

Ballam Park PS Bulletin

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A message from Peita Cooper - Principal (Acting)

To our Ballam Park Community,

What a fun-filled, engaging few weeks we've had! I am in aware of the amount of work that goes behind the scene to organise such fabulous events for our school community including the Easter Parade, sports day, Cross Country, 5/6 Camp and lots more. Our children gain so much from participating in events that are collaborative, put them out of their comfort zone and are fun!

Recently, as a school, we have been focussing on our Numeracy teaching and learning and engaging our children with maths inquiries. The Professional Learning we undertook last term along with a focus in our planning meetings has meant that we are better catering for our students' needs.

Occupational Therapists in school - TERM 3

I'm very excited to announce that we have partnered with Noah's Ark Inc. and Monash University and will have two Occupational Therapy Students working with our students for all of Term 3.

Occupational Therapists can support students with a range of areas including development of fine motor skills (e.g. drawing, writing, cutting), self-care skills (e.g. dressing, shoe-laces, toileting), regulation, play & social skills; as well as supporting students to participate & engage in their learning.

The OT students will work alongside teachers to provide whole classroom strategies, as well as with students within the classroom, and may also work with small groups and individuals. They will be supervised by Brianna Smith, Occupational Therapist from Noah's Ark who will oversee their practice and be on site approximately 1 full day per week.



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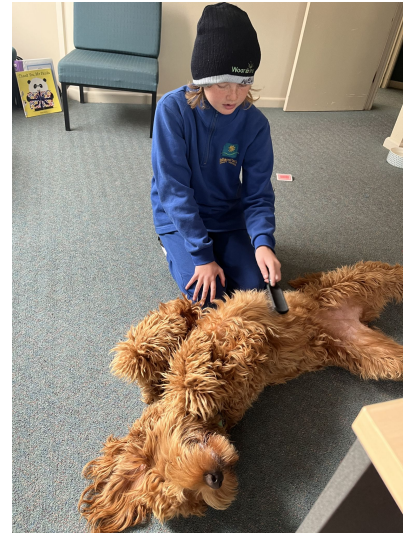
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Chess Tournament.

Recently, two of our senior students participated in a Chess Tournament against students from other schools



Prep bags 2023 survey

Have your say about this year's Prep bags in a short survey, closing Sunday 9 July

Each year, the Department of Education gives every Prep student attending a Victorian government school a bag full of goodies to celebrate this milestone in their education journey. The information and educational resources in the bags are designed to help Prep students and their families thrive from the start of Term 1.

The department is inviting parents and carers of current Prep students to participate in a short survey about the 2023 Prep bags, by 5pm on Sunday 9 July 2023.

Your feedback will help the department learn what families liked about the Prep bags and what can be improved in 2024. You can have your say at 2023 [Prep Bags – Evaluation Survey](#).

The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes to complete, and responses are anonymous. For more information on this year's Prep bags, refer to [Prep bags](#).



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5/6 - Woorabinda Camp

Recently, many of our Year 5/6s travelled to Yallourn to experience camp life at Woorabinda.

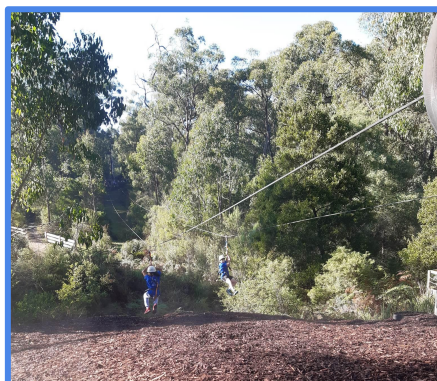
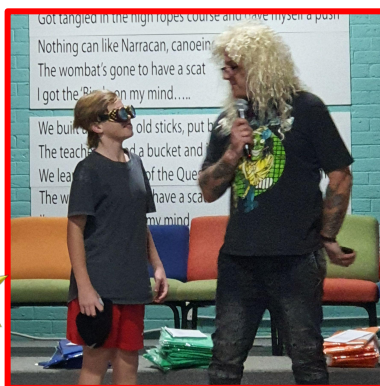
They had a wonderful time and were great representatives for Ballam Park Primary. The children took part in many exciting activities including camp cooking (including lighting their own fires!), a night walk, hut building, high ropes course, canoeing, zip line and archery. They were challenged to move out of their comfort zones, it was great to see the pride on their faces when they had a go.

The Woorabinda staff were amazed at the fitness of the Ballam Park kids and are looking to having them come visit again soon.



My favourite part of camp was easily the zipline. I have never been on a zipline that high and that fast. At first I was spinning, going backwards and holding my partner's hand as we went down. But my favourite part about the zipline was without a doubt the landings, watching people's landings and even mine was so hilarious, I loved it so much I didn't want to stop.

Charlotte 5/6B



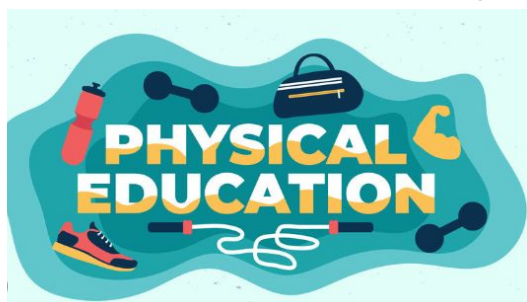
Well done 5/6s!
A huge thank you to
the staff that took the
students to
Woorabinda also!

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SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT -

What's been happening in.....



Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2

In PE lessons, students were introduced to the fundamental skills used in basketball. Students learned the correct technique to bounce, dribble, pass and catch a basketball. Movement activities and basic games included partner work and group activities to develop personal and social skills such as team work, cooperation and persistence.



Year 3 - 6 House Cross Country

Well done to all the year 3-6 students who participated in the House Cross Country in the 2nd week of Term 2. Running these distances can be challenging but all students showed determination, focus, perseverance and encouragement to others on the day. That's what makes you all winners. Congratulations to the medal winners.

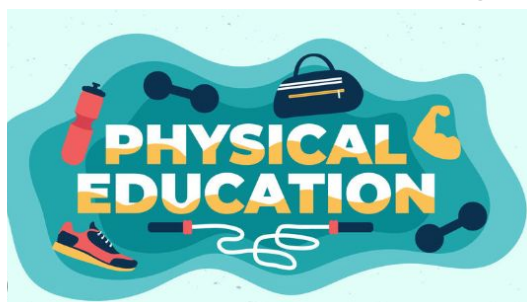
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Year 3 - 6

District Cross Country

Well done to all the students who advanced to District Cross Country to compete against other schools in their age group event. It was a very cold and wet day and every student ran their best making us all proud. Congratulations to the following students finishing in the top 20 for their age group.

Deagan 13th, Jayden 16th, Joseph 15th, Oli 12th, Angus 14th, Nevaeh S 20th and a big congratulations to Indigo finishing 8th in the 8/9 event.



Winter Interschool Sport

Students have participated in sports such as netball, soccer and AFL football for Winter Inter-school sport. Formal rules, tactical strategies, good sportsmanship, fair play and having fun have been encouraged to develop students' personal and social skills. Best wishes to all the students who will be competing in these sports on Lightning Premiership day on Wednesday 7th June. Thank you to the Year 3 and 4 students who are playing extremely well with the Year 5/6 students in these sports!



AFL sessions Students are currently participating in a four week AFL program learning a variety of fundamental and advanced gross motor skills from kicking, handballing, marking, running, jumping and evading. Great to see smiles and students having fun learning and supporting one another.



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Visual Arts



Foundation & Year 1

Students studied the life and work of the artist Kandinsky. Using his work as inspiration, students applied their understanding of concentric circles, warm colours and pattern to create their own artwork.

Students learned about the meaning of ANZAC day and poppies. Using soft chalk pastels students practised techniques such as blending and layering to create beautiful artworks of poppies.



Year 2/3 Students analysed and discussed man made products produced using various materials and weaving. Students learned how to create their own weaving loom and strengthened their fine motor skills and understanding of over and under techniques when weaving with wool.



3A Students studied the works and sculptures of the artist Alberto Giacometti as an introduction to 'form' in art. Students developed an understanding of 3D form and material manipulation when creating artwork of human action figures using aluminum foil.

These are some of the wonderful pieces of Foil sculptures our students created!



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Visual Arts

Year 4/5

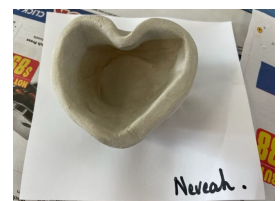
Students were introduced to the art element of form and papier mache techniques for creating three-dimensional objects such as sculptures. Students studied Grecian vases analysing shape, colours and patterns. Experimenting with construction materials such as cardboard, balloons and paper cups, students have been working on producing a 3D papier mache sculpture of a Grecian vase which will be decorated with colour, lines, shapes and patterns.



Year 5/6

Students discussed the meaning of ANZAC day and the significance of poppies. Using watercolour paints, students experimented with the ratio of water to pigment learning to control the tone and value used in their painting of poppies in a field.

Students were introduced to the principle of form in art and explored basic techniques to roll and manipulate clay into various shapes. Using a ball of clay, students learned the correct pinch technique to create the correct wall thickness and smoothness when forming a pinch pot. Students used the slip technique to smooth out their clay and used various tools to create patterns and texture to decorate their pinch pot.



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Japanese

At the start of Term 2, students were lucky enough to have Aiko come and perform for them. She performed two shows, one for Foundation to Year 4 and one for Year 5 to 6.

In the Foundation to Year 4 students, students enjoyed dressing up in costumes, listening to a Japanese story and learning a dance using fans.

In the Year 5 and 6 performance students learnt about Samurais and Ninjas. They enjoyed playing different games and throwing shuriken.



This term students have learned how to say different body parts in Japanese, with some students knowing how to sing 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes,' in Japanese.

Students also applied their knowledge of different Japanese phrases to create a comic strip.



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LIBRARY

This term in library students were lucky enough to have Stig Wemyss come and perform for them as part of an incursion organised by the Frankston Library. He had students laughing and captivated as he talked about his role as an audio reader, of such books as the Treehouse series. Some students were lucky enough to be given prizes and a number of students got Frankston Library membership cards.



This term in library students have started to learn about the Dewey system and enjoyed creating sloths after listening to the story 'Speedy Sloth.'



Reminder

All students have been registered in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Great to see some students have added books they have read or listened to. Students have until the 8th September to complete the challenge.

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Important Dates

07 June – Parents Building Solutions
Session 4

07 June- Lightning Premiership day

12 June – King’s Birthday Public
Holiday

14 June – AFL - 4/5A & 5/6B

14 June – Parents Building Solutions
Session 5

19 June – AFL - 3A & 5/6A

21 June – AFL - 4/5A & 5/6B

21 June – Parents Building Solutions
Session 6

21 June – Parent-Teacher Interviews

23 June – Last day of term 2.30pm
finish

10 July - First day of Term 3

14 July - Curriculum Day - no
students at school

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:

