**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS**

**WELCOME**
I would like to offer a huge and excited welcome to all of our returning students and families, and a special warm welcome to any new parents and students to Ballam Park Primary School. We sincerely hope you enjoy your time here (as we expect you will). Please feel free to come and see us with any concerns or positives you may have.

**FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS**
I always love seeing new children start their educational life, and this year has been no exception. There have been very few “tears” from the students (heaps from the parents though!), and the transition seems to have been very smooth.

*Parents please note that Foundation students will not be attending school on Wednesdays throughout February. That is Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th.*

Foundation students will attend their first full week of school (including Wednesdays) commencing Monday, 29th February.

**PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**
Please keep an eye on this newsletter and other notices as dates will be available shortly.

**A BUSY SUMMER AT BALLAM PARK PS**
You may or may not have noticed that we have been busy over the holidays with a few obvious changes and many small almost invisible changes!

- We have had our computer infra-structure upgraded throughout the school, meaning that we have new cabling, more wireless connectivity and a new phone system. The school computer technician has a new office as do our Chaplain and visiting Specialists.
- Our Vegetable Garden area that had been out of bounds due to a tree destroying its roof has been repaired; this means we can prepare it for growing things again!
- The students’ bag lockers have been thoroughly cleaned, removing all traces of filth.
- Furniture has been audited with the appropriate furniture going to the appropriate class levels.
- Broken furniture has been removed.
- All resources are currently being audited and reorganized in what was once Mrs Beilken’s classroom. A huge thank you to our two Library Technicians, Pam Lefebvre and Lynn Anderson, as this is a mighty job.

The staff at Ballam Park have given up much of their time over the break to get together to plan and assist others in the preparation of a new, exciting year. Thank-you Ballam Park staff.

We are moving forward

**IMPORTANT DATES 2016**

**FEBRUARY**

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<td>(Dance Prog Lunchtime commences (After Sch Sports Clinics commence Living with Autism Prog commences at school 9.45-11.45am (6 weeks))</td>
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<td>Mon 14</td>
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<td>Years 5/6 Camp to Grantville Lodge</td>
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NEW STAFF
We would like to extend a big welcome to our three new teaching staff members — Miss Miranda Archer (1/2A), Mr Joshua Cole (FC) and Mr Drew Connick (5/6C).

Bell and Learning Times
8:50 am – 9:00 am
The bell will sound briefly at 8:50 am. The teachers will open their doors from this time, allowing students to enter prior to the 9:00 am bell. This will assist in:
- Class preparation for the day
- Building relationships
- Parents will be able to have a ‘brief’ conversation with the teacher.

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HOAX CALLS
You may have heard about schools receiving hoax bomb threats recently. As of now, we haven’t had any, but please be assured we will take any such threat seriously. The staff are familiar with our evacuation procedures in case of an emergency. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

John Mace
Principal

Thank You
- A big thank you to Kellie Dennerley for entering our school in the Nestle Healthy Active Kids Competition. Our School was one of the lucky winners and received $1000 which will be well spent on one of the many welfare programs happening at our School.
- Thank you Kellie.

REMINDERS

Ambulance Cover
As a school, all teachers have a duty of care and this means that we sometimes need to make the decision to call an Ambulance when there is an accident or medical incident with a student. When possible parents are contacted first however, if this is not possible, it becomes the school’s decision to call an Ambulance. If you have a Health care card or private medical insurance, Ambulance service costs are covered. However, if you do not have Ambulance cover, you may be issued with an invoice for the cost of the Ambulance. Please check your current status. Ambulance costs can be very expensive.

Personal Property Brought to School
The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors.

As a result, we advise that careful thought is given before personal items, particularly those of some value, are brought to school.

Student Accident Insurance
DET does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents/guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.
Welcome back to everyone for 2016

Staff Car Park

I would just like to give you all a friendly reminder that the staff car park is not for dropping off or picking up your child/children.

We have had many a close call in our car park where students have come very close to being hit by a car. We definitely don’t want this to happen.

Please use the car park at Ballam Park Athletics Track or the car park at the back of the school (entry by Naranga Crescent) which can be accessed by the driveway right next to Ballam Park Pre School.

When walking your child back to the car at the front of the school please use the footpath provided and don’t cross the staff car park. It is important that we continue to reinforce road safety and awareness with our students.

Living with Autism: Parents Building Solutions

Ballam Park Primary School will be hosting an ASD Programme for Parents that will run for 6 weeks over February and March.

The dates are Wednesday 10th, 17th and 24th February and 2nd, 9th and 16th March. It will run from 9:45 am to 11:45 am on each of those dates.

The programme is called ‘Living with Autism: Parents Building Solutions’ and is targeted at parents with children aged 6 years – 11 years.

During the 6 weeks, parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about autism spectrum, and how this impacts on their child. They will be assisted to consider different strategies to help with parenting.

The program will be open to all parents, carers, grandparents or anyone who is interested who would like to attend. The program has been highly recommended by parents who attended this program during 2015.

To enrol please contact: Joanne Templeton - Anglicare Victoria – 5945 2007 – 0499 007 418

Please don’t delay, as this program is filling up fast.

After completion of the program, we will be inviting involved parents to become part of a support group. The support group will have access to a variety of guest speakers.

We are really excited to be a part of this program at Ballam Park Primary School.

Lee Street
Acting Assistant Principal
**Sport News**

**Sport in 2016**

Welcome back to all our students and parents.

2016 will again be another busy year in PE and sport at Ballam Park Primary School.

Many of the dates planned for this year have been locked in, and we will endeavour to keep parents informed as to what is happening and what is coming up throughout the year.

The main change for Ballam Park Primary School this year is that we will now be competing in a different sports district. After previously spending 6 years in the strong Murdoch District against predominantly much larger schools, in 2016 we will now be competing in the nearby Bayside District.

Many of the schools we will compete against this year in swimming, athletics, cross country, and inter-school sport are much closer in proximity which will hopefully save on bus costs, but are also more similar to our school in size.

This will provide our students with a more even playing field and will hopefully increase our students’ participation and success rates in all sports.

Each grade will have a one hour PE lesson during the week this year on the following days:

- **Tuesday** – Year 1/2
- **Wednesday** – Year 3/4
- **Thursday** – Year 5/6
- **Friday** – Foundation

Years 3 – 6 students will also have an extra hour of sport on Thursday afternoons (Years 3/4) and Friday mornings (Years 5/6). Junior school students will have an extra hour of Platoon (Years 1/2 – Wednesday afternoons), and Perceptual Motor Program (Foundation – Friday mornings).

Could parents please ensure their child has suitable Ballam Park Primary School clothing (preferably shorts and t-shirt), and footwear on the day of their PE and sport sessions. Students will also need their SunSmart hats throughout Term 1.

Much of Term 1 for our senior students will be spent participating in athletics events with an eye on district athletics in Term 2. We will also test students’ fitness later in the term through the VO2 Max (or “Beep test”), and then again in Term 2 to monitor student progress and improvement.

Junior school classes (F – 2) will participate in movement and fundamental motor skill sessions throughout Term 1 with an emphasis on developing balance, movement patterns, and hand-eye coordination.

These will involve individual and partner activities, along with many fun games and group activities.

Please feel free to contact Mr O’Brien if you have any queries regarding the PE program throughout 2016.

**Years 5/6 Camp**

Notices outlining details and payment information for Years 5/6 Camp were sent home last week.

We have also sent home medical and permission forms this week which need to be returned, along with camp payment, by **FRIDAY 11th MARCH**.

Camp will be held at Grantville Lodge on Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th March (last week of Term 1).

Further information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

If parents have any queries regarding camp, please see Mr O’Brien or your child’s teacher.

**Years 3 – 6 Beach Programs**

All information regarding Years 3 – 6 Beach Programs was sent home this week.

The Beach Safety Program will be held at Frankston Beach on Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th March with students participating in stand-up paddling, boogie boards, surfboards, and beach activities.

Could parents please return permission forms and money for the Beach Programs no later than **FRIDAY 26th FEBRUARY**.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator
Camps, sports and excursions fund (CSEF) eligibility

Criteria 1 – Eligibility
To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;

Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

Be a temporary foster parent, and;

Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

How to complete the application form

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veteran Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.
Dear Parents

Kelly Sports is coming to Ballam Park Primary School in Term 1. Kelly Sports provides sport clinics for primary school students run by qualified coaches.

Term 1 will see students participate in sports such as Cricket, Tennis and Crazy Games. The program runs from 3.40pm till 4.40pm at Ballam Park Primary School, with parents picking up their children at 4.45pm from the school. The cost is $60 for the term.

We are also running a Lunch time Dance Program. The program runs for 6 weeks starting Wednesday, 10th February and finishing 16th March. The cost is $60 for the term.

Enrolment forms have been sent home this week, and are also available online at www.kellysports.com.au or ring Michelle who will be able to help you out with the enrolment.

We hope to see your child participating in Kelly Sports in Term 1 2016.

If you have any questions please call:
Michelle Sommers, Manager – Mornington Peninsula Region on 0422 286 642
### Hot Items
- Allied Lasagne®: $3.90
- Allied Macaroni & Cheese®: $3.90
- Chicken Burger with Lettuce & Mayo: $4.00
- Steamed Dim Sims: $1.00
- Fantastic Noodle (Chicken or Beef): $3.00
- Traveller Pie: $3.50
- Party Pie/Sausage Roll: $1.00
- Regular Sausage Roll: $3.00
- Skinless Hot Dog: $3.00
- Corn: $1.50

### Ice Creams
- Paddle Pop Vanety: $1.80
- Frozen Yoghurt (Strawberry, Mango): $2.20
- Quick Frozen Tube: $1.00
- Frozen Fruit - Orange: 50c
- Frozen Fruit - Watermelon or Pineapple slice: 50c

### Drinks
- 300ml Juice (Orange, Apple): $2.80
- 600ml Water: $2.50
- 300ml Oak Milk (Chocolate, Strawberry): $3.00

### Snacks
- Movie The Popcorn (Butter): $2.00
- Diet Jelly Cup with fruit: $1.50

### Sandwiches (Fresh or Toasted)
- Salad: $3.50
- Ham: $2.50
- Ham & Cheese: $3.00
- HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato): $3.50
- HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato): $3.50
- Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo: $4.00
- Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo: $3.50
- Vegemite & Cheese: $2.50
- Egg with Lettuce & Mayo: $3.50
- Baked Beans (Toasted): $2.00
- Spaghetti (Toasted): $2.00

### Additions for Sandwiches, Rolls and Wraps & Salad Plate
- Ham 50c: 
- Chicken 50c: 
- Cheese 50c: 
- Tuna 50c: 

### Rolls
- Salad: $4.00
- Ham: $3.00
- Ham & Cheese: $3.50
- HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato): $4.00
- HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato): $3.50
- Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo: $4.50
- Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo: $4.00
- Vegemite & Cheese: $3.00
- Egg with Lettuce & Mayo: $4.00

### Wraps
- Salad: $4.00
- Ham: $3.00
- Ham & Cheese: $3.50
- HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato): $4.00
- HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato): $3.50
- Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo: $4.50
- BBQ Chicken Wrap: $4.50
- Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo: $4.00
- Vegemite & Cheese: $3.00
- Egg with Lettuce & Mayo: $4.00

### Halal
- Hot Dog: $3.20
- Pie: $3.50

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Lunch Order Menu will only be available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. No over the counter will be available. Orders must be in class tubs by 10am.

Jude Fina Foods looks forward to working with the community of Ballam Park Primary School in offering a nutritional balanced lunch order menu for both students and staff.
An invitation to join our Parents’ Club

Dear Parents

Everyone is welcome to come and join the Ballam Park Primary School Parents’ Club. The Annual General Meeting will be held at 9:00 am on Tuesday, 9th February.

Please come to meet other parents in the staff room at 9:00am on Tuesday, 9th February, if you are interested in becoming a member, and being involved in the Parents’ Club. Information on the role and purpose of the Parents’ Club will be provided, and we will also answer any questions you may have.

The Parents’ Club is an important social part of the school community as well as being a group of parents who actively support the school with fundraising. It is also a very ‘child friendly’ group and toddlers and babies are most welcome, so please come along, enjoy a coffee and make some new friends.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Lee Street
Acting Assistant Principal

BOOK LIST AND ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS YEAR 2016

The Book List and Essential Education Items Year 2016 for each year level were sent home at the end of last year. If you did not receive this list, a copy is available from the office.

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, so if you still haven’t paid, please pay now so that your child will receive their books, pencils, etc.

A reminder that there are facilities for EFTPOS, Visa, BPAY and phone credit at the office.

Alternatively, for parents who are eligible, an application for the 2016 BALLAM PARK PS EDUCATION ALLOWANCE SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 2016.

$ $ STUDENT BANKING $ $

The student banking for this year finished last week and will resume on Tuesday, 9th February 2016.

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.

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 yu are unwell.
**Keyboard Lessons At Your School**

- Enrol TODAY – via PMI’s website OR enrolment forms available from the school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – with lessons during and outside of school hours
- Only $13.50 per child per small group lesson (typically 3-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available ($32.50 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via “PMI Stars” program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for lessons (students bring only PMI Stars workbook)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child’s school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces are available so please enrol ASAP

**GIRL GUIDES**

Friendship, fun, challenge and achievement!

OVERPORT Guides welcomes girls aged 6-12
Meetings are at the Delacombe Park Guide Hall, Wednesdays 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Our units are open to new members at any time. You are welcome to visit a unit to see how you like it. Adults also welcome as members & volunteers in a number of roles.

**Contact:** District Manager, Deb Abb 9787 5709
Laura Ames 0414 612 715

**Email:** frankston@guidesvic.org.au

**Girl Guides Website:** www.guidesvic.org.au

Helping girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members

**WHAT’S ON**

**SATURDAY**
- *Stringybalic Cinema* - Emu Plains Reserve, Balnarring
- *Short Film Festival* - Rosebud Village Green (FREE entry)
- *Red Hill Community Market*
- *Mount Eliza Music Festival*
- *Free Kids’DIY* - Bunnings Workshops

**SUNDAY**
- *Rosebud Lions Club Market*
- *Bittern Sunday Market*
- *Frankston Sunday Market*
- *Mornington Heritage Train Rides*
- *Free Kids’DIY* - Bunnings Workshops
Hockey Players wanted for the 2016 Season

Registration Day is Sunday 7th February 10am – 2:30pm at Peninsula Hockey Centre

Hookin2Hockey / Come + Try clinics for 2016 commence on Tuesday 1st March 1/3, 8/3, 15/3, 22/3 from 5pm to 6pm Suitable for participants aged 5yrs to 14yrs All welcome.

Mouth Guards essential.

Equipment available to borrow. Qualified Coaches.

Come down, take part, have fun, learn new skills, make new friends whilst enjoying sport.

Mornington Peninsula Hockey Club is recruiting for its junior winter hockey teams. We have teams to suit all age groups, both boys and girls from Minkey, Under 10s, 12s, 14s, 16s, 18s + senior men’s, women’s and masters.

Junior Training commences on 8th March.

Our Home venue is the Peninsula Hockey Centre, Monash University Bloom Street. Frankston. Melways 102 F4

Further details please phone 9766 7478 or email junior.vice.president@mphc.org.au

www.mphc.org.au

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