

Ballam Park PS Bulletin

October 2022

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A message from Peita Cooper - Principal (Acting)

Dear Parents and Carers,

October has been such a busy month already with students participating in a range of opportunities. Providing extra-curricular opportunities for our students is so important for their skill development as well as building confidence and engagement.

Year 5 Leadership Sessions:

Our Year 5s have been immersed in a range of leadership skills and tasks to build their capacity in preparation for next year. Team building, taking initiative and reflecting on their own strengths and areas for improvement have been a main focus. We certainly have some students who have displayed responsibility and commitment to these sessions!

Year 6 Transition Sessions:

The Year 6s have a weekly session with the Smith Family Treanition group to support them in moving into secondary school. They discuss their fears and things they are excited about as well as looking at what a typical day in secondary school could look like. They also had some secondary student visit to answer their questions and explain what secondary school is like.

Other School Events

We have planned many exciting events for our students and school community. Some of these events are student-led and aim to raise money for the school whilst others are more about promoting awareness and sense of community. Keep an eye out for the information regarding each of these events.

Term 4 Priorities

Our priorities this term has continued to be a strong focus on numbers and algebra as well as introducing the Reading and Spelling program Nessy. Students in Years 3-6 are engaged in Nessy every day and it's been great to see students utilising the program at home too. This program is targeted at the students' needs and is very engaging and helps the development of their Literacy skills. Another main priority has been embedding our Behaviour Management Process to ensure there is a consistent approach for everyone. Utilising our learning from Berry Street, we are strengthening our culture and continuing to have high expectations of our students and how they behave. If you would like to see a copy of this process, please contact the school.

Thank you,

Peita Cooper



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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Lateness

The teaching staff has raised some concern that many students are arriving late for school on a fairly regular basis. Unfortunately this is a situation that can have a negative effect on the education of not only those students who are late, but also the other students in the class.

What impact does being late have on the student?

Students who are late miss a lot of instructions and information about what is happening, not to mention important learning sessions. This means that they have to catch up somehow. Students also miss out on catching up with their friends in the playground before school. Students can feel unsettled, disorganized and unhappy for the rest of the day and it can take them some time to complete and understand the work that they have missed. It's similar to being late to see a movie and not being able to understand what's happening because you have missed out on who the characters are and what the plot is.

How does it affect the other students in the class?

Students who are late have an unsettling effect on the rest of the class. Because not all late students arrive at once, the interruptions go on until the last student is settled. Students who are late often have things that need to be done prior to them joining the class and this causes even more disruption. Sometimes other students have to wait to get the teachers attention and important issues can be forgotten.

Why does student lateness cause difficulties for the teacher?

The teacher has a certain amount of material and activities to cover each lesson. Also, organizational issues are usually dealt with at the beginning of the day. Teachers can become increasingly frustrated when late students continually and repeatedly interrupt their planned routines, as they have to stop teaching to deal with the issues involved.

We are all human. Cars can break down and unexpected situations can occur. We know that family morning routines are not always straightforward. If you are experiencing problems, speak to us, as we may be able to offer suggestions to help.

We are happy to accept that students will be late on the odd occasion because of unforeseen circumstances. However, arriving late on a regular basis is not acceptable

Remember

A student who is half an hour late each day misses the equivalent of 16.6 days of learning each year.

Sunsmart - Sun safety is a shared responsibility. We do have a limited supply of sunscreen so we suggest children bring along their own that suits their skin – as long as it is SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum and water-resistant. They could try a clip on and hang it on their school bag for easy storage, as well as being a visual reminder. Please refer to our SunSmart Policy on our website.

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At Ballam Park Primary School, we provide learning opportunities for our students both academically, socially, and emotionally. We value diversity and teach our children a range of skills and attributes to help promote international mindedness and inclusion. The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships is a program that supports our students in understanding the appropriate way to treat people and ways to seek help and problem solve.

Recently we've been made aware of some concerning behaviours by some of our students that have involved saying and doing things that are considered racist or prejudiced (both in the playground and before school). Children come to school to learn a range of skills including how to be kind and inclusive and we understand that sometimes they make mistakes or don't realise the impact of their behaviour. However, some of these actions have been quite deliberate and targeted. These situations have been dealt with, but we are requesting, as a school community, that we all come together to ensure all our children are acting in an inclusive manner.

To educate our students and to support their development and understanding of inclusivity, we have implemented and will further develop programs such as:

- Year level focus on inclusion utilising the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships program
- Discussions and learning focusing on diversity
- Ongoing support and education for all students

We ask that you, as a family, have these discussions at home too. Consistent messages at school and home will help support our children in making good decisions and knowing how to speak to people. Below are a couple of websites that provide practical, helpful advice on how to speak to your children.

- <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/talk-about-race.html>
- <https://www.abc.net.au/everyday/how-to-talk-to-young-kids-about-race-racism/12402174>

Thank you for your understanding and please feel free to contact me at school by phone or email if you have any further concerns.

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. We have a limited amount of secondhand uniforms available at school. We ask for a donation which goes towards breakfast club.



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HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP

Friday October 28th

- Wear Halloween colours, dress-up or accessories
- Bring a gold coin donation to go towards our Sensory Garden

SRC COLOUR DAY

Friday November 18th

- Wear bright colours (jellybean colours!)
- Bring a gold coin donation to support Diabetes Research and Support

5/6 MARKET DAY

**Wednesday November
30th**

- 5/6 students will be selling products and providing services
- Other classes can 'go shopping'
- Money to go towards Year 6 Graduation/Party

WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

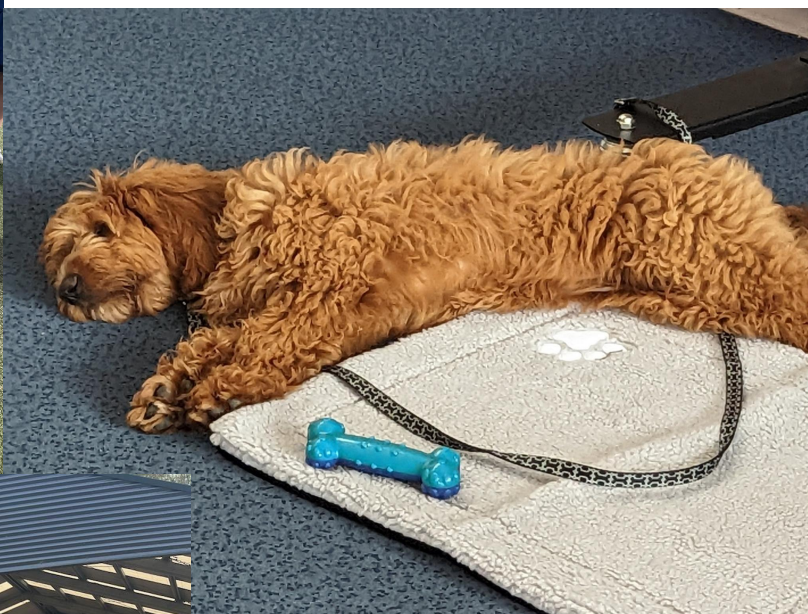
Friday December 9th

- All students will perform an item in the concert
- Christmas Raffle
- Sausage Sizzle after school

What has Marley been up to??



Some of our Junior students have been doing some training with Marley.



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Some amazing work that you can see in the corridors



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Term 4 ASSEMBLY ROSTER

WEEK	Date	Assembly
Week 1	October 3rd	No assembly
Week 2	October 10th	Junior
Week 3	October 17th	Middle/Senior
Week 4	October 24th	Whole
Week 5	October 31st	No assembly
Week 6	November 7th	Junior
Week 7	November 14th	Middle/Senior
Week 8	November 21st	Whole
Week 9	November 28th	No assembly
Week 10	December 5th	Junior
Week 11	December 12th	Middle/Senior
Week 12	December 19th	Whole - FINAL ASSEMBLY

Rapid Antigen Test kits are still available at school. If you would like another box, please ask at the office.

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Important Dates

OCTOBER

28 October - Halloween Dress
Up

31 October - Pupil-Free Day

NOVEMBER

1 November - Public Holiday

7 November - Junior Assembly

14 November - Graduation

Photos

14 November - Middle/Senior
Assembly

16 November - Foundation
Transition Session

18 November - SRC Colour Day

21 November - Whole School
Assembly

30 November - 5/6 Market Day

DECEMBER

5 December - Junior Assembly

9 December - Whole School
Christmas Concert

12 December - Middle/Senior
Assembly

13 December - Foundation
Transition Session

13 December - Statewide
transition day

14 December - Year 6 graduation.

19 December - Whole School
Assembly

20 December - Last day of term

Canteen is open every Friday for lunch orders using:



**MY SCHOOL
CONNECT**





Remembrance Day 11th November

Poppies and wristbands will be available to purchase from Wednesday 2 November. Proceeds will go to Frankston RSL. More details to follow.



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Building Strong Foundations

To assist your child to successfully transition to school, Ballam Park Primary School offers the following transition dates:

Tuesday 30th August 2.30 - 3.20 pm

Tuesday 13th September 2.30 - 3.20 pm

Wednesday 12th October 2.30 - 3.20 pm

Wednesday 16th November 2.30 - 3.20 pm

Tuesday 13th December 9.30 - 11.00 am



Students will enjoy craft, activities, music, stories and developmental play.

A great opportunity to connect with other families.

Adults/carers will be invited to attend information sessions in the staffroom during these transition times.





Playful parenting

Presented by Jasbir Singh Suropada

- Wanting a more fun approach to parenting?
- What are some ways I can be playful in the way I parent my kids?
- What are some helpful resources about playful parenting?

DATE: Tuesday, 15th November 2022

TIME: 6:30PM- 8PM

WHERE: Online via Zoom Webinar

COST: Free

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_L283oIi3TKu8b88vTt07rA

Or scan QR code



INQUIRIES:

CFCCardinia@anglicarevic.org.au
or call 0457 825 076



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

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

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



~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~