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### PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

**WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4**

I trust everyone had the opportunity for some quality family time over the holidays. I would like to welcome back our staff, students and community members and wish all a fantastic Term 4. I spent the holidays catching up on several overdue jobs around home, a few day trips and some preparation for a busy Term 4 ahead. Unfortunately, I haven’t made it back to school as yet – struck down with a severe case of bronchitis – Friday is looking good.

Term 4 promises to be an extremely eventful one with a host of excursions, Grade 3/4 Camp, Swimming program, 2014 Prep Transition program which commences next week and of course we will be farewelling our Year 6 students come the year’s end.

A major highlight for this term is our COUNTRY FAIR on Saturday 26th October – just over two weeks away. Shortly a volunteer list will be sent home requesting help from parents in many areas on the day - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

**2014 PLANNING**

Planning is now underway for the 2014 school year including preliminary staffing arrangements and grade structure. Once again there will be three, possibly 4 x Prep grades with a current Prep enrolment number of 62 and no doubt a few more late enrolments during this term. If you know of anyone who is yet to enrol their child in Prep or at another grade level could you encourage them to collect and complete an enrolment form from the office a.s.a.p.? At this stage the school will increase by one or two grades next year as our Prep enrolments outnumber the grade 6 departures. Despite the increase in grades, class numbers in each grade will again be small. There is no doubt that many families in the area continue to recognise the wonderful educational and specialist programs we have for our students at The Basin PS.

**DEPARTURES**

To assist our 2014 planning we would like to hear from families who are moving and their children not returning to The Basin PS in 2014. If you are leaving our school (excluding Year 6 graduates) and have not yet informed the office, please let us know as soon as possible. Two years ago we unexpectedly lost 12 children in December as they moved to take up residence in country areas and this impacted upon our staffing. Your help in this matter would be appreciated.
STUDENT PLACEMENTS / REQUESTS
Determining class placements is a complex task where staff members undertake a considerable process to ensure that the best possible placement is made to meet each student's educational needs. Factors that we take into consideration when making class placements include: academic achievement, personal / interpersonal development, friendship groups, gender balance and other individual needs. It is important to understand that with so many factors to consider it is not possible to accommodate every request. Teachers discuss, reflect and review their decisions over several weeks.

It is important to understand that with so many students and placement considerations to take into account, it is not possible to accommodate specific placement requests. However, please be aware that each and every factor in the decision as to where a child is placed for next year is given our utmost attention. If you have any information that you believe teachers may not be aware of that should be taken into account in making class placements, we will need to be informed of this in writing ahead of the Melbourne Cup public holiday – by Friday 1st November. After this date, new information may not be able to be considered. Parents will be notified of placements in Student Reports when they are sent home in the last week of term.

DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS
Today 29 of our senior students will represent our school at the Divisional Athletics Carnival, which involved students from the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and from all sectors including Government, Catholic and Independent schools. These students earned this opportunity through finishing in the top 2 places at the District Athletics earlier in the year. We wish them every success today.

WE'RE A HAPPY TEAM AT HAWTHORN
I couldn’t finish my newsletter comments without a salute to the mighty fighting Hawks. I promise to display the premiership poster in my office until we win the next one! I don’t even mind that Buddy is heading north. Go The Mighty Hawks!!!

Graeme Russell
CHRIS THE APPLE MAN IS BACK

Chris delivers apples and pears straight from the orchard to the school every fortnight. His next delivery is Friday 11th October. If you wish to place an order please have your order and money to the office by 9.00am on the Friday morning.

Pink Ladies $10.00 5kg bag
Fujis $10.00 5kg bag
Royal Gala $10.00 5kg bag
Golden Delicious $10.00 5kg bag
Granny Smith $8.00 5kg bag
Pears $8.00 5kg bag

October
6th Simone Martin
8th Keeley Ross
10th Lillian Cochrane
11th Nikith Kanduri
11th Isaiah Murrell
12th Shaun Dinter

Its Spring Time!

Why not dust off your teddy bear and join us in the fairy garden at Como Gardens, for The Teddy Bears Como Gardens Bi-annual Open Garden Weekend, on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of October. Opening times are 10.00am-4.30pm. 79 Basin Olinda road The Basin.

Entry is $7.50 for adults, children under 14 are free.

Como Gardens is the Hidden Treasure of the Basin, with its 7 acres of historical gardens and large array of vintage cars as well as ride on miniature railway and there is something for everyone.

If you would like to volunteer to help us, even just for an hour. Please contact Kath Thompson on 0425877598.

ALL PROCEEDS are DONATED TO
THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
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| PB    | Jacqueline Gribble - for working quietly and carefully and always doing her best.  
       | Cody Ingram - for settling in very well to his new grade. |
| PK    | Kyan Saunders-Anderson - for a great job writing his 'Mystery Bag Clues'. Well done mate 😊  
       | Willem Bone - for his clever thinking when making big numbers, using bundles of ten to count. Fantastic Willem! |
| PW    | Tahj Garrity - for his excellent efforts when sorting 3D objects into groups. Great work Tahj!  
       | Olivia Collins - for trying her very best to include lots of interesting details in her writing. |
| 1D    | Zara Allen - for her entertaining holiday recount. |
| 1M-   | Ryan Mayfield - For always showing such a positive attitude to his school work |
| 1/2D  | Kayla Peak - for a fabulous beginning to her Rainbow Fish story! Great writing Kayla!  
       | Jye Shoebridge - for his excellent V.I.P. presentation. Great work Jye! |
| 2H    | Jade Thomson - for terrific home reading. Well done Jade!  
       | Brailee Cross- For big improvements with her reading skills. Well done Brailee! |
| 2W    | Stephanie Osborne - for her super holiday recount full of interesting details and thoughts. |
| 3H    |  |
| 3/4 B | Jayde Andrew - for the fabulous effort she is putting into her work and for wanting to reach higher in her learning. Well done! |
| 4C    | Jasmine Lobb - for the outstanding 'holiday' newspaper report. |
| 4S    |  |
| 5/6H  | Stella Evans - for her descriptive and imaginative creative writing piece. Great work! |
| 5/6M  | Daniel Palmer - for great determination to create an interesting writing piece. |
| 5/6R  | Matthew Weller - for the fantastic detail and description in his creative writing piece. Great work Matt! |
The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep
Chloe Jacques—for always having a positive attitude and keeping a cheerful smile on her face.

Grade 1
Sarah Hassing—for demonstrating a positive attitude to all aspects of school life and being prepared to “have-a-go” at unfamiliar tasks. Great effort Sarah.

Grade 2
Baley-Coupar Thomas—for showing us how to look on the bright side and laugh! Well done!

Grade 3
Breea Nunziante—for her positive attitude and outlook in all situations. Even when things get challenging, you always have a smile on your face!

Grade 4

Grade 5
Jasmine Woolley—for always drawing on the positives even when times get tough. Keep up the great approach to life.

Grade 6
Hana Barbaro—for making the best out of a difficult situations and facing it with a positive attitude.

BounceBack!
FOOTY DAY

Unfortunately the weather gods were unkind to us on the last day of term 3 and as a result we could not play our football matches. Some grades were able to take advantage of a break in the rain and came outside for some kick to kick and handball target activities. The students looked terrific in their footy colours and Ms Wite and her helpers decorated the art room walls with some fantastic painted football figures. The students also thoroughly enjoyed their hot sausage lunches thanks to Fiona Jackson and her large band of helpers.
Life without Buddy
Lance ‘Buddy’ Franklin is officially a Swan! I’m not a Hawthorn supporter but I know people who are and there have been mixed feelings about his defection. In last Sundays Herald Sun Shane Crawford wrote that his son Charlie was brought to tears on hearing the news. There’s no doubt Buddy gave a lot to the Hawks, both on field and in off field marketing. The number 23 Buddy wears is the most popular number worn at Hawthorn by far and he will be a loss. How much of a loss will be determined in the coming years.

My Hawthorn friends have now turned from looking at the loss Buddy will be to concentrating on the positives. They are quick to now talk about the following: Buddy has given some amazing highlights and been a part of giving the Hawks two premierships but if you look at some recent stats you will see that Hawthorn has won their last 11 of 12 games without Buddy and have scored on average four more goals. Though Hawk fans would love to see him stay, the reality is he’s gone and you can continue to lament his loss or look to some positives that may come out of it. Don’t worry Hawk fans; I think you’ll be up near the top again in 2014, even without Buddy.

This week our focus as part of the ‘Bounceback’ program at the school is Concentrate on the positives no matter how small and laugh. This not only applies to football as above but all parts of life. Sometimes it is easier to see all the things that are going wrong in a situation and those negative thoughts can spill over to other areas of our life. My advice when you’re in a situation like that is to stop and count your blessings. Write a list of the positive things no matter how small they may seem.

And Laugh! Laughter has some really good physical effects on the body. Here’s a quote I read in an article from helpguide.org called ‘laughter is the best medicine’. ‘The ability to laugh, play, and have fun with others not only makes life more enjoyable but also helps you solve problems, connect with others, and be more creative. People who incorporate humor and play into their daily lives find that it renews them and all of their relationships.’

Listen to your child when they come home from school and have had a bad day but also explore the positives, no matter how small they might seem... and have a laugh together 😊

Richard
School Chaplain
Journals from Indonesia
The Grade 5/6 students used images from Indonesia as inspiration for their writing pieces.

Dear Diary,
Today was magical. I felt the waves rock my canoe as I glided on the sea. I was relaxing as I watched the colours float through the sky.
Today we caught some fish. They were the same colours as the sky which made me more relaxed.
When I got off my canoe I felt slimy seaweed crawl up my legs and the fish tickling my feet.
I stepped on some shells that made me bleed, I hopped in the water to let the salt do its magic.
For a second I felt free and would do anything to experience that moment again. By Zoe K 5/6M

Dear Diary,
Today I managed to get a canoe for free! I decided to go into the cave systems. Along the way I was surprised by the rustic feel of the paddles. After I go into a cave I slowed down due to my arms aching. I then suddenly heard a screech and as I turned around I saw a giant mass of bats fly out of everywhere towards the exits of the cave. I dodged just in time as they flew out of the cave. By William Young 5/6R

Dear Diary
This is amazing, walking up on the beach, looking out into the ocean and seeing all the waves crashing down on to the shore. You can just hear nothing but all the whales, dolphins and leaves shaking in the trees. That feeling when you get a big shiver from the wind as the waves crash into your body as the water level rises higher. You stand there thinking about surfing because of the nice peaceful serenity. I love this place it just makes me feel at home. Jake Bleakney 5/6H
Working Bee Saturday 19th October 2013
9.00a.m – 12.00p.m
The school grounds need a big clean up!

Listed below are a number of maintenance items that we would like to attend to at the working bee.

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*****Refreshments provided.

Please remember that your help is greatly appreciated and benefits the children.

Kind Regards,
Andrew Caulfield
(Buildings and Grounds)
Trivia: Stage (theatre), a space for the performance of theatrical productions (Wikipedia, 2013)

Volunteers!
Hopefully you have received your notice to select how you can best help on the day of our Fair. We do understand sometimes our children forget to pass these on or they can get lost in the car or the bag fairy takes them. If this has happened to you, please relax as we have included a copy with the newsletter.
Please sign up for at least one item as many hands make light work and we want to share this wonderful experience with as many of you as possible!

Bendigo Bank
A huge thank you to Bendigo Bank who have donated $500 to our Country Fair and Michael Knight Real Estate who have provided us with 2 publicity boards.

Active Teachers
We are so lucky to have so many wonderful teachers in our school and so gratefully appreciate what they do, here is a few of the wonderful things they are doing for the Country fair.....
Mr Ossie has agreed to be our MC for the day and help with the smooth running of our entertainment acts.
Mr Goldie has offered to run some great fun activities such as egg and spoon race and sack races on the day for all the family to participate in.
Ms White has been busy with the children making fabulous scarecrows to add atmosphere on the day. These will be available to bid for on the day.

Any Queries, Opinions, Thoughts or Suggestions
Please email us at thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com
Or contact Marquita – 0407561492 or Jacqui – 0417145971
Don’t forget our Facebook page, like us and share with your friends
http://www.facebook.com/TheBasinPrimarySchoolCountryFair

We’re currently at 106 likes!
New Donations This Week

Bowens Hardware - $400 Power tool Pack
Essendon Football Club – Team Poster
Office Works – Monopoly
Meadow’s Produce – Hay Bales for our Scarecrows
Mega Brands – Sky Landers/Barbie/Smurf Blocks
Pacific Brands – underwear

Our continued thanks to
- Seasol
- Big Green Thumb Gardening
- Mars Snack foods
- Yarra Valley Railway
- Bleundra House and Garden
- Dorset Gardens
- Kilsyth Club
- Riot Art and Craft
- Melways
- Sidetracked Go Carts
- Roller City Bayswater
- The Basin Post Office
- Geelong Adventure Park
- Knox Leisure Works
- Beauty Boutique
- Bargain Books
- Dolce Body
- Mansfield Zoo
- Choice Cakes
- Bendigo Tramway
- Melbourne Victory
- Jacqui’s Card Classes
- Motorbike City
- Geelong Football Club
- Melbourne Lighting and Design
- B Gorgeous Hair and Beauty
- Banksia Nursery
- Zagames
- Beaver Swim School
- Caribbean Rollerama
- Banter Toys Swap Cards and Action Figures
- Lightning Products
- The Dreaming Space
- Jacksons Hardware
- The Real Thing Craft Centre
- The Cuckoo
- Wonderland Fun Park
- Metro Cinemas
- Whispers Hair Dressing
- Puffing Billy
- Enchanted Maze
- Starshots Photography
- Wriggles Mars Snack Foods
- Wetlands Mini Golf
- Nikos Tavern
- Delfi Surf and Skate
- Fernwood Ferntree Gully
- Pie in the Sky
- Laughter For Living
- Gloria Jeans
- Gee Jays
- Melbourne Park View
- Australia Zoo
- Ashdene
- The Glen Cameron Group
- Stuffers
- Hawthorn Football Club
- Erin’s Headquarters
- Brita Water
- Flemington Racecourse
- York on Lilydale
- Collingwood Children’s Farm
- Sue Johnson
- Ferntree Gully Art Society
- Paul Saddler Swim School
- Frost Promotions
- Conni
- Mad About Pets
- Pancake Parlour
- Sarah Louise School of Dance
- Hogs Breath Café
- Eve Tyrrell
- Melbourne Taekwondo Centre
- Dairy Bell Ice Cream
- Tinkers
- Nerada Tea
- Montania
- Pantry’s Chocolate Factory
- Australia Freshwater Fishing
- Melbas Fashion
- AMF Bowling Boronia
- Boronia Chiropractic Healthcare
- Kundalini Yoga
- Astor Theatre
- Carlton Football Club
- Robyn Slaney
- Sky High
- Hand Me Downs
- Thai Tables
- Madura Tea
- Kabouchi
- The Basin Theatre Group
- Chesterfield Farm
- Immertime Winery
- Big 4 Holiday Parks
- Personal Best
- Michael Knight Real Estate

To add yours/your company’s donation to this list please contact Ally Airts 0405159461 or at
stix_brix@bigpond.com
LINSEED CRACKERS:

OVEN 190c

1 cup Orgran Gluten free plain flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
2 tblsp linseeds
2 tblsp light olive oil(use home brand)
1/4 cup rice milk

- Mix all ingredients together in a medium mixing bowl until combined and smooth. Use 1 hand to form a dough in the bowl, scraping any extra ingredients up that have fallen away.

- Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Lightly knead until smooth & round.

- Gently roll out the dough in about two motions then sprinkle a little more flour on top, carefully flip/torn the dough over so the floured top is now on the bench surface, lightly flour the surface of the dough and roll out again carefully to about 1cm thickness. You will need to use the side of your hands to help form the edges of a rectangle shape, also helping the dough to stay together. If bits come away, just squidge them back in :) 

- Use a knife to cut lengthways down, then across, transfer pieces to a baking tray lined with baking paper, 1/2cm apart is fine. Bake for about 15-20minutes, OR until they show a nice golden browned colour. Take out of your oven and leave them to cool on the tray. Once cooled, store in an airtight container for up to 1week.

- Makes around 20...or 30 small. Great on their own and of course delish with a dip! :)
Health & PE Week: 14-18 October

As a long time friend of The Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER), The Asthma Foundation of Victoria is encouraging all schools and preschools to get involved in this year’s Health and PE Week. The event is running from the 14th - 18th of October and is a great way to remind all students and staff about the importance of physical activity and exercise for those with asthma.

Blue Dress Day 2013

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria would like to express a very special thanks to the following schools who participated in our National Asthma Week Blue Dress Day activity. Thank you for your support!

Aspendale Primary School
Australian International Academy
Boort District School
Brauer College
Casterton Primary School
Chute Primary School
Donvale Primary School
Hampton Park Secondary College
Holy Eucharist Primary School
Kent Park Primary School
Melrose Primary School
Merino Primary School
St Joseph's Primary School (Malvern)
Sunshine Special Developmental School
West Hawthorn Early Childhood Centre

Tips for PE teachers....

Exercise is a trigger for breathing difficulty in over 50% of people with asthma. Below you will find simple hints on maintaining inclusion of students in physical activities at school and preschool.

- Ensure those with Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) are aware of how to manage asthma when exercising. Such as using their blue/grey reliever medication 5-20 minutes before warming up to prevent asthma symptoms.
- Ensure all students with asthma are encouraged to enrol in physical activities and that barriers to sports are addressed.
- Ensure that concerns about asthma control are communicated to parents/carers, principals or other key school staff.
- Ensure that all PE staff are trained in Emergency Asthma Management, maintaining a good understanding of the condition.
- Is your school currently an Asthma Friendly School? Contact us to find out more.

To find out more contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria:

1800 ASThma (1800 278 462)

www.asthma.org.au

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Air Pollution and Asthma: Time to Clear the Air!

Air pollution can occur in many ways and is known to trigger asthma symptoms in school and preschool students and staff.

Outdoors:

Ozone and nitrogen oxides are pollutants in smog in busy congested areas. Bushfires are also a major contributor to air pollution.

The best way to avoid outdoor air pollution is to stay indoors and close external windows and doors. Schools and preschools in bushfire-prone areas of Victoria should ensure they have a bush fire plan, including management of students and staff with asthma or other respiratory difficulties.

Make sure your schools asthma emergency kit is ready for use at all times, that medication is in date and a spacer is available. Most importantly, do all staff know where the kit is?

Indoors:

Cigarette smoke, formaldehyde/resins (present in many building materials), volatile organic compounds (present in many paints, cleaning agents, floor coverings) are sources of indoor air pollution.

Choose building materials, paints, and furniture that are certified to emit low levels of formaldehyde and volatile organic compounds. Leave windows open after new buildings are constructed and avoid using strong smelling cleaning products when people are at the school.

For more information about air pollution and asthma, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria at www.asthma.org.au or on 1800-ASTHMA (278 462).

Robs Ride for Asthma

While everyone is preparing to celebrate Christmas, the New Year and time with family and friends, Rob Gomm will be embarking on a solo cycling trip on the 19th December from Melbourne to Adelaide and back, to raise $10,000 for asthma. If you live in the Western region of Victoria and are interested in cheering Rob as he rides through your town, please contact Sarah on sfianagan@asthma.org.au or call (03) 9325 7088

Wellbeing and Asthma in 2014

Is your school or preschool due for asthma training next year, or expired during 2013?

Book early using the online 'Education Session Request Form' found in the 'Training' section of our website: www.asthma.org.au.

The Asthma Foundation is proud to announce further support for students with asthma and their parents and carers. In order to improve student health and wellbeing options include:

- After school parent/carer information sessions
- Participation in Health and Wellbeing school events
- Information at parent/carer open days

Contact us for more information.

To find out more contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria:

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PARENTS AND CHILDREN OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
RUTH TERRY OF THE BASIN PRESCHOOL IS RETIRING AT
THE END OF 2013.
The 2013 Committee of Management would like to invite past
students and families of The Basin Preschool to a “Farewell Afternoon
Tea” for Ruth.
This will be on THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER from 3.30-5.30 pm.
There will be some informal speeches at approximately 4.30pm.

Ruth would love to see you all!!!!!

For catering purposes please text Lorraine Chettle on 0417 553 169 if
you are coming.
