It is with very mixed feelings that I announce to our school community that Jan Brookes is retiring at the end of this year. Jan has taught at The Basin PS for 22 years and remembers feeding the cows with her students in the paddocks behind the school. She can’t be that old! Jan is highly respected both in our school community and outside in our network of government schools and kindergartens. She will be sadly missed. Perhaps over time we can encourage her to join our emergency teaching group! I conduct many Prep tours and more often than you would think, some parents proudly inform me that they are ex students and they all fondly remember Mrs Brookes. Shortly we will commence plans to celebrate Jan’s teaching career.

On a different note we have recently advertised two teaching positions—one to replace Jan (how can we do that!) and the second because our 2014 Prep enrolment is currently 63. Knox Council data states that The Basin has the largest birth rate in the Knox Council area—Hmmm!

We are all very excited about our upcoming Country Fair, no more than the children. I heard yesterday quite a few have been busy completing jobs at home collecting pocket money for the Fair. Right from the first meeting the goal was to attract visitors from outside our school community to help raise funds for much needed shade sails for our playgrounds.

So many parents have been working hard behind the scenes to make this event successful. At yesterday’s meeting we learnt there will be over 70 stall holders including our own school stalls. We have received bucket loads of donations which have been made up into 110 hampers for the silent auction. We have also received many high valued donations for the live auction including a signed Hawthorn poster, trampoline, a ‘Michael Hussey’ signed cricket bat, swimming lessons, etc.

There will be so much to do and see including an animal farm, pony rides, giant slide, jumping castle, free art activities, over 70 stalls, a CFA fire truck, games, a cake stall and Devonshire tea, food stalls, show bags and plenty more. We have many groups performing and providing entertainment throughout the day including our own choirs and dance teams, many local groups and several secondary students from local schools. We are grateful for their support.
COUNTRY FAIR VOLUNTEERS

A volunteer list was sent home requesting help from parents in many areas on the day. We have received many offers of help but there are still jobs to fill. If you can spare an hour or two your help will be very much appreciated so please return your volunteer form! MANY HANDS DO MAKE LIGHT WORK!

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

If you have any information based on Educational grounds 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.

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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This morning 4 of our staff are attending a special PD being held at the new Eastern Ranges School for children with autism on the old Ferntree Gully Secondary site in Dorset Road. More and more children are being diagnosed with autism and we need to learn more about helping these children. I found an interesting quote from clinical psychologist Richard Eisenmajer – ‘Kids with autism have a double curriculum — they’re not at school just for work, socialising is an extra curriculum for them. Recess and lunch aren’t a rest for them, its extra work. I look forward to these four staff members reporting back at our next staff meeting.

CURRICULUM DAY

Parents are reminded that our next and last Pupil Free Curriculum Day for the year is on Monday 4th November. The Melbourne Cup public holiday falls on the Tuesday 5th November so school will resume in that week on Wednesday 6th November.

WORKING BEE

As advertised in last week’s newsletter Andrew Caulfield is coordinating a very important Working Bee this Saturday between 9am & 12noon in preparation for our Country Fair the following Saturday. We would like to present our grounds in the best possible way for all the visitors that will be coming next Saturday. Refreshments will be provided at 12 noon.

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 25th 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
13th Martha Bone
14th Jack Watt
16th Kade Terure
16th Travis Hillier
17th Claire Dobson
17th Charlotte Dobson
19th Jordan Winsor
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<td>Rose Cox - always keeping her work well presented</td>
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<td>Blake Rule - for taking the time to be more accurate with punctuation when writing. Keep it up Blake! Simone Martin - for her fabulous participation in the Chess Victoria State Final for Primary School Girls. What an awesome achievement Simone!</td>
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<td>Brodie Prescott - for his great adding of coins to equal one dollar.</td>
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<td>Jessica Hill - for her improved attitude in class and with her reading lately. Well done Jess.</td>
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<td>Max Morrison - for the awesome effort he is making with his writing. Very proud of you Max!</td>
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<td>Tarni Mays - completing all set tasks to an excellent standard this week.</td>
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<td>Kane Yeomans - for his commitment to completing all tasks diligently. India - for her application to completing the maths project. Jaxon Mitchell - for his interesting newspaper article about his holiday in Perth. Patrick Dunne - for being a thoughtful caring friend.</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep:

Grade 1:
To all the 1/2D Grade 1s (and 2s)—for understanding how the Rainbow Fish felt before and after he shared his scales!

Grade 2:
Emily Fox—for sharing a story from her Kinder days which showed her great ability to BOUNCEBACK!

Grade 3:
Evan Cribb—for always continuing to make the most of situations and encouraging his peers.

Grade 4:
Callum Moore—for being resilient when things don’t always go your own way.

Grade 5:

Grade 6:

BounceBack!
The Roller-coaster Ride

Forrest Gump said ‘Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what your gonna get’. I’ve always likened life more like the roller-coaster ride; it has its ups, downs, twists and turns. As I reflect on my own life, these different events come to mind. The high of becoming a Dad and being at the birth of my three children, to the low of my own Father not wanting to be involved in my life. The high of scoring a century in my 200th game for my cricket club, to the low of losing a Grand Final after being on top of the ladder all year.

This week our focus as part of the ‘Bounceback’ program at the school is Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes. They are a normal part of life.

A setback in life can knock you around and some hit harder than others but know you’re not alone; they are a normal part of life and can provide an opportunity to build a stronger resilience and personal character.

Richard
School Chaplain
PASSIONFRUIT CAKE:

OVEN 190c

In a medium mixing bowl combine;

1/3 cup wholemeal spelt flour.....(health shop)
1 tsp baking powder
1/3 cup desiccated coconut
1/2 cup almond meal

Whisk together in a small mixing bowl;

1 small egg

4 ripe passionfruit...(choose heavy feeling fruit)
1/4 cup light olive oil
1/2 cup Meredith sheep milk yogurt, green label...(Go Vita health shop)...or use Plain yogurt

Method

- Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and pour in the whisked ingredients.

- Mix in all ingredients using a spatula or spoon.

- Line an 8 inch round cake tin with baking paper and pour in cake mixture.

- Bake for around 20 minutes, cake will rise a little, turn a nice golden brown and be deliciously fragrant.

- Take out of the oven and let cake sit in the tin for 2-5 minutes. Carefully turn out onto a cake rack and gently peel away the baking paper. May stick a little so patience is required. The taste is light and yummy so that will make up for it! :)

- Once cooled store in an air tight container for up to 4 days in the fridge. Enjoy! :)

NOTE- Meredith yogurt is from Meredith Dairy in Vic. The cultures in this yogurt are twice as nutritious and tastes better than other yogurts on the market. The natural cultures found in sheep milk yogurt are more beneficial for people who find it hard to digest from cow, soy or even goats milk yogurt. It is thicker and creamier, thus wonderful to add to sweet and savoury recipes. OR, in a bowl with a sprinkle of ground cinnamon and your favourite fruit chopped up.

Organic fruit shops and some health stores supply it, check it out and try it for yourself!
Program Update

Our theme over the next few weeks will be gardens and plants. Last week we made mini gardens and looked at some of the creatures we find in gardens. This week we have started to plant seeds. Some of these will be coming home while others will stay at school so that we can watch them grow and hopefully eat some of the herbs and vegetables. We have also been learning some new card games, new cards tricks and new things to make using the Cat’s Cradle string.

SunSMART Time-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. OSHClub Policy is No Hat – No Play. If we have all the children outside those without hats will be sitting in the shade of the large tree near the playground.

Cookery Club – Easy Cheese Scones

2 cups self raising Flour  1 cup milk  ½ cup grated cheese
Place all the ingredients in a container with a firm lid. Shake for a few minutes till contents are combined. Put out onto a floured surface and knead till smooth. Roll out and cut into circles. Bake in a 200 degree oven for 10-12 minutes.

Cancellations

IF your child is booked in to attend after school but will not be attending please remember to ring the program and cancel their booking. This is really important as any child who is on our list and does not come means that staff needs to spend time locating that child. If possible try to ring After School Care cancellations in by 9.00am so that we know how many staff we will need for the afternoon. If your child goes home early from school on a day they are booked in to After School Care please let us know they will not be attending.

Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0428 162 718
Coordinator: Jean Bellis
OSHClub Head Office: 03 8564 9000

Assistants This week: Lynda, Jessica, Kathryn
www.oshclub.com.au
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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<td>Prune hedges on junior side</td>
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<td>Mulching - garden bed around BER (new building)</td>
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<td>-garden bed near art room</td>
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<td>-around large gum tree near the junior playground</td>
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<td>Weeding - all garden beds</td>
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<td>Clearance of leaves around the art room</td>
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<td>Pruning of branches from trees (to 4ft off ground)</td>
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<td>Whipper snipping – around school boundaries, kiss’n’drop zone and BER building</td>
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<td>Tree branch removal removal from around prep building</td>
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<td>General sweeping of paths and walkways</td>
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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)
THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Congratulations to the Chess Club members who participated in the Victoria Chess Club Finals over the last couple of weeks. We are so extremely proud of your efforts in competing in the tournaments against some very challenging opponents.

The Basin Primary School had 5 boys make it through to the semi-finals. Last Thursday, Ashwin, Evan, James E, Daniel M and Travis travelled to Billanook Collage along with over one hundred other boys from across the state to compete in 7 games of chess. All the boys were terribly excited and had an excellent day. They won some of their games, drew others and unfortunately were not successful in continuing through to the next finals.

Simone travelled to Lauriston Girls School on Tuesday this week and competed in the Girls Finals. She competed against girls who were a number of years older than her. She was nervous and also excited about the tournament. She had a wonderful time on the day and looks forward to competing again next year. Simone won one match and drew 2 of her matches. A fantastic effort.

Well done again to all the achievements of our Chess Club finalists. You have achieved some excellent results to be proud of. We are!

Amy Hillier
THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Chess club has been a very successful program during these past terms. Students have learnt a great deal about castling, dominating the centre of the board, electric fence, chess hugging and point scoring. Last term we were even able to compete in a chess tournament against other schools. During which we had 5 players progress into the semi-finals, and 1 into the finals. A top effort!

Northern Star Chess will again run lessons over Friday lunch times at a cost of $42.00 for 7 lessons per student. With swimming lessons running throughout lunchtime, this terms chess club will run for 7 sessions.

“We, at Northern Star Chess, believe chess is a rare activity that engages children in a game, while helping them to develop thinking skills and habits that will be useful to them in all parts of their education and lives.”

Amy Hillier and Graeme Russell

My child ____________________________ will be / will not be returning to Chess Club in term 4.

I would like to begin Chess Club ☐

Parents Name ___________________ Signature __________________
The Basin Primary School Country Fair
Saturday 26th October 2013
10am to 3pm
Cnr Liverpool Rd & Mountain Hwy
The Basin
Email: thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com
As the Country Fair draws closer we need you to put up your hand and help where you can. Please choose a time and position where you prefer, we have 3 major sections where we will need help, choose one or more, your choice. **Please return to office**

Name/s: ___________________________  Children/ren Grade and Names: ___________________________

Contact Number: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________

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| Silent Auction    | 9am-10.30am | 10.30am-12noon | 12noon-1.30pm | 1.30pm-3p |
| Live Auction      |            |              |              |           |
| Plant Stall       |            |              |              |           |
| Grounds           |            |              |              |           |
| Site Tent/ Rides Tickets | | | | |

Rosters will be sent home during the week prior to the fair with the coordinator contact details.

If you have any questions about volunteering please contact thebasinscountryfair@gmail.com or Phone Marquita 0407561492 or Jacqui 0417145971
PUPIL OF THE WEEK—11th OCTOBER 2013
Milo in2cricket Have-A-Go Program for boys and girls - Preps to Grade 2

Friday nights 5.00pm to 6.00pm at Batterham Park Reserve, Miller Road, The Basin

Rego night 25th October 2013 6pm. 1st session Fri 8th November 2013 5pm.

10 week season, 6 sessions before Christmas, 4 after Christmas! FREE SUPPER provided at each session Cost of $70 includes cricket pack from Cricket Victoria

For further enquiries please e-mail Helen at hlsanders@optusnet.com.au or phone 0425 803 845