‘Step into Prep’
Session 2 for 2017
Term 4

Tuesday 11th October ..... 
..... is when our next session will take place next!

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

Focus Areas:
School Banking
Karen Johnson (Commonwealth Bank)
Breakfast Club
Kylie Shaw (Teacher)
Camp Australia
Judit Sullivan
Parents as Helpers
Kerryn Carson (Teacher)
Ways to help your children at home
Pam McGeary (Foundation Sub-School Leader)
Student Session: Visual Arts
Students get to experience a Visual Arts session and meet the specialist teacher.
Helen Buxton (Visual Arts Teacher)

Please meet in the Ballam Park School Hall

Other Sessions
• Tuesday 25th October 2:30
• Tuesday 8th November 2:30
• Tuesday 22nd November 2:30
• Transition morning: Tuesday 6th December 9:30-11:00

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
**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](http://www.storydogs.org.au)

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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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**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

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**IMPORTANT DATES 2016**

**OCTOBER**

**SUNSMART HATS ON**

- **Tues 11**  STEP INTO PREP session 2.30pm
- **Fri 14**  Yrs 5/6 Summer Sport Round 1
- **Tues 18**  Parents & Friends’ Assoc Mtg 9am
- **Fri 21**  **ANNUAL WALKATHON**
- **Sat 22**  DISCO BINGO, 7-11pm in Hall (Adults)
- **Tues 25**  STEP INTO PREP session 2.30pm
- **Fri 28**  Halloween Disco for Students (PFA)

**NOVEMBER**

- **Tues 8**  STEP INTO PREP session 2.30pm
- **Tues 15**  Parents & Friends’ Assoc Mtg 9am
- **Fri 18**  Year 6 Musical Production “Dreams”
- **Tues 22**  STEP INTO PREP session 2.30pm
- **Mon 28**  PUPIL FREE DAY
- **Tues 29**  Parents & Friends’ Assoc Mtg 9am

**DECEMBER**

- **Tues 6**  PREP 2017 TRANSITION MORNING
  - 9.30am-11.00am
- **Tues 13**  Parents & Friends’ Assoc Mtg 9am
Sport News

Peninsula Division Athletics Carnival
14 Ballam Park Primary School students competed in the Division Athletics at Ballam Park on Wednesday 5th October after excellent results at the District Athletics in Term 2. All students who participated are to be congratulated for their excellent efforts representing our school.

The results for each student were as follows:
- Teah W: 1st in 100m and 200m, 3rd in 4x100m relay
- Emma R: 1st in shot put and discus
- Phoenix B: 1st in high jump
- Tyson T: 3rd in hurdles, 4th in 1500m, 4th in 4x100m relay
- Jordan S: 4th in 800m and 4th in 4x100m relay
- Cooper N: 6th in 800m and 4th in 4x100m relay
- Maddy M: 4th in long jump, 3rd in 4x100m relay
- Mandy G: 3rd in 4x100m relay
- Cai V: 3rd in 4x100m relay
- Marc F: 5th in 200m
- Claire O: 6th in high jump
- Stephanie U: 6th in high jump
- Callum B: 4th in 4x100m relay
- Alex D-F: 6th in hurdles

Teah W, Emma R and Phoenix B now progress to the South East Region Athletics finals on Thursday 13th October at Casey Fields in Cranbourne East. Congratulations and best of luck to these students.

Sporting Schools Triathlon Programs
20 of our Years 4 – 6 students completed their 6 week Triathlon Program during Term 3. This program was held on Thursday mornings through Kelly Sports and Sporting Schools funding. Students completed two running sessions, two riding sessions (including a ride down the Peninsula Link Trail) and a swim session at Input Fitness last term.

The final session was a team event involving a 150m swim at Input Fitness, 2km run to school, and 4km bike ride around the park.

All students involved showed fantastic enthusiasm and enjoyed the activities carried out during the program.

A big thank you to Michelle from Kelly Sports for organising the program, and to Miss Johnson, Miss Kewley and Miss Bruce for their support at various stages.

Thank you also to the parents who got their children to school early each Thursday morning for their help.

We hope to carry out another triathlon program again in the near future.

Years 3B and 3C Bike Ed
Students from 3B and 3C will participate in their Bike Ed Program this term during Years 3/4 Sport time on Thursday afternoons. The program will begin on Thursday 27th October. Notices with all details will be sent home shortly.
Footy Day
Our annual Footy Day was held on Thursday 15th September. Years 3/4 students participated in a Footy Tabloid session, and Years 1/2 in footy activities after lunch. Thank you to those Year 6 helpers who did a fantastic job running these sessions.

Our whole school parade was held in the hall, with students looking fantastic in their AFL colours and parading for their team. Congratulations to our best dressed supporters and colouring competition winners.

We raised a total of $335 for State Schools Relief on the day. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously. Thank you also to Miss Hodkinson for her help preparing for the day.

Walkathon
Our annual school Walkathon will be held on Friday 21st October. This is our major fundraising event for the year. We hope to raise over $5000 which will be used to purchase new play equipment, sports uniforms, beach equipment, and other items for student benefit. All students received their sponsorship uniforms late in Term 3. Hopefully students have been busy over the holidays and past few weeks collecting as many sponsors as possible. Any students who did not receive a sponsor card or need a replacement one should contact the school office.

This year we will be having a “Rainbow” theme. Each year level will need to dress in the following colours:
- Foundation – Yellow,
- Year 1 – Purple,
- Year 2 – Green,
- Year 3 – Red,
- Year 4 – Pink,
- Year 5 – Blue,
- Year 6 – Orange

We ask all students to collect as many sponsors over the coming weeks to raise as much money as possible for our Walkathon. We will send home further notices closer to the date of the Walkathon.

Darren O’Brien
Sports Coordinator
After School Care News

Star of the Week: Connor F for his caring attitude towards others

- It is Spring, and the children are planting pumpkin, broccoli, carrots and peas in their new vegetable patch. Camp Australia upholds sustainability!
- We are in the process of selecting our new Buddy Leaders for Term 4.

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.
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.
LIVING WITH AUTISM.
DEALING WITH BEHAVIOURS AND ASD

Are you a parent/carer of a child on the autism spectrum?
Join with other parents/carers to share experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

During the 6 weeks you will:
• Discuss why the behaviours are happening
• Identify new ideas and strategies
• Hear from other parents and share experiences
• Identify new supports

WHEN: Thursday 20th October to Thursday 24th November
(6 weeks consecutively)
TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am
WHERE: Ballam Park Primary School
Belar Avenue Frankston
WHO: Parents, grandparents, carers of children with a diagnosis of autism

For bookings & enquiries contact:
Parentzone Southern 1300 984 011
or Joanne Templeton 0499 007 418 or 03 5945 2000
Joanne.Templeton@anglicarevic.org.au

FREE BUT BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Refreshments Provided
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:

http://www_workingwithchildren_vic_gov_au/

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.
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

_With 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

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