**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**WEBPAGE**

Our new webpage has finally been launched and we are very pleased. We have worked closely with SponsorEd to both update and provide information on our new webpage. There are still sections to be completed but the site has many future possibilities like parents being able to book concert tickets and parent teacher interview times. We would encourage parents to visit our new site, shortly you will be able to subscribe to our newsletter via a link, we will let you know when this feature is available. In the future we will be phasing out hard copies of the newsletter moving forwards into the digital future. Many thanks to Sarah Wallace and Liana Kerlin who undertook the necessary training in order to update information on the site and to Karyn Mitchell for the great photography work we have added.

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**

Thank you to all the families who have participated in this fundraising drive! We still have spare boxes that need selling. If you can help extra boxes are available from the office. Could all money from the chocolate sales please be returned to school as soon as possible?

**PARENT OPINION SURVEYS**

Thank you to the parents who have recently returned their Parent Opinion Survey on ‘How Our School Is Going’. These surveys were sent home to families randomly selected by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) last week and should now have been returned to school. Once collated these are returned to DEECD who analyse our parents’ perception of things that might be going well and things where we can still improve. These results will be communicated back to the community next term, following discussion at School Council. If you were sent one of these surveys and have not yet had a chance to complete this, could you please return the survey by next Monday 19th August if you wish to have an input? As always, I remind parents that my door is open as feedback is important to us in our endeavour to continually improve our school.

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RETURNING NOTICES
Our school regularly sends home multiple notices and/or makes late phone calls to parents for their child to participate in scheduled excursions, incursions and special lunches. We need your help to improve this situation. Just think of the trees we would save if multiple notices were not required? Being organised and on time are qualities of successful people and it is never too late to start. We would appreciate your help to rectify this growing trend.

CURRICULUM DAY
A final reminder to all parents that tomorrow is a Pupil Free Curriculum Day. Our staff will be working on the new AusVels curriculum and our Grade P-2 staff will be visiting Dandenong North PS in the morning to learn more about their successful literacy program.

YEAR 6 to 7 TRANSITION
Monday is a much anticipated day for the majority of our Grade 6 students as they receive confirmation about their 2013 secondary school placements. Over the previous few years our graduating students head off to between 10-15 different schools.

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 16th August.
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

Happy Birthday to the following students:

August
11th Jake Bleakney
14th Tarj Nicholls
          Jaxon Faulkner-Holdsworth
15th Lara Young
          Taylor Callaway
          Sonia Curson
          Olivia Curson
          Hayden Rodda
16th Ashley Wittman
### PUPIL OF THE WEEK
#### WEEK ENDING 9th AUGUST, 2013

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<td>Jordan Brooke - for a terrific recount on the 1931 A Model Ford vintage car. Well done!</td>
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<td>Everyone - For welcoming Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Pagnin into 4S while Mrs Stock has been away.</td>
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<td>Seth Raistrick - For his excellent leadership skills when working with the younger students. Keep up the great work.</td>
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<td>Deena El-Shabasei - for always approaching her work in a creative and detailed manner.</td>
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Science Day

This week is National Science Week. Today at The Basin Primary School we had a whole school Science Day. The children were mixed into multi age groups, and participated in 5 different science experiments. The teachers have thought hard and come up with a range of Science and Technology experiments for the children to enjoy. These ranged from – fizzy drinks, bubbles, parachutes, lava lamps, science of sound, electrical circuits, magnetics, balloon expansion and the much loved Ooblec! The school was abuzz with excitement and wonder today. It was a fun day!

STAY COOL AT SCHOOL THIS SUMMER!

Win an iPad mini for yourself and a CommBank Marquee for your school, just by depositing into your school banking account.

Simply bank at school between 12th August & 13th September 2013 and you’ll automatically be entered. The more times you bank - the more chances you’ll have to win - HOW COOL’S THAT!

This competition is for local schools! Someone has to win and it could be YOU!

For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialist, Kath Penny on 0422 116 035
BOUNCEBACK PROGRAM
In 2012 the staff of TBPS introduced ‘Bounceback’ - a Resilience Program which is designed to empower students to cope with the ups and downs of everyday life. This program is based on the core values of being honest, fair, responsible, kind, co-operative, being different, being friendly and respecting self and others. So far this year we have made various displays throughout the school to increase awareness in the school community and classes have begun lessons on the core values of honesty and being fair. We will acknowledge these Core Values in assemblies each week in the form of a ‘Bounceback’ Pupil of the Week award and will continue to teach the program throughout 2013 and beyond. Please feel free to discuss the program with your child and any questions may be directed to your class teacher.

THE BOUNCEBACK ACRONYM

B: Bad times don’t last. Things get better.
O: Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
U: Unhelpful thinking makes you more upset.
N: Nobody is perfect - not you and not others.
C: Concentrate on the positives no matter how small and laugh.
E: Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes. They are a normal part of life.
B: Blame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others, to bad luck or circumstances?
A: Accept what can’t be changed (but change what you can first).
C: Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don’t believe the worst possible picture.
K: Keep things in perspective. It’s only part of your life.
The Country Fair
Saturday 26th October 2013 10am-3pm
10 Weeks to Go!!

Trivia: A haunted attraction is a form of entertainment that simulates the experience of entering a haunted location that might be inhabited by ghosts, monsters, criminals, serial killers, or humorous characters. Haunted attractions can take place in many locations, including dilapidated homes, abandoned asylums, old prisons, ships, boats, run down grocery stores, semi-trucks, factories, shopping malls, fields, farms, and parks

The Basin Primary School
Please help us raise money!
Just $15 - Family or Kids Portrait with a Timber Frame
Get your 10"x13" portrait from Vision
Portraits for only $15 here on Saturday 14th of September 2013

You can view all images straight after your photography session. High resolution digital images can be purchased on this day! To book, print & complete voucher below and hand into office with $15. Or, collect a flyer from the office.

*One booking per family. *Vouchers without $15 are not confirmed bookings

Please contact Marquita Telford on 0407 561 492 for session time assistance

Bookings Close Friday September 6th 2013- First in best dressed! Don't miss out!

T&Cs- $15.00 booking entitles you to choose one image to be printed for your 10X13 Fundraising Portrait
One Booking per Family and each person can only appear in one $15.00 Photo but can appear in additional poses
The Offer can be for your family or just kids (No individual Adults couples or pets
Please choose carefully as there are no refunds for change of mind

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

Next Meeting is Tuesday 20th August 7:30pm in Staff Room. All Welcome
Our next meeting is a night meeting. We know quite a few of you are wanting to get in to have your say or offer your help, especially the fathers out there that work during the day.
Please take advantage of this night time meeting, come and meet us and share in our excitement and planning of the day.
New Donations This Week

- Chesterfield Farm – 2 Family Passes
- Caribbean Rollerama – Discount Vouchers

Our continued thanks 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
- Bargain Books
- Laughter for living yoga
- AMF bowling Boronia
- Boronia Chiropractic
  Healthcare Centre
- The Basin Post Office
- Knox Leisure works
- Australia Zoo
- Motorbike city
- Yarra Valley Railway
- Choice Cakes
- Hawthorn Football Club
- Hogsbreath Café
- Melbourne Lighting and
  Design
- Jacqui’s Card Classes
- Brita
- Flemington
- Robyn Slaney
- York on Lilydale
- Melbourne Taekwondo
  Centre
- Seasol
- Mars (Masterfoods)
- Dairy Bell Ice Cream
- Melways
- Tinkers
- Dolce Body
- Conni
- The Beleura House and
  Gardens
- Yarra Valley
- Wonderland Fun Park
- Enchanted Maze
- Roller City Bayswater
- Geelong Adventure park
- Wetlands Golf ‘n’ Games
- Melbourne Parkview Hotel
- Carlton Football Club
- Astor Theatre
- Stuffers
- Ashdene
- Geelong Football Club
- Puffing Billy
- Erins Headquarters
- Kilsyth Club
- Kubochi Hair
- Banksia
- Sky High
- Immerse Winery
- Riot Art and Craft
- Jacksons Hardware
- The Cuckoo
- Metro Cinemas
- Starshots Photography
- Montania
- Creative Dreams
- Mad About Pets
- Defi Surf and Skate
- Pannys Chocolate world
- Gee
- Fernwood Ferntree Gully
- Crocs play Centre
- Melbas Fashion
- Mansfield Zoo
- Kundalini Yoga vouchers
- Melbourne Victory
- Pie in the Sky
- Hand Me Down
- Bendigo Tramway
- My Beauty Boutique
- Thai Tables
- Eve Tyrrell
- B Gorgeous Hair and Beauty
- The Glen Cameron Group
- Zagames
- Beaver Swim School

To add yours/your company’s donation to this list please contact Ally Airs on 0405159461 or at stix_brix@bigpond.com
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

The Basin Primary School Pupil Free Day – Friday 16th August
The Basin Primary School has a Pupil Free Day on this Friday and OSHClub will be running a full day program. To enrol for the day go to the OSHClub website and book in under ASC. Children attending on the day will need to bring Morning and Afternoon snacks and lunch. The theme for the day will be Outer Space and we have lots of exciting activities planned. We will also be cooking something yummy to eat for afternoon tea.

Please note that Before and After School Care will run as normal for students from ST Bernardette’s.

Farewell
Jessica who has been a member of the OSHClub staff at The Basin this year is leaving her full time position with us. We will all be sad to see her leave but the good news is that she will still be working on Wednesdays with us. Thank you Jess for everything and we wish you all the best.

Welcome
Leah Halls who we all know and who filled in as Coordinator while Jean was on holidays will take on the role of permanent assistant.
We would also like to welcome Kathryn as a casual to our staff team.

Cookery Club
This week’s recipe was Oat Slice
You will need: - 250g butter, 2 cups quick oats, ¾ cup coconut, 1 dessert spoon golden syrup, ¾ cup raw sugar
1. Melt the butter, sugar and golden syrup in the microwave stirring gently.
2. Add oats and coconut and combine.
3. Press in to a greased slice tray and bake for 25-30 minutes at 180 degrees. Cut while still warm.

RSPCA Cupcake Day
Next Wednesday and Thursday we will be selling Cup cakes to raise funds for the ASPCA. Children will be making and decorating cupcakes during the week and will be able to bring 50cents along to buy a cupcake. Parents will also be able to purchase cup cakes.

The Basin Fire Brigade Visit
The children and staff would like to say a huge thank you to The Basin CFA for coming to visit us at the Program last Thursday. The Children had a great time learning about what to do if there is a fire and getting to see the truck. It was a special time for Harriet as her Dad was one of volunteer firemen.

Next Week’s Activities :- Colours

Monday: - Green turtles, slime and crocodiles
Tuesday: - Yellow sand paintings, flowers and ducks
Wednesday: - Blue sea and sky and dioramas, blueberry pancakes for breakfast, blue woolly its.
Thursday: - Red cars, birds
Friday: - colours of the rainbow, anything goes

Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0428 162 718
Coordinator: Jean Bells
Assistants: Leah, Jessica, Kathryn
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.