PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

School Website Security
On two occasions including earlier this week, our website host has had to shut down school websites due to cyber hacking. This has resulted in our website being down twice recently. We do not keep any confidential information on our school website.

Special Religious Instruction in Schools – A Ministerial Direction (141) from DEECD
Please read the attached information. A new permission form from parents is required for students (Years 4, 5, 6) to access Special Religious Instruction in Victorian Government schools from the start of Term 3. This year at Ballam Park Primary School, SRI is available to students in Years 4 to 6. It is offered by accredited volunteers for 30 minutes each week.

Some extracts from the DEECD Website:

Head Lice
The concept of making available head lice solution through the school office was discussed at School Council on May 16th. School Councillors indicated that they would prefer to purchase treatments elsewhere. I have received no interest from any parent in the idea and so it will not be implemented.

School Council did think that offering Robi Combs at a discounted price would be worthwhile. I have had one response from a parent who would purchase a Robi Comb from school if we were to sell them. If we did this, it would be on a prepay basis after we were able to provide a price based on a bulk order. Please let the staff in our office know if you would be interested in this option.

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.
Monash University Environmental Education Fair

I hope that your children have shared with you something about what they learned on Monday. While it was timetabled for Years 1 to 6, some Preps also got involved during morning recess.

So what were 150 Monash Students doing here on Monday, and what did our students learn?

The title of the activity was The Frog in The Bog. There were types of ingredients in little tubs with labels that we put through a drain and there was a story about a frog getting his bog polluted because all the yucky stuff went down the drain into the bog. Loui (2C)

I made a lunch bag. I put stars, sprinkles and pom-poms on the outside. When the glue dried I could use the lunch bag more than once for my lunches, instead of throwing it out. Bella (1K)

I did an activity where we learnt about different soils and what kinds of plants grow in them. Then we did a little race where we had to dig up pictures of plants that would grow in that type of soil, then run to put the pictures on a piece of labelled cardboard. My container was potting mix. Caitlin (4R)

I enjoyed the clay modelling. The instruction was to make a 3D sculpture of an animal with all the details on it, then stay and wait for it to dry. I chose a snail and it turned out excellently. Brodie (3J)

I did the jam-bird-seed-feeders. We got a piece of cardboard and then we smeared jam on it and that helped the bird seed to stick onto it. We punched a hole in the corner of the cardboard, then tied a piece of string around it to form a loop. We looked for trees with birds in it and hung it up for the birds to eat. About four lorikeets came down straight away. Jaymes (6B)

Maybe my favourite activity was making a potato person because we had to use feathers, pins, eyeballs and pipe-cleaners. They looked pretty funny. One looked like an alien. The one I made was a monster: part pig, part horse, part dog, part porcupine and half owl. The idea was that when you are at home with nothing to do that you can make a character out of vegetables and your imagination. Tahnesha (5S)

Mark Renouf, Principal

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Order your copy of Entertainment Book 2014-2015 today!

The 2014-2015 Entertainment Book is now on sale at the school office for only $65.00, and you can start using the coupons immediately until June 2015. Why not have a look at the sample book on display, or log onto: www.entertainmentbook.com.au

Please support our school (sale of each Entertainment Book contributes to our IT Equipment) — and at the same time save yourself money!

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

It’s cool to be at school.
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need. The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form.

More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.
Monash Environmental and Sustainability Fair at BPPS
Monday, 26th May
Celebrating Education Week

Many families took the opportunity to visit the Education Week Open Night on Wednesday May 21st. Children shared their learning with their parents. Our Art room and Music rooms were also places to visit. Around the school and in classrooms were many fabulous displays on our theme of Healthy Eating.

Our performance in the school hall, hosted by two Year 6 students, Isabela and Ondine, was well attended. Performances included:

* Preps- Walk the Dinosaur
* Year 4- Frere Jacque in both English and French
* Junior Singing Group: Do You Want to Build a Snowman? & Bob the Snail
* The ‘Dudettes’ Dance Group
* Healthy Eating Quizzes and a short DVD on ‘What’s on your Plate’

Year 5 Healthy food bodies

Year 4 students made their own healthy lunch boxes.

Year 6 students looked at labelling on processed food, and discovered some interesting facts.
Student Health and Happiness
“When students are happy and healthy, their learning is maximised.”

Student Reports

Before the end of term, parents will receive their child’s mid year report. Often parents are very interested in how their child is achieving with their reading, writing and mathematics, however two other assessment areas:

- Personal Learning
- Interpersonal Learning

are equally important.

Let’s explore, in a little more detail, Personal Learning and why it is so important.

Personal Learning
Learners are most successful when they are mindful of themselves as learners and thinkers. Students can learn many things by will and effort. They need to understand what it means to learn, who they are as learners and how emotions affect learning.

As students move through the school, they are expected to take greater responsibility for their own learning, their participation in learning activities and the quality of their learning outcomes.

Students from Years 3-6 are assessed against Personal Learning while Prep to Year 2 students are developing the skills through a range of activities and experiences.

Within Personal Learning there are two areas:

The Individual Learner
In Year 3 it means that students can:
- concentrate and be organised,
- ask questions to extend their learning,
- show an awareness of behaviours that help learning, such as being quiet when appropriate, being friendly and safe and participating in discussions,
- show interest in the feelings, needs, ideas and opinions of others.

In Year 5 it means students can:
- Select from a range of resources - parents, peers, multi-media and the library,
- Use organisers such as Venn diagrams, mind maps to record information,
- Consider other perspectives or alternate ideas,
- Accept advice and support from others.

Managing personal learning
In Year 4 it means the students can:
- keep their books and materials in a neat, orderly manner,
- set short term goals for a particular area of their learning, e.g. I will learn all my number facts to 20,
- manage their feelings in pursuit of their goals, e.g. they show effort and persistence,
- evaluate their learning skills, e.g. How much have I improved?

In Year 6 it means the students can:
- set timelines to complete tasks,
- demonstrate independence in their learning,
- persist when experiencing difficulty,
- seek assistance and learning supports from the teacher or peers,
- show a positive attitude to learning within and outside the classroom,
- practise positive self talk,
- reflect on their achievement and suggest how to improve.

All of these skills and behaviours should be demonstrated in all fields of the students’ learning whether it be during a mathematics, reading or PE session.

It is when students have mastered these skills that they will be most successful in their other learning, and will be well on the way to becoming successful life long learners.
Parents' Club

Parents’ Club Events
Term 2: Thursday 5th June—Sausage Sizzle
Term 4: Friday 17th October—School Fete 3.30-8.00pm

Our fete preparations are well underway!!!
We are currently seeking:
* Unique/Different & independent stall holders
* Baked potatoes, kebabs and dim sims

We meet every second Wednesday straight after announcements in the portable near the canteen. You do not need to be part of the Parents’ Club to help with the fete. The next meeting will be on: Wednesday 4th June

We are also looking for businesses to sponsor our fete. If you own a business or know a business who may help, please feel free to contact us ASAP before advertising commences.

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).

Come and Say Hi!
Everyone is welcome to come and join the Parents’ Club. We meet in the portable classroom near the Canteen. Kids are more than welcome.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 2nd June.

Thank you for everyone’s support of our Mothers’ Day stall and raffle. We hope you all enjoyed our gifts and won some wonderful prizes!

We would like to hear your feedback on the stall.

Mothers’ Day Stall & Raffle

Moonlit Sanctuary School Holidays Young Ranger Program
Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games during Winter 2014.
Mon 30 June, Wed 2, Thurs 3, Fri 4 July, Mon 7, Tues 8, Wed 9, Fri 11 July

Cost: $45.00 per day, or $120 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 4PM

Wear closed-toe shoes & long pants & remember your hat. Lunches: BYO or may be purchased in our cafe.

Moonlit Sanctuary, 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale, Ph. 5978-7935
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com Open daily between 10am and 5pm
The Parents Club cannot operate without the generosity of the community and parents and all donations received. Thank you to all the parents who have kindly donated towards our fundraising so far, and thank you to the following businesses who have supported our school and donated. Please keep them coming and we look forward to receiving more.

**The Cove Hotel**
115 McLeod Rd, Patterson Lakes  
Phone: (03) 9773 3733  
www.thecovehotel.com.au

**Peninsula Skateworld**
3/2 Amayla Crescent, Carrum Downs  
Phone: (03) 9773 6799  
www.skateworld.com.au

**Langwarrin Sports Medicine Centre**
81/83-85 Cranbourne Rd, Langwarrin  
Phone: (03) 9789 1233  
www.psmgroup.com.au

**Medallion Fine Foods**
...Finest Quality Foods at Discounted Prices, Striving to feed Australian families fine quality foods at low prices! Purchase from most food discount retailers such as NQR or Sam’s Warehouse and many more.

**Sharna Valentine**
Hair & Make Up Artistry / Arbonne Consultant  
Phone: 0438 606 105  
E: glamorous.artistry@tpg.com.au

**Gardenworld**
810-834 Springvale Rd, Braeside  
Phone: (03) 9791 0111  
www.gardenworld.com.au
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards!

PG - Melissa B, Kaytlyn D  
1B - Nevaeh W, Thomas C, Oliver K  
1R - Sienna B, Toby K  
2B - Allannah M, Tedan U  
3H - Montanna S, Emily S  
4D - Campbell J, Olivia C  
5B - Ally N, Trinity S  
6B - Cooper M, Manua H, Felicity W, Dillon B  
6S - Ben H, Hayley T, Tyrone W, Jacob W  
PM - Isabella B, Nandar Z  
1K - Tirua K, Adam J  
2C - Bianca N, Jack B  
3J - Jamie F, Ebony H  
4R - Kaipo P, Amber J  
5S - Kathryn S, Will B

CANTENE NEWS
Hot Potato Cakes!!!—Hot Potato Cakes 80 cents each are available each recess.  
Hot Dog 'N' Drink—Mondays—  
The special Canteen lunch on Mondays—Hot Dog 'N' Drink for $5.00 is available every Monday.  
Canteen Menu item deleted—Please note Home Style Chocolate Muffins have been deleted from menu.  

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

Peaceful Parenting
Managing Meltdowns, Creating Calm

Come and share a workshop to:
• Investigate your child’s current emotional and behavioural issues  
• Discuss a range of tools to help you manage challenging behaviours  
• Discuss positive strategies leading to positive change  
• Self-care for parents

Where: FamilyLife, 1/148 Young Street, Frankston  
When: 2014 WORKSHOP broken into 3 hour sessions, 5pm to 8pm:  
Tuesday 3rd June  
Tuesday 10th June  
Tuesday 17th June  
Tuesday 24th June  
Cost: Free but Bookings Essential. Light refreshments available

For bookings & further information please contact  
Deb from the SHINE team at Family Life on 0426 733 514  
or email info@familylife.com.au

SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
$2 entry for adults FREE for kids. Funds raised support local community groups and keep the market running.  
This market is a not-for-profit project.
ICAS 2014

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS

ICAS provides an opportunity for students to gain a measure of their own achievement as an external assessment. Students from Years 2-6 are invited to participate in the Maths and English Competitions. Students entering the competitions complete tasks under test conditions at school on dates determined by the organisers. Participating students receive detailed results of their performance and a certificate. Our school receives a copy of results and access to these via the Internet.

The cost for entering each competition is $8.00 ($16.00 should you enter both competitions). No refund can be given if your child has paid and is unable to attend on the day of the competition.

If you wish your child to participate and did not receive a notice, these are available from the office. The sitting date for each competition is as follows:

**English – Tuesday, 29th July**
**Mathematics – Tuesday, 12th August**

Notices and payment for all competitions, must be received by **FRIDAY, 20th JUNE.** No late entries can be accepted.

Parents wanting to know more about the competitions and/or to purchase past papers can do so at the following address: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au
For further information, contact Jan Beilken at Ballam Park Primary School.

Jan Beilken
(ICS Co-ordinator)

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**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 Phone 5979-4575, Mobile 0437-440-265 (after 8.00pm) or alternatively via email glen@x10sivguitartuition.com.au

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).

For more information, head to: x10sivguitartuition.com.au

Information is also available at the school office.
**Dads Matter**
(it's a family thing)

**Q and A Evening**

**FREE EVENT**

**Date:** Monday 16 June 2014  
**Time:** 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm  
(doors open at 7.00 pm for a strict 7.30 pm start)  
**Where:** Cranbourne Golf Club,  
South Gippsland Highway,  
Cranbourne North  
*Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. This is an alcohol-free event.*

The evening invites dads and other significant males (including foster dads, grandparents, etc) from across Casey to come together and openly discuss issues relevant to being a dad with our guest panel. The discussion will focus on issues that are faced by expecting and new dads.

**Special Guest Host, Sandy Roberts**  
TV Sports Journalist

**GUEST PANEL MEMBERS INCLUDE:**

**Dave Hughes**  
Comedian and Media Personality

**Jay Laga’aia**  
‘Play School’ Presenter,  
Children’s Entertainer and Actor

**Troy Jones**  
‘Being Dad’ DVD Series and Founder of ‘Pregnant Pause’

**Gregory Nicolau,**  
Consulting Psychologist and CEO,  
Australian Childhood Trauma Group

**Randal Newton-John**  
Executive General Manager,  
MensLine Australia

**PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED – REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL**

For more information and to book your place, please contact City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200.  
If you have a question you would like to ask the panel, please email these before the evening to:  
dadsmatter@casey.vic.gov.au

NRS (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired): 133 677  
TIS (Translating and Interpreting Service): 131 450

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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.

School term dates 2014-2017

2014
Term 2: 22 April to 27 June
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.


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