PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Appointments

Assistant Principal Position

A while ago the school advertised the position of Assistant Principal.
I would like to introduce Mr Jeff Smit as Ballam Park’s Assistant Principal.

The interview process was held ‘off campus’ at another school and was both intensive and extensive. The field was very strong, with all applicants having a variety of skills sets which Ballam Park Primary School needed. Unfortunately we cannot have them all. The successful applicant is a person that will have a significant impact on our school.

Jeff is from Langwarrin Primary School, has been a leading teacher for 10 years, Acting Principal on numerous occasions and his skill sets are Curriculum, Teaching and Learning and Mathematics to name just a few. He spent the day at our planning day working with staff and will be attending the next School Council meeting.

I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Lee Street for filling the position as Acting Assistant Principal throughout the time of Mr Wayne Lovie, Mrs Lois Weldon and myself. Mrs Street was taken out of the class when Mrs Marie Renowden went on long service leave and Mrs Sue McSweeney accepted a Principal position at Clayton South Primary School. Mrs Street has been a stalwart of support for all concerned and 2017 promises to be a positive and proactive year in the areas of school engagement, curriculum and welfare.

Next year we move even further forward.

State Transition and Orientation day

Tuesday 6th December

The Foundation 2017 Transition Morning for all children enrolled in Ballam Park Primary School is to be held in December from 9:30am-11:00am. Children will have the opportunity to meet their 2017 teaching staff and their future classmates.

The Year 6s head off to their respective secondary schools for the day and we wish them the very best and we hope they all have a fun filled day!
Our Year 1 through to Year 5 students will move to their new classrooms and will spend two hours with their new classmates and their new teacher. This will be from 9:00am through to 11:00am.

For further information, please contact our office on 9789 5614.
Ballam Park Primary School
Gate 1 Belar Avenue, Frankston 3199
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Retirements

As the saying goes “All good things must come to an end” so do careers of great and dedicated teachers.
Earlier this year Mrs Joan Berry had discussions with me regarding her thoughts on retiring. We decided that she should ‘have a think about it’. She went on leave for Term 3 and this confirmed in her mind that she will indeed retire at the end of this year.

Joan came to Ballam Park Primary School as a student teacher for the whole year in 1975. She came one day per week with weekly blocks at the end of each term. But! Before landing a job at Ballam Park PS, she taught at three other schools before coming here and has taught all year levels throughout her teaching career.

Mrs Berry has worked at Ballam Park PS for 33 years! She taught year levels from Prep to Year 4 and has been a valued committee member of School Council for a number of years. As you can imagine, Joan has been a leader, coordinator, or a team member of just about every committee in the school! To give you an indication of her involvement over the years, Joan has been coordinator of the following sub-committees:

- Year levels
- Science
- Staffroom supplies
- Special occasion gifts
- End of year luncheon
- Uniform
- Canteen
- Occupational Health and Safety representative
- First aid supplies and asthma plans
- Prep transition (organising visits between prep and the local kinders)

She has been a team member of the Finance sub-committee has been involved in Observational Walk Throughs and the list goes on...

But above all...Mrs Berry will be forever remembered for her ‘care factor’ and her love of teaching her children. Thankyou Mrs Berry for giving Ballam Park Primary School everything you could possibly give to a community.

Mrs Helen Buxton

Helen announced her retirement earlier this year as well. She will also be finishing up her teaching at the end of this year, going on long service leave THEN retiring after that. So! These last weeks will her last weeks of teaching.

Mrs Buxton has been at Ballam Park S since 1990 before going on family leave in August that year and returning in 1996. During that time, she taught grades 3 and/or 4 for many years. Helen then sort change and moved to the grade 5 and 6 area, where she remained until 2014 when she accepted the new challenge of being the Visual Arts teacher.

When Mrs Buxton was teaching year 4 she was responsible for whole school Sustainability programme and worked with CERES to make our school one of the first Sustainable Schools in Victoria. Helen also worked with South East Water to make our school a ‘Water Wise School’.

“During the last two years, I have enjoyed the change to the Art Room and have loved watching the students explore their creative side and I was very proud of their work in the Art Show.”

“Ballam Park has been a big part of my life for many years, and I love seeing students after they have left the school and hearing what they have done.”
“ I am looking forward to my retirement to start the next phase of my life.”
“Thank you for many happy years at the Ballam Park Primary School.”

Mrs Buxton, maybe it is us that should be thanking you for your commitment and dedication.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Resignations

Mrs. Kerryn Carson

It feels like Mrs. Carson had ‘only just begun’ her journey at Ballam Park PS when she informed me that she had decided to return to her home in New Zealand.

Prior to Kerryn coming to teaching, she worked in a variety of child and family focussed Welfare organisations. She also spent four years in Japan teaching English to Primary and Middle school students. Kerryn studied teaching in 2013, and started at Ballam Park Primary as a pre-service teacher in Mrs Beilken’s Grade 2 class. She was successful in gaining employment with us in 2014, and began in a Grade 2 class. Since joining the Ballam Park community, she has taught a multi-age Japanese class, been part of the introduction of the On-Track Maths Program, and this year has, with Mrs. Shaw, introduced the MultiLit Literacy Intervention Program, supporting students below level in reading. Her passion for student wellbeing saw her run a Girls’ Social Skills support group for Junior school students. She also supported Mrs. Street in applying for funding for students with disabilities and, together with Leigh Ridgway, wrote an application for Inclusive School Funding.

She is returning home to New Zealand after many years in Australia, to be nearer her family as her son grows up. She has loved her time at Ballam Park. The supportive staff and the awesome students are what she will miss the most. She hopes all of the students at Ballam Park PS grow up to be resilient, achieve their dreams, experience the wonders of the world, and practice kindness to others.

To you Mrs. Carson, in the short time you have been here with us, the impact you have had on this school, has been nothing short of massive. All the best for you and your son.

Mrs Natalie Millard

Natalie has been on Leave without pay throughout 2016. Natalie was due to return next year but when we met to discuss her role she informed us that she and her husband had started a business together and were both loving it so much that she would like to resign.

Prior to this, Natalie taught at Ballam Park Primary School for 27 years.

On behalf of all at Ballam Park, I wish Natalie Millard the very best with her new journey.

Mrs Kristine Simmons

Kristine had been at our school for two years before gaining a 12 month position at Osborne Primary School. She was due back in 2017...BUT! was successful in her application to Balcombe School, therefore also resigning from the Department of Education.

For the lucky ones her were taught by her or the adults who know/knew her, her quality as a teacher and as a person will be missed.

We wish Kristine the very best with her new career.
Notice to Parents

**End of year early dismissal**

Please note that students will be dismissed at the official time of **2.30pm on Tuesday, 20th December 2016**, the last day of Term 4.

**School Start 2017**

* **Students in Years 1-6:**
  Students in Years 1-6 commence school on **Wednesday, 1st February 2017**.

* **Foundation Students:**
  ♦ Foundation students commence school on **Monday, 6th February 2017**.
  ♦ There will be no Foundation students at school on 1st, 2nd or 3rd February 2017 unless they have an appointment time.
  ♦ Foundation students will finish at **1.00pm on 6th, 7th, 9th & 10th February**.
  ♦ Foundation students will not attend on Wednesdays 8th and 15th February unless they have an appointment time.

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**AN INVITATION**

to parents, carers, all family members & friends

‘End of Year Christmas Concert’

McClelland College Performing Arts Hall

**Tuesday, 13th December, 11.45am Sharp**

followed by a Family Picnic Lunch in our school grounds

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**Invitation to Helpers’ Morning Tea on Friday, 16th December**

The Principal and Staff would like to thank everyone for your support and commitment to Ballam Park PS during 2016, and would like to invite you to our Helpers’ Morning Tea at **11.00am in the staff room** so that we may thank you personally.
**Parent Payments for Student Requisites and Activities in 2017**

This is a summary of information about what parents will be required to pay, for student requisites and how the school can assist at Ballam Park Primary School in 2017. We always endeavour to keep costs to parents as low as possible.

♦ School based funding will cover the cost for all BPPS students of Mathletics, Play is the Way resources, Life Education, the Lexia Literacy Program and the Renaissance Reading Program in 2017.

♦ If parents hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, they may be eligible to receive the Ballam Park Primary School Education Allowance in 2017, unless there is an outstanding unpaid balance from 2016 or previous years. This allowance will be credited to cover the full cost of Booklist & Essential Student Learning Items in 2017 — once the application has been approved.

♦ Costs such as swimming, inter-school sport, excursions and incursions will be charged in full to parents throughout the year. Parents that are eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Funds (CSEF), can use it towards these activities.

♦ The Parents Payments Policy 2017 was approved at the School Council meeting on 29th November 2016 and is attached to this newsletter.

♦ The Education Allowance Policy 2017 was also approved at the School Council meeting on 29th November 2016 and the application forms will be available from the school office between Tuesday 6th December 2016 and Friday, 10th February 2017. Your Health Care Card/Pension Card has to be current on 30th January 2017 to be eligible.

♦ Booklist will be given to all students on Tuesday, 6th December, and we would appreciate it if payment could be made from Thursday, 1st December 2016 and finalised prior to Friday, 3rd February 2017.

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**John Mace**
Principal

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**DECEMBER 2016**
- Mon 5  Walkathon prizes drawn at assembly
- Tues 6  FOUNDATION 2017 TRANSITION MORNING 9.30am-11.00am
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  Transition morning for 2017 Grades Year 7 Sec College Orientation Day
-  
  Last day for School Banking
- Fri 9  Last day for Canteen this year
- Mon 12  Last day for Christmas Giving donations
- Tues 13  Christmas Raffle drawn at assembly
- Wed 14  Christmas Concert 11.45am Sharp at McClelland College, & Picnic Lunch
- Parents & Friends’ Assoc Mtg 9am
- Thurs 15  Year 6 Activities Day
- Fri 16  Last day for Breaky Club in 2016 HELPERS’ MORNING TEA 11.00am
- Reports sent home
- Tues 20  Last day of Term 4, 2.30pm finish

**JANUARY 2016**
- Mon 30  CURRICULUM DAY
- Tues 31  CURRICULUM DAY

**FEBRUARY 2016**
- Wed 1  Students in Years 1 - 6 commence Camp Australia OSHC resumes today
- Mon 6  Foundation students commence school
- Mon 6  Canteen reopens for 2017
- Mon 13  Breaky Club reopens, 8.15-8.45am
- Tues 14  School Banking resumes for 2017

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**Can you help with donations for the Christmas Raffle?**

With our Parents & Friends’ Association Christmas Raffle happening at the moment, we would be grateful if any Christmas items could be donated, to add to the prizes already on display in the office.

Any items would be most appreciated.

Thank you.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn at assembly on Monday, 12th December.

Best wishes

Parents & Friends’ Association
Parent Payment Charges
Ballam Park Primary School Council has spent considerable time selecting the most appropriate requisites to meet the needs of our children. The book packs contain high quality materials at a competitive price due to our ability to bulk order. This ensures that the cost to each parent is kept as low as possible & that all children have the correct items. An itemised Book List & Essential Student Learning Items account is provided for each year level, and given to the student early December 2016, prior to the end of the year. Parents and guardians are provided with invoices for unpaid essential student learning items generated and distributed on a regular basis, but not more than once a month. Where practical and appropriate, parents and guardians may choose to provide their own items, this must be done in consultation with the school, and items should meet the specifications provided by the school. There may also be certain items that due to their nature can only be provided by the school. All students have access to the standard curriculum program.

Essential student learning items are those items, activities or services that the school deems essential to student learning in the standard curriculum. These items include:
- materials that the individual student takes possession of, including text books and student stationery
- materials for learning and teaching where the student consumes or takes possession of the finalised articles (e.g. art, craft, music etc)
- activities associated with instruction that all students are expected to attend, such as costs for excursions.

Optional items are those that are provided in addition to the standard curriculum program, and which are offered to all students. These optional items are provided on a user-pays basis and if parents and guardians choose to access them for students, they will be required to pay for them. These items include:
- school-based performances, productions and events
- camps & excursions (an alternative option will be offered to the student if they choose not to participate)
- class photographs.

Payment Arrangements and methods, and Consideration of Hardship
Parents and guardians are provided with early notice of requests for payment of their Booklist & Essential Student Learning Items. A minimum of six weeks notice is given to allow parents and guardians sufficient planning time.
Where parents and guardians have difficulty making payments, Lee Street, the Student Welfare Officer is available to discuss the range of support options available, and to negotiate an appropriate alternative arrangement, such as payment by instalments. Also some quality second-hand uniform may be available to parents in need.

Family support options
Parents who have difficulty paying for essential student learning items can access a range of support options including:
- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provides payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply and a Special Consideration eligibility category also exists.
- The 2017 Ballam Park Primary School Education Allowance is provided for low income families, to assist with the cost of the Booklist and Essential Student Learning Items. Application Forms at Office.
- State Schools Relief may assist with uniforms, shoes & books – to be discussed with Lee Street, the Student Welfare Officer.
- Community Assistance Programs that have established partnership arrangements with schools can provide further assistance to students and their families. Lee Street, the Student Welfare Officer, can be contacted for more information.

Communication with families
This Policy has been implemented to ensure it complies with the DET Policy. A copy of this Policy is available from the Office and will also be on the school website. If any parents or guardians have any issues or general inquiries regarding this Policy, please speak to Lee Street, the Student Welfare Officer.

Monitoring and review of the implementation of the policy
Ballam Park Primary School Council ensures that this Policy complies with the requirements of the DET Policy, and it will be monitored and reviewed regularly, and reported back to the school community.


Approved at School Council meeting: 29th November 2016
Christmas Giving Opportunity
Here at Ballam Park Primary!

Ballam Park Primary School will be accepting donations for the “12 Days of Giving” food drive by the Frankston Food Access Network, to support the local Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Simply set aside something to donate every day for 12 days and then drop it off at the BPPS school office or our Literacy Room, in the clearly labelled collection tubs. Alternatively, you could send your children to school with one item your household can spare. Giving feels good, and it teaches our students that it is important to consider those families who may be struggling, at this time of year.

Please ensure that the items are non-perishable, meaning it does not need to go into the fridge. Examples could include Weet-Bix, sultanas, baked beans, noodles, jams, snack food items, or Christmassy treats.

Our contributions will be collected on Friday, 9th December. Thank you in anticipation of your support. If you have any questions, please contact Kylie Shaw or Kerryn Carson at BPPS.

Thank you!

My 12 days of Christmas giving...

Your support will make a great difference to someone in need this Christmas.

Simply set aside something to donate everyday for 12 days and then drop your donation off at one of the designated collection points.

These are examples only. You can donate any foods you like as long as they are non-perishable (e.g. tinned, dried, packaged).
**Canteen News**

Please note that the last day for Canteen this year will be **Friday, 9th December**.

Thank you to our school families for supporting the Canteen this year, and best wishes for a Happy Christmas & New Year!

Canteen reopens on **Monday, 6th February 2017**.
A new menu will be sent home on the first week of 2017 school year.

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**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

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**Children in Years Prep to 5 Transferring to Other Schools in 2017**

My children will be transferring to:

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

Children’s names:

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Parent/guardian’s signature:

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**Summer School Holidays**

**Moonlit Sanctuary Keeper Club**

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters & native animal care. Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation & the environment. For ages 7-14 years.

**Summer school holiday dates:**
Week 1: Mon 9th Tues 10th Wed 11th January 10am –4pm
Week 2: Mon 16th Tues 17th Wed 18th January 10am –4pm
Week 3: Mon 23rd Tues 24th Wed 25th January 10am –4pm
Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days). Maximum 16 children per day.

**Bookings essential as spaces are limited**

Dress for the weather & wear closed-toe shoes, long pants & remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at café.

**Moonlit Sanctuary**

550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale — Phone 5978 7935
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

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**Breaky Club**

**Last day open this year**

The last day for Breaky Club this year will be Friday, 16th December.

**Breaky Club reopening in 2017**

Breaky Club reopens for 2017 on Monday, 13th February, and will not be open during the first week of school.

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**$ $ Student Banking $ $**

The student banking for this year will finish on **Tuesday, 6th December 2016**, and banking will resume on **Tuesday, 14th February 2017**.

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 student banking, please contact Mrs Jo Lothian at the office.
Parents & Friends’ Association

Christmas Raffle Tickets

Please find below Raffle Tickets for the annual Christmas Raffle which will be drawn at assembly on Monday, 12th December.

There are many wonderful prizes to be won and these are on display in the office. Raffle tickets cost 50 cents each, and need to be returned by Friday, 9th December.

The Parents & Friends’ Association wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and thanks you all for your support with our fundraising activities throughout this year.

With best wishes
Parents & Friends’ Association
Term 4, 2018 PMI Stars Awards
Each school term as part of the PMI Stars Program, students have the opportunity to demonstrate their musical skills and advance through the PMI Stars program. The program consists of 100 “Star Missions” that students need to complete as part of their musical journey through keyboard or guitar. Each Mission is based on one of the five important musical skills that students must learn: musical theory, sight reading, aural skills, practical skills and performing.

The Star Missions are grouped into a series of 16 levels that students can achieve, with names such as Musician, Performer, Maestro, Virtuoso, etc. Students who achieve a level will receive a progress report. Students can collect each of the wristbands for the levels they complete.

We wanted to recognise the students below, who have completed a level this term. Congratulations!

- Gloria W - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist
- Max W - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist
- Nickolah W - Level 2 - Junior Instrumentalist

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GIRLS FOOTBALL OPEN DAY

The Frankston Rovers Junior Football Club, in conjunction with Frankston Bombers Football Club will be hosting a football open day for girls & women interested in playing in 2017.

When? 12pm on the 4th of December
Where? Frankston Bombers club rooms

There will be some light drill sessions running on the oval, and a BBQ Lunch Provided.

Registrations/Expressions of interest will be taken on the day for the following age groups:

FRANKSTON ROVERS - U12’s, U15’s, U18’s
FRANKSTON BOMBERS - Seniors (over 18)

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BOYS TO THE BUSH

where boys can be boys

Holiday Camps For Boys

CHECK US OUT @
WWW.BOYSTOTHEBUSH.COM.AU

Based at Howlong NSW, this camp allows boys the opportunity learn new skills, meet new people and have a "digital detox"

Help us by “spreading the word”

Like Us On Facebook

There's never been a more exciting time for Women's Football, so come and get involved!
After School Care News

Star of the Week: Jordan S for his amazing paper plane creations and for showing other children basketball skills

- **Camp Australia Holiday Club** is at Karingal Primary School, Mallum Avenue, Frankston
- This week we celebrated the start of Summer by playing “Apple Bobs”, an old-fashioned but fun game.
- The children at Ballam Park PS OSHC are gathering clean, usable toys in working order, to give to those less fortunate at Christmas. We will deliver these donations to the Salvos. If you have any unwanted toys in good condition, please bring them to the school hall before or after school care.

Have a great week!
Judit Sullivan, 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.

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**WANTED**

**YCW Netball Club**

WANTS any interested in playing netball between 6 and 60 years of age....

Want to get fit, play a team sport, make new friends, be competitive and above all have fun?????

If the answer is yes then the YCW Netball Club is the club for you.

We are recruiting now for our 2017 season and we need players of all shapes, sizes, ability and age — we need YOU!!!!!!

CONTACT US
ycwnetballfrankston@gmail.com
www.ycwnetballfrankston.com

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**Peninsula Kids**

SATURDAY
- Pancakes with Santa at The Big Goose
- Kingston Makers Market
- Rye Foreshore Market
- Peninsula Toy Run
- Mornington Christmas Carols in the Park
- Red Hill Community Market
- Billa Peninsula Open Day

SUNDAY
- Rosebud Lions Club Market
- Beachcombers Pop Up Sunday Market
- Family Fun Day with Eview Mornington Peninsula
- Wellbeing Market Seaford
- Mornington Railway Heritage Train Rides – Christmas Special
- Heritage Train Rides – Bellarine Peninsula
- Bittern Sunday Market
- Frankston Sunday Market

peninsulakids.com.au/events/
Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!

Two out of three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they reach 70. We have one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world with over 750,000 Australians being treated for skin cancer each year – that’s over 2,000 people every day¹.

You are most at risk of skin cancer during times when the UV index is at 3 or above. You can check the daily UV index at www.bom.gov.au/vic/uv/.

The Cancer Council recommends these five simple ways to protect yourself from the harms of skin cancer:

- **Slip on a shirt** or other form of clothing that covers your arms
- **Slop on sunscreen** that’s SPF 30+ and reapply every 2 hours
- **Slap on a hat** with a broad brim or one that covers your face, neck and ears
- **Seek shade** away from direct sunlight
- **Slide on sunglasses** that are close fitting and have UV protection

But what about vitamin D? During summer, most people can achieve adequate vitamin D levels by exposing their face, arms and hands to direct sunlight for just a few minutes most days of the week.

Remember, treating vitamin D deficiency is a lot easier than treating skin cancer!

If you’re in doubt, speak to your doctor about getting your vitamin D levels tested. For more information about the dangers of skin cancer as well as information about vitamin D, go to www.cancer.org.au/preventing-cancer/sun-protection.

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Stay hydrated this summer

Keeping our kids hydrated, especially over the hot summer months, is an important part of supporting their health and wellbeing. Drinking plenty of tap water is the best way to keep hydrated and it has the added benefit of being low cost, contains no sugar and is easy to access.

Replacing one regular 600ml soft drink with water every day will avoid consuming 25kg sugar over a year.

Drinking sugary drinks regularly can lead to weight gain and obesity. Being overweight or obese increases the risk of problems like type 2 to diabetes, heart disease and some types of cancer.

So instead of grabbing a sugary drink, why not try water instead?

Here are two quick facts about drinking water:
1. Water helps to keep your body temperature normal while also lubricating your joints and protecting your spinal cord.
2. Victorian tap water is one of the cleanest and safest water sources in the world. Make the most of this amazing resource by refilling a reusable water bottle.

More information can be found at [http://www.rethinksugarydrink.org.au](http://www.rethinksugarydrink.org.au)
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.
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.

Pines Junior Football Club
Rego Night
Thursday 15th December
Eric Bell Reserve, 6pm - 8pm
Come down & sign up for season 2017.
Council grant available for those on HCC
Fees 2017:
New player & U9's - $65
Single Player - $130
Family - 2 players $185
Family - 3 players $250
Family 4+ - please see committee member

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

School term dates 2017
2017
Term 1: 30 January (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.

Notification of Religious Education Classes for State School Children, 2017

Catholic Religious Education classes, for Grade 3 and older children, in preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion, will commence on Tuesday, 21 February 2017 at 4.15pm.
Enrolments will be taken on that day in the Parish House, 20 Coral Street, East Frankston between 4.15 - 4.30pm, and classes will begin that afternoon.
Also, any Grade 6 children who would like to be Confirmed in 2017 should leave their details at the Parish House on 9789 9672.
Preparation class date to be advised.
For any further information, please contact Sr. Anita on 9776 1483 after 6.30pm.
St John’s Church, 20 Coral Street, East Frankston