — reopening Wed 16th.
♦ Pupil Free Day Friday, 25th July — A Pupil Free Day has been approved by School Council on Friday, 25th July for teacher professional development and planning.

Important dates 2014

**JUNE**
Fri 27 End of Term 2, Early dismissal 2.30pm

**JULY**
Mon 14 Term 3 commences
Tues 15 Canteen closed first day of term
Tues 15 Life Education Parent Information Session 2.30pm
Wed 16 Canteen reopens
Tues 15 to ) Life Education Van visit
Tues 22 )
Tues 22 Bingo Night Parents’ Club
Thurs 24 Preps Fairytale Ball
Fri 25 PUPIL FREE DAY
Mon 28 Prep-Year 2 Pet Responsibility Incursn

**AUGUST**
Tues 5 School Photos

**SEPTEMBER**
Fri 12 Year 6 Musical Performance

**OCTOBER**
Fri 17 School Fete 3.30pm-8.00pm
All other students in 2C and Years 5 and 6 will have access to an XO from the school set as long as there is sufficient to allocate the XOs 1:1. They will not be permitted to take an XO home.

School Council agreed that this plan was the way forward so that we could afford to purchase the XOs before the subsidy ends on June 30th.

A letter and agreement to sign will be sent home at the start of next term.

You can read more about XO computers at: https://www.laptop.org.au/about

Our students working with older students
This semester, we have been involved in an exciting variety of learning programs that have seen our students working with students/staff from McClelland College on the Outdoor Maths Area, Language Education – Japanese elective, I sea I care ambassadors – The Northern Pacific Sea-star Project, with Work Experience and VCAL Placements at BPPS and two volunteer coaches in the before school Running Club. Next term, 2C will be involved with the College Academy Program (MAP) The Creative Landscape – Year 2 Life Stories.

Each year we partner with Monash University to provide learning experiences for both our students and the tertiary students. We also regularly host students from other universities on their practicum placements. The highlight so far this year was undoubtedly the Monash Experiential Environmental Program for Years 1 to 6.

We are very fortunate to be located close to McClelland College and Monash University, and to be able to organise these learning opportunities that are beyond the normal scope of primary school classrooms.

Head Lice/Robi Combs
Less than five parents have responded to the items I put in the school newsletter, and so the school will not be going ahead with offering any forms of head lice treatment through a bulk order.

We did send home an advice pamphlet from the Victorian Department of Health about effective control of head lice. If you did not receive one, we have a limited number of extra copies and can provide one on request.

Mark Renouf, Principal
Have you seen the progress on our Maths Outdoor Area?

Some of our Year 6 students are working with the MAP students from McClelland College to build this new area under the supervision of Mr Armstrong and Mrs McSweeney.

Last week Ballam Park Preschool visited the Prep classrooms and were entertained by the incursion, The Flying Bookworm.
Understanding your Child’s Report

This week parents had an opportunity to discuss their child’s progress as reported in the written report with the teacher at Parent/Teacher meetings. It is important to remind parents about the rating scale used on the reports so that it is clearly understood by the A-E scale.

The A-E scale linked to the AusVELS on student report cards means all Government schools in Victoria (with the exception of some specialist setting schools) use the same approach to reporting student progress. The A-E ratings have the same meaning at every school, and student progress is reported against the same standards.

What the A-E ratings mean: In every school:

- a ‘C’ rating means that a student is at the standard expected at the time of reporting and that their learning is on track
- a ‘B’ rating means that a student is above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
- an ‘A’ rating means a student is well above the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting
- a ‘D’ rating means a student is below the standard expected
- an ‘E’ rating is well below the standard expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

The meaning of the ratings may be new, but understanding the meaning of one consistent set of ratings is more straightforward for parents and teachers than having to understand different sets of meanings and approaches as a student moves from one school to another.

There are two key aspects to the new A-E ratings that parents must be clear about:

- A ‘C’ does not mean achievement is ‘just adequate’. It indicates that a student has met the state-wide standard expected of students of their age at the time of reporting, and their learning is firmly on track.

The teacher comments on the report card clarify the student’s progress and achievement.

Report cards are designed to provide students and parents with a clear picture of a student’s achievement at the time of reporting, as well as the progress the student has made since the previous year so that action can be taken to ensure improvements are made.

The principle of the report cards is that it is essential for the school, the student and the parent to have a clear picture of the progress made over a year, as well as current achievement.

Where a student has made little progress or is currently not meeting the standard expected, this is clearly indicated on the report. It is accompanied by detailed teacher comments, including a clear outline of the action that will be taken to support improvement, as well as student comment.

Student involvement in the reporting process is critical in this respect. It means that the students also have a clear picture of progress made to date, their strengths, as well as areas for improvement, and most importantly, ways forward to achieve further improvement.
Student Health and Happiness

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

The Basics of Good Oral Hygiene

An important part of being healthy is maintaining good oral hygiene. Brushing and flossing teeth is essential, but is this carried out regularly and correctly and does our diet assist good oral health?

Brushing—How long and how often?
Teeth should be brushed twice a day for two minutes and flossed once a day. A lot of people rush their brushing (the average time spent is 45 seconds), or skip it entirely.

Correct technique
Many people scrub too hard on the tooth and gum surfaces which can actually cause more problems and doesn't always get food out from between the teeth around the gum lines.

People also forget to brush their tongue where a lot of bacteria can build up.

Eating Habits
Each time we eat, the sugars in our food and drink are broken down by the bacteria in our mouths to form acid which immediately starts attacking our teeth.

Half an hour after eating is when our teeth are at their weakest and most vulnerable (and, actually, brushing during that first half hour makes things worse so we need to wait if we want to brush after a meal). If we don't eat anything else, then our saliva goes to work to neutralise these acids and protect our teeth during the day until our next meal.

But, if we continue to snack throughout the day, particularly on sweet foods and fizzy drinks, we're constantly topping up the sugars that turn into acid, so our teeth are under constant attack and saliva just can't cope with the level of acid. Our teeth will start to erode and decay. The bottom line on eating habits is to eat fewer sugary foods and drinks and don't snack between meals.

Baby Teeth
Just because baby teeth fall out and are replaced with permanent teeth, it doesn't mean that they don't matter. They actually play a big role in the development of permanent teeth and baby tooth decay can affect that development.

Supervision
Up until age six, parents should be brushing their child’s teeth for them as children won't necessarily have the dexterity and coordination to do it themselves. After six, children can be introduced to the right way to brush and floss, but they will still need supervising while they get used to the time it takes and the right techniques. Just telling children to brush their teeth often doesn't mean teeth actually get brushed!

Healthy Eating
Eating the right foods is one way to maintain good oral hygiene.

Tooth Friendly foods include:
Milk, some Cheeses, Fruit and Vegetables, Nuts, Wholegrain Cereals, lean Meat and Tap Water.

Foods that cause tooth decay include:
Lollies, soft drinks, cordials, sports drinks, potato chips, savoury crackers, sweet biscuits, some breakfast cereals.

Information taken from
www.dentalhealthweek.com.au
1. Squeeze a pea-sized blob of toothpaste onto a soft bristled brush.

2. Brush gently using circular motions. If you brush too hard it can harm your gums.

3. Brush all the surfaces of your teeth paying special attention to where the tooth meets the gum. This is where plaque builds up.

4. Remember to brush behind your front teeth using the tip of the toothbrush.

5. Keep brushing for at least two minutes and do this morning and night.

Did you know that it takes two to three minutes to brush your teeth properly but most people only spend 30 seconds or less?
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*
Parents’ Club events for Term 3
Tuesday 22nd July, 6:30pm—Bingo at Carrum Gardens Bingo Centre
Friday 1st August—School Disco
Parents’ Club events for Term 4
Friday 17th October, 3:30pm-8:00pm—School Fete

Fresh Fruit Progress
The Parents’ Club is currently raising funds to provide students with Fresh Fruit each week and we are almost there thanks to your continuous help and support!

Please like and share our facebook page to advertise this event and also keep updated with what is being organised.
www.facebook.com/BPPSFete2014

Any comments posted on Facebook must adhere to our school’s E-Smart Policy (Acceptable Use Agreement).

We are seeking some items for the school fete.
* Books * Egg Cartons * Empty jars *
We are also seeking items to fill the jars. For example, hair ties, marbles, erasers, toys, bouncy balls, ideas are endless. Thanks!

Thank you for everyone’s continued support and help so far. We have raised some much needed funds for the school and couldn’t have done it without the support of all the parents of Ballam Park PS. We look forward to more fundraising and fun events next term.

Join us for a fun night out playing bingo!

Tuesday, 22nd July at 6:30pm at Carrum Gardens Bingo Centre (554-556 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Carrum Downs)

A percentage of every book sold (each game played) will be donated back to the school, so bring your friends, family, everyone! The more the merrier!

Please contact the Parents’ Club with any questions.
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PG - Rhyce C         Eloise P
1B - Mitchell W, Phoebe E, Loki W
1R - Jai K            Michaela W
2B - Noah H           Alexandra K
3H - Josh T           Shai H
4D - Eden S-M         Mandy G
5B - Petar R          TJ S
6B - Ryan B, Jerome H, Joshua L, Cherise M
6S - Seth C, Dakota C, Mary K, Ben H

PM - Angus M         Elise E
1K - Mia T           Isabelle W
2C - Paige W         Leigh C
3J - Angus A         Kyle W
4R - Justin B        Felicity D
5S - Silque N        Rusmedin G

JELLY BABIES FOR SALE
To raise funds for research into Type 1 Diabetes, we are selling packets of Natural Jelly Babies at the office 2 packets for $5.00 on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. We hope you will support this worthwhile cause. Thank you.

www.jdrf.org.au

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.

CANTENE NEWS
Hot Potato Cakes!!!—Hot Potato Cakes 80 cents each are available each recess.

Hot Dog ‘N’ Drink on Mondays—Special Canteen lunch on Mondays only—Hot Dog ‘N’ Drink for $5.00.

Thank you to all our parents who are supporting the Canteen.

Selling our environment...
PAPERLESS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
How to receive the school’s newsletter:

* Internet—view newsletter on school’s website at 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)

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www.bamdanceclass.com.au
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Guitar Tuition with Glen Vinton

Please note:
Due to unprecedented demand, all available positions for Guitar Lessons at school are currently full — but, if your child is interested, they can:
(a) put their name on a waiting list,
(b) private lessons are available at my house in Hastings.

Contact numbers: 5979-4575 Mobile: 0437-440-265
Email: glen@x10sivguitartuition.com.au

Glen Vinton
x10sivguitartuition.com.au

JULY FOOTY PROGRAM AT TOORAK COLLEGE

Would you like the chance to meet some AFL players? Would you like to join in a fun footy games and activity style program? Would you like to be coached by experienced Interleague, TAC and Vic Metro coaches?

FREE FOOTY FOR EVERY PLAYER

For full flyer and registration details log onto:
www.dynamicfootskills.com.au NOTE: Upon registration under ‘2014 Local Club’ please fill in the name of the school

Primary Music Institute

KEYBOARD LESSONS

Significant academic research shows that instrumental music lessons can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination and confidence.

- Lessons are held on school campus – with lessons offered during and outside of school hours
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn music
- Only $15.99 per child per enrolment group lesson
- We also offer private lessons
- Thirty minutes per week of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!

New enrollments are currently being accepted for Term 2. Please be quick as we will finalise timetables shortly ahead of week 5 lessons.

Email directly on our website: www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au OR collect an enrolment form from your school Administration office.

Note: due to the popularity of the program we cannot guarantee there is an available space for your child. However, we will do our best to accommodate your child and if no space is available we will put your child on a waiting list and notify you of this after week 3 timetables are finalised.

Reminder for existing students: re-enrollment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so you do not need to send in a new enrolment form each term.
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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This week we had our Better Buddies presentation. Congratulations to Charlotte T, Eric M, Loui M, Xyla M and Maddison G for becoming Buddies in our OSHC program.

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

Star of the Week
Loui M.

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

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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.


Rock Solid Kids — Christmas in July!

Come let’s explore the Christmas story in the season that it happened in!
Wednesday, 9th July, 10am to 2pm
(lunch included)
High Street Uniting Church, 16 High St, Frankston
Register by 4th July: frankstonuc@gmail.com
Phone 9783-4300
Gold coin donation