

Ballam Park PS Bulletin

September 2023

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Have a wonderful break over these next two weeks and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 2nd October.

Important Dates

Friday 15th September - Last day of term (2.30pm dismissal)

Monday 2nd October - Students Commence

Tuesday 7th November - Melbourne Cup Day

Wednesday 20th December - Last day of term (1.30pm dismissal)

Canteen is open every Friday for lunch orders using:



School Uniforms

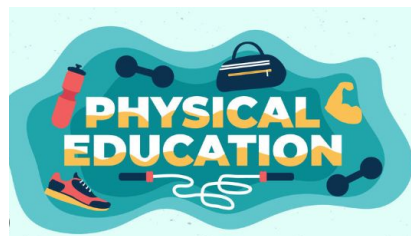
School Uniforms are available from PSW in Carrum Downs. You can also order online and they provide a click and collect service. For more information, please click on the logo below.

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



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SPECIALIST SPOTLIGHT - What's been happening in.....



What an eventful and exciting term we've had in SPORT!!!

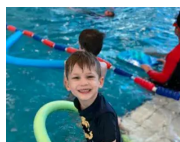
World Cup Soccer Day

How amazing was it for Australia and NZ to be the hosts of the Women's Football World Cup. Many of us truly got into the spirit of football, supporting our Aussie Matildas to the end. Ballam Park had their own Football World Cup day and acknowledged the 32 countries that competed in the World Cup by students parading and participating in small sided football games dressed in their team colours. It was a fun day and a great opportunity for all students to practise and apply their soccer skills taught during PE sessions this term.



Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 swimming at PARC.

Students in F-2 participated in a 5 day swimming and water safety program at PARC this term. The purpose of the program was to provide all students with valuable experience in and around water, and to introduce students to basic swimming and water survival skills. Well done to all the students who participated in the program. It was wonderful to see all of you develop more confidence in and around water and build on the basic swimming skills taught over the 5 days.



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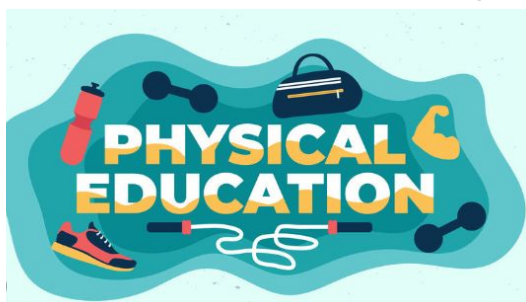
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Lacrosse Sessions

Year 3-6 students participated in a 4 week Lacrosse program. Students were introduced to many skills such as running, cradling, passing, catching, shooting and dodging. It was great to see students demonstrating the correct methods and techniques learned over the 4 weeks when playing a game of lacrosse.



BASKETBALL LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP



Congratulations and well done to the following Year 5/6 boys who competed in the District Basketball Lightning Premiership this term.

Deagan, Oliver, Jaiden T, Liam, Max H, Deziah and Riley.

All boys should be commended for their excellent sportsmanship, team spirit and above all for their efforts to play 11 rounds of basketball to come 1st in our school Division.

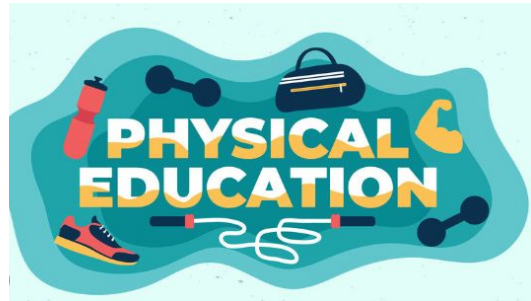
A very special thank you to Tyson for his expertise, knowledge and support, coaching the boys to a WIN!!



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District Field Events- Term 3

Well done to the 52 Year 3-6 students who competed in the District Field events . You all performed your best in each of your sport events and have made our Ballam Park school community very proud of you. You are all to be commended for your encouragement and sportsmanship when competing against other students and their schools.



Advancing to Division Track and Field athletics in Term 4

Congratulations to 4 of our students who will NOW advance to the Division Track and Field Events in TERM 4- October 4th

We wish you all the very best!

Deagan will compete in the 12/13yrs Triple Jump

Joseph Browne will compete in the 11 yrs Hurdles

Ruby Clarke will compete in the 11yrs Long Jump

Indigo will compete in the 10yrs Long Jump



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Add photos
Wednesday

Our Performing art sessions usually begin with an activity involving movement or dance. During these activities, students have learned to coordinate and control their bodies through movement while developing their spatial awareness.

Students have been learning to read music and rhythm patterns made up of basic musical notes. Using a variety of percussion instruments, body percussion and boomwhackers, students have demonstrated their understanding of note names and their time value.

We love groovin' and movin' in Music!!!

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Japanese

Complete Chart of Hiragana Characters												
Basic Hiragana					Dakuon and Handakuon					You-on		
あ a	い i	う u	え e	お o								
か ka	き ki	く ku	け ke	こ ko	が ga	ぎ gi	ぐ gu	げ ge	ご go	きゃ kya	きゅ kyu	きょ kyo
さ sa	し shi	す su	せ se	そ so	ざ za	じ ji	ず zu	ぜ ze	ぞ zo	じゃ ja	じゅ ju	じょ jo
た ta	ち chi	つ tsu	て te	と to	だ da	ぢ ji	づ zu	で de	ど do	ちゃ cha	ちゅ chu	ちょ cho
な na	に ni	ぬ nu	ね ne	の no						にゃ nya	にゅ nyu	にょ nyo
は ha	ひ hi	ふ fu	へ he	ほ ho	ば ba	び bi	ぶ bu	べ be	ぼ bo	ひゃ hya	ひゅ hyu	ひょ hyo
					ぱ pa	ぴ pi	ぷ pu	ぺ pe	ぽ po	びゃ bya	びゅ byu	びょ byo
										ぴゃ pya	ぴゅ pyu	ぴょ pyo
ま ma	み mi	む mu	め me	も mo						みゃ mya	みゅ myu	みょ myo
や ya		ゆ yu		よ yo								
ら ra	り ri	る ru	れ re	ろ ro						りゃ rya	りゅ ryu	りょ ryo
わ wa				を (wo)								
ん n												

Hiragana Characters

Students this term have worked hard on learning the different Hiragana characters. Students have worked on writing, identifying and the different sounds the characters make. With the use of music and dance moves students have shown a good knowledge of the Hiragana characters.



Kudamono

Students have started to learn the names of different fruit in Japanese. Students have enjoyed identifying the similarities between the English and Japanese names.

Kudamono くだもの - Fruit

Painappuru パイナップル Pineapple	Banana バナナ Banana	Budou ぶどう Grapes	Sakuranbo さくらんぼ Cherries
Suika すいか Watermelon	Ichigo いちご Strawberry	Ringo りんご Apple	Nashi なし Pear
Orenji オレンジ Orange	Mikan みかん Japanese Orange	Mango マンゴ Mango	Remon レモン Lemon
Meron メロン Melon	Anzu あんず Apricot	Kaki かき Persimmon	Momo もも Peach

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Premiers' Reading Challenge

Students worked hard to complete the reading challenge. Across our school students read and recorded a total of 4826 books. We ended up having 131 students who successfully completed the challenge which is incredible. Well done to all of these students.



Book Week

This year's Book Week theme was Read Grow Inspire. It was so great seeing so many students enjoying listening or reading books which were shortlisted this year. A big thank you to all the students who came dressed as their book character at our parade, there were so many amazing costumes.



Way too Cool

As part of the Book Week celebrations students enjoyed watching a performance by actors from Perform educations, which showcased some of the shortlisted books.



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Term 3 ~ the dressing up term!



100 days of Prep



Milo's birthday surprise party!



BOOK WEEK



Women's World Cup soccer day



swimming



This term our Foundation students finally finished all the individual letters of the alphabet and then started learning about blends and the digraphs ll, ff, ss and ck. They have completed their first spelling tests with great success and have started writing their own stories.

Year 1s and 2s have been learning different digraphs (2 letters that make one sound) and trigraphs (3 letters that make 1 sound). They've been working hard to write interesting stories and accurate recounts of their weekends.

CONGRATULATIONS to FA, F/1A and 2/3A for all completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. We're so pleased with all the reading that's being done at home. It's making a difference!

Remember to keep recording reading during the holidays.



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Grantville Lodge Camp 2023

This week the Grade 3 and 4 students attended Grantville Lodge Camp. It was an amazing experience for all. When we arrived we were able to have some lunch and play some games. After lunch we got straight into the first of our activities. Students were able to engage in fun activities such as high ropes course, flying fox, hut building, and bush cooking where we got to make damper on a camp fire. We topped off our night with some quiet activities or a dance at the disco and some marshmallows roasted on the campfire. All students demonstrated kindness towards each other, respect for the camp and staff, responsibility for their belongings and camp equipment, and most of all safety in an unfamiliar environment. We as a staff are all extremely proud of the Grade 3 / 4 students and hope they all had an amazing time.



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BLAST OFF!

Wow what an experience we have all had - rehearsing, dancing, singing and rehearsing some more! All culminating in our three magical performances in the last week of term. It has been an amazing journey watching all of the Year 5s and 6s gel and work together as a team. The students have stepped up and owned their roles, adding their own touches and personalities. The endless dedication to their roles has been outstanding and incredibly rewarding for the teachers involved. We are sure all of the parents and carers are equally as proud. Year 5 and 6, 2023, you are amazing and together you embodied the Ballam Park spirit!

You are ALLSTARS!



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Moonlit Sanctuary

the best way to see Aussie animals

GO WILD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!



JUNIOR KEEPER CLUB

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES, ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS AND NATIVE ANIMAL CARE

Includes interactions with kangaroos, pythons, feeding animals, food prep and animal enrichment activities. Learn about our animals, their conservation and the environment.

For ages 7-14 years.

Spring Holiday Program

Week 1: Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd September

Week 2: Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th, Friday 29th September

Cost: \$99.00 per day | Small groups of 16 | 9:00am start - 2:00pm finish



Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife Park

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Open daily between 10am and 4pm. Keeper Club runs from 9:00am-2:00pm.

