**13th February**

**February**
- 13th District Swimming
- 17th School Council
- 18th Interviews
- 19th Ride to School Day
- Prep Family Night
- 28th Red Balloon Day

**March**
- 10th Labour Day
- 12th Aths Trials
- 3/4/5/6
- 17th School Council
- 19th Twilight Sports

**TERM DATES FOR 2014**

**TERM 1**
- 28th January - 4th April

**TERM 2**
- 22nd April - 27th June

**TERM 3**
- 14th July - 19th September

**TERM 4**
- 6th October - 19th December

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**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent / Teacher interviews are being conducted this term on Tuesday 18th of February commencing at 2:00pm through to 8:00pm. Notices were distributed on Tuesday with details of the interview process and interview times. 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. This first interview is a great opportunity for parents to meet their child’s 2104 class teacher to discuss matters of mutual interest and to ensure that the year is a most successful experience for all involved. Interview times will be sent home this Friday.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2014**

Do you want to be involved in the school and feel like you’ve made a difference? Each year four parent and two staff vacancies occur on School Council as current members complete their two year term. Notice of the School Council Election Schedule is as follows-

Monday 10th February: Call for nominations
Friday 21st February: Nominations close
Monday 24th February: All candidates and nominators will then be posted.
Tuesday 25th February: If nominations exceed the number of vacancies a ballot papers will be distributed
Monday 10th March: Declaration of Ballot
Monday 17th March: First School Council Meeting 2014

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.
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Thank you to the majority of parents who have acted quickly and signed up to receive our newsletter via our webpage www.thebasinps.vic.edu.au/ Parents who received newsletters by email in 2013 were all sent two emails - one last Thursday and a second on Friday morning, with a request to sign up via our website. Hard copies of our newsletter will only be distributed to families without access to the internet. Please notify the office if that is the case. The Basin PS website has a great deal of information for parents and families in addition to the newsletter.

UPDATING MEDICAL INFORMATION
It is important for families to consider any changed medical needs of their children and ensure that we have up to date records regarding asthma, anaphylaxis, allergies or other conditions that may impact on the children at school. Please contact the office to discuss these or any other related medical notifications.

STUDENT ILLNESS AND ACCIDENTS
At this time early in the school year it is a good idea to remind parents about the necessity to keep us up to date with phone numbers and emergency contact details. If your child is ill at school, or suffers an accident, then staff will give immediate care and appropriate first aid. However, it is necessary on occasions to contact parents and we are often frustrated by out of date information that delays this process. Please make sure you notify the office of any changes to your Emergency Contact details. Obviously in extreme cases we may also deem it necessary to call an ambulance before consulting parents and you need to be aware of this. Please also keep the office informed of any change in medical issues faced by your children as this helps us to make the best choices for their welfare.

Parents and guardians should also be aware that they are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any ambulance transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) does not hold accident insurance for school students.

WHAT IS QUICKSMART MATHS?
In QuickSmart Maths, students work with the tutor in pairs for three 30 minute sessions per week. Each session includes activities to develop both speed and accuracy of response to sets of basic number facts. The aim is for immediate, automatic response to these basic number facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). QuickSmart Maths is program firmly based on research into brain function. It is designed to free up students’ working memory, helping them to become faster and more confident in recalling basic number facts. This in turn, allows them to focus on more challenging mathematical problems. Up to 12 Grade 5&6 students each year have participated in this program with great results.

READING LAB
Last year we visited a school to see firsthand a Literacy support program designed to assist students achieve improved results. We successfully trialed this program with a handful of students in 2013 and as a result we are implementing it from Prep - Grade 4 in 2014. The students are referred to the program by their classroom teacher. The program is very structured and provides students with individual support with all aspects of their literacy. In addition, the reading tasks are tailored to the individual students. The students attend the program every day for approximately 40 minutes. They read, learn sight words and complete a spelling and comprehension activity. Classroom teachers will work closely with our staff and parents who will be implementing this program. All students that enter the program remain on the program until they have reached the year level benchmark or beyond.
RED BALLOON DAY

The Basin Primary School is participating in the National ‘RED BALLOON DAY’ to support all CFA firefighters but in particular our local Basin CFA. On Friday 28th February the children will be tying a red balloon to our boundary fence in recognition of the amazing job the CFA do in protecting us all and our homes. A gold coin donation on the day is requested from every child to support this initiative. All proceeds will be sent to The Basin CFA.

Graeme Russell

On Friday 28th February The Basin Primary will say Thank you to The Basin Fire Brigade. We will be asking for a Gold coin donation to wear red to school and the kids will be given a Red "THANK YOU FIREYS" Balloon to tie to the School fence to raise money on National Red Balloon Day

all proceeds go directly to The Basin CFA

for More information and to further support National Red Balloon Day
please visit www.nationalredballoonday.com
PUPIL OF THE WEEK
WEEK 3 ENDING 14TH FEBRUARY, 2014

PB
Oliver Lindner - for your wonderful contributions during our letter sounds brainstorming. Well done!

PE
Eva Wigney - for great diary writing and a very detailed picture. Well done Eva!
Ewan Massie - for putting lots of care and effort into all his work. Awesome job Ewan. 😊

PH
Lewis Healy - quietly working on our 3 little monkeys activity

PW
James Lock - for putting in a fantastic effort during Performing Arts this week. Keep it up Jem!
Charlie Redfern - for his brilliant work tracing, writing and decorating the number 3.

1D
Millie Pollock - for reading so smoothly. Great effort

1M
Rex Wright - for settling well in to The Basin Primary School and showing a great attitude.

1/2D
Connor Nunziate - for taking great care with all his work in Grade 1. Awesome Connor!

2S
Lillian Cochrane - for her amazing illustration of her Foxzaler

2W
Xavier Leather - for writing thoughtful sentences in a recount about his fun weekend.

3H
Constanze Hau - for her mature and responsible attitude in class this week. Great work!

3L
Bailey Thomas - for being a friendly and helpful class member.

3/4B
4B Jarvis Dodds for settling in to his new school with a positive attitude.

5C

5M
Toby Ayliffe - for making good choices when working in the classroom. Keep up the improvements!

5/6H
Harry Evans - for his excellent consistent effort towards all his work. Keep it up!

5/6R
India Phillips - for being a hard worker and completing tasks with a positive attitude.
The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep: Rhyleigh Robertson—for being a caring friend when others in class needed during our first week of school.

Grade 1: Tamika Willoughby—for co-operating well and always being there when her friends need her.

Grade 2: Wil Stephens—for displaying great values by being honest and treating others fairly.

Grade 3: Simone Martin for always using her manners.

Grade 4: Tyson Wright—for displaying bravery in reading and spelling.

Grade 5: Brad Mayfield—for working co-operatively with his peers and being a respectful and caring friend.

Grade 6: Jasmine Woolley—for her reflective thinking about respectful behaviour in leadership.

BounceBack!
SPORTS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thurs 13th Feb – District Swimming Carnival at Knox Leisure Works 12.30-2.30

Wed 12th March – Athletics Trials at school 9.00-1.30 – Grades 3/4/5/6

Wed 19th March – Twilight Athletics Night

Tues 29th April – District Athletics Sports

Wed 7th May – House Cross Country Event 9.30 -1.30

Fri 23rd May – District Cross Country at Knox Park 12.00 – 2.30p.m.

TBA – Division Cross Country

Wed 4th June – Gr 5/6 Winter Sport Round Robin No.1

Tues 17th June – Region Cross Country Yarra Valley Racecourse

Thurs 19th June – Gr 5/6 Winter Sport Round Robin No.2

Wed 6th Aug – District Basketball Day at Kent Park PS

Fri 5th Sep – Gr 5/6 Summer Sport Round Robin No.1

Thurs 9th Oct – Division Athletics Knox Aths track

Thurs 16th Oct - Regional Athletics Nunawading Aths Track

Tues 21st Oct – Gr 5/6 Summer Sport Round Robin No.2

Mon 1st Dec – Fri 12th Dec Whole School Swimming Program

(Grade 3/4 Hooptime and Grade 5/6 Hooptime - date to be confirmed)

Dale Goldsmith
Physical Education and Sport
Prep Family Fun Night!

We are holding a Prep Family Fun Night for all of our Prep students and their families. This is a fun, informal and relaxing evening for all involved. Please see below for details.

**When:** Wednesday the 19th of February 5:30pm - 7pm.

**Where:** Outside the gym and on the Junior Side playground.

**What:** We will be playing games, singing songs and having a sausage sizzle.

**Why:** For our Prep parents to get to know each other and for our Prep students to have a fun night out!

**Who:** All our Preps and their families.

For catering purposes, please complete the reply slip below and return this to your child’s teacher ASAP.

Also, if you are able to assist us with the cooking and cleaning of the barbeque on the night this would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate if you are able to assist below.

We hope to see you all for a great night!

_____________________________________________________

Family name: ______________________ Number of people attending: ☐

☐ We will be coming to the Prep Family Fun Night.

☐ We will not be coming to the Prep Family Fun Night.

☐ YES, I ____________________ am able to assist with the cooking and cleaning of the barbeque.

Email: ________________________________

Contact phone number: ______________________
2014
PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

LUNCHTIME (1:40-2:30) in the MPR

MONDAY
SENIOR CHORUS (5/6 STUDENTS)

TUESDAY
SENIOR SCHOOL DANCE
(5/6 students Term 1/2 DanceFair season)

WEDNESDAY
WAKAKIRRI (SENIOR SCHOOL)

THURSDAY
SCHOOL CHOIR

FRIDAY
JUNIOR and MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE
(Every fortnight session one P/1/2 and session two 3/4)

...PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN...
F U N  R U N

Some people love to RUN, while others see the word RUN and the last word they associate with it is FUN. Which one are you? No matter how you see it, you can be involved in a FUN morning of either RUNNING or WALKING.

MARCH 1st

Options available are:
Run 6km, 11km or 16km
Walk 6km
Relay Teams 16km

There are several age categories and awards for each event.

You can simply register and participate or raise some funds for the school by getting sponsors.

THE COURSE

The event starts and finishes at Kilsyth South Baptist Church, 382 Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth South. The course follows Liverpool Rd, Chandler Rd, then uses the walking track alongside the Dandenong Creek.

There are three drink stations on the course and one at the end. Marshals are positioned at each road underpass, and at other strategic points along the track. St Johns Ambulance staff are in attendance and the event is monitored by Victoria Police. Approval is obtained from Knox City Council and Maroondah City Council.

Further information, entry and sponsorship forms can be downloaded at www.kbsc.org.au
Further enquires contact David on 9726 6481.

Hosted by Kilsyth South Baptist Church

P U P I L  O F  T H E  W E E K  E N D I N G  7 T H  F E B R U A R Y  2 0 1 4
School Banking Tuesdays

We started back this week and it was great to see so many of you remembered. Was also fantastic to add a few new bankers to our program.

This year the Dollarmites treasure is hidden in the Deep Sea so be on the lookout for your School Banking pack which will be sent home today.

The new rewards are fantastic, so don’t forget to keep your rewards card in a safe place, ready to order when you have saved 10 tokens.

For more details or to set up a school banking account please contact Jacqui Nicholls School Banking Coordinator at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com or on 0417145971 or you can see me Tuesday mornings in the staff room between 9:30-10:30. Happy Saving Everyone!
Program Update

Welcome
We would like to welcome all the new children and their families to our program. A special welcome to all the new Prep children. This year we also have some children from Heritage Collage in The Basin attending the program.

Bookings for 2014
Please remember to go online and re book for 2014. Your bookings from last year do not automatically roll over. Also please check your enrolment details and ensure that they are current. You may have different work numbers, home address etc. Also check your emergency contacts (someone we can contact in an emergency if we cannot contact you) are current.

Fire Risk – Code Red Day Closures
The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) have identified our OSHClub program to be in an area at higher risk of bushfire for this season and as such have listed us on the 2013-14 Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). This means that we are required to close as precautionary measure on days determined to be Code Red in this region due to our inclusion on the BARR. If you would like more information we can provide you with a copy of the DEECD newsletter.

Hats and Sunscreen
Children need to have a Sunsmart hat to wear. It does not have to be a school hat as long as it is sun smart.

We provide Coles Brand sunscreen but please provide your own if your child is unable to use this brand or you prefer them to have their own.

St Bernadette’s Pupil Free Day Monday 19th March,
OSHClub will run a Full day program if we have 15 children. Please book in online by Tuesday 1 March

New Friends Ryan and Ava.

Baxter with the sun he made.
Next Week’s Activities - Australian Animals

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: Coordinator: Jean Bellis/Leah Halls Assistants: Di, Krystle, Shazan, Alisha 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.

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THE BAYSWATER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

PLAYERS WANTED FOR THE 2014 SEASON
APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2014

OUR MISSION at the Bayswater Junior Football Club is to provide the opportunity to the children and youth of our local community to learn, develop skills and participate in the game of Australian Rules football, at an affordable cost to all families.

OUR GOAL is to have a safe, friendly and supportive environment where players, parents, families and friends are encouraged to develop a sense of belonging, team spirit and sportsmanship.

Catering for boys and girls between seven to seventeen years of age.

GIRLS WELCOME! Following the success of our Under 12 Girls 2013 Team, there will be an Under 13 Girls Team in 2014.

RE-INTRODUCING AN UNDER 11s Team in 2014. All new players to the 2014 Under 11s will receive free registration, free uniform, free club bag and football!

2014 Registration Day
Sunday, 16th February 2014
11am – 2pm

Bayswater Junior Football Club
Mountain Highway, Bayswater (Midway Ref 64 F3)

For more information or to pre-register, please contact:
President: Sharyn Maggs 0412 208 167  Register: Bev Dawber 0401 306 290

With thanks to Screen Printing Reuville for their continued support of the BJFC.
$25 Valentines Day Flower Bunches
The Basin Fruit Market
Friday 14th February.

Blackburn High School conducts a highly sought-after High Achievers’ Program for very able students.
The explicit teaching of thinking skills guides students' intellectual development to enable them to rigorously investigate, explore and challenge the ideas and actions of philosophers, writers, social thinkers, mathematicians and scientists.
Parents interested in finding out more about the program are cordially invited to attend our Information Night.

Information Night
Tuesday 4 March, 2014
Blackburn High School
Commences at 7.00pm

Dates for Selection Exams
held at Blackburn High School
Wednesday 26 March, 2014
2:00pm for 2:30pm start
Examination finishes at 5.30pm

OR
Saturday 29 March, 2014
8:30am for 9:00am start
Examination finishes at 12 noon

Download the Application Form
@ www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au

60 Springfield Road, Blackburn Vic 3130 | T (+61 3) 8804 6464

JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY
SUNDAY, FEB 23rd February, 2014
Come to the club any time between 10.00am and 12.00pm
to sign up for Season 2014.
There are limited places available for registration
& 17s (1997/98).
Enjoy a sausage and a drink with your coach and team mates.
Don't wait until footy season because our teams fill fast !!!

Batterham Reserve, Miller Rd, Boronia
Junior President: Ian Bell 0418 573 378
Junior Registrar Lara Ferguson - 0437 336 172
Knox Schools Expo 2014

Thursday 13 March
6.45-8.45pm

Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy
Wantirna South 3152

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2015/16, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead.

A guest speaker and Q&A session provide the audience with an opportunity to explore/discuss critical factors when selecting a secondary school, and representatives from every Secondary School in Knox have been invited to attend, providing parents/guardians with an opportunity to have initial contact with a variety of schools.

For more information about the Knox Schools Expo, contact Angela Thurbon, Knox Youth Services, t: 9298 8533, or e: angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker, Knox Youth Services t: 9298 8308 or e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au.

Bookings are not required 😊
The Basin Primary School Absence Note

Name of Student: ____________________________________________

Grade: -------------- Date/s of absence/s: ------------------------

My child was absent due to: -------------------------------------

Signed: ------------------ Date: ----------------------------------