



BALLAM PARK BULLETIN



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL – John Mace

Welcome Back

I would like to offer a huge and excited welcome to all of our returning students and families, and a special welcome to any new parents/carers 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.

New Staff

We would like to extend a big welcome to our three new teaching staff members

- Mr Oisin Collins (teaching Japanese)
- Mrs Jayne Lavin (teaching the Arts)
- Mrs Jessica Pike (combining with Mrs Kylie Shaw teaching 3/4 C)

Every day counts – school attendance

We all want our children to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school *each and every day*. Missing school can have a major impact on a child's future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10, they'll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital but, if for any reason your child *must* miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

1. **Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.**
2. **Develop an Absence Learning Plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.**

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, please speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

School Council is a very important part of Victorian Government schools and we value the input from parents and education department employees.

School Council Election Process Overview Stages of Election

The election process needs to start at least 21 days before the poll closing date. The following is an indicative timeline of the stages of the election process:

Event	Date
Stage One: Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday 15th February
Stage Two: Closing date for nominations Assessing Nominations and Deciding if Ballot Required	Monday 1st March
Stage Three: Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 3rd March
Stage Four: Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Thursday 4th March
Stage Five: Close of ballot Counting of ballot papers Declaration of poll	Thursday 11th March
Stage Six: Special and First Council Meetings after the Poll	Monday 15th March
Stage Seven: First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Tuesday 16h March



Before and After School Care

Camp Australia runs a before and after school care program known as Out of School Hours Care or OSHC. If you are interested, you will need to call 1300 105 343 or email oshc@campaustralia.com.au



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>TERM ONE</u>	<u>TERM TWO</u>
18th February - Glasses 4 Kids (F-2)	19th April - Term 2 starts
5th March - 3-6 House Sports	25th April - ANZAC
8th March - Labour Day	9th May - Mothers Day
12th March - School Photos	26th May - National Sorry Day
21st March - Harmony Day	14th June - Queens Birthday
1st April - Last day of Term 1	25th June - Last Day of Term 2
2nd April - Good Friday	

Student Safety

Build your child's wellbeing

There's many things you can do at home to help build and sustain your child's wellbeing.

Praise, encouragement and positive attention

Praise helps your child feel good about themselves, which boosts self-esteem and confidence. It can also encourage good behaviour.

You can:

- give your child praise when they behave in ways that you want to encourage
- give your child attention. For example, play a game with them, do an activity together, send them a friendly text message, ask about their interests
- praise your teenager for their strengths
- let your child know you are proud of them.

SPORTS UPDATE



Hello everyone and welcome back to school for 2021.

We are absolutely pumped to return to face-to-face teaching for the year and to make the most of our great PE program. Students will have a number of opportunities this year, which will include opportunities to participate in sports programs, school events and lunch time activities.

Further to this there are some key events and dates coming up in Term 1 to note for the relevant year levels. Please note further information will come out closer to the dates;

Senior School Athletics Day - 12th March
District Athletics Day - 26th March



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*** No new lay-bys in January. Lay-bys require a 20% deposit. Lay-bys available in-store only. Extended lay-by for 'Back to School 2021' must be placed between Mon 2nd Nov and Fri 18th Dec 2020. Lay-bys must be paid for and picked-up by Fri 22nd Jan 2021.

** Store trading hours are subject to change, please refer to psw.com.au for all store trading hours, holiday trading and public holiday information, or call the customer service team on (03) 9768 0360.

* School Price Lists are subject to change throughout the year.



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Uniform Price List

Price as at: 05-10-2020

Unisex	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1100854	Royal_Gold	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-L	34.60 36.60
1100855	Royal_Gold	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	36.60 38.60
1100260	Royal	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	38.00 42.70
1100275	Royal	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	42.96 46.60
1100290	Royal	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	34.96 39.96
1100215	Royal	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	33.90 41.70
1100299	Royal	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	44.20 48.00
1100330	Royal	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	23.70 26.66
1110410	Royal		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	29.96 33.96
1110423	Royal	NHI	4-14/XS	34.96
Female	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1103068	Navy/Royal/White/Gold Check - #160		40-18G/12L	48.96
1100375	Royal		40-18G/12L	23.60
1104002	494-Navy/Gold Winter Check		60-10G 40-4G	62.96 64.96
Accessories	Colour	Logo	Size	Price(\$)
1100200	Royal		4-6-12-14 S-M-S-M	33.60 41.30
1100380	Navy		S-XL	18.10
1100520	Royal	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	12.30
1100514	Royal	Embroidery	S-XL	17.10
8301200	Royal		ALL-ALL	42.96



Collection of Information and Privacy

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's Privacy Collection Statement

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy – information for parents. This information is also available in nine community languages:

- Amharic
- Arabic
- Dari
- Mandarin
- Somali
- Sudanese
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese.

Compass – How to?

If you are wanting more information on how to get around Compass, then please take a look [here](#). Otherwise, when you open Compass, press the three lines (top left) and press "open in browser". Click onto the Star and you will see two options – school website and the how to guide.

Lunch Orders

Canteen is open every Friday for lunch orders using [MySchoolConnect](#)





Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund – what is it?

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Schools must use a CSEF payment only for the eligible student and not for that student's siblings or any other student. Some common examples of school-organised programs for which a CSEF payment may be used include:

- school camps/trips
- swimming and other school-organised sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions/incursions

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$125 for primary school students

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year
- Changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Applications are then entered online through the CSEF system at school that is linked to Centrelink, matching parent and student Centrelink Reference Number (CRN)

Please check with the school office if you are unsure

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>