**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

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PFA MEETING

Wednesdays PFA meeting may have had a handful of attendees but it gave me a chance to have a general chat about the school and gain several good ideas going forwards. I’m always keen to speak to parents and hear their views and ideas of how we can make TBPS an even better place for our students. We’d like to remind parents about the PFA Easter Raffle and request that all tickets and money be returned by Monday 25th March. Also if you would like to donate an Easter egg for this raffle you can drop that off at the office.

SUPPORTERS

The school receives wonderful support from a number of companies – the Alchester IGA, Bayswater Good Guys, Athletes Foot and Bakers Delight next to Coles at Boronia. At the IGA store all you need to do is place your receipt in our allocated box as you leave the store. When you purchase any goods at Bayswater Good Guys ask for the ‘Bayswater Bucks’ voucher which converts the amount you spend into dollar values for the school. Over the last few years we have purchased several electrical goods including digital cameras and TV’s with these vouchers. At Athletes Foot you’ll receive a discount and at Bakers Delight they record purchases that assist us when buying bread for different events.

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Over the last few weeks Karyn Mitchell has spent many hours taking photographs of our students for the purpose of our publicity and promotion documents. We like to include photographs of our students involved in daily school life for the brochures we distribute to prospective parents, kindergartens and other child care centres. Karyn is a fantastic photographer and on behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge her wonderful contribution to our school.

END OF TERM

The end of term is fast approaching. This is a reminder to parents that Term 1 ends on Thursday 28th March. Children will be dismissed at 2:30pm following an assembly commencing at 2pm in the multipurpose room.

Graeme Russell
If your child did not receive their photo form, or you require a sibling photo form, please contact the office to arrange for one. If you have 3 or more children at the school, you are eligible for a discount, please see the office for further details.

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

**SCHOOLPIX** will be visiting us on Monday 18th March

**PHOTO DAY TIPS:**
- **Dress:** Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
- **Hair:** Neat and swept off face
- **Orders:** Complete your order form and return to school prior to photography day (or as directed by school staff)
- **Pre-orders:** To preorder online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au

PO Box 8222, Hallam VIC 3803
Ph: 1300 766 065
Email: info@schoolpix.com.au

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**TROLLEY TOKENS**

Trolley Tokens has been extended to Friday the 15th. Thankyou to everyone who has already ordered.

PFA

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Happy Birthday to the following students:

**March**
- 10th Zarly Thompson
- 10th Andrew Berezy
- 10th Jacqueline Dornbierer
- 10th Lockie Kennedy
- 13th Aleisha Malone
- 16th Jasmine Woolley
## PUPIL OF THE WEEK
### WEEK ENDING 15TH MARCH, 2013

### 3H
- **Kiah Haysom** - for her excitement in Science when investigating floating and sinking.

### 3/4B
- **Max Morrison** - for showing great enthusiasm and enjoyment towards his reading. Top effort Max!

### 4C
- **Chris Komodromos** - for his excellent work on his **WANTED** poster.

### 4S
- **Thomas Swindell** - for being a mature and responsible class member
- **Corey Hardinge** - for his great effort with his writing about the long weekend.

### 5/6H
- **Reuben Cox** - for his creative robot design using symmetry, area and perimeter.

### 5/6M
- **James Bruce** - for improved focus in the classroom and for completing nightly reading. Keep it up!

### 5/6R
- **Cody Forrest** - for his great effort with Writers' Notebook tasks this week. Keep it up Cody!

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<td>for excellent writing about his weekend news.</td>
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<td>for doing his best writing during our 'writing each other's names' activity.</td>
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<td>for her awesome practise writing the word 'the'. Well Done!!</td>
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<td>for her clever thinking about ordinal numbers - Great job Teal!</td>
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TWILIGHT SPORTS – Wednesday 20th March 2013

We are all looking forward to our Twilight Athletics Sports which are to be held next Wednesday 20th March. The emphasis on the afternoon will be to join in and have fun. There will be no medals or ribbons presented to winners of events, but all children will be presented with a special certificate of participation at the conclusion of events. We hope to see you there. An outline for the evening will be as follows:

2.50  Children assemble on oval

3.00-4.30  Events

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Dale Goldsmith
Phys-Ed and Sport
The Victorian Prevention and Health Promotion Achievement Program

A new Victorian Health Promotion and Achievement Program has been established by the Victorian Government. It will recognise the achievements of schools in promoting health and wellbeing and support the development of safe, healthy and friendly environments for learning. The aim of the program is to meet benchmarks in the following areas of health:

1. Healthy eating and oral health
2. Physical Activity
3. Mental Health and Wellbeing
4. Safe environments
5. Sun protection
6. Sexual Health and Wellbeing
7. Tobacco Control
8. Alcohol and other drug use

With today’s newsletter families will receive a questionnaire about promoting health at our school. This will provide us with valuable feedback from the school community. We would greatly appreciate it if you could find 10 minutes to complete the survey and return it to the school office.

Dale Goldsmith
Student Wellbeing
**School Banking News**

**Congratulations** to the wonderful savers that received their rewards and certificates last Friday at Assembly! It is great to see so many of you learning that by putting aside some money once a week (and remembering to bring it on **Tuesdays**!), you can earn yourself a reward.

**Help!** Amid the excitement of handing out rewards last week it appears there may have been a mistake or two made. Can all those that received rewards please make sure your name was on them, especially those that may have received two rewards. If you find you have someone else’s please contact me below so we can return it to the correct person. Thank You.

**Welcome Aboard** to our new bankers this week, you’re on the way to earning your own rewards and getting into a great savings habit! I look forward to seeing more new books next week as those that signed up last Friday and yesterday receive their books and join in too.

It’s also great to see a number of siblings that aren’t at school yet, joining in. If you have a younger brother or sister that wants to join in just bring their banking book with yours and they can start their savings journey too.

*Please note; only those at primary school are eligible for the rewards program.*

For any questions please contact me, Jacqui at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com

Happy Savings
The Country Fair

Saturday 26th October 2013 10am-3pm

32 weeks to go! Trivia: The first scarecrows in recorded history were made along the Nile River to protect wheat fields from flocks of quail. Egyptian farmers put wooden frames in their fields and covered them with nets. The farmers hid in the fields and scared the quail into the nets. Then they took them home and ate them for dinner!

Who wants to be a part of something fun, where you can meet other parents within our wonderful school and help bring together a fantastic day for your kids and our community to remember?

Then come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 27th March at 9:30 in the staff room.

Not able to make it but have some ideas or help to offer? That's ok, just contact us; Marquita Telford: 0407561492 or Jacqui Nicholls: 0417145971 or email us at thebasinscountryfair@o2mail.com or drop suggestions into our Country Fair box in the Staff Room.

All ideas and help are most welcome!

Big Thank You To

Big Green Thumb - $100 Gardening Voucher
The Real Thing Craft Centre – Vuly Trampoline Bundle Valued at $550
Seasol – 2 hampers of products and brochures and free samples to hand out
Jacksons hardware – gardening pack
Frost Promotions – heaps of cooler bags, tool bags, photo frames, picnic set, fishing chair
Conni – a single bed waterproof bed sheet
Mars (Masterfoods) – a food hamper
The Cuckoo – a dining voucher for 2 people
Mad About Pets – a small dog bed
Pancake Parlour – Lovely Hamper
Adventure Park – 2 Day Tickets
The Basin Post Office – 3 bottles of wine
Nikos Greek Tavern - $50 dinner voucher
Wetlands Golf and Games – 5 mini golf vouchers
Bayswater RollerCity – 2 family passes
Nerada Tea – Ten boxes of teabags.

To add yours/your company’s donation to this list, and receive the free weekly advertising to over 220 families that these businesses are, please contact Ally Airs on 0405159461 or email at stlx_brix@bigpond.com
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

During the next two weeks we are Celebrating Cultural Diversity Week. This week we have learnt about China and France and Celebrated St David’s Day- Wales (a bit late) and St Patrick’s Day – Ireland (a bit) early. For France we had pancakes for Breakfast and for St David’s Day we made Welsh Cakes.

Science has been very popular. We are growing our own crystals, made funny faces with running colours and seen how to transfer water from one cup to another.

We are still collecting boxes, Barbie Dolls, wool and 600ml soft drink or water bottles

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Parent Information

OSHc program phone: 0428 162 718
Coordinator: Jean Bellis
Assistants: Jessica, Leah, Laura
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Family Time

The third and final instalment from the parenting publication titled ‘AUSSIE kids’. So far we have touched on Internet Safety and Making time for your children. Today is from the article titled ‘Why family time is important’.

I don’t know about you but life is busy. Finding the right balance between time spent in a variety of responsibilities across life can be hard, one I don’t always get right. The article outlines family as ‘the most valuable part of a person’s life’ and some reasons why family time is important for our children.

1. **To provide a positive influence:** *Children mimic their parent’s behaviour positive and negative. They can learn how to interact with others in society by their interactions with their parent.*
2. **To foster an environment of respect:** *If the time is taken to have a conversation with them, listen to their joys and concerns, they will learn how to listen and talk with others.*
3. **Quality time together builds a strong family unit:** *By building a strong foundation with positive influence and respect for one another, it develops a family that is capable of dealing with any problems and enjoying good times together.*

Richard

*School Chaplain*

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**Celebrate Remember Fight Back!**

The Knox Relay for Life HOPE poster competition is on again! After the success of The Basin Primary Schools Students posters at last year’s relay, it has been asked for brighten up the Knox Athletics Track this year too.

Simply draw a picture, at home or in class, make it fantastic in any way you wish and hand it in to your teacher or Mrs Hillier by Friday 22nd March to be in the competition.

Junior, Middle and Senior classes will be the categories.

Make sure your name is on it. You can do it with a partner, your family or individually.

Posters will be displayed during the Knox Relay for Life on the Weekend of the 23rd – 24th March and around the school during the last week of term 1.

Looking forward to seeing lots of fantastic, colourful posters.
Looking for a Birthday Party with a difference?
A Cooking party is a fun way to have an Original and action packed Birthday Party.

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E: admin@gourmetkids.com.au

Malvern & Montmorency locations.
If you’re looking for something fun, educational and interactive for the kids - these school holidays then look no further than Gourmet Kids cooking classes.

Go to the website for timetables. www.gourmetkids.com.au

Are you looking for a Babysitter/Nanny to look after your children in your own home. I am very caring, honest and reliable. I am qualified and have my Cert III in Childcare.

I will take the best care of your children.

Call Annette on
Ph: 9762-3094
References available.

THE BASIN 2013

Registration Day & Parent Information Session

When: Saturday 13th April 2013 – Registration between 10am & 11.00am.
Parent Information Session from 11.00-11.30am
Who: Boys & girls - Preschool to Grade 2.
Cost: $65 includes backpack

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE PRIOR TO REGISTRATION DAY
To register or for further information visit
www.aflauskick.com.au
Enter our website via the centre locator

SCHOOL TOURS 2013
JUNIOR CAMPUS
Croydon Road, Croydon

You are invited to see our school at work.
See teachers and students in action and find out what Melba College has to offer.

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