PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

Hi everyone

In spite of the miserable weather we have had lately, some great things have taken place at Ballam Park PS over the past 2 weeks.

Prep Fairy Tale Ball
What a wonderful morning was had last Friday when the Preps celebrated their learning around the Fairy Tale theme. The children looked great in their costumes and proudly walked through the ‘castle’ gates and down the red carpet. They were proud of their singing and dancing, and especially enjoyed the ‘banquet’ afterwards.

A huge thanks to the team of Prep teachers – Pam McGeary, Lucy McLeod, Kylie Shaw and Natalie Millard – for all the organisation that went into providing this wonderful opportunity for our Prep students.

It was great to see so many family members come along for this special occasion. The children loved having the opportunity to ask you for a waltz. Thanks for your continuous support.

School photos
The students were very excited on Tuesday when they had their class, individual and family photos taken. I’m sure we’re all looking forward to see how the photos turn out. (I requested some ‘photo shopping’ but was sadly declined!!)

Specialists’ programs
It is great to see our students so engaged in the activities provided within these programs – Skipping and Bike Ed in PE, fantastic creations coming from the Art room and enthusiastic participants and performers in the Performing Arts.

School Tours
School tours, led by myself and student leaders, are available on Monday mornings at 9.15am or at other times as arranged through the office, for prospective enrolments. If you know of any families, outside of our school community, who are looking to have a child start school in 2016, please encourage them to give us a call to arrange a tour. And…don’t forget to enrol your child for Prep in 2016!

Cheers
Lois Weldon
Acting Principal

IMPORTANT DATES 2015

AUGUST

Tues 11  Aust Schools Maths Competition
Fri 14 to  ) Life Education Van visit
Thurs 20  )

SEPTEMBER

Mon 31 Aug to Literacy & Numeracy Week
Fri 4 Sept  Step into Prep session, 2.30pm
Tues 1  Dental Screening at school
Wed 2  ) Prep Swimming Program,
Mon 7 to  ) PARC
Thurs 10  )
Fri 4 Sept  JumpRopeforHeart jump off day
Thurs 10  District Athletics (Years 3-6)
Wed 16  Year 5 Scienceworks Excursion
Thurs 17  Footy Day
Fri 18  End of Term 3, early dismissal

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.
Benefits of eating fruits and vegetables

The Dietary Guidelines for Australians advises that the key to eating well is to enjoy a variety of nutritious foods from each of the five food groups. Most Australians eat only about half the recommended amount of fruit and vegetables. You need to eat two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables every day (one serve is roughly a handful of fruit or veg).

Fruits and vegetables have many benefits:
- Reduce your risk of getting some cancers
- Maintain a healthy weight
- Keep you regular
- Reduce your risk of cardiovascular conditions
- Lower your blood pressure
- Boost your immune system

Try the following to get more fruit and veg into your diet:
- Eat fruit as a healthy snack
- Add pieces of cut up fruit to your cereal
- Blend different fruits along with a little bit of water and yoghurt to make a fruit smoothie
- Use carrots, celery, capsicum or cucumber with dips instead of crackers
- Add canned lentils to a curry or even a spaghetti sauce
- Have a warm vegetable soup in winter
- Have a refreshing garden salad in summer

For more great ideas on how to get enough fruit and veg, visit www.gofor2and5.com.au.

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our Students of the Month for July, 2015:

Chekoda S - Prep G for Confidence
Lachlan T - 1R for Persistence
Nevaeh W - 2B for Getting Along
Sasha G - 2C for Persistence
Paige W - 3J for Getting Along
Khiren W - 4D for Organisation
Eden-Staeci M - 5K for Persistence
Matilda B - Prep M for Confidence
Kevin Y - 1B for Confidence
Aiesha M - 2V for Resilience
Kiana W - 3H for Persistence
Annalise M - 4R for Persistence
Mitchel B - 5S for Getting Along
Trinity S - 6S for Persistence
Maddie F-B - 6B for Confidence
Prep Fairytale Ball - Friday, 31st July
A Proud Tradition
A Great Future

Step into Prep
Sessions
Terms 3 & 4

Tuesday 1st September 2:30pm
Tuesday 13th October 2:30pm
Tuesday 27th October 2:30pm
Tuesday 10th November 2:30pm
Tuesday 24th November 2:30pm
Tuesday 8th December 2:30pm

Transition Day 15th December 9:30-11:00

Please meet at the school office

Prep students for 2016 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.

Guaranteed Small Class Sizes in 2016

Please note the date for Prep 2016 Transition morning for all children enrolled in Ballam Park Primary School will be on

Tuesday 15th December
from 9:30am-11:00am

Children will meet 2016 teaching staff and their future classmates.

Ballam Park Primary School
Gate 1 Belar Ave
Frankston

For further information or bookings please contact
Congratulations to the following students who have been presented with Merit Awards! (Term 2)

PG - Kaya H, Douglas A
1B - Summah B, Taylah R
2B - Mitchell W, Angel P
2V - Korbz F, Riley D
3H - Bianca N, Jaxon B
4D - Jordan L, Melody W
5K – Aron-Jane S, Mikayla B
6B - Erik M, Ivory L, Te ata ra H, Chloe H
6S - George P, Brodie L, Kohene P, Tahnesha B

PG - Lailee-May A, Harry J
1B - Elise E, Angus M, Lara W, Kaytlyn D
2B - Indie W
2V - Daniel G, Mason K
3H - Shaiyanna C, Cloud-Sydney S
4D - Khiren W, Montanna S, Ebony H
5K - Aron-Jane S, Alyssia S, Lilleah C
6B - Ajay S, Molly B, Campbell G, Chloe G
6S - Josephine T, Adrian M, Brodie L, Silque N

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Prep Enrolments for 2016
BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
GATE 1, BELAR AVENUE, FRANKSTON 3199

Enrolments are presently being accepted for children commencing Prep in 2016

When enrolling, parents will need the following:

♦ **Proof of date of birth:**
e.g. a birth certificate or passport. The Department of Education and Training requirement is that children are five years old by 30th April 2016, for admission in 2016.

♦ 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 2015.)*

♦ **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.

*Lois Weldon*
*Acting Principal*
Almost all families are eligible. To find out more, call our Customer Service Team on 1300-105-343 Monday to Friday.

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia

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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CAMP AUSTRALIA COOK OFF!
We have been busy cooking in this cold weather. The Honey-joys were a great success!

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

Star of the Week
Patrick D

for being so creative at the craft table

OSHCo Co-ordinator: Judi Sullivan
Phone 0402-354-584

Outside School Hours Care with Camp Australia
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.

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
x10svguitartuition.com.au
Ph: 5979-4575 or 0437-440-265
Email: glen@x10svguitartuition.com.au

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