

Ballam Park PS Bulletin

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL - Julie O'Brien

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Term 2 comes to an end, and I reflect over my 5 weeks at Ballam Park Primary School, a lot has been achieved and more importantly we have a lot of exciting plans for the future.

We have been delighted to welcome back parents and carers back into the school. Many families have relished the opportunity to attend our morning teas, open morning, and open night and recently participating in parent-teacher interviews.

Next term you will be invited to participate in a variety of ways to support your children and the school. This could be coming in to hear reading, working in classrooms, covering books or readers, shelving in the library or getting involved in the gardening club!! Watch this space for more information!

Ballam Park Kinder

This week, we were excited to welcome Ballam Park Kindergarten kids to our school. The kinder teachers Chris and Simone held two 4-year-old sessions at school. We have set up a kinder room at the **big kids' school** for our local kinder kids to enjoy. This week's sessions are the first of many that will continue for the remainder of the year. These sessions are an important first step for the kinder kids to transition into their local primary school. While they are with us, the Ballam Park kinder kids will be utilising our school resources such as borrowing from the school library, using our art room and music room, and making the most of our amazing playground.

Colour Day Celebration and gold coin donation

To celebrate the end of a busy term, our students came to school dressed in their most colourful clothes. We have asked for a gold coin donation which will go towards new playground line marking in our school yard. Our Student Representative Council will actively seek feedback from our students as to what they would like in their playground. By asking students to contribute to this project and seeking their feedback this is another way for our students to engage with their school and to build school pride.

I am looking forward to seeing what they come up with!!

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School Attendance

Schooling is compulsory for children and young people aged from 6 to 17 years unless an exemption from attendance or enrolment has been granted.

Daily school attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children who regularly attend school have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age.

School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. School helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

We know that, limited school participation is associated with a greater chance of dropping out of school, disruptive and delinquent behaviour and may lead to a cycle of rebellion against authority. This in turn has implications for employment, a range of health risk behaviours (drug and alcohol abuse), homelessness, poverty, welfare dependence, and involvement in the justice system.

Next term, I will be in contact with families of students who are not attending school on a regular basis. Our focus will be to put support strategies in place to ensure all our enrolled students are attending school every day.

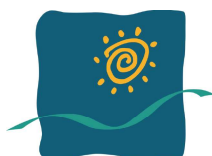
Finally, I would like to thank you all again for your warm welcome to your lovely school. I hope you all enjoy the winter holidays.

Stay safe and well and I look forward to welcoming you all back in Term 3

Kind regards,

Julie O'Brien

Acting Principal



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Kirsten Edbrooke

What a wonderful semester it has been at Ballam Park Primary School.

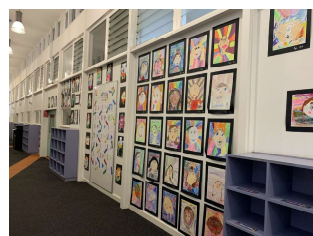
We have had so many fantastic events in the first half of the year, including our Teddy Bears' Picnic to celebrate our preps first full week at school, House and District Athletics days, Cross Country, school camps, leadership students participating in I Sea, I Care excursions and leadership excursions, Star Wars Day, Grandparents Morning, Open Night and visits from our local Ballam Park Pre School.

It has been such a pleasure to welcome our school community back onsite to engage with and share our student's learning and strengthen our partnerships with our families. The children were so proud to show their classrooms to their Grandparents, special friends, parents and carers, and the staff were thrilled to be able to share the wonderful work of our students.

At the beginning of next term we will be reaching out to our parents and carers to come along to school and help out in many areas, including helping in the library, coming into classrooms to listen to children read, helping in our Brekkie Club and to work on various projects such as giving our gardens a facelift. We have also just purchased a lot more fantastic readers, particularly for our students in years 3-6, and will be looking for volunteers to help us cover books with contact.

I wish all of our families a safe and relaxing break over the school holidays and look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Kirsten Edbrooke



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Important Dates

24 June - End Term 2, 2.30 finish

11 July - Start term 3

25 July - No students onsite -
Professional Practice Day for Staff

25-29 July Woorabinda Camp
(year 6)

16 September - end 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:



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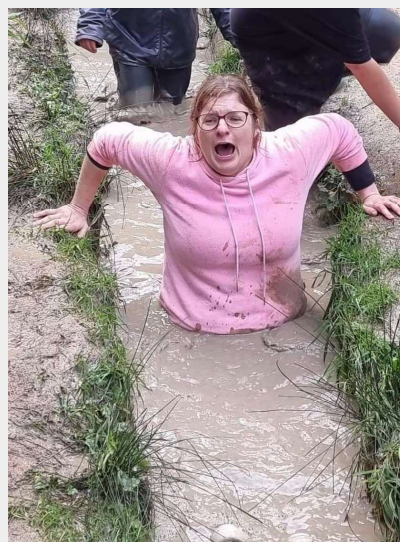
Camp Rumbug

In May, a group of grade 5 students and a few of our Ballam Park Primary School staff attended Camp Rumbug in Forster, Victoria. After the long bus trip we unpacked in our cabins and were ready to enjoy the camp. For the three freezing cold days, everyone participated in activities such as bush craft, canoeing, initiatives and flying fox. We learnt how to paddle a canoe then went out in pairs to practice. In bush craft, we had to make a mini-house out of whatever items we could find in nature. We were lucky to have a tarp and some rope to help make a roof. We had a great time away together. Thanks to the staff for their time looking after all the students so well.

As told by Abi and Max



Caption this.....



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SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Happy last day of term!

On behalf of the School Council I want to thank each and every one of you for such an amazing semester!

You have all done such brilliant work and it was great to see it all on display on Open Night.

It has been great to see everyone back at the school for the whole semester.

This also means that we can invite helpers back into the classrooms!

As long as you have a valid working with children check you are welcome to come and assist with classroom reading, run a lunch time activity or gardening club.

If you have a desire to lend a hand, we want to hear about it!

Until next term, stay safe, enjoy the break and we will see you on July 11!

Michaela Keating

School Council President



BALLAM PARK PRESCHOOL



We also have a few vacancies for 4 year old in 2022

26 Naranga Cres, Frankston 3199
Ph. 9789 1267 or Mob. 0427 106 642
Email: ballam.park.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

Enrolments are being taken now through the Frankston City Council website for 2023.

At Ballam Park Preschool we offer a 4yr old Preschool Program and a 3yr old Kinder Program run by Bachelor Qualified Teachers.

All enrolments are through Frankston City Council online:

www.frankston.vic.gov.au/our-community/family-services/kindergartens/registration-for-4-year-old-kindergarten



~We aim to provide high quality Early Childhood Education, full of valuable experiences with positive outcomes for all children~

~We are committed to providing your children with a nurturing, supportive, secure and fun environment, where children and adults collaborate together, share their learning and extend their knowledge~

~Our belief is children learn through play. We provide fun, exciting, spontaneous, hands-on, stimulating, relaxing, comforting and challenging experience, where the children learn at their own pace~



~We provide an all inclusive Preschool environment, recognising and respecting the diverse culture, traditions and beliefs within our community. We welcome and appreciate family participation and contributions to our Preschool community~



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KEEPER CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAM GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

If you have some junior wildlife lovers looking for fun over the holidays, check out our Keeper Club holiday program.

In a day full of fun hands-on activities, kids get up close to many animals including dingoes and pythons and learn how their keepers work to keep them happy and healthy.

Places are limited so book early and make your junior keeper's day!

A Special Needs Keeper Club is also available on 5th July.

For ages 7-14 | Cost \$99

See our website for more info.



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550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale

SPECIAL GIFT VOUCHER

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How can you win a family pass?

At the end of Term 3 we will be awarding one student with a Family Pass to Moonlit Sanctuary. To be in with a chance to win this fantastic prize all you have to do is be at school everyday throughout Term 3 and you will go into the draw.



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Footy Fun SESSIONS

5 - 9 YEARS

CLINICS RUN FROM
9:00AM - 3:15PM

COST:
\$75

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- ★ Midfield Craft
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- ★ Defensive Work
- ★ Kicking Skills
- ★ Fitness Testing
- ★ Contested Ball
- ★ Match Simulation



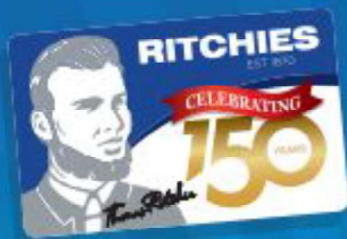
ELITE DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

10-14 YEARS

CLINICS RUN FROM
9:00AM - 3:15PM

COST:
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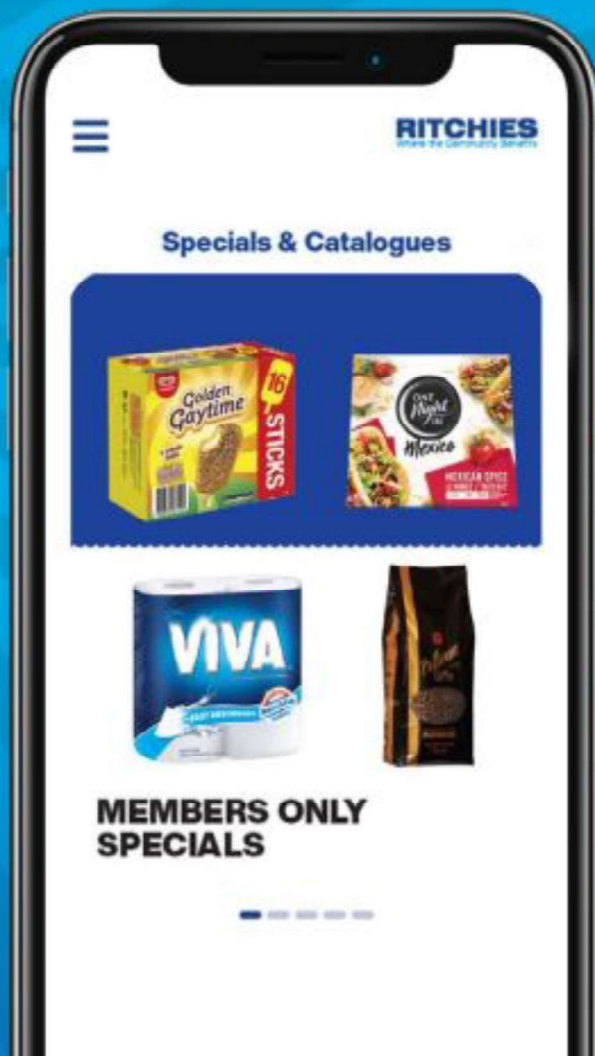
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