FEBRUARY 28th

**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.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
Parent / Teacher interviews are being conducted this term on Thursday 7th of March and Tuesday 12th March between the hours of 2:00 and 4:30pm. Yesterday the eldest child in each family was handed an interview notice. Parents are requested to return their interview time preference sheets as soon as possible. We endeavour to organise times close together for parents with two or more children. Having the forms back early makes this process simpler. Interview times will be sent home on TUESDAY 5TH MARCH. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child’s class teacher to discuss matters of mutual interest, to ensure that the year is a most successful experience for all involved.

**NEW SIGNS**
A HUGE THANKYOU to Anne Lee, Cathy Thompson and Leah Davison for the design and artwork of the new signs for our school grounds. Thankyou also to Gavin Davison who has spent many hours shaping the signs to make them look like a Staedtler pencil. He installed the first one last weekend and it has been positioned in the courtyard on the east side of the office.

**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
SURPLUS TABLES AND CHAIRS

We have a number of surplus classroom tables and plastic student chairs in storage. They were replaced by new classroom furniture last year and will shortly be disposed of. If you can find a use for this furniture, please contact the Office to make arrangements for collection.

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?

CONCERT TICKET SURVEY

As our school enrolment has grown since our previous concert we need to assess the ticket demand for this year’s concert before any decision is made in relation to limiting the number of tickets families could purchase. We are hoping not to limit tickets but to be certain and not disappoint any families we need the Concert Ticket Survey that was distributed last week returned to school a.s.a.p.

LOST HATS

Each week we have a number of students looking for lost hats. Unfortunately the number of lost hats does not equate to the number found. Please label your child(s) hat clearly.

10 WAYS TO PROMOTE GOOD MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING IN KIDS - Ideas from Michael Grose, Parent Educator

1. Model good mental health habits
2. Make sure they get enough sleep
3. Encourage kids to exercise
4. Give them creative outlets
5. Provide a space of their own
6. Help them to relax
7. Talk about their troubles
8. Have two routines - weekday and weekend
9. Foster volunteering and helpfulness
10. Bring fun and playfulness into their lives

Graeme Russell
Children & the Internet

Whilst waiting to meet up with someone for a meeting at Maccas, my eye was drawn to a free parenting publication titled ‘AUSSIE kids’. In the Feb edition it included articles such as Internet Safety, Making time for your children and Why family time is important. Over the next few weeks I want to share some of the main insights into these relevant topics for us as parents.

Today, I’ll touch on Internet Safety. This issue is becoming more prevalent as society takes hold of the rapid advances in technology. I don’t know about you but I’d like to think I’m okay at understanding all things tech. The reality is my kids are fast becoming tech savvy and are taking major leaps forward as they use technology in some form every day.

What does that mean for us as parents? It means we have to be vigilant in our approach to technology and set in place measures to protect our children. The ‘AUSSIE kids’ article lists a top 10 Internet Safety precautions you can do. Here I will list 3 of them:

1. Keep the computer in an area of the home where you can see when your children use the computer, how long they are on, and what they are doing.

2. Watch for secretive behaviour and know who your children are talking to online.

3. Talk with your children about their interests and check online site reviews to be sure that a site is both age appropriate and a safe site before adding it to the allowed list.

Richard
School Chaplain

February

24th  Jordy Wayland
27th  Riley Mitchell
28th  Daniel Martin

Blake Rule
Brock Riddell
Amelia Phillips

March

1st  Charlotte Torkington
Jye Raistrick
Chelsea Hillier
Taylah Westerman
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| PB    | Chase Prescott - for being helpful to all his classmates.  
       | Flinn Russell - for excellent reading of the big book. |
| PK    | Skyla Eaton - for always doing her best work. Keep up the big effort Skyla!  
       | Sadhil MacDonald - for his awesome thinking about sounds in Diary Writing.  
       | Well done mate. 😊 |
| PW    | Chloe Jaques - for her wonderful concentration when doing her handwriting for the letter 'L'.  
       | Oscar Turner - for always trying his best when completing his work. Well done Oscar! |
| 1D    | Sarah Johnson - for always working to the best of her ability.  
       | Zara Allen - for creating an amazing story-book. |
| 1M    | Indi-Lee Riley - for great recount writing. Keep up the excellent effort!  
       | Elijah Murrell - for being an enthusiastic reader. |
| 1/2D  | All of 1/2D - for lining up and walking around our school so nicely.  
       | Charli Ellicott - for reading with fluency, nice and smoothly. Well done!  
       | Andrew Berezy - for his enthusiastic approach to all learning. Great Andrew! |
| 2H    | Alex Lee - for a terrific attitude to his learning and excellent completion of class tasks.  
       | Grace Russell - for the quiet completion of all class tasks and for being a friendly class mate.  
       | Travis Hillier - for his fabulous and funny 'ch' story!  
       | Brooke Disney - for her great enthusiasm when writing and always working hard. |
| 3H    | Jessica Hill - for being a happy and helpful class member. |
| 3/4B  | Jiye Smith - for his excellent effort to expand 3 and 4 digit numbers. I was very impressed that you also gave yourself more to complete!  
       | Zephyr Mitchell - for the excellent effort he put into writing numbers in words. Top effort Zephyr! |
| 4C    | Callum Moore - for an improved effort with his classroom worth ethic. |
| 4S    | Patrick Dunne - for his fantastic effort with learning his concert dance.  
       | Lorilei Ahern - for being a thoughtful caring friend. |
| 5/6H  | Jazzy Cain-Edwards - for her helpful attitude towards her fellow classmates.  
       | Dylan Dinter - for his creative thinking during reading discussion. |
| 5/6M- | Noah Fenn Briggs - for excellent thinking skills and explanation of language during reading sessions  
       | Grace Keogh - for her hard work and focus when completing tasks in the classroom. |
| 5/6R  | Jasmina King - for the continued effort and detail she puts into her writing. Great work Jasmina! |
PUPILS OF THE WEEK—22ND FEBRUARY 2013

Gavin Davison with the new sign

SUPER GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY 16TH MARCH 9AM TO 4PM

The Basin Theatre Group has had a clear-out!! Come, browse and buy a selection of props, costumes, bric-a-brac, etc that are no longer needed. You might pick up a fur, a vintage garment or unexpected items for your own wardrobe or home.

There will also be a great collection of “Dress-ups” to buy.

While you’re there in the beautiful bush setting, get a look around the backstage of the theatre.

Where: The Basin Theatre,
Cnr Simpson and Doongalla Roads,
The Basin. – just outside Boronia Melways 66 A6

When: Sat. March 16th.
9.00 am. - 4.00 pm.
SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Sue Radak, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be attending the school during term one to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to visit or telephone the visiting primary school nurse if there are any general child health issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 165 236.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office.

RUGBY LEAGUE
has arrived in the Eastern Suburbs!

Registration Day
Sun 3rd & 17th March
10 am - 1 pm
Colchester Reserve, Boronia

Boys & Girls : 6-16 yrs
Fees from $80 inc. Uniforms & Melbourne Storm Membership
(EFTPOS Available)
www.easternraptors.com.au
WANTED

SAVINGS HUNTERS
for this year’s Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program.

Find out more at assembly on 8th March!

Haven’t joined School Banking yet? — No problems!
Ask your parents if they can either,
stay after assembly to join you up,
or
come to our
Account Opening Afternoon
Wednesday 13th March 2:30pm

They’ll need to bring their identification but we’ll take care of the rest.

It’s not how much you save each week:
It’s how often you remember to save
that’s important!

Learn how to save then collect your REWARD!

Boronia Calisthenics College
Now taking enrolments
Phone Lyn: 9754 6413
Come and try for FREE!
THE COUNTRY FAIR

34 weeks to go! Trivia: Egg-and-spoon races formed part of village celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897, alongside the tug of war and blindfold wheelbarrow races in the USA.

We had a great and positive meeting Wednesday morning regarding our Country Fair. We're really looking forward to fun activities like egg and spoon races, tug of war, three legged races and other more traditional games at our Country Fair. So start practicing now, as you never know what to expect or what prizes could be up for grabs!

So far over 200 people/companies have been approached regarding donations/sponsorship and we've got some great feedback and will definitely be adding some more names to our list of sponsors in the newsletter.

To add yours/your company's donation to this list please contact Ally Airs on 0405159461 or at stix_brix@bigpond.com

We heard from our busy team of Fair Organisers that have been working hard to decide what stalls will be run by each year level, ensuring not too many donations or too much work is needed by families, but fun and memorable experiences can be had by all.

Stalls will be revealed in the coming weeks.

We are still looking for another helper or two for our publicity team and we are also looking for some year level stall coordinators. To see what else is going on please feel welcome to come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 27th March at 9:30 in the staff room.

For further information please contact
Marquita Telford : 0407581492 or Jacqui Nicholls : 0417145971 or email us at thebasincountryfair@gmail.com

The complete minutes will be sent out via email please provide us your details if you want to receive these too and aren't already on our mailing list.

Big Thank You To

Big Green Thumb - $100 Gardening Voucher
The Real Thing Craft Centre – Vuly Trampoline Bundle Valued at $550
Activities
This week we have been making insects and other small creatures. We have made, curly birds, ladybugs, snakes, beetles, spiders in their webs and bats. Children continue to enjoy time in the gym playing games, building with the lego and playing games such as Uno, Guess Who, Monopoly and Connect Four.

Next week our theme will be the sea. So watch out for pirates, sharks, whales, fish, sand and boats.

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, plastic milk bottle caps well washed and wool, 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.