

Ballam Park PS Bulletin

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL - John Mace

Ballam Park PS Wellbeing Hub

After two years of interrupted learning and with education journeying into a new frontier, the return to full time onsite learning has been met with excitement, and maybe even some anxiety and trepidation. Students, staff, parents and carers have all faced challenges while adjusting to what seems like new schooling and a 'new normal'. We are really proud that we have developed a wellbeing hub and even though it is still in its early stages, we envisage exciting times ahead. Our aim is to provide a number of services where we can offer support in a timely manner.

Make Up

The hub is comprised of three areas

Wellbeing Student Leader - Mrs Suzanne Burrows

Responsibilities include:

Out of Home Care	Student Learning Profiles	Individual Education Plans	Student Safety Plans
Class Crisis management Plans	Behaviour Management Plans Organising Health & Wellbeing contact meetings	Care Teams meetings and Student Support Groups meetings Key Contact Meetings	Writing Behaviour Support Plans Inclusion Profile meetings
Working closely with Allied Health organisations with a focus on family support.		Writing and compiling applications for student support funding	

Wellbeing Student Support Officer - Mrs Pam Lefebvre

Dental Van	Breakfast Club	Children without lunch	Food Bank	Smith Family
State Schools Relief		Uniform Shop		

Chaplain - Mr Baden Harvey

Lunch time activities, family support, student individual programs, self esteem building. Mr Harvey is instrumental in bringing the school together with developing whole school initiatives such rubbish collection in houses and the *Language Lights* and his new initiative is *Reply Lights*. If you would like your child to be involved in the Chaplaincy programme please fill in a permission form available at the office.



Enriching Outside School Hours Experiences

At Camp Australia we guide children's growth before school, after school and on their holidays. Our engaged educators foster a safe, inclusive environment where the children can relax, have fun and grow.

Before and After School Care

What is it? How can I find out more?

Camp Australia has set up an online **Zoom** meeting for any families who may have questions or just want to hear more about OSHC (Outside School Hours Care).

When is this Zoom meeting?

Wednesday 4th May @ 6pm.

Please see attached flyer with the information **or** click [here](#) to register.





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Dear BPPS Community,
You are invited to the annual
Mother's Day Breakfast!

Friday May 6th 2022

The
ALL YOU CAN EAT
Pancake Bar starts serving
\$5 per person at 7:30 am

Tickets available

Via the link on
Compass

Please join us for activities, games
and door prizes!

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Kirsten Edbrooke

Term 1 was a very long and busy term at Ballam Park Primary School, but it was also a very exciting and productive term. We are so proud of our students, families and staff for such a smooth start to the year after two very challenging years, even with families and staff who have had to isolate due to Covid. Not only have we welcomed several new staff to BPPS this year but we have also embarked on some fantastic work to improve both the learning and the wellbeing of our students.

Now that everyone is well rested after the school holidays we are ready to jump into a busy Term Two.

NAPLAN

Towards the end of last term students in Year 3 and Year 5 participated in the state wide NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test. The practice test provided an opportunity to prepare our students for completing NAPLAN in the online platform, and for schools to confirm they are ready to undertake NAPLAN online from a technical and administrative perspective. The students did a great job on the day, following the teacher's instructions and showing patience and persistence. The students are continuing to prepare for NAPLAN which is happening in Week 3. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program and encourage your child to simply do the best they can on the day.

If you want to help your child feel comfortable with the kinds of questions in a NAPLAN test, you can view past NAPLAN papers and answers for practice or [visit the NAPLAN Online public demonstration site](#).

Speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Little Learners Love Literacy

We are excited to be teaching your little learner with our engaging literacy program this year. Our whole staff participated in professional learning based on the latest research into how children learn to read at the beginning of the year. The program is now being implemented successfully in our Foundation to Year 2 classrooms, and this term we will be working towards extending the program into our middle and senior classes to support learning growth in all of our readers. A Little Learners Love Literacy information session will be held for our Junior School parents and carers on **Wednesday 18th May**. Stay tuned for more information and come along if you would like to find out more.



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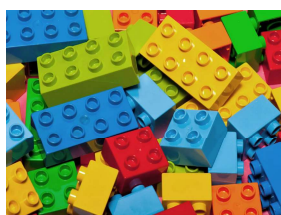
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Lunch Time Activities

As part of our continued focus on student wellbeing, this term staff are offering a variety of lunchtime clubs and activities for students to participate in. Some of these include:

- Toy club
- Drawing club
- Remote control club
- Crochet club
- Lego Club
- Board games and card games



These activities are all voluntary and give students lots of choices of things they can do during lunchtimes, whilst developing their social skills and making new friends. Our House Captains also allow students to borrow sports equipment to play with in the yard every day. This all contributes towards healthy, happy and active kids at Ballam Park PS.

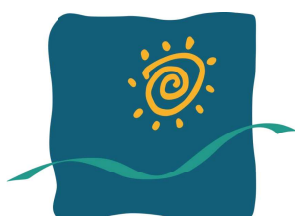
If any parents or carers would like to offer a lunchtime activity for our students, please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Edbrooke. This could be a regular activity or just a one off.

Work Experience

Last term we welcomed Neve, a work experience student from Elizabeth Murdoch College, to our school for a work experience placement. Neve did an amazing job helping Mrs Lothian and Mrs Don in our office during her placement whilst learning lots of new skills. This term we are looking forward to welcoming some more work experience students to our school. Some of them are ex BPPS students who are excited to come back and see the school from a new perspective. This is another great way that we build stronger partnerships and connections with our community and other local schools.

Attendance

A reminder that as students have missed so much schooling over the past 2 years, it is more important than ever that students attend school every day unless they are unwell. When students do not come to school, they not only miss out on important learning opportunities, but also the social skills and connections with their peers.



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Spotlight on.....



Mrs Amanda Baker

Hi everyone, my name is Amanda Baker. I'm a new Inclusion Officer at BPPS.

I have recently moved across from Mt Eliza North Primary School where I worked as an Integration Aide for two years. Before that I worked as an Integration Aide at Chisholm Institute for three years in the Foundation Program with young adults.

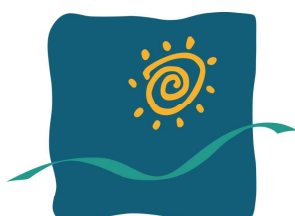
I have three grown up children and a grandson who is nearly one.

My hobbies are macro photography, slowly creating my garden, reading, walking nature trails with friends and a little bit of crochet (thanks Mrs Edbrooke for inspiring me).

I have an old Labrador dog called Bentley and a cat called Finnick.

I have travelled to many places around the world, but I like Australia the best.

I really enjoy coming to BPPS each day and I'm loving getting to know all the students and staff.



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Mrs Sue Kirkpatrick



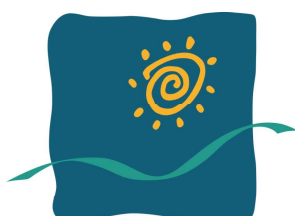
Hi, my name's Sue Kirkpatrick.

I have been firstly a music specialist and then an inclusion officer at various local primary schools for about 15 years. I find it very rewarding to work with young people, seeing their confidence grow as they develop new interests and master new skills.

I love music and singing and have directed a local community choir for more than 20 years.

When I'm not at school, I enjoy spending time with my adult son, his Filipino wife and my two beautiful grandchildren. I love the sea, especially snorkelling with all the fish.

I also like kayaking, going for lots of beach and bush walks and getting out and about on my bike. But if I can't get outside there is nothing better than curling up with a good book.



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Important Dates

4th May - Camp Australia information session

6th May - Mother's Day breakfast

9-19 May - NAPLAN

20 May - Years 3-6 District Cross Country

30 May - 1 June - Year 5 Camp

6 June - Student Free Day

21 June - Student Reports

22 June - Parent Teacher Interviews

24 June - End Term 2, 2.30 finish

11 July - Start term 3

School Uniforms

School Uniforms are available from PSW in Carrum Downs. You can also order online and they provide a click and collect service. For more information, please click on the logo below



Compass - How to?

Please take a look [here](#) for a Compass "how to". Otherwise, when you open Compass, press the three lines (top left) and press "open in browser".



Canteen is open every Friday for lunch orders using:





Gaming and Gambling in Children

For Parents, Carers and Volunteers

Presented by Grace McArthur

An online workshop to help parents understand the key issues related to

- Gambling and young people, and how they can help their child develop informed attitudes to gambling.
- How pokies machines work,
- Sports betting,
- The blurred line between gaming and gambling, and more

CFC is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services. See www.dss.gov.au for more information.

When: Tuesday 10 May 2022

Where : Online via Zoom

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_31QcjZAVQdOaYNFDIquiUA
or Scan QR Code



Queries: CFCCardinia@anglicarevic.org.au / 0457 825 076



Australian Childhood Anxiety TREATMENT STUDY

Free home-based assessment and treatment for 7 to 12 year old children with fear and anxiety disorders.

Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things, get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fear?

About the study

Our team at Griffith University may be able to assist you. We are conducting a nationwide study that includes the following services at no cost to families:

- A thorough assessment of your child's anxiety with a trained psychologist via the telephone;
- Your child receiving one of two kinds of home-based treatments delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet; and
- Two follow-up telephone assessments with a trained psychologist 6- and 12-months after treatment to track your child's progress.

The study aims to find out if these two treatments are as effective as each other, and which children have the best response to each kind of treatment. This will mean that there are more evidence-based treatments available for helping anxious children.

About the treatments

Each treatment involves your child completing treatment sessions at home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

Each treatment involves your child learning practical strategies to better manage anxiety.

- One treatment helps children learn to control the focus of their attention on helpful things around them.
- The other treatment helps children learn to think differently and approach things they fear.

Each treatment includes information, telephone or email support for parents in assisting their child to better manage anxiety.

Prior studies have shown that children who complete each treatment experience significant reductions in anxiety.

Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Allison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.

For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact us:



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