MARCH 28th

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

END OF TERM
Considering the early end to term concluding on a Thursday, today's newsletter is an opportunity to reflect on a busy and productive Term One. I have thoroughly enjoyed the term and wish to make a special mention of how our amazing Prep children have settled so quickly. A credit to the teachers for this terrific start to the children's primary schooling and we also appreciate the support and help from parents.

Next term commences on Monday 15th April.

On a daily basis I am always impressed with the orderly learning environment of our school. This is due to the children being sent to school “ready to learn”, and also our wonderful dedicated staff who create engaging environments, setting high expectations and reinforcing positive behaviours. All grades should be proud of their efforts this term. Although it was a shorter term, I believe the children have just about completed “a term’s worth” of work already. Many thanks to our wonderful parents who support our teachers and students in so many ways at The Basin Primary School.

EASTER RAFFLE
Thankyou to families who returned their raffle tickets and to those who kindly made donations of eggs towards our Easter raffle which will be drawn today at our final assembly. A very special thankyou to Lisa Rule and Vanessa Stewart who are once again coordinating this raffle and spent a great deal of time making up the beautiful baskets. Lisa told me yesterday that the raffle has raised over $1200 - a mighty effort! There will be 15 baskets - Good Luck!!!

RELAY FOR LIFE
On behalf for our school community I would like to congratulate Amy Hillier for her amazing work again this year in organising the Relay for Life event at the Knox Athletic track last weekend. This event has raised over $76,000 towards Cancer research and involves sponsored teams of people completing laps over a 24 hour period.
PREP MOTHERS MORNING TEA
Yesterday 20 Prep parents attended the special morning tea and it was wonderful to see so many little ones enjoying the toys that were made available. Thankyou to Tara Callaway and Fiona Jackson who were behind this idea and for their organisation yesterday. This event will continue next term on a fortnightly basis and will operate like a crèche providing Prep mums to be involved in their child's reading program.

GOODBYE TO THE 'KING' FAMILY
Today we say goodbye to two lovely girls – Monique and Jasmina King whose family is returning to live in Denmark. On behalf of our school community we wish the King Family all the very best for the future. Yesterday, infront of the Grade 5/6 children I was pleased to present the girls with a Basin Primary School mug which no doubt will be put to good use in future winter months.

IMPORTANCE OF READING TO CHILDREN
As we approach the holidays, I thought it timely to pass on an article that was in the Sunday Age and written by John Elder. I have included it here for you as I believe it makes some very pertinent points about the importance of reading to children that would be endorsed by all teachers.

MELBOURNE researchers have proven what parents have intuitively known all along – the more often you read to your children from an early age, the greater the positive effect on their reading and thinking skills. The Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research has not only proven a causal effect between the frequency of reading to a child and his or her development, but have also for the first time measured the benefits.

Children four to five years old who are read to three to five times a week have the same reading ability as children six months older (who are read to only twice or less a week). Reading to children six to seven days a week puts them almost a year ahead of those who are not being read to. It was also found that reading to small children has a positive effect on the development of numeracy skills.

'' It does appear to be the case that children who are read to more often keep doing better as they age than other children,” said Professor Guyonne Kalb, director of the institute’s Labour Economics and Social Policy Program, and co-author of the study. The research - which was funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development - found the positive outcomes occurred in children regardless of parental income, education level or cultural background. That is, children with poor backgrounds or parents of limited education or ability have the same benefit of being read to frequently.

'' We wanted to try and determine whether reading itself is leading to better outcomes, or do parents who read to their children have other things going on,” Professor Kalb said. “We worked with children representing a whole range of families, from all different backgrounds and economic circumstances. We found it doesn't matter if a child is from a poor or rich family, or if the parents are highly educated or not, doing this basic thing of reading to them leads to better developmental outcomes.”

The longitudinal study followed the reading skills of more than 4000 children, aged four to five years in 2004, through to age 10 to 11. Victorian Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development Wendy Lovell said the research was “an exciting step forward” in understanding the importance of reading to young children. “ These findings send a clear message to parents, grandparents, teachers and carers that the benefits of reading go way beyond a shared bonding experience.” Copyright © 2013 Fairfax Media
CHOIR PERFORMANCE
Our school choir once again performed well at The Basin Music Festival. Congratulations to the children and to Greg Oswald for supporting this wonderful community festival and to all the parents who support their children’s involvement.

HAPPY EASTER
Lastly I would like to wish everybody a safe and happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all in what is going to be a busy Term 2 – Education Week, Naplan Assessments and our SCHOOL CONCERT. I would like to mention Jean and Jess who have done such a great job establishing the OSH-CLUB program at our school.

Graeme Russell

March
25th  Evan Cribb
       Caitlyn Palmer
26th  Chloe Jaques
       Callan Schwarz
       Alex Dummett
28th  Abigail Jefree
29th  Xander Raistrick
       Mitch Scriven
31st  Jye Shoebridge
       Lauren Hassing

April
1st   Jayde Reynolds
2nd   Scarlett Stephens
4th   Leo Morris
5th   Lily Matthews
       Casey Cormack-Brown
       Josh Ciccone
7th   Jada Lacy
       Koby Ferriggi
8th   Eloise Holden
9th   Noah Nugent
       Jai Gribble
PUPIL OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 29TH MARCH, 2013

PB
Ivy Smith – for being a good listener and always doing her best work.
Gage Garner – for working hard to write and cut well – great effort!

PK
Max Nicoll – for a huge effort with his diary writing - well done!
Aaliyah Lacy – for her great job thinking of words beginning with the /b/ sound. 😊

PW
Olivia Collins – for making a fantastic Easter Bunny mobile. Well done Olivia!
Kade Ture – for trying very hard to do his best work this week.

1D
Casey Cormack Brown – being a great listener and always doing his best.

1M
Ava Bridges – for great effort in learning the dances for the production

1/2D
Simone Martin – for the care and effort she puts into all her work. Keep it up Simone!

2H
Ella McCallum – for always working quietly when completing class tasks. Well done Ella!

2W
Matthew Smit – for his excellent working habits and for being a very responsible class member.

3H
Darcy Stephen – for having a go and challenging himself to excel in our maths Matcho game.

3/4 B
Jade Yeomans – for her fantastic attitude towards her learning! Keep it up Jade!

4C
Kane Yeomans – for his commitment to completing all set tasks.
Daniel D’Alanno – for his positive attitude and making good choices.

5/6H
Jasmine Woolley – for always committing herself to everything she does. Keep it up!

5/6M
Monique King – for being such a fantastic asset in our classroom. We will miss you.
Zoe Keltie – for excellent map directions and design.

5/6R
Daniel Pratt – for his hardworking and mature approach to all class tasks.
DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our school athletics team who have been training brilliantly for the District Athletics Carnival which is on Friday 19th April at Knox Athletics track. All competitors have been given permission notes and a copy of the program. The uniforms will be given to competitors during the first week of next term. We hope to see as many supporters as possible cheering our team on during the day.

“RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY”

Congratulations to all students who supported national “ride 2 school day” last Friday. Many of those students also enjoyed the riding skills session that was held after lunch. During this session they had the opportunity to test their ability to ride in a figure 8 track, a zig-zag course, a slow ride, a tight “Uturn” a narrow straight line ride and even a cross country track. All riders finished the session in one piece!
Congratulations to all those who participated in the HOPE poster competition. As you can see from the picture below, they really make a difference to the room.

The winners are:

**Junior** - Hayley, Sarah and Jackson

**Middle** - Kaylee, Darcy and Briana

**Senior** - Molly, Hana & Faith and Lochie, Charli & Jake

Thank you and please see Mrs Hillier for your prizes.
The Country Fair
Saturday 26th October 2013 10am-3pm
31 weeks to go!

Year Level Stalls Announced!
Prep – Lucky Jars and Fairy Floss/Popcorn Stall
Grade 1/2 – Pirate Treasure and Cake Stall and Ring-a-Bottle
Grade 3/4 – Show Bags and Chocolate Spinning Wheel and Craft Activity
Grade 5/6 – Haunted House and Book Stall

Looks like there’s going to be a lot of fun to be had at the Fair and that’s just our school stalls!

Thank you so much to those that have already taken on the roles of Stall Co-ordinators. We are still needing Co-ordinators for Prep Lucky Jars, 1/2 Pirate Treasure and 3/4 Chocolate Spinning Wheel. Anyone can be a Co-ordinator, you don’t need to attend meetings and you will be assisted by our Stall Holder Team. Please contact us for the description of this role at thebasinscountryfair@gmail.com or call us
Marquita Telford: 04077561492 or Jacqui Nicholls: 0417145971

We need your Help!

With the holidays coming up it might be a great chance to go through your books at home and see what you can donate to our great Fair. We will be asking for these in the first weeks back in Term Two.

Big Thank You To

- The Real Thing Craft Centre
- Big Green Thumb
- Frost Promotions
- Pancake Parlour
- Dorset Gardens Hotel
- Sidetracked Go Carts
- Whispers Hair Design
- Australian Fishing Magazine
- Sarah Louise School of Dance
- Gloria Jeans

Yarra Valley Railway: free family pass
Wonderland Fun Park: Free family pass
Enchanted Maze: family pass
Roller City Bayswater: 2 x family passes
Geelong Adventure park: 2 day tickets

New Donations This Week

- Melbourne Taekwondo Centre
- Seasil
- Mars (Masterfoods)
- Dairy Bell Ice Cream
- Melways
- Tinkers
- Dolce Body
- Conni
- The Beleura House and Gardens

- Pannys Chocolate world: family pass
- Gee Jays: 3 x Handbags, Earring/necklace set, Brooch, i phone cover
- Fernwood Ferntree Gully: 1 month membership
- Crocs playcentre: $50 towards a child’s party
- Melbas Fashion: Ladies Clothing
- Mansfield Zoo: Family Pass

- Jacksons Hardware
- The Cuckoo
- Metro Cinemas
- Starshots Photography
- Montania
- Creative Dreams
- Mad About Pets
- Defi Surf and Skate
- Bargain Books: Album and cook book
- Laughter for living yoga: Yoga session 1/2 – 1 hour
- AMF bowling Boronia: Family pass
- Boronia Chiropractic Healthcare Centre: $50 voucher
- The Basin Post Office: 3 bottles of wine
- Knox Leisure works: 5 passes

To add your/your company’s donation to this list please contact Ally Airs on 0405159461 or at stix_brix@bigpond.com
CHEST FREEZER FOR SALE

Fisher and Pykel chest freezer, great condition.
Out of canteen and is not needed anymore
$50.00 contact office if you are interested.

SECOND HAND FRIDGE

A new fridge is needed for the canteen.
If you have an old fridge that you no longer need and would like to donate to the school, please contact the office. We are more than happy to pick it up.
School Banking News

What a BIG effort from our Bankers this week with 49 of you remembering and earning extra tokens towards your Rewards. I also got a few more Reward vouchers handed in and look forward to presenting these at a special assembly next term.

Term 2 is going to be great with a HUGE competition being run that all our school bankers have the chance to win. It’s not too late to become a banker either, head to any branch of the Commonwealth Bank on your holidays, go to www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students or email me and we can get your new account up and running for Term 2 so you too can enter the competition!

Win the Dollarmites’ treasure.
Thousands of dollars worth of prizes to be won in Term 2 of School Banking.

Any questions please contact me, Jacqui at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com or 0417145971
Happy Savings and Happy Easter

Discounted Pet Microchipping

National Pet Register will be attending The Eastern Regional Pet Expo on Sunday 7 April 2013 at Knox Park, Ferntree Gully Rd, Knoxfield from 10am – 4pm.

Pet owners will be given the opportunity to get their pets microchipped for just $25. Included in the fee is life time registration with National Pet Register, a free collar ID tag, microchip certificate and the security of knowing that your pet is permanently identified for life!

Residents wishing to take advantage of this great opportunity must make an appointment. This can be done by contacting National Pet Register online at www.petregister.com.au/events or calling 1300 734 738.

Pet owners coming along are also reminded that all dogs must be on a leash and cats are to be in carry cages.