Parents and carers contribute to traffic problems around our school. Please help by obeying the parking restriction signs, keeping clear of the children’s crossing and never double-parking outside the school.

Please bring your best smile on...

School Photos Day
Tuesday, 2nd August

Our school photographs will be taken on Tuesday, 2nd August. Additional order forms are available at the office. Please return the envelope with payment for your child to give to the photographer on photo day.

Students need to attend in full school uniform, including wearing a blue school uniform top — bomber jacket, windcheater/polar fleece jacket, etc.

If you park near the school please follow the parking restriction signs. These are designed to improve safety for everyone, especially our children.
Thank you for your feedback regarding preferred day and times for our second Working Bee of the year! With the feedback received, we have scheduled the Working Bee for

Sunday, 28th August, 2016

Supervisors will be wearing high visibility vests and when you turn up, we will send you to one of those supervisors who will join you in a particular task.

⇒ We start at 9:00am and finish early afternoon, approximately 1:30pm.
⇒ We would greatly appreciate it if you all turned up at 9:00am and worked for three hours. (Not including Morning Tea and the Sausage Sizzle)
⇒ We appreciate your attendance as it adds to our ever increasing community spirit.
⇒ Our theme for this Working Bee is simple...We are going to continue to clean and maintain a standard of cleanliness, plus a few other projects, so please consider joining in!

What will we be doing?

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<th>Beautification of garden beds, weeding, digging and churning over soil</th>
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<td>Removal of debris from around the school, behind buildings, along fence lines and placing it in the bin the skip</td>
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<td>Trimming back of branches along the fence line that overhang our fence area</td>
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<td>Sweep, rake and blow leaves from both basketball courts, all the paths, both front and back</td>
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<td>Rake soft fall in and around all play areas</td>
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<td>Cobweb removal from buildings, windows, doorways, husbands who don’t seem to listen</td>
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**FOOD SUPERVISOR:**

Creator of morning tea and lunch
BBQ organizer & sausage cooker
Cleanup of BBQ and other bits

**Equipment you can bring**

Gloves   Gardening Tools   Wheelbarrows   Shovels   Steel Rakes   Blower vac   Brooms   Secateurs   Spades   Tradies tools and expertise
Grounds & Buildings Working Bee
Sunday, 28th August 2016 from 9am-1pm
You DO NOT have to be trained in anything,
Just come along! It’ll be fun!

Name: __________________________________________________________

Child’s name: ___________________________ Class: ____________________

Number attending: ___________________________ Phone number: ____________

Job most suited (please circle):

Tools/Equipment you can provide: _________________________________

Please complete and return as soon as possible. Thanks!

**IMPORTANT DATES 2016**

**JULY**
Fri 29 National Tree Day

**AUGUST**
Tues 2 SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wed 3 100 Days of Prep
Tues 9 Parents & Friends’ Assoc Mtg 9am
Tues 16 ICAS Maths Competition
Fri 19 Sticks & Stones Whole School Incursion
Tues 23 Parents & Friends’ Assoc Mtg 9am
Sun 28 WORKING BEE, 9.00am-1.00pm
Tues 30 Fathers & Special Friends’ Day Stall

**SEPTEMBER**
Thurs 1 Fathers & Special Friends’ Raffle drawn
Tues 6 Parents & Friends’ Assoc Mtg 9am
Tues 13 STEP INTO PREP session 2.30pm
Fri 16 End of Term 3

**OCTOBER**
Mon 3 Term 4 commences, 8.50am
Tues 11 STEP INTO PREP session 2.30pm
Sat 22 Disco Bingo, 7.00-11.00pm in Hall

**DECEMBER**
Tues 6 PREP 2017 TRANSITION MORNING
9.30am-11.00am

cont/...
School Council Meeting 25th July 2016

Report to the School Community

As School Council President, my aim is to engage and involve the School Community and promote meaningful parent/carer and community participation. This report that touches on the key issues and ideas that were discussed by our Councillors at our latest meeting allows our School Community the opportunity to stay informed and continue to strengthen the confidence and sense of pride in our school.

There are always many important items listed on the agenda for discussion, all of which are aimed at providing the best possible educational outcomes and learning environment for all students.

Listed below are some of the ideas and issues raised at our latest meeting.

*Disco Bingo fundraiser

A Disco Bingo organising committee has been set up, and will be meeting very soon to finalise advertising and ticket prices. School Councillors are really looking forward to sharing this fun night with the school community, and we hope that you’ve ‘saved the date’!

*School car park speed

The speed that many cars are driving at in the school car park was raised as a very important issue. It was agreed by School Councillors that we need to inform the school community to please drive at a slow speed through the car parks, and use the roundabout in the rear car park correctly. Councillors are very concerned for the safety of not only the students but other car park users. School Council would also like to remind the school community to please park in designated parking areas only, as stopping in non-parking areas causes congestion and can be very dangerous to students and members of the school community.

*Child safe policies

New policies regarding Child Safety were presented to School Councillors as part of the Victorian Parliament’s Betrayal of Trust inquiry. The Child Safe Standards were introduced in January, 2016 and come into force for all Victorian schools from 1st August, 2016. From this date, schools must be fully compliant with the standards or have a plan in place to be fully compliant by the end of the 2016 school year. We have committed staff working very hard on these policies, to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children. Policies, once endorsed and ratified by School Council, are available to be viewed by the school community at any time.

*Working Bee

Ballam Park Primary school’s Buildings and Grounds Committee is meeting again next week to discuss an upcoming working bee. Information and an invitation to roll up your sleeves and help out will be sent out soon.

Tamara McDonald

School Council President
Working With Children Check

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 WWWW 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.
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.

School Banking — Term 3 Competition

Competition theme Prize Lights! — This ties in with the Outback Savers theme...Dollarmites have discovered Prize Lights in the Outback sky.
To enter competition students need to make three or more School Banking deposits in Term 3.

Competition prizes — Students who make 3 or more School Banking deposits in Term 3 (from 11 July to 30 Sept 2016) will have a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes including 50 camping kits, 90 instant cameras & 200 magazine packs. Excitingly, this year we have a second prize pool available. Students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making their three deposits during Term 3, will also go into a separate draw to win one of 50 Supernova prizes – PlayStation 4 packs. Schools also have a chance to win one of 75 bags of sports equipment, value $200, when at least one student makes three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

If your child is not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for an information pack from the school office.

Karen, School Banking Specialist, Commonwealth Bank
Round up your friends! Round up your family! Round up your disco music lovers! Why? Because we are having a hilarious night out playing DISCO BINGO!! Instead of numbers, disco songs are played and dabbed off the bingo card. The first person to dab all songs on their card, WINS! Mix it up with dancing, games, and raffles and you have a super fun night out ..................... without the kids!

SO SAVE THIS DATE!

When: Saturday, 22nd October 2016

Where: Ballam Park Primary School Hall (Belar Avenue, Frankston)

Time: 7pm – 11pm

What to wear: Best disco era outfit!

Ticket prices - What to bring and all other important information regarding this night will be sent out to you very, very soon!
‘Step into Prep’
Sessions for 2017
Terms 3 & 4

- Tuesday 13th September 2:30
- Tuesday 11th October 2:30
- Tuesday 25th October 2:30
- Tuesday 8th November 2:30
- Tuesday 22nd November 2:30
- Transition morning: Tuesday 6th December 9:30-11:00

Please meet in the Ballam Park School Hall

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.

**Priority given to:**

Class sizes, high quality teaching & learning

Please note the date for Prep 2017 Transition morning for all children enrolled in Ballam Park Primary School will be on

**Tuesday 6th December**

from 9:30am-11:00am

Children will meet 2017 teaching staff and their future classmates. Adults will be invited to attend information sessions during these times.

For further information or bookings please contact our office on 97895614.

Ballam Park Primary School
Gate 1, Belar Avenue, Frankston
Reminder—ICAS on Tues 2nd August

(International Competition and Assessment for Schools Years 2-6)

Dear Parents

Just a reminder to all those parents who entered their child/ren in the ICAS competition. Could you please ensure that they attend school next Tuesday, 2nd August for the first ICAS competition in English.

Thank you
Jan Beilken
ICAS Co-ordinator
Community Dental Online Referral

The rates of poor oral health in Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula show that more people need to take better care of their teeth. This means eating a healthy diet, brushing and flossing regularly and visiting the dentist every 12 months.

An online referral form has been developed by Peninsula Health to help you access public dental care.

Anyone can make a referral to Community Dental with this easy-to-use online form. You can refer yourself, your child or even a friend.

The following people can receive treatment at Community Dental:

- All children up to 13 years of age
- Youth aged 13 to 18 years of age with a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card or Medicare Child Dental Benefits (All Medicare Child Dental Benefits are bulk billed)
- Adults 18 years of age and older with a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card

To access the online referral form, go to [www.peninsulahealth.org.au/dental](http://www.peninsulahealth.org.au/dental)

**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 you are unwell.**
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.

♦ Star of the Week: Maddison G, for displaying strong leadership skills especially with the younger children
♦ Lego Challenge Winner: Scott L for his ‘ladybird’ creation

Dear Parents

Camp Australia is supporting The Smith Family. We are raising funds to support The Smith Family’s “Learning for Life” program. We will be offering a week of fun with a Teddy Bears’ Picnic. Children who attend Ballam Park OSHC will be asked to bring their bear to the picnic and donate a gold coin. This will take place in the week beginning Monday, 15th August, and the donation will help provide disadvantaged children with education essentials (e.g. books, bags, uniforms) and learning support.

Our non-profit organisation, Camp Australia Foundation, will proudly match every dollar raised. Please help us support the education of disadvantaged Australian children.

Wishing you all a wonderful week!
Judit Sullivan, Coordinator, Ballam Park OSHC, Camp Australia (Phone 0402 354 584)

Wow—Just Wow! And THANK YOU!

Did you know that every lug on any drum – be it the bass, floor tom, top tom-toms or the snare drum – needs individual tuning? Did you know that there are hundreds of different kinds of drum heads? Did you know that putting a cushion in the base drum gives it more ‘bottom end’?

What a learning curve in the Music Room last Tuesday! Marc assisted his dad, Fotios Fakos as he tuned our drums and replaced some of the drum heads. Every lug needed tightening and our drums are sounding much more professional now.

I was personally treated to some serious burst hits and drum rolls while they worked. Fotios Fakos and Marc volunteered their time and expertise and provided us with the drum heads needed to make our drums sound so much better! WOW – JUST WOW! Thank you both so much!

Jan Beilken
Performing Arts & Music
Saver Plus Fact Sheet

What is Saver Plus?
Saver Plus is Australia’s largest and longest running matched savings and financial education program. The program is offered locally by community organisations in over 60 locations across Australia.

Who can join?
To be eligible, participants must:
- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card;
- be at least 18 years old;
- have some regular income from work (themselves or their partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment; and
- be a parent or guardian of a child at school or be attending or returning to vocational education themselves.

Since 2003, Saver Plus has supported more than 23,000 Australians to save.

How does the program work?
Saver Plus participants are assigned a Saver Plus Worker at their local community organisation and open an ANZ Progress Saver account at their local ANZ branch, into which they make regular deposits. They attend MoneyMinded workshops to build their financial management skills and when they reach their savings goal after 10 months ANZ matches the amount, up to $500, for the purchase of the nominated educational item.

ANZ has provided more than $10 million dollars in matched funds to participants across Australia since 2003.

Participants have saved more than $13.5 million dollars during the program.

How did the program start?
Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies.

The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

What are the benefits of the program?
Independent research published by RMIT in 2015 found that of participants who completed the program:
- 87% continue to save the same amount or more up to 12 months post completion.
- 93% reported that achieving their goals increased their self-esteem.
- 81% are better equipped to deal with unexpected expenses.
- 84% encouraged family members, including children, to save.
- 88% are more aware of where to get help with financial decision-making.

Successes
Contributed to the receipt, by the Financial Literacy and Inclusion Partnership, of a Prime Minister’s Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships 2006 and 2007
Third Place winner of Best Socially Responsible Product in Money Magazine’s Best of the Best Awards 2007
Gold winner of Best Socially Responsible Product in Money Magazine’s Best of the Best Awards 2008
Recognised as world’s best practice in 2008, outperforming similar programs in the UK, USA, South America and Asia
Outstanding Achievement Award in the Community category MoneySmart Week 2012

How to find out more
To find out more, contact Saver Plus saverplus@bsl.org.au 1300 610 355
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.

Have you had your 2&5 today?
It’s easier than you think!

Peninsula Health
Building a Healthy Community, in Partnership
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
xiOsvguitar tuition.com.au
Ph: 5979-4575 or 0437-440-265 Email: glen@xiOsvguitar tuition.com.au

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**Breaky Club**

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, Weetbix, two fruits, Milo, Yoghurt and fresh fruit.

Everyone is welcome!

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