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**STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

It is with pleasure that I officially announce to the School Community the following student Captain positions for this year -

**2013 SCHOOL CAPTAINS** -

Jazzie Cain-Edwards and Ashwin Nithyanantham

**2013 HOUSE CAPTAINS** -

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<td>Cody Eccles</td>
<td>Alyssa Watt</td>
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**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL CAPTAINS**

Darcy Nimbs Ben McArthur

**ICT CAPTAINS**

Thomas Lach Isaiah Murrell

**ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAINS**

Faith Myers Chantelle Nicholls

Congratulations to all the students named above and I’m sure they will carry out their Captaincy roles enthusiastically and to a high standard. The Basin Primary School considers all Grade 6 students to be leaders and at the official badge presentation at next Friday’s assembly grade 6 students not listed above will be presented with a leadership badge. These students undertake important monitor roles throughout the year - Sign Monitors, Bin Monitors, Flag monitors, Bike Shed monitors and Fruit monitors. All grade 6 students have another very important role and that is to be a buddy to one of our new Prep children.

**KNOX SCHOOLS EXPO**

Choosing the right secondary school with your child is not something you should leave to the last minute. The Knox Council is again this year conducting a Schools Expo - ‘Choosing a Secondary School for Your Child’ which is being held on Thursday 14th March from 6:45 to 8:45pm at the Knox Council Civic Centre. Several of our parents have attended this Expo in the past and have reported that it was very informative.

**TERM DATES FOR 2013**

**TERM 1**

31st January - 28th March

**TERM 2**

15th April - 28th June

**TERM 3**

15th July - 20th September

**TERM 4**

7th October - 20th December
SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2013

Each year vacancies occur on School Council as parent and staff members complete their two year term. There are four parent and two staff vacancies each year. Notice of Election Schedule is as follows-

- **Thursday 21st February**  Call for nominations
- **Monday 4th March**  Nominations close
- **Thursday 7th March**  Candidate List is announced
- **Friday 8th March**  If nominations exceed the number of vacancies a ballot will be required.

Nomination forms are available from the office. The expectation is attendance at School Council meetings held on the third Monday of each month totalling nine meetings for the year, as well as becoming a member of Council Sub committees which include Finance, Education, Buildings & Grounds, Publicity and Parent & Friends Association.

I have included the following information to assist candidates.

**What is a School Council and what does it do?**

All Government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within Departmental provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

**Who is on the School Council?**

There are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent Category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.

- A mandated elected DEECD Employee Category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

- An optional Community Member Category. Members of this category are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members. The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

**Why is Parent Membership so important?**

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**How can you become involved?**

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider - standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.
Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent Category. DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the timeframe stated on the Notice of Election Schedule. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

If you require further information please contact the office.

PFA ELECTIONS

Following the election process it is with pleasure that I announce the following office bearers for 2012 -

President: Fiona Jackson   Secretary: Leah Davison

Thank you to the 2012 PFA committee and all their willing helpers who contributed to a successful year. I would especially like to acknowledge the great work of Fiona Yeomans who shared the Presidents role with Fiona Jackson last year. Our fundraising focus this year is to purchase and install shade sails over our two playgrounds as well as some social activities to bring our parents together. PFA Meetings are open to all and we welcome new members and helpers at all activities. We would like to have 3 or 4 parents prepared to serve on the PFA committee - please speak to Fiona or myself.

SWIMMING RESULT

Congratulations to our wonderful Swimming team who travelled to the Knox Pool last week. We are proud of our teams fourth placing which was a great result considering we competed against some larger schools. Thankyou to all parents who went along to support our team!

DANCE LESSONS

We are so lucky to have a staff with many talents and Kristen MacDonald is no exception. Kristen has a passion for dance and a background in teaching dance. We currently offer dance opportunities for our older students through Wakakirri and local dance fair events. Kristin has offered to conduct dance lessons for interested children in Prep to Grade 4 during one lunchtime each week. She will operate two groups (Prep to Grade 2 students and Grade 3 &4 students) who will alternate each week.
IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

'It's just one day mum.' your child might say, but attending school each day is the best way for your child to do well - they can't learn if they aren't at school. Each day's learning builds onto what was done the day before. When a child misses a day, a building block is missed. If a child misses one day a week, that equates to nearly a whole term of learning missed. Please approach your child’s teacher for help if your child does not want to come to school.

COUNTRY FAIR MEETING

We are still looking for a convenor for the publicity convenors position for our Country Fair - this person will be supported by two assistants.

APP OF THE WEEK

Jot mathematical expressions on your iPad screen and let this magical app do the rest. 'MyScript Calculator' converts handwritten symbols and numbers into digital text and crunches the numbers for you in real time.

ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS

Thankyou to the parents who have already returned the signed sheet in relation to the annual consent forms. Not all consent forms have been returned. Can I urge parents who have not returned the form to do so ASAP?

PREP FAMILY NIGHT

We had a great night last night as all the Prep families came together at school for some games, a BBQ tea and then finishing with a couple of songs with Greg Oswald. It was great to see parents mingle, catch up with friends and introduce themselves to new parents. These children will be together for 7 years and no doubt will form very close friendships over time. Thankyou to the Fiona Jackson for organising the catering and to all the parents who helped cook and serve the BBQ meal. Thank you to Dale Goldsmith and the Prep team as well.

Graeme Russell

February

21st Ava Bridges
23rd Millie Pollock

School Banking News

It was wonderful to see so many people remember our raw banking day TUESDAY.
I’m also very excited to see some new bankers and receive interest from more to start in the coming weeks.
I still have plenty of banking packs so please email me at theschoolbanking@gmail.com for your copy or if you need any questions answered.
There will be a competition starting up soon so stay tuned for your chance to win something Special.
Happy Savings!
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<td>Blake Nicholls - for his detailed diary entry of his bike crash. Top Effort.</td>
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<td>Charlotte Torkington - making a great alien with 4 different shapes.</td>
<td>Jada Lacy - for her energetic &quot;chicken legs&quot; while learning the Basintopia dance.</td>
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<td>Kyan Saunders-Anderson - for writing very neat number 4's on his mini whiteboard. Good job Kyan 😊</td>
<td>Timothy Brown - for showing a very keen interest in all things reading. Great to see Timothy!</td>
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<td>Kyria Brown - for her excellent work on our &quot;Hairy Bear&quot; reading activities!</td>
<td>Jayde Reynolds - for her creative and detailed writing. Your writing is always interesting to read Jayde. Well done!</td>
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<td>Taylor Callaway - For her fantastic work on our big book &quot;Where is Max?&quot;</td>
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<td>Asher Hodge - For always being a great classroom helper.</td>
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<td>1D Kirah Millar - for being a quiet and conscientious young girl.</td>
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<td>Isaac Skinner - for being a great competitor in our maths games.</td>
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<td>Rose Cox - For using good manners and great attitude in the classroom</td>
<td>Alyssa Watt - for her creative writing piece 'A recipe for a good student'. Awesome work!</td>
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<td>Ryan Mayfield - For coming up with great addition sums in maths</td>
<td>5/6M - Daniel Palmer - For his excellent work when completing area tasks. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Logan Lam - For good concentration when completing Mathematics tasks.</td>
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<td>Jamieson Westerman - for a super effort when writing her spelling word sentences.</td>
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<td>Brodie Prescott - for working extra hard to complete all his tasks promptly.</td>
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<td>Constanze Hau - for her excellent procedural writing about making pancakes.</td>
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<td>Bailey Mitchell - for working super hard to finish his 3d shape work. Keep it up Bailey!</td>
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ATHLETICS TRIALS-Wed 27th Feb

Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday 27th February we are conducting Athletics trials at school. Children in Grades 3/4/5/6 will have the opportunity to try out for whichever events they choose. These trials will help determine the school athletics team to take part in the District Aths on Friday 19th April at Knox Aths Track. Please make sure that your child wears appropriate footwear and clothing on the day and children should also bring hats, sunscreen, water bottles. Parents are welcome to come and watch and if you are able to assist, teachers would appreciate a hand with measuring, recording, raking etc. Age groups are determined by the age children turn in 2012. The 10 years age group is for children 10 years and under. Below is a timetable of events for the day.

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TRACK EVENTS
12.00 –1.00p.m. (Oval)

Order of events - 100m, then 200m ( 10yrs, 11yrs then 12yrs )
DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

Last Friday our swimming team, consisting of 27 students, represented our school at the District Swimming Sports. We were very pleased with the efforts of all team members and in the overall scores we finished in 4th place. A special mention needs to be made of Alyssa Watt (12 years girls) who was outstanding in winning the champion swimmer medal for her age group. Alyssa, Tom Lach and Jack Watt who, in winning their respective “A” events have now qualified to compete in the division swimming carnival on Friday 1st March at Knox Leisureworks. Many thanks to all parents, friends and family who not only assisted with transport, but gave our team wonderful support. A special thank-you to Colin Hartley for his assistance with our swimming team and to Angela Lach for marshalling our swimmers. Thanks also to our team captains Faith Myers and Tom Lach who did a fantastic job with timing and recording. Results were as follows:

FINAL PLACINGS

1st Holy Trinity 177
2nd St Lukes 94
3rd Wattleview 79
4th The Basin 57
5th Wantirna Sth 39
6th St Andrews 31
7th Fairhills 10

FREESTYLE

BREASTSTROKE
Jack Watt 1st, Corbin Edsall 1st, Amelia Phillips 3rd, Tom Lach 1st, Charlie Evans 1st, Amy Roncali 4th
BACKSTROKE
Josh Curson 3rd, Nathan Thompson 3rd, Maya Lee 3rd, Isabella Davison 1st, Ben Zinnow 6th, Josh Ciccone 6th, Jade Driscoll 4th, Max Ayliffe 5th, William Young 5th, Alyssa Watt 1st, Darcy Nimbs 4th

FREESTYLE RELAYS
Josh Curson, Patrick Dunne, Jhye Smith, Jack Watt 3rd
India Phillips, Taylah Westerman, Maya Lee, Isabella Davison 4th
Tom Lach, William Young, James Leishman, Charlie Evans 6th
Faith Myers, Chantelle Nicholls, Amy Roncali, Alyssa Watt 2nd

Dale Goldsmith
Physical Education and Sport
Thank You
The children, parents and staff would all like to say thank you to Mr Russell and The Basin Primary School for getting the Air-conditioner fixed so that it is nice and cool again in the OSHClub Room. On some of those really hot afternoons last week we moved to the air-conditioned kitchen or enjoyed taking our activities outside under the big trees where it was a bit cooler.

Thank You Again
We would like to say a huge thank you to Heather and The Basin Community House for another generous donation of craft materials and books.

Activities
This week we have been busy decorating the OSHClub Room. We now have a tree growing it’s way up one corner and a very interesting tree it is too. The children have started putting some very interesting things on the tree including apples, pears, bananas, snakes, butterflies and a very very rare one of a kind anterpillar (part art part caterpillar). We also have giant flowers and rabbits made by some of the children up around the walls.
This week we have made parachutes, grown seeds and learnt lots of new games to play.

Next week will be all about insects and other creepy crawlers. We will make ladybirds, spiders, bats, caterpillars, and snakes. Other activities will include making slime and playing lots of games.

Bookings and Cancellations
If your child is booked into After School Care but is not attending please remember to cancel the booking. You may call the program and leave us a message if your child is sick and not attending.

We are Collecting
Thank you to those families who have supplied items. We are still collecting small cardboard boxes, clean margarine and yoghurt containers and plastic milk bottle caps well washed.
We are also looking for dress up items. Please ensure that these are clean and in good condition.

Sun Smart
Please remember to have a hat in your bag to use at After School Care as No Hat means No Play. You do not have to have a school hat but it must be a Sun Smart Hat. We provide Sunscreen but supply your own if you wish.

Coordinator – Jean Bellis.
Staff. Jessica
Program Phone: 0428 162 718
OSHClub Head Office – 8564 9000
OSHClub admin: admin@oshclub.com.au
Website: www.oshclub.com.au

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.
The Country Fair

35 weeks to go! Trivia: The Royal Melbourne Show has been running since 1848. The traditional purpose is the display of rural industry, including livestock and produce with its associated competitions and awards however due to the rides, show bags and entertainment it is very much like a large Country Fair.

Thank you to everyone that made it to our meeting last night, we believe it was successful with many great ideas being put forward and also filling out of our committee being done.

Our committee to date are;
Fair Convener – Graeme Russell and Marquita Telford
Secretary – Jacqui Nicholls
Treasurer – Fiona Jackson
Publicity Officer – Your Name Here?!
Entertainment Convener – Mal Leishman, Patrick O’Neil and Emily Edward
Sponsorship Convener - Ally Airs and Rachelle Zinnow
Site Convener – Mel Spencer and Marquita Telford
School Stall Coordinators – Helen Berezy, Rani Lutwyche, Lisa Hassing and Kate Mitchell

We would still like some more people to help with these roles, particularly Publicity (Graeme and Mel have said they will help but already have other roles to fill), so if you can help with that or any of the others please let us know either in person or email thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com or you can call or text
Marquita Telford : 0407561492 or Jacqui Nicholls : 041714597

The complete minutes will be sent out via email please provide us your details if you want to receive these too.

Our next meeting date is set for Next Wednesday February 27th at 9:30am in the Staff Room

Great News: Donations have already started to roll in

Big Thank You To

Big Green Thumb - $100 Gardening Voucher
The Real Thing Craft Centre – Vuly Trampoline Bundle Valued at $550

To add yours/your companies donation to this list please contact us on above details
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

Given we are already an accredited “Kids Go For Your Life’ school we already have advanced standing in the areas of Healthy eating and Physical activity. We have formed a project team that consists of Richard Gordon, Kylie Cribb and myself. Our aim will be to work with the school community in achieving the benchmarks for the areas of Health listed above. Families will receive a questionnaire shortly to assist us in gaining valuable feedback and ideas.

Dale Goldsmith
Student Wellbeing

Pupil of the Week 15th February 2013
prep family night 2013