

Ballam Park PS Bulletin

Term 1 2024

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A message from Peita Cooper - Principal (Acting)

Dear families,

Thank you for such a wonderful start to the year. We've had so many positives and we've also welcomed many new students to our school.

Highlights so far include the 5/65 camp, AFL player visit, a Foundation information session and lots of great learning in the classrooms.

The biggest highlight for me is the reduction in conditions across the school which means our students are adhering to our high expectations!

This newsletter includes many fliers to provide you with information about special days and events coming up. Please note these dates in your diaries.

I'd also like to welcome some of our new staff members who began at the start of 2024:

Cristy Solis (5/6A teacher)

Felicity Joycie (5/6 A ES)

Dahlia Atia (STEM teacher)

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

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Child safety and wellbeing at Ballam Park Primary School: information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](#) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Ballam Park Primary School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view on our school website.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact the school on 97895614.

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2024 SCHOOL HOURS

8.30 am – Supervision in the yard and breakfast club

8.50 am – Session 1 & 2

11.00 am – Recess

11.30 am – Session 3 & 4

1.30 pm – Lunch time

2.00 pm – Session 5

3.00 pm – School finishes (gate supervision until **3.20pm**)

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Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our [Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy](#), describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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FOUNDATION TOURS for 2025

TERM 1 DATES

Tuesday 27th February—9.30am

Wednesday 13th March—1.00pm

Tuesday 19th March —9.30am

Friday 22nd March —9.30am

TERM 2 TOUR DATES TBC

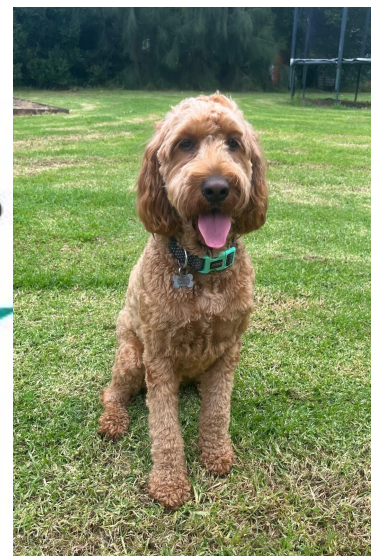
To book a tour, please contact the SCHOOL OFFICE: 9789 5614

WEBSITE: <https://ballamparkps.com.au>

Ballam Park Primary School is nestled in beautiful parklands. Come and meet Peita Cooper (Acting Principal) to discuss:

- Little Learners Love Literacy— Science of Reading approach to teaching reading
- SMART Spelling & Nussy
- Berry Street Education Model
- Our variety of Specialist Classes
- Our Wellbeing Hub which includes a Breakfast Club

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DOG ...MARLEY!



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SCHOOL REVIEW

PARENT AND CARERS FORUM

Wednesday 6th March 8.50am

This year we are conducting our 4 year review and then planning our new Strategic Plan. We'd love to have members from across our school community attend a forum in Term 1` in preparation for this review work.

You will have the opportunity to meet with Peita Cooper and Kirsten Edbrooke, as well as other families, to share your thoughts on:

- positives of Ballam Park PS
- areas for improvement
- other ideas and questions

This forum will help us clarify what our next steps are in future years.

Please RSVP on 9789 5614 if you are interested in attending.

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Little Learners Love Literacy

Information Session

Friday 8th March 12.30pm

We invite families of our *currently enrolled students* and *prospective parents* to participate in a short information session that outlines how we teach reading and writing in the Junior School at Ballam Park Primary School.

In this session we will outline the benefits of the evidence-based, LLLL approach as well as:

- Literacy support at BPPS
- Oral language and Phonemic awareness
- Information regarding speech
- How you can support at home

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Tours for 2025 Foundation enrolment will commence in Term 2

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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!

<p>FOUNDATION INFORMATION SESSION</p> <p>Friday 9th February 2.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation classroom	<p>HOUSE ATHLETICS Years 3-6 only</p> <p>Thursday 29th February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held at Ballam Park• Wear your house colours• Families welcome
<p>TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC</p> <p>Friday 8th March 1.00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students and families welcome• Bring a picnic lunch and your favourite teddy!• Bring a rug to sit on	<p>CURRICULUM DAY STUDENT-FREE DAY</p> <p>Tuesday 12th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Numeracy focus for staff
<p>EASTER DRESS-UP</p> <p>Monday 18th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear free-dress• Bring an Easter item for our Easter hampers	<p>EASTER HAT PARADE</p> <p>Thursday 28th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parade commences at 9.15am• Wear a funny/beautiful/creative hat or headband• Easter raffle to be drawn

SCHOOL DATES 2024

TERM 1	
Monday 29 th January	Curriculum Day
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 1-6 Students Commence
Thursday 1 st February	Foundation Students Commence
Monday 11 th March	Labour Day
Tuesday 12 th March	Curriculum Day – Numeracy Focus
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term (2.00pm dismissal)
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday
TERM 2	
Monday 15 th April	Students Commence
Thursday 25 th April	Anzac Day
Friday 17 th May	Curriculum Day – Berry Street
Friday 7 th June	Curriculum Day – Report Writing
Monday 10 th June	King's Birthday
Friday 28 th June	Last day of term (2.00pm dismissal)
TERM 3	
Monday 15 th July	Students Commence
Friday 20 th September	Last day of term (2.00pm dismissal)
TERM 4	
Monday 7 th October	Students Commence
Tuesday 5 th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term (1.00pm dismissal)

Professional Practice Day TBC