PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Congratulation to Carys and the 11 year girls relay team - Victorian State Champions

Carys won the 100 metre sprint in Victorian State record time and then she teamed up with Hannah, Josephine and Trinity to win the 4 x 100m relay by a whisker. Carys progresses to the Australian School Athletic Championships in Hobart in a month in both the 100m and the 4 x 100m relay.

EMA and SchoolKids Bonus in 2015 (repeat from our last newsletter in case some missed it)

The Educational Maintenance Allowance finishes at the end of this year and will not be available in 2015. However, nearly every parent of a primary school-age child in 2015 will receive the Commonwealth Government SchoolKids Bonus of $211 per student in January and the same again in June. This will be paid directly into your bank account.

In place of the EMA, the school will receive extra direct State Government funding in 2015 and this will allow the school to significantly reduce the cost to parents of student requisites and special programs such as Life Ed, Dance, Mathletics, computer consumables and Art supplies.

This will be discussed at our next School Council meeting and more detailed information will be sent home soon after that.

Federal Funding:

Despite what many might believe from media reports, there is no identifiable extra funding in Victorian Government schools this or next year through the Gonski agreement, more correctly named the Better School Plan. An internet search will provide you with current perspectives if you would like to be more informed.

Language Education

I am interested to hear parents’ opinions about our Language Education Program this year. All students have had some exposure to five languages: Japanese, French, Indonesian, Chinese and Spanish. From Year 3 up, students have been able to choose one of these languages and spend time each week researching the country and using online applications to begin learning the language. Students in Years 1 and 2 have spent some time on each of the five languages under their teacher’s guidance and also using online resources.

If you would like to speak with your child about their learning and then provide me with some written feedback, either a note of an email, I would really appreciate hearing what you think. renouf.mark.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Staff Car Park

Thank you to the majority of our parents who park outside the school grounds, and who show that they understand and respect that our students’ safety is important.

Parents who choose to ignore student safety have no right of way over anyone when entering, leaving or driving through the carpark before or after school. Students from McClelland College use part of the driveway as their walkway because it is the only way to walk between our two schools from the park.

If a parent who drives into the staff carpark were to be involved in an accident of any sort, I am not sure what explanation they would be able to provide to the Police.

I ask you, if you are a parent who drives into the staff carpark, to please be more reasonable and concerned for the safety of others.

The staff carpark is permitted to be used for drop off and pick up from OSHC before 8am or after 4pm. Please drive at walking pace and give way to all pedestrians.

Mark Renouf, Principal

Saving our environment...

PAPERLESS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

How to receive the school’s newsletter:

* Internet—view newsletter on school’s website at www.ballamparks.vic.edu.au
* Register your email address on website
* Download tiqbiz App—download details at office
(or collect a printed copy at the office)
Prep Enrolments for 2015
BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
GATE 1, BELAR AVENUE, FRANKSTON 3199

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

CHILDERN TRANSFERRING TO NEW SCHOOLS IN 2015
(excluding Year 6 students)

To assist us with our preliminary planning for Year 2015, we need to have fairly accurate estimates of student enrolment. It is important that we know about any families who are presently at our school but intend to transfer to another school in 2015. Please return this form to school as soon as possible. Thank you

(Please return form to school office)

CHILDREN IN YEARS PREP TO 5 TRANSFERRING TO OTHER SCHOOLS IN 2015

My children will be transferring to:

........................................ Primary School

Children’s names:

........................................ Grade .....

........................................ Grade .....

Parent/guardian’s signature:

........................................

$\$ STUDENT BANKING $\$

The student banking for this year will finish on Tuesday, 2nd December 2014, and banking will resume in 2015 on Tuesday, 10th February 2015.

Student banking operates EVERY TUESDAY at our school, and parents of 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) at the office.
Five Ballam Park PS students advanced to the SSV State Athletics Finals on Monday 27th October at Albert Park in Melbourne.

Teah W competed in the 10 year old girls 200m event and after coming 3rd in her morning heat, qualified for the State Final where she finished in 7th place.

Reigning 100m National Champion Carys W made the State Finals in 100m and 200m after winning both her morning heats in the 11 year old girls age group.

Carys would first run in the 100m Final and would blow away the field to win back to back State 100m Titles in a new 11 year old girls state record time of 12.77 seconds! Later Carys would finish a very close 4th in the 200m Final.

The school’s 11 year girls 4x100m relay team of Hannah P, Trinity S, Josephine T & Carys W then set about defending their state title from a year ago.

After a minor hiccup in their heat where they finished 2nd, the girls would put it all together when it mattered most and go on to again win the State Final.

Congratulations girls on your amazing efforts and achievements from everyone at Ballam Park PS. We are so proud of you!

Best of luck to Carys W who will now represent Team Vic in the National Athletics Championships in Penguin, Tasmania on 27th November – 2nd December
Cybersmart — advice for Parents

To many parents it seems as though children and young people are constantly online. Often they seem to be completing more than one task at a time; for example, downloading and listening to music while studying and chatting to friends or sending messages on their mobile phones.

The number of hours children and young people online can vary significantly. There is no guidance for the ‘right’ amount of time for children to spend online, however if it appears to impact negatively on their behaviour or wellbeing, or that of the family, it may be time to discuss expectations and establish time limits.

How much is too much?

Noticeable changes in the online behaviour of children and young people can be indicators of excessive internet use. These include:

- Online activities interfering with general health and wellbeing
- Seeming obsessed with particular websites and games
- Appearing anxious and irritable when away from the computer
- Spending increasing amounts of time online
- Excessive tiredness
- A decline in academic performance, and
- Seeming isolated or withdrawn from offline friends and activities.

What can I do?

1. The longer you wait to address the issue, the more difficult it can be to overcome. So if you see an emerging problem arising from excessive use, act right away.
2. Talk to your child about your concerns you have and monitor what games, apps and devices are bought or used by your child.
3. You may like to install a filter on the laptop or computer your child is using, which can be adjusted to limit the amount of time an internet connection will be available on that device.
4. Consider implementing family agreements about the amount of time your children can spend online. You might like to have a rule where the wifi password of the day is only given once all homework/chores/family time is done. A similar approach can be to limit access to devices.
5. If your child seems particularly anxious or irritable or you notice them seeming isolated from friends or other activities, there may be an underlying mental health issue. Consider getting help from school counsellors or your GP who can refer your child to a professional psychologist.
6. Remember you are the adult and you are in charge and need to act if concerned. There are many website resources online such as ACMA — Australia Communication and Media Authority.
Term 4 Swimming Programs
Parents should have received notices outlining details for our school swimming programs this term.
The dates for those year levels involved are:

Prep and Year 2: Monday 10th – Thursday 13th November at the newly opened Peninsula Aquatic and Recreation Centre (PARC) in Frankston.
Years 3 & 4: Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th November at PARC.
Years 5 & 6: Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th December at PARC and Frankston Life Saving Club.

All money and permission forms will need to be returned to school by TOMORROW (Friday, 31st October) for the Prep and Year 2 Swimming Programs so we can finalise details.

Money and permission forms for Years 3/4 Swimming are due on Friday 14th November, whilst Years 5/6 is due on Friday 21st November.

We ask that all parents please make every effort to pay for their child to attend swimming as it is a very important part of the school’s PE and Sport curriculum, and all students are expected to participate.

Eastern Zone Orienteering
Ballam Park PS has entered 46 Years 3 – 6 students to compete in the Zone Orienteering at Westerfolds Park in Templestowe on Friday 7th November.
Students will be competing in either individual or pairs events against students from other schools in their year level.
Those students attending have received notices outlining all details.
A final reminder notice will be sent home next Wednesday.
Hopefully the weather is kind, and our students enjoy a fun day orienteering.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator

FETE RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS...

1st prize Elizabeth R
2nd prize Teegan S
3rd prize Daniel S
4th prize Alison (Birchwood Roses)
5th prize Steve L (Practical Things)
6th prize Ryder M
7th prize Katie P
8th prize Bev V
9th prize Alison (Birchwood Roses)
10th prize Mikayla B
11th prize Danielle W
12th prize Janet A (Practical Things)
13th prize Taya & Cohen L
14th prize A K (Toy Stall)
15th prize Janet A (Practical Things)
16th prize Karen P
17th prize Liz R
18th prize Angelina K
19th prize Birchwood Roses
20th prize Nicole P
21st prize Tyla M
22nd prize Kim T
23rd prize Gayla P
24th prize Carol N

Congratulations to all the prize winners!!!
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

English and Maths Competitions 2014 Results

At Ballam Park PS this year, 35 students from grades 2-6 participated in the ICAS English Competition and 42 students entered the ICAS Maths Competition. Students from Australia and 12 other countries from around the world compete in these competitions annually. Congratulations to all the students from BPPS who participated in these competitions in 2014.

We would like to extend special congratulations to the following students for achieving a high distinction (top 1%), distinction (top 10%), credit (top 30%) and merit (top 35%).

ENGLISH

High Distinction – Jackson King (Year 5)

Distinction: Noah Hammond (Year 2)
Cameron Anderson-Sunderland (Year 3)
Erik Muscat (Year 5)
Tiya Silivaai (Year 6)

Credit: Chloe Krzyzkowski (Year 2)
Brodie Hare (Year 3)
Bailey Philpotts (Year 3)
Phoenix Smith (Year 3)
Alexandra Nardella (Year 5)

Merit: Charlotte Nardella (Year 2)
Noah Bailey (Year 2)
Phoenix Brennan (Year 4)
Matilda Hare (Year 5)

MATHS

Distinction: Noah Bailey (Year 2)
Noah Hammond (Year 2)
Jackson King (Year 5)
Chloe Krzyzkowski (Year 2)

Credit: Dayle Coughlan (Year 2)
Chase McDonald (Year 2)
Dylan Storey (Year 3)
Cameron Anderson-Sunderland (Year 3)
Jerome Hughes (Year 6)
Liam Hughes (Year 6)

Merit: Charlotte Nardella (Year 2)
Cai Venn (Year 4)
Alexandra Nardella (Year 5)
Tiya Silivaai (Year 6)
Parents’ Club Events for Term 4
Monday 15th December—Christmas Stall

The Fete was a huge success and we really do appreciate everyone who came and supported us and also everyone who volunteered their time. Thank you to the listed stall holders who attended. Please be sure to visit their websites or facebook pages and support these local businesses.

Aussie Icey Flakes
Balkan Bites
Munchen Time
Pizza Wagon
Slush Me
Speedy Bean
The Ice Cream Workshop
The Candy Hut
AA and J Accessories
Alexandra Ellis Personal Travel Manager
All About Peppa Pig
Avon—Danielle Hade
Ballam Park Pre-School
Ballam Park Scouts
Balloons n Stuff
Bank of Melbourne—Karingal
Birchwood Roses
Bows, Clips & Pretty Things
Bubidi Boo! Dressing Tomorrow’s Future -
Bunna and Doo Designs
Carol Thomas—Onsies and hats
Chocoholics Anonymous
Cynste Temporary Airbrush Tattoos
Elizabeth Rutter—Silver Jewellery
Erika Toth Beanie Bears
Fifth Avenue Jewellery—Belinda Nurney
Flaschengeist—Jaimmi Fairfield
For the Love of Vintage
Get Badged by Kymmy
Hollywood face painting
Jodi’s Soy Candles
Jukebox Express
Kelly Bros Farm to You
Kind Thoughts Reiki
Leni’s handmade creations
Lil’ Lux’s Bitz
LimeDaisy Design
LK Soap and Toys
Lorraine Lea Linen—Nikki McQuillen
Love a Rhino
Lovely Pics
Mach Mall Accessories
Machi Designs
Mary Kay—Kate Levins
Natures Blend
Paint and Giggle
Phoenix Trader—Bev McLennan
Polymer Parties
Practical Things
Precious Lil Accessories
Ruby cube products
Sapphire Décor
Scentsy—Robynne Mountford
Sue Di Pietro and Annette Kirby
The Elemental School of Spiritual Studies
That’s My Girl
The Body Shop at Home—Kelly Mayne
The Naughty Table
The Sweet Florence
Thermomix—Angela MacPherson
Totally Wilde Magic
Tri Nature—Jennifer Ryder
Tupperware - Kym Frost
Vintage Arabella
What’s In Season
Your Inspiration at Home—Joy Nailon
Zenam Cupcakes
The Chefs Toolbox—Cara O’Shea

Special Thank You to McClelland College School Bands, Imitating Jane, Totally Wilde Magic, BPPS Singing, Dancing and Skipping groups and also Melbourne Transformers for all their wonderful performances.
Parents’ Club
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.

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This week we had a visit from the local CFA to teach us about fire safety. The children all enjoyed the fire safety activities and looking at the fire truck.

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

Star of the Week
Ryan B & Eden M

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

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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