

Ballam Park PS Bulletin

February 2023 •

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A message from Peita Cooper - Principal (Acting)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a very positive start to the year with two curriculum days. A big focus of the first day was setting the scene for 2023 with three main focuses: academic learning with particular focus on reading and numeracy, calm and orderly classroom and a continued positive school culture including strengthening our community links. As a staff, we completed a task to focus on creating school norms that we can utilise and refer to throughout the year.

CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENTS

Our staff have been working hard to create engaging and organised classrooms. Rooms that are organised, have safe spaces and include students' work, ensure that the children are more settled and able to learn. The routines of the classroom are also very important so a big focus has been the way the students enter the room, the rules of the class and how to show respect in all areas.

Already we have seen improvement in behaviour due to the clear and high expectations. All staff have focussed on positive relationships, structures and being vigilant in following up incidents.

ATTENDANCE

Another priority has been focussing on daily attendance. Every minute counts and we want to ensure our students have every opportunity to engage in their learning. Not just the academics, but also their social and emotional learning. Students are expected to be at school and on time, unless they have a valid reason, eg medical appointment.

HEALTHY EATING

It has been wonderful seeing our student attend breakfast club and pack healthy items in their lunch boxes. Lollies and sugary drinks in the morning do not support engaged learning and we want to encourage our students to drink lots of water. They also have the option of fresh fruit every day in class.

EVENTS AND COMMUNITY

We want to conduct the positive culture and great work we did last year, making stronger connections between school and home as well as embracing opportunities that arise in the community. We have a few fun events planned this term including the Teddy Bear's Picnic, a great way to welcome our new Foundation students and their families and the Easter Raffle. We are also planning for a whole-school Colour Run but that will be in Term 3.. We also have a whole-school athletics day coming up.

This year I have introduced Class Connections - a process where each class has a volunteer who liaises with the school and other parents to ensure our communication is strong. The class connections volunteer can help with classroom organisation eg. parent helpers, reading, book covering etc. as well as other whole-school events. They can also organise social events for adults or their children. IF you would like to be a volunteer for your child's class - please let us know!



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A message from Kirsten Edbrooke -Assistant Principal

We have had a lovely, fun, calm and productive start to 2023. It is such a delight to have all of our students back enjoying themselves and many of them were bursting with many tales of all the things they got up to during their summer break.

We have lots of new families who have joined our community this year and would like to extend an especially warm welcome to them as they join our learning community.

Marley was very happy when the holidays came to an end and has been loving spending her days with the children of Ballam Park Primary School again. I think she may be the children's favourite member of staff!

This term our students are all exploring the concept of 'identity'. Some grades are learning about their own identity and the identity of others in their class, while other grades are learning about staying safe, expressing their emotions and dealing with conflict.

Many of our Year 6 students have also joined the 2023 Drum Band and have been practising during some of their lunch times getting ready to perform at Assemblies. Other Senior School students have joined the crochet club who meet each Friday in the library at lunch time. These are great activities that students can participate in, where they can learn a new skill, connect with other children and enjoy some quiet time (not in our Drum Band rehearsals though!)

I know it is going to be a wonderful year at BPPS and I look forward to updating you on the wonderful things your children are learning and exploring.

Warm regards,

Kirsten Edbrooke

Assistant Principal



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Marley



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On March 1st, Dr Jodi Richardson will be presenting to our staff to support them in understanding the signs and symptoms of anxiety and how we can support your children. She will also be presenting to our families so please see attached flier to book your spot!

Need help with your anxious child or teen? This will help.

Parenting a child with anxiety is tough. Dr Jodi Richardson understands all too well; in addition to being a best-selling author of two anxiety books and one of Australia's thought leaders in managing anxiety, she lives with it, was an anxious kid herself, and is the parent of a child who lives with anxiety too. Her award-winning podcast compassionately supports parents to understand anxiety and help their children to dial it right back.

You might like to start with one of these episodes:

- Friendships and Fitting In | Episode #70
- Overcoming School Refusal | Episode #69
- Autism, anxiety and parenting | Episode #50
- Medication for anxiety | Episode #47
- Empowering Anxious Kids | Episode #45
- Teen Mental Health and Digital Wellbeing | Episode 40

The podcast is available on your favourite podcasting app - search for 'Well, hello anxiety with Dr Jodi Richardson'.

Or follow this link: <https://podfollow.com/1585382774>

Follow Jodi on Instagram for more tips and tools @drjodirichardson

Welcome to families from our local schools!

Anxious Kids

Dr Jodi Richardson



WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 5.30pm

at McClelland Secondary College

RSVP by February 22nd using the COMPASS link below.

<https://compasstix.com/e/v3onaj1m03>

Moving kids from anxiety to resilience—based on the book co-authored by Michael Grose and Dr Jodi Richardson

Anxiety is currently taking a heavy toll on Australian children and young people. It's now the leading cause of ill health in girls from four to 18 and beyond. And boys aren't faring much better either. Fortunately, parents are well-placed to pass on the skills and tools kids need to manage their anxiety and develop lasting resilience.

This presentation will help parents to recognise and understand anxiety, how it impacts on learning and wellbeing, and practical steps to lessen its impact on a child's and family's life.

In this presentation you'll learn:

- What happens in the brain of an anxious child
- The difference between anxiety and an anxiety disorder
- Why avoidance is common among anxious kids and what to do about it
- Thinking skills to teach your worrier
- Tools to help kids manage anxiety
- How to respond to a child in the midst of an anxious moment

Jodi and Michael's
Book will be available
for purchase on the
night!

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Annual privacy reminder for our school community

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 that can be found <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on the following two pages.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school. For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents. This information is also available in ten community languages:

* Amharic

* Arabic

* Dari

* Gujarati

* Mandarin

* Somali

* Sudanese

* Turkish

* Urdu

* Vietnamese

[Note that the parent guidance documents linked to from the paragraph above are for the department provided version of M365 and Google. Schools can use these or link to their own guidance, whichever applies.]

Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education (the department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information. On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management

- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations.

For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

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The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

Emergency contacts – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.

Student background information – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

Immunisation status – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.

Visa status – This is required to process a student's enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and/or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the:

[Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools' Privacy Policy](#)

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Today < > March 2023					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Feb	28	1 Mar	2	3	4
6 Assembly	7	8	9	10 Years 3-6 House Athletics	11
13 Public Holiday	14	15	16	17	18
20 Assembly Easter Dress Up Day	21	22	23	24 School Photos	25
27	28	29	30 Curriculum Day - no students at school	31 Open Morning 9-10 am	1 Apr

Today < > April 2023					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Mar	28	29	30 Curriculum Day - no students at school	31 Open Morning 9-10 am	1 Apr
3 Assembly Easter Raffle Drawn	4	5	6 Last day of Term - 2.30pm finish	7	8
10	11	12	13	14	15
17	18	19	20	21	22
24 First Day Term 2	25 ANZAC Day	26	27	28	29

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YEAR 5/6 CAMP WOORABINDA

15-17 MAY 2023

MORE DETAILS ON COMPASS

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.

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



Canteen is open every Friday for lunch orders using:





SAVE THE DATE!

More details to follow for these events!

SWPBS POINTS LAUNCH

Monday 20th February

- Wear the colours of our values:
Safe – orange
Kind – pink
Respectful – purple
Responsible – Teal (blue/green)

FUN! and DONE!

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Friday 24th February
10:00pm

- All school families welcome
- Bring a picnic lunch and your favourite teddy!
- Bring a rug to sit on

FUN! and DONE!

EASTER DRESS-UP

Monday 20th March

- Wear free-dress
- Bring an Easter item for our Easter hampers

EASTER RAFFLE

Monday 3rd April

- Easter raffle will be drawn at assembly
- Lots of prizes
- Raffle tickets to go home in March

HARMONY WEEK 20th-24th MARCH

Class activities



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OPEN MORNING

Friday 31st March 2023—9am

We would like to welcome all families who may wish to enrol their child at Ballam Park Primary School in 2024. The Open Morning will provide you with the opportunity to see our school grounds, view the classrooms and ask questions.

BALLAM PARK HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER!

VARIETY OF SPECIALISTS

Sport
Performing Arts
Visual Arts
Japanese
Library class

**MEET OUR
SCHOOL
DOG...MARLEY!**



WELLBEING SUPPORT

Breakfast Club	Wellbeing Hub
Chaplain	Lunchtime Clubs
Berry Street Model	Respectful Relationships

OTHER SCHOOL TOUR DATES at 9.30am

Tuesday 28th February

Thursday 9th March

TERM 2 dates to be announced

Please contact the office on 9789 5614



JOIN THE FUN!

**Frankston & Surrounds:
All Girls Auskick Centre**

**Bruce Park, Bondi Avenue,
Frankston**

**Saturday 4th March - 1st April
9am - 10am**



For more details, contact chloe.beck@afl.com.au

play.afl/auskick

the biggest
Playdate

CARNIVAL FUN DAY TO HELP CHILDREN WITH CANCER



SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023

ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE • 10AM-3PM



Ballam Park Primary School

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

Friday, 24 March 2023

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.SCHOOLPIX.COM.AU



Early Bird orders with free delivery to your school close five working days after your last photography session.

A postage fee will apply for orders placed after this date.

Sibling orders must be placed prior to 8am on Friday, 24 March.



Misplaced your order flyer? Please visit www.schoolpix.com.au and use the student search to find your child's unique ID or contact our Customer Care team on 1300 766 055.

Please note: Cash orders will not be accepted



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