

Ballam Park PS Bulletin

Term 4 2024

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A message from Peita Cooper - Principal (Acting)

Dear Families,

2024 school year is now complete! I want to say a huge thank you to all of my staff who have worked tirelessly over the year to support students and families. We have continued to see improved results in our surveys and academic results and are extremely proud of our achievements. Through the year we have celebrated many wonderful achievements and events that bring our community together. Some highlights include:

- Senior School Musical
- 3/4 and 5/6 camps
- Olympics Day
- Book Parade
- Christmas Concert
- Cross Country
- Interschool Sports
- Athletics Day
- Foundation 100 Days of School
- Big Night In

I want to wish all of our families a wonderful holidays and Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2025. Please see the following pages outlining special dates for next year, a farewell to Mrs Beilken and information regarding our Active School's Expo.

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Congratulations and Farewell Jan Beilken!

Today we say a final farewell to one of our long-standing teachers. Jan had a very special celebration last week to celebrate her retirement and we are so grateful for her commitment and dedication to Ballam Park PS. A recent highlight was welcoming the Premier, Jacinta Allen, to 3/4B to share some of their beautiful artwork and their Christmas Song. Paul Edbrooke also attended and was complimentary of our students' enthusiasm and effort.



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Student Commencement in 2025

Dear families,

To support students returning to school in 2025, we are holding student conferences. The purpose of the conference is to ensure a smooth transition to the new year level, to discuss behaviours or concerns that the Ballam Park staff may need to know and to clarify positive strategies that work with your child.

These conferences will include the student, the parent/carer, teacher and education support staff member. There will be a set of guiding questions that will be sent home via email. You are welcome to answer these prior to the interview or to bring them in on the day. The questions will include:

- What are your child's strengths at school including academic and social/emotional behaviours
- What are your child's areas of focus
- What strategies do you feel support your child
- Any other specific information

The staff at Ballam Park regularly communicate using evidence and data to create profiles of our student, but the addition of the student and family's input is invaluable.

The interviews will be held on Wednesday 29th January, commencing at 11.30am. The interview will run for 15 minutes per student. Please use the link on COMPASS (to be provided) to book your interview. Please note, the education support staff will only be in interviews until 2.00pm. If the times do not suit, you are more than welcome to email your class teacher to arrange another suitable time. **BOOKINGS OPEN DECEMBER 21st.**

On this day, we will also open our Wellbeing Hub and uniform shop. You will be able to purchase new uniform items, collect second-hand pieces as required and to talk with our wellbeing team about additional supports.

Scheduled classes will not run on this day and the first day of regular classes will commence on **Thursday 30th January** for Year 1-6. Our Foundation students will commence on **Monday 3rd February**. Please note, additional information about the Foundation students' timetable will be shared directly with families.

2025 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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ACTIVE SCHOOLS COMMUNITY EVENT

THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2025

2.45pm - 5.00pm at Ballam Park Primary School

(parking off Naranga Drive, past pre-school)

Ballam Park PS is a proud Active School, and we are holding a community event to promote clubs and organisations that encourage physical activity. We want all children to have the opportunity to participate in activities that promote physical and mental health, bring members of the community together and help learn new skills.

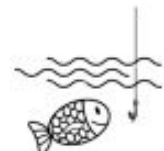
We have invited clubs, organisations and businesses from all over Frankston to exhibit and share how they encourage children to be more active. Dance schools, footy clubs, netball teams, fitness groups, archery clubs and many more will be there to help get you started.

Door Prize ticket for every family who attends!

Refreshments available to purchase on the day!

Event Coordinators: Peita Cooper and Jo Lothian 97875614

Cost: free to everyone!



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Term 1 2025 - SAVE THE DATE!

<p>Interviews Day Wednesday 29th January</p> <p>See COMPASS to book interview time</p>	<p>Years 1-6 Students Commence THURSDAY 30th JANUARY</p> <p>Foundation Students Commence Monday 3rd FEBRUARY</p>
<p>FOUNDATION INFORMATION SESSION</p> <p>Friday 7th February 2.15pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation classroom	<p>HOUSE ATHLETICS Years 3-6 only</p> <p>Thursday 27th 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 14th March 1.00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All students and <u>families</u> welcome• Bring a picnic lunch and your favourite teddy!• Bring a rug to sit on	<p>CURRICULUM DAY STUDENT-FREE DAY</p> <p>Tuesday 11th March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science of Learning focus for staff• No students at school
<p>SCHOOL PHOTOS Wednesday 19th March</p>	
<p>EASTER DRESS-UP</p> <p>Friday 21st March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wear <u>free-dress</u>• Bring an Easter item for our Easter hampers	<p>EASTER HAT PARADE</p> <p>Friday 4th April</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
<p>LAST DAY OF TERM Friday 4th April - FINISH at 2.00pm</p>	

SCHOOL DATES 2025

TERM 1	
Tuesday 28 th January	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 29 th January	Class Interviews – no formal classes
Thursday 30 th January	Year 1-6 Students Commence
Monday 3 rd January	Foundation Students Commence
Monday 10 th March	Labour Day
Tuesday 12 th March	Curriculum Day – Science of Learning
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term (2.00pm dismissal)
TERM 2	
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 nd April	Term 2 commences
Friday 25 th April	Anzac Day
Friday 6 th June	Curriculum Day – Report Writing
Monday 9 th June	King's Birthday
Tuesday 1 st July	Class Interviews – altered timetable
Friday 4 th July	Last day of term (2.00pm dismissal)
TERM 3	
Monday 21 st July	Term 3 commences
Friday 19 th September	Last day of term (2.00pm dismissal)
TERM 4	
Monday 6 th October	Students Commence
Tuesday 4 th November	Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term (1.00pm dismissal)

Professional Practice Day and Curriculum Day TBC