

Ballam Park PS Bulletin

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A message from Peita Cooper - Principal (Acting)

I can't believe I am already writing my last article for the year! 2022 has certainly flown and it feels like I have been at Ballam Park for a lot longer than 12 weeks! I have thoroughly enjoyed my time and am looking forward to Term 1 next year. I am proud of the programs we have implemented and are embedding in the classrooms and we are beginning our journey of many whole-school improvements. I hope you've been able to pop in and see our beautiful new sensory garden. Other plans for the future include removing some of paint from external walls, repainting gutters and building a sandpit.

MARKET DAY

I was so incredibly proud of the efforts of the Year 5 and 6 students (and their teacher and Inclusion staff). There were so many wonderful stalls with such variety. Students baked their own goods, created bracelets and pet rocks and completed beautiful art pieces. As a school, we raised over \$950 which is just incredible and will go towards purchasing games and resources for the Senior area.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

It's this week! We are really looking forward to welcoming the community to our school to enjoy some songs, the BBQ and hopefully win a prize in the raffle! Please bring a chair or rug and come at 2.30pm to enjoy our concert. If you have some spare time, please feel to help us out with the BBQ!

STUDENT REPORTS

These will be sent home next Tuesday via COMPASS. If your child is leaving the school this year, please remember to download their report as you will not have access to Ballam Park Compass after the end of the year.

GRADUATION

Our Year 6s will celebrate their graduation next Wednesday the 14th December. The staff have put a lot of work into preparing for this wonderful event and we can't wait to acknowledge our students hard work over their 7 years of schooling.

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STAFFING

At this time of year we finalise our staffing for the following year. This also means saying goodbye to some of our dedicated staff who are going on new adventures.

Samantha Ades - Tulliallan Primary School

Sarah Pearce-Edwards - Hallam Primary School

Kelly-Ann Thompson - San Remo Primary School

Pam McGeary - a well-deserved break for a year!

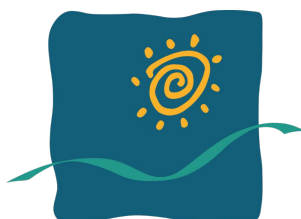
We are in the final stages of confirming our classes for 2023 and the students will meet their new teacher on Tuesday 13th. Please note, the process for employing our Year 3 teacher is underway and we will confirm these details soon.

It is really important to note the work that goes on behind the scenes to create classes. As we are a small school, there are only one or two options for classes in each level. We teach our students diversity, acceptance and tolerance and how to work with a range of learning styles. We understand that sometimes parents have preferences for where their child is placed but as we do a lot of group work and cross-class work, we encourage all of our students to work together.

Lastly, I'd like to thank the school community for being so welcoming in my first few weeks here at Ballam Park. I'm really looking forward to returning here in Term 1 and continuing the great work we have undertaken to support academic and social and emotional growth.

Have a super break with your families

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Principal (Acting)



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A message from Kirsten Edbrooke - Assistant Principal

It's hard to believe how fast this term seems to have gone by. It has been rewarding to see our school community work so well together and achieve and experience so many wonderful things throughout the term.

One of my highlights from this term was the Junior School Fairytale Ball. The school was abuzz with excitement from the moment our princesses, dragons, pirates, kings and a whole lot of other fairytale characters walked through the gates in the morning. Any event that brings so many of our families together at school is incredibly joyous to be a part of.



Other highlights of the term have included the Flying Bookworm incursion, our Family Cooking Classes, the Senior School Market Day and of course this week our Middle and Senior Students participating in the Beach Program. The one I am looking forward to the most though is seeing our wonderful Year 6 students dress up and come along to celebrate their graduation from Primary School. This is a very special occasion and one that is a privilege to share with the students.

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Throughout this term we have also had some of our Year 5 students participating in an Art Therapy program and some Year 6 students participating in a Martial Arts program



I'm sure every student, teacher and parent can think of many experiences and achievements from this term that are worthy of celebration.

I have had the privilege of conducting many school tours over the term with the majority being for enrolment in Prep for 2023. I am so proud of the learning environments and programs that these parents witness as I take them around the school. We frequently get comments from those on our tours about how friendly the students at Ballam Park are as they wave and welcome people into their classrooms.

We are well underway with our captain applications for 2023 – The Grade 5's have been learning what makes a great leader, developing their speeches and preparing to present them to their peers. We are looking forward to announcing the successful candidates soon. Congratulations to all the Grade 6's on a fabulous year. We are incredibly proud of your achievements and excited to send you off at Graduation on Wednesday 14th December. Thank you for a fabulous year!

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WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday December 9th

2.30pm

- All students will perform an item in the concert
- Bring your chair and picnic rug to enjoy the concert!
- Christmas Raffle - tickets still on sale and will be drawn at the end of the concert.
- Sausage Sizzle - orders on Compasstix

Come along and help with the BBQ if you can!

The afternoon will conclude by 4.30pm

FINAL ASSEMBLY - Friday 16th December, please note the change of DAY

We welcome all families to attend our final assembly on the 16th December at 2.40pm. At this assembly we will farewell students and teachers who are leaving us including our Year 6 cohort. We will also announce our new student leaders for 2023.

Last day of school is Tuesday 20th December and students will finish at 1.30 pm

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Important Dates

DECEMBER 2022

9 December - Whole School
Christmas Concert

12 December - no assembly

13 December - Foundation
Transition Session

13 December - Statewide
Transition Day

14 December - Year 6
Graduation

15 December - Year 6 activity
day

16 December - Whole School
Assembly (please note change
of Day to Friday)

20 December - Last day of
term - 1.30 pm finish

JANUARY 2023

Tuesday 31st January -
Students in years 1 to 6 start
Thursday 2nd February -
Foundation Students commence

The last page of the newsletter contains dates for the 2023 school year including the pupil free days. Please note that this may be subject to change but we will communicate changes via compass.

Everybody deserves to smile this Christmas!

We are collecting toy donations for Ray White Frankston Little Ray of Giving charity.

We're asking for new toy donations so disadvantaged children and vulnerable families in Anglicare Victoria's care, who would otherwise go without, receive joy this Christmas.

The toy appeal will run from 28th Nov - 9th Dec, please drop an unwrapped toy under the Christmas Tree at reception and we'll make sure it gets to a deserving member of the community.

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SCHOOL DATES 2023

TERM 1	
Friday 27 th January	Curriculum Day - no students at school
Monday 30 th January	Curriculum Day - no students at school
Tuesday 31 st January	Students in years 1 to 6 commence
Thursday 2 nd February	Foundation students commence
Monday 13 th March	Labour Day
Wednesday 5 th April	Curriculum Day - no students at school
Thursday 6 th April	Last day of term (2.30pm dismissal)
Friday 7 th April	Good Friday
TERM 2	
Monday 24 th April	Students Commence
Tuesday 25 th April	Anzac Day
Monday 12 th June	King's Birthday
Friday 23 rd June	Last day of term (2.30pm dismissal)
TERM 3	
Monday 10 th July	Students Commence
Friday 14 th July	Curriculum Day - no students at school
Friday 15 th September	Last day of term (2.30pm dismissal)
TERM 4	
Monday 2 nd October	Students Commence
Tuesday 7 th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term (1.30pm dismissal)



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