

# Ballam Park PS Bulletin

Term 2 2025

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## A message from Peita Cooper - Principal (Acting)

Dear Families,

Thank you for a wonderful Term 2! This term we welcomed three new staff members: Julie Robertson, Isabel Edmunds and Austin MacDonald. We are so lucky to have such enthusiastic, dedicated staff who are constantly working hard to support students. We have also welcomed some new families to our school and we hope you have had a terrific start at BPPS!

### FUNDRAISERS

The School Council is working hard to outline what our fundraisers are for the year. We have a mixture of community, charity and fundraising events and we need your help! We will be having a meeting at school on Wednesday 30th JULY and we'd love to have a few people come along and offer their ideas or support for our Term 4 Colour run.

Next term we will also be running some mini-charity fundraisers where each class will nominate a charity and create a special guessing jar. Watch this space for more information!

### ATOSS DATA (Attitudes to School Survey)

As this was only completed recently, we only have raw data and in future weeks we will receive comparative data to other schools and state. Here are some highlights!

- My teacher expects students to pay attention **100%**
- My teacher sets clear rules for classroom behaviour **97%**
- High expectations for success **92%**
- I feel proud about being a student at this school **86%** up 20% from 2021
- I have friends at this school **97%**

I want to remind everyone that our Cyber Safety presentations will be held on Friday 1st August. Cyber safety is extremely important and I am passionate about educating families so they can make their best decisions they can in helping our young people be safe.

Peita Cooper - Principal (Acting)



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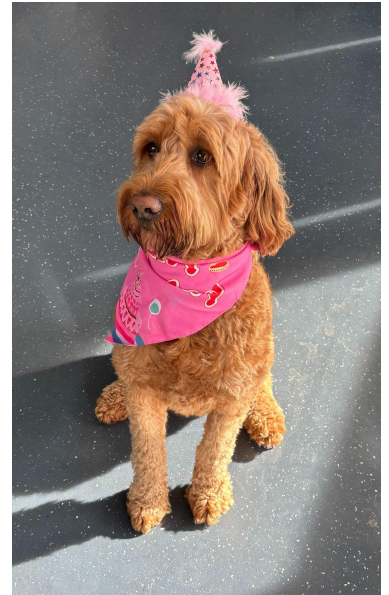
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## Marley's 3rd Birthday Party



### 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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## SPORTS NEWS

### District Athletics

Ballam Park Primary received a plaque for Runners up in the Division 2 school category. A great TEAM effort by all students. Well done team!!



### House Cross Country

Well done to the Year 3-6 students who participated in the House Cross Country event at school! You are to be congratulated on your efforts running the distances for your age group! A special congratulations to our Medal winners and Marsh as the winning House for 2025!



Winning House



### District Cross Country

Senior students collectively scored points crossing the finish line, leading to a runners up position for Ballam Park Primary in the Division 2 schools category. Super efforts everyone and well done to Ballam Park Primary!!



### Golf program-

Students participated in a four week Golf program. Practical lessons involved students learning how to correctly grip a golf club, chip a ball, drive a ball for long distances and how to putt.



### Winter Lightning Premiership

Well done to all our Lightning Premiership students who participated in the Winter Lightning Premiership sports - AFL, NETBALL & SOCCER!! Congratulations to the Boys/Mixed Netball team who were winners in the Division 2 schools category. Congratulations to the Boys Soccer team who were runners up in the Division 2 schools category.

Congratulations to our MVP players for Interschool sport & Lightning Prem.

**Girls Soccer** - Emma Clugston

**Boys Soccer** - Saxon Aspromonte

**Mixed Netball** - Solomine Tauali'i

**Girls Netball** - Grace Browne

**AFL** - Nate Lewis

### Advancing to Division Athletics- in Term 4



Boys 4 x100m relay team  
Tait, Solomone, Axel & Junior



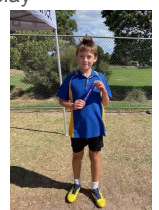
Indigo-Long Jump



Solomone -100m & 200m & 4 x 100m relay



Grace-100m & Triple jump



Tait-Triple jump & 4 x 100m relay



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## Junior Day Camp



As everyone else in the school had gone on camp we decided to have our own camp day for the Junior school. The students got creative with construction materials in the STEM room, got active in the hall, made chocolate crackles and chopped their own fruit and made fruit skewers (with a sneaky marshmallow or 2).

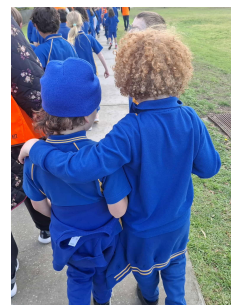


In the middle of those multi-age rotation activities we walked to the Ballam Park playground for recess. The students were having so much fun and were so beautifully behaved that we decided to extend our time there. After lunch everyone was exhausted. The Foundation students had a story time and watched a little bit of Bluey and the Yr 1 and 2 students started watching a movie. Everyone got to eat their chocolate crackle during this time.



That afternoon we sent home tired but happy students.  
A comment from one of the students summed up the day.

**"This was the best day of my life!"**





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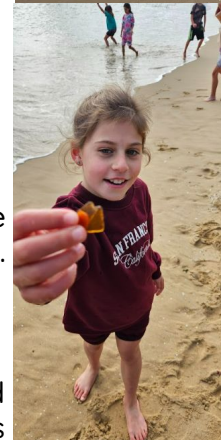
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## Middle School Camp- Portsea



During week 7 years 3 and 4 ventured off to Portsea Camp for two days. We all had an amazing time. The students were able to participate in scooter riding, team building games, hut building and flying fox. The food was amazing, students tried new dishes and were even treated to ice cream sundaes. We then settled down for a movie and popcorn before a much needed rest. All students represented BPPS with respect and kindness, receiving glowing reports from the camp staff. We hope everyone had a great time as much as we did.





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## Senior School Camp - Woorabinda



During Week 7, the Year 5s and 6s had an amazing time at Woorabinda. Each and every student represented Ballam Park extremely well. Some of the favourite activities included the zipline, high ropes, rock wall and maze. The food got an amazing rap as did the Woorabinda staff also. We hope everyone came home with a happy story to share. A highlight for us was watching our students participate in all of the activities, work together, challenge themselves, at times pushing themselves beyond their limits and having a **whole lot of fun!**





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## JUNIOR TOILET UPGRADE

On Thursday 3rd July we were fortunate to have our local Member, Paul Edbrooke come to officially open our new facilities. We also had a visit from Mark and Jacob from the VSBA and Michael devine, our Executive Director. We have just recently submitted another grant application to have our Senior toilets upgraded - fingers crossed everyone!







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## **CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION**

**FRIDAY 1st August 11.45am**

**Held at Ballam Park PS—please park at front of school, enter at Naranga Cres**

At Ballam Park PS, we take cyber safety seriously and want to share with our school community information and helpful tips. We are inviting adults from our school as well as the wider community to attend a session run by Peita Cooper, Principal of Ballam Park PS.

At this session, you will learn important information on how to set boundaries for children when using devices, helpful tips for safe use, and what to do if there is a problem.

After this session, the adults will have the opportunity to visit our classrooms and hear from students themselves who will have participated in cyber sessions throughout the week. We will also have a representative from **netfocus IT** to provide technical help.

**DOOR PRIZE**—any adult who attends will go in the draw for  
\$100 Woolworth vouchers!

## **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

Students in year 3-6 will be participating in a range of cyber safety focussed sessions. After this, they will be making their own presentations to share with you all.

## **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

The team from local business Netfocus It will be joining us at the event for tech guidance including parent controls and general advice.

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**RSVP for event**





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## SAVE THE DATE - TERM 3

More details to follow...

<b>STEM INCURSION - ALL STUDENTS</b> <b>LEGO MASTERS!</b> Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information in COMPASS</li><li>• Parent/student afternoon!</li></ul>	
<b>ASSEMBLIES &amp; MARKET MONDAYS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July</li><li>• Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August</li><li>• Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September</li></ul>	
<b>100 Days of School</b> <b>FOUNDATION STUDENTS ONLY</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August Dress as something that represents '100'	<b>BOOK PARADE DRESS-UP</b> Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August Parade for all students at 9.15am
<b>CURRICULUM DAY</b> <b>STUDENT-FREE DAY</b>  THURSDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>BASKETBALL LIGHTNING PREM</b> <b>FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> AUGUST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Selected senior students only</li></ul>
<b>5/6 RUGBY LEAGUE TOURNAMENT</b> <b>FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER</b> Selected senior students only	
<b>FOOTY FUN PARADE!</b> Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wear your footy colours or another team you represent</li><li>• Parade at 9.15am!</li></ul>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b> <b>- early dismissal!</b> <b>2.00pm</b>

**Year 5/6 Musical - Term 4**  
**15th and 16th October**



## SCHOOL DATES 2025

TERM 1	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Curriculum Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Class Interviews – no formal classes
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1-6 Students Commence
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Foundation Students Commence
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Curriculum Day – Science of Learning
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term (2.00pm dismissal)
TERM 2	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Term 2 commences
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	King's Birthday
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Curriculum Day – Report Writing
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Class Interviews – altered timetable
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term (2.00pm dismissal)
TERM 3	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Term 3 commences
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Curriculum Day – student free
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Last day of term (2.00pm dismissal)
TERM 4	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Students Commence
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term (1.00pm dismissal)