‘Step into Prep’
Session 3 for 2017
Term 4
Tuesday 25th October …..
….. is when our next session will take place next!

2:30 - Parents and children gather in the Hall.
2:40 - Parent Information Session 3: ‘Support Staff and School Procedures’

Focus Areas:
Uniform: Lee Street (Acting Assistant Principal)
Canteen: Lee Street
Integration Aides: Lee Street
Office Procedures: Pam Lefebvre
First Aid: Pam Lefebvre
Concerns and Complaints Process: John Mace (Principal)
School Council: Tamara McDonald (School Council President)
Parents and Friends’ Association: Cherie Ridgway (President)
Student Session: Physical Education: - Students get to experience a Physical Education session and meet the specialist teacher, Darren O’Brien …
(Physical Education Teacher)

Please meet in the Ballam Park School Hall

Other Sessions
• Tuesday 8th November 2:30pm
• Tuesday 22nd November 2:30pm
• Transition morning: Tuesday 6th December 9:30-11:00am

Foundation/Prep students for 2017 can come and experience school with mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents or carers.

Come and enjoy craft, music, stories and developmental play.
A great opportunity to connect with other families and help your child prepare for school.

For further information or bookings please contact our office on 97895614.
Ballam Park Primary School Gate 1, Belar Avenue, Frankston
WALKATHON tomorrow POSTPONED

Dear Parents

Due to tomorrow’s forecast of heavy rain and wind, we have made the decision to postpone our school Walkathon to next Friday (28th October).

Whilst students will no doubt be disappointed, we have made the decision with our student’s safety and welfare in mind.

This does, however, provide students with another week to collect sponsors and prepare their costumes for next Friday.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Darren O’Brien, Walkathon Co-ordinator

NOTICE TO PARENTS

♦ Monday, 31 October, Regular School Day — Monday, 31 October, the day before Melbourne Cup, is not a pupil-free day and students are expected to attend school.

♦ Canteen CLOSED — Please note that the Canteen will be CLOSED for lunch orders on Monday, 31st October.

♦ Monday, 28th November, Curriculum Day — A Student Free Day has been approved by School Council on Monday, 28th November for the purpose of Whole School Planning for teachers, therefore students will not be in attendance on this day.

Last chance to buy tickets!

Disco Bingo Fundraiser

This Saturday, 22nd October, 7pm – 11pm in Ballam Park PS Hall

Ballam Park PS School Council invites you to round up your friends and family for a wonderful night, playing DISCO BINGO, games, dancing and lots of fun!

What to wear: Best disco era outfit

BYO: Drinks, a share plate of food for your table & a few gold coins for games & raffle (fun, quirky prizes)

Table of 10: $100 Table of 5: $60 Per person: $15

Tickets available at school office

Come along to support our awesome school and have a super fun night!!!
**5 Cent Fundraiser**

The Parents & Friends’ Association is conducting a 5 Cent Fundraiser for the whole of Term 4.

We would love students to join in by bringing any spare 5 cent coins to school for their class collection each week. The class that has collected the most 5 cent pieces at the end of this term will receive a special treat from the PFA.

We hope you can help us to raise funds for our school by sending your small change...it is surprising how quickly it all adds up!

Thank you for your support
Parents & Friends’ Association

**CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO NEW SCHOOLS IN 2017**
(excluding Year 6 students)

To assist us with our preliminary planning for Year 2017, 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 2017.

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 2017**

My children will be transferring to:

…………………………………. Primary School

Children’s names:

…………………………………. Grade …..

…………………………………. Grade …..

Parent/guardian’s signature:

…………………………………. 
Rehearsals for our Year 6 Musical, 'DREAMS.' have begun in earnest.

The Year 6 kids are singing and dancing every chance they get!

It promises to be a great show!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

This year we are approaching local businesses for corporate sponsorship for our Year 6 Musical. If you operate, or work for, a business that would like to sponsor our Production we would greatly appreciate your support.

In return for your kind donation we would include your company details and logo in our musical program and on our hall foyer display board.

If you would like to take part in this exciting opportunity we would love to hear from you by Friday 4th November.

Thanking you
The Year Six Musical Production Team
Sport News

South East Region Athletics Carnival
Three Ballam Park Primary School students competed in the Region Athletics at Casey Fields in Cranbourne on Thursday 13th October after excellent results at District and Division level.
Phoenix B competed in the 12/13 year old boys’ high jump and finished 4th with a best jump of 1.45m. Well done Phoenix.
Emma R competed in the 11 year old girls’ shot-put where she came 4th and discus where she finished 5th. Fantastic effort Emma.
Teah W competed in the 12/13 year old girls’ 100m and finished 3rd, and in the 200m where she finished 2nd.
Teah has now qualified for the State Finals at Albert Park in Melbourne in the 200m event on Monday 24th October. This is the third year in a row Teah has reached the State Finals. Congratulations Teah and good luck!

Walkathon
As mentioned earlier in the newsletter, we have made the early call to postpone tomorrow’s Walkathon to next Friday (28th October).
Whilst children will no doubt be disappointed, we have made the decision on the forecast of heavy rain and wind tomorrow and with students’ health and welfare in mind. This also gives students another week to collect more sponsors and prepare their costumes. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Term 4 Sporting Schools Programs
Our school has been successful again in receiving funding from the State Government’s Sporting Schools Program for Term 4.
We will again run a triathlon program for 20 newly selected Years 4 – 6 students, and hope to plan a gymnastics program for our Foundation students.
More details to come soon.

Bayside District Kanga Cricket Gala Day
Our school will be entering 2 boys and 2 girls Years 5/6 teams in the District Kanga Cricket Gala Day at Jubilee Park on Friday 4th November. Those Years 5/6 students who have expressed interest in attending will receive notices with all details early next week.

Eastern Zone Orienteering
Thank you to the many Years 3 – 6 students who returned their form and money to participate in the Eastern Zone Orienteering on Friday 11th November at Healesville. We have reached our capacity of 54 students, based on a “first in, best dressed” basis. Those who will be attending have been notified and will meet with Mr O’Brien tomorrow to nominate their events for the day.
Unfortunately, we cannot fit in any more students. Any students who have since returned their form and money will be refunded.
All students involved will receive notices tomorrow with further details.

3B and 3C Bike Ed
Students in 3B and 3C will commence their 6 week Bike Ed program NEXT THURSDAY (27th October). The Bike Ed program will be held every Thursday afternoon during Years 3/4 Sport sessions for the next 6 weeks, culminating with a group ride to Ballam Park playground.
Students are welcome to bring their bike and helmet to use each week, but we do have a number of school bikes and helmets to lend.
Notices with all details were sent home today.

Darren O’Brien, Sports Co-ordinator
Story Dogs Needed!

Ballam Park Primary School would love to have this unique Reading Support Program helping our students to become life-long readers.

Our teachers will love this program, our students will be excited to read and the program works!

♦ Do you have a dog that is well behaved, gentle and is happy around children?
♦ Can you spare a couple of hours a week?

Please call or email Story Dogs so you can start helping our children to become better readers.

Or contact me for further Information on 9789 5614.
Lee Street

info@storydogs.org.au
phone: 0411 536 355
website: www.storydogs.org.au

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**WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?**

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If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Hogg and Hoggan, 1997.)

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**
Let’s talk about mental health

In Australia, one in six young people aged 16 to 24 years currently experiences anxiety and one in 16 young Australians currently experiences depression.

The University of Melbourne, with funding from beyondblue, has developed guidelines to help parents reduce the risk of depression and anxiety in their children. Some of the key things parents can do are:

- Establish and maintain a good relationship with your child
- Establish family rules and consequences
- Encourage good health habits: diet, exercise, screen time and sleep
- Minimise conflict in the home
- Help your child to manage emotions
- Help them to set goals and solve problems
- Provide support when something is bothering them
- Encourage professional help when needed

More information about the guidelines and other tips can be found at [www.parentingstrategies.net/depression](http://www.parentingstrategies.net/depression) or [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)
After School Care News

Star of the Week: Brodie P for making other children smile!

This term we are concentrating on a Junior Global Citizenship Program at Camp Australia OSHC.

tCAF is Camp Australia’s not-for-profit organisation. The outside school hours care Camp Australia provides enables us to work with charity partners to develop exclusive projects to improve the lives of primary school children.

We believe education changes lives. By 2025, we aim to positively impact the primary education experience of 1 million children. We will do this by providing awareness raising activities, such as our Junior Global Citizenship Program which will provide direct support to 7,500 primary school children in Bangladesh.

Our funding will allow Oxfam Australia to conduct awareness campaigns and improve access to safe water with improved sanitation and hygiene practices to primary schools in Bangladesh. One person in three in the world lives in poverty. Oxfam is a world-wide development organisation, and is determined to change that world by mobilising the power of people against poverty.

When children learn about people’s lives in other parts of the world, they are encouraged to make connections between their own world and the world of others. This also encourages children to celebrate and respect differences and similarities between people and ways of life. Children compare and contrast how their life would be similar and different if they lived in Bangladesh. The children at Ballam Park PS OSHC are making calico school bags, bookmarks and tapestry wool friendship bracelets for the children of Bangladesh, to help them smile.

To make a booking, please visit us at Camp Australia: www.campaustralia.com.au

Wishing you all a wonderful week!

Judit Sullivan (Phone 0402-354-584)
Coordinator
Ballam Park OSHC, Camp Australia

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

Camp Australia is committed to ensuring that children in our care receive a variety of healthy food choices to meet their nutrition requirements for a healthy body and mind.

We also ensure that our Educators are supported in their important role of helping children develop a positive attitude towards healthy choices. That’s why we’ve been working with Nutrition Australia’s Healthy Eating Advisory Service (HEAS) to develop an exciting new initiative—Camp Australia’s Healthy Eating Program.

Nutrition Australia evaluated our food and drinks menu against the Department of Health and Human Services’ Food and Drink Guidelines for Outside School Hours Care, and suggested some enhancements to ensure that children’s nutrition requirements are met and enable us to broaden the variety of nutritious food choices we can offer. So a new menu is now being offered to our young clientele.
**Ballam Park Primary School**

**Excerpt from**

**Bicycle Education and Cycling to School Policy**

**Rationale/Purpose:**
To provide specific direction in relation to students riding bicycles to and from school, during Bicycle Education and for activities such as camp and as a supervised lunchtime activity.

**Implementation**

- Students in Year 3 will participate in a Bicycle Education Program of between 7 and 10 sessions. Students bringing bikes to school for this program, must be accompanied by an adult for the whole journey in both directions.
- Students in Years 4 to 6 may have opportunities to participate in supervised cycling activities at school, in the adjacent park or when on school camp.
- All students are permitted to cycle to and from school if accompanied by a supervising adult for the whole distance in each direction.
- Students must be in at least Year 4 to be permitted to ride to school unaccompanied by an adult.
- Parents are responsible to making the decision that their child **who is in Year 4 or above** is or is not capable of riding to and from school safely.
- The school provides an undercover, lock up area for student bicycles. It is kept locked during the school day. The school does not guarantee the security of bikes at school at any time.
- Students must wear a helmet at all times when riding to and from school and must walk their bike when in the school grounds.
- Any bike that is brought to school must be legally roadworthy and safe to ride.
- The school prefers that students do not scoot or skateboard to and from school. If a student skates or scoots to school, all the above stipulations apply as non-negotiable school rules.
BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUPER SPRING SPORTS (AFTER SCHOOL)
Kelly Sports is here in Term 4 for SUPER SPRING SPORTS!! Over 9 weeks your child will participate in range of lively and energetic programs including T-BALL, CRAZY GAMES and ATHLETICS. This program will not only improve key sporting skills but also increase crucial motor skills, all in a fun, friendly and exciting environment. Enrol them now and let Kelly Sports give them a Life Long Love of Sports.

WHEN: Wednesday
COMMENCING: 12/10/16
CONCLUDING: 07/12/16
TIME: 3.40pm – 4.40pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 4
COST: $90
FEES MUST BE PAID BY WEEK 3

DANCE (LUNCH TIME)
GET MOVING WITH KELLY DANCE THIS SPRING!
Over 9 weeks students will have the opportunity to move and groove. It helps build confidence and co-ordination, in an enjoyable environment. Our Hip Hop classes are high energy, rhythmic and electric. The dance is based on sharp strong movements and the class helps build rhythm, confidence and social skills in a friendly environment.

WHEN: Wednesday
COMMENCING: 12/10/16
CONCLUDING: 07/12/16
TIME: 1.30pm – 2.20pm
YEAR LEVELS: P – 6
COST: $90
FEES MUST BE PAID BY WEEK 3

GET IN QUICK FOR TERM 4 AS PLACES FILL FAST
$90 FOR 9 WEEK PROGRAM (PRICE IS PER PROGRAM, YOU CAN DO ONE OR DO BOTH ☐)

NEW IMPROVED ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM!!!
SIMPLY GO TO WWW.KELLYSPORTS.COM.AU ENTER YOUR POST CODE AND CLICK ON BALLAM PARK’S PROGRAM

ENROLMENT FORM – BALLAM PARK
☐ Super Spring Sports ☐ Dance

Year Level: ____________________________
BirthDate: ____________________________
Post Code: ____________________________

At the completion of after school clinics, does your child?
☐ Go to after care ☐ Get collected

Parents’ consent: I hereby authorise Kelly Sports to act on my behalf should my child require medical attention, and release Kelly Sports Mornington Peninsula Region from any liability for injury incurred by my child at Kelly Sports programs.

Parent/Caregiver name: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Amount Paid: $ ____________________________ Credit card payment: ☐ Visa ☐ Master card (Surcharge applies)

Card Number: ____________________________ Expiry Date: ____________________________

THINGS TO KNOW
Kelly Sports is a Registered Child Care provider
Don’t leave forms at the School Office
Spaces are limited so please make sure you enrol online or return form to Kelly Sports.
Working With Children Check required for parent volunteers at BPPS

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC) What is it?

It is a legal requirement that all volunteers and workers involved in any school must have a WWCC. A WWCC can be obtained by completing the online application form at:


1. The applicant completes the online application after logging on.
2. To complete the process, the applicant then takes their required evidence to the Post Office.

When completing your application:

- You must provide true and correct information on the application form.
- You need to provide the Department of Justice with any additional information requested regarding your application or your application will be withdrawn.
- You will be giving the Department permission to obtain information that will help assess your eligibility to hold a WWC Check card.

Before you start child-related work:

You must apply for a WWC Check.

- You need to show your receipt to every organisation who engages you in child-related work.
- Organisations are obliged to make sure people doing child-related work have applied for and passed the WWC Check.
- Organisations are also obliged to make sure their workers are legally permitted to do child-related work while their application is being processed (see the next point)

Undertaking child-related work during the application process

Most people can undertake child-related work while their application is processed.

However you cannot if you:

- Have been charged with or convicted of a serious sexual, violent or drug-related offence known as a Category 1 or Category 2 offence in the Working with Children Act 2005 (the Act).
- Have previously been given a Negative Notice.
- Are subject to orders or reporting obligations under the:
  ⇒ Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004
  ⇒ Serious Sex Offenders Monitoring Act 2005
  ⇒ Serious Sex offenders (Detention and Supervision) Act 2009
  ⇒ have applied for the Check to supervise a child in employment under the Child Employment Act 2003
  ⇒ have applied for the Check for work regulated by the Education and Care Services National Law 2010 (Victoria)
  ⇒ Some other organisations also require their staff and volunteers to pass the Check before commencing work. You need to check this with your organisation.

IMPORTANT

- There is no charge for Volunteers.

We value parent/carer help in our breakfast mornings, organised days, activities, excursions, incursions, working bees and classroom happenings, but please understand that without a WWCC we cannot include you.

Please see the office or speak to your child’s class teacher if you require assistance to complete this form.

Update your details

It is essential that you always keep your details up to date.

You must advise the Department within 21 days if you change the organisation that engages you in child-related work.

You must also notify the Department within 21 days of changes to your personal and contact details.

You can update the following details online through MyCheck:

- Address
- Phone numbers (work, home or mobile)
- E-mail address
- Organisation details
- Occupational codes.
**COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

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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**Guitar Tuition with Glen Vinton**

*On a musical note...*

There are vacancies available for 1/2 hour guitar lessons at school on **MONDAYS and THURSDAYS**.

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

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**Free Breaky Club**

**open every morning**

8.15-8.45am

Our free Breaky Club operates every morning, Monday to Friday, from 8.15am to 8.45am in the Canteen.

The aim of the Breaky Club is to encourage all students to eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast. There is a limited menu consisting of toast, Vegemite, cheese, Weetbix, two fruits, Milo, Yoghurt and fresh fruit.

Everyone is welcome!

We look forward to seeing your child/children at Breaky Club!

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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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**School term dates 2016-2017**

**2016**

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December

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

**It’s cool to be at school.**