20th February

February
28th Red Balloon Day

March
10th Labour Day
12th Aths Trials
3/4/5/6
17th School Council
18th 1/2 Lego excursion
19th Ride to School Day
1/2 Lego excursion
Twilight Sports
26th 5/6 Ballarat exc.

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

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

2014 STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
It is with great pleasure that I officially announce to the School Community the following student Leadership positions for this year -

SCHOOL CAPTAINS - Zoe Keltie and Bin Zinnow

HOUSE CAPTAINS -

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JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL CAPTAINS -
Darcy MacDonald | Deena El-Shabasei

ICT CAPTAINS -
Lachlan Kennedy | Hayden Rodda

ENVIRONMENTAL CAPTAINS -
Sian Cribb | Keeley Ross

Congratulations to all the students named above and I’m sure they will carry out their Captain roles enthusiastically and to a high standard.

GRADE 6 LEADERS
Caitlyn Palmer | Charlie Morris | Cody Forrest
Dylan Dinter | Jayden Smit | Joshua Ciccone
Stella Evans | Trinity Mengel | Zoe Garnham
Gilchrist Brown | Reuben Cox | Todd Dowler
Jade Driscoll | Alyssa Hunkin | Jazmine Lacy
James Leishman | Ryan McRoss | Matthew Weller
Jasmine Woolley |

The Basin Primary School considers all Grade 6 students to be leaders and at the official badge presentation at tomorrow’s assembly they will all be presented with a badge. Students listed in the Grade 6 Leaders group undertake important monitor roles throughout the year e.g. Sign Monitors, Bin Monitors, Flag monitors, Bike Shed monitors, Recycling monitors, etc. All grade 6 students have another very important role and that is to be a BUDDY to one of our new Prep children.
At the AGM Meeting on Wednesday 12th February, Jacqui Nicholls was elected to the President’s position and Angela Sykes has taken over the Secretary role.

On Behalf of the School community I would like to sincerely acknowledge our outgoing President - Fiona Jackson, for the amazing job she has done in this position over the last 3 years. Fiona loves organising events for our children and seeing the enjoyment on their faces. She has facilitated many fundraising events which lead to the purchase of our senior side playground - $40,000. The current balance of PFA funds is $36,500 and this money will pay for shade sails over both playgrounds. Fiona will still run the uniform shop; assist staff with newsletters and running events for us. PFA events listed for this year include -

**2014 Grade Structure**

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**Parents & Friends Association**

TERM 1

- Easter Raffle
- Red Ballooon Day
- icypole Days
- Book Club
- Parent Night
- Hanging Baskets
- Social Event

TERM 2

- Mothers Day Stall
- Scout Raffle
- Dance/Lap-a-thon
- Cheese Toasties
- Book Club
- Wakakirri Fundraiser Night
- Parent Night
- Social Event

TERM 3

- Chocolate Drive
- Fish n Chip Day
- Footy Day
- Fathers Day Stall
- Book Club
- Parent Night
- Social Event

TERM 4

- Cook Book
- Book Fair
- Book Club
- Parents Night
- Social Event
- Social Event
PREP FAMILY NIGHT
Disappointingly we had to postpone the Prep Family Fun Night. Several of us were regularly checking the weather satellite information throughout the day and even as late as 3:00pm we were confident of having good weather. Who would be a weather forecaster? A letter will be sent home tomorrow with an alternate date. Fingers crossed for good weather next time!

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
It was wonderful to see parents from Grade 1 to 6 taking the time to meet their classroom teacher last Tuesday. Valuable information was shared and this home school partnership ensures the very best outcomes for your child. Parents can approach their child’s teacher for a meeting at any time as matters need to be discussed and new information shared.

STUDENTS, PARENTS & STAFF PERSONAL PROPERTY
Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile devices, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. Please note the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

SET YOURSELF UP FOR A GREAT YEAR
At the beginning of the school year, much time is spent getting to know the children and helping them to understand and manage school routines, to organise their items and orient themselves comfortably in the classroom and playground. We work extensively on extending friendships and building relationships, both in our grades and across all year levels and indeed the whole school. An article I have on file is ‘Set Yourself Up For a Great Year’ written by Andrew Fuller (www.andrewfuller.com.au) and I hope you find these tips thought provoking as you also support your children and reinforce positive attitudes about learning at home:

1. Build positive relationships with everyone you know
Parents, teachers, friends, everyone! One of the ways of reducing your stress levels is to set out to have as many positive friendships this year as you can.

2. Challenge yourself
You are much, much smarter than you know. If you practise doing your best in life you will succeed because very few people ever practise doing their best. To do your best you have to get out of the habit of predicting that things won’t go well for you. If you look for what’s going to go wrong, you will always find it. If you look for what works, life just gets a lot easier.

3. Prepare yourself for learning
Thinking positively isn’t enough for successfully achieving goals. Implement ways to reduce distractions, or else learning will become a frustrating experience. Human nature is such that not everyone in your life will be a well wisher in your self-improvement and learning plans. They may intentionally or subconsciously distract you from your goal.

4. Get enough sleep
Getting enough sleep helps you to manage stress, stay happy and also increases your marks. You need at least 8 hours and sometimes as much as 9 and a quarter hours a night.

5. Eat breakfast
A lot of people skip breakfast, but you often learn best at school in the morning and it helps to have some protein in you to feed your brain. A lack of protein can actually cause headaches.

6. Do the most important things first
Get into the habit of being effective. Write a to-do list each week. Ask yourself the question, “What is the one thing I could do this week that would improve my results?”
7. Use your time well
Many people muck around in school and then wonder why they have to do so much work outside of school. If you can focus and listen well while at school you can save yourself endless hours.

8. From little things big things grow
Do a little bit often. Succeeding at school can be easy if you do a little bit each day. The best learning occurs when you do repetitive interval training. This means do a little bit of practice every day. Interval training is especially powerful in subjects like maths and the sciences.

9. Focus and immerse yourself
For at least some time every day switch all forms of technology off and focus on whatever you’re studying. Don’t try to watch TV, listen to music or gaze at a screen at the same time as learning something.

10. Play more
Get active; break out into a sweat now and then. Lack of blood flow is a common reason for lack of concentration. If you’ve been sitting in one place for a while, stand up and stretch or bounce one of your legs for a minute or two. It gets your blood flowing and sharpens both concentration and recall. Even if you are really busy, regular bursts of exercise makes a massive difference to your stress levels, happiness and sleeping.

11. Decide to be happy
Lots of people wait to be happy. They wait for the situation to be right. Or they wait for the right friends to show up. Some people spend their entire lives waiting to be happy. Decide to be happy now. Have a look at the things in your life you can feel lucky that you have. Appreciate the people who like you and love you. Make the most of the moment and seize the day. Have a fantastic year.

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.
**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.

**ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS**

Thankyou to the parents who have already returned the signed sheet in relation to the annual consent forms. Can I urge parents who have not returned that form to do so ASAP?

Graeme Russell
If you are paying the school fees by instalments, the second payment for plan A $45.00, plan B $70.00 and EMA $30.00 is now due.

February
21st Ava Bridges
23rd Millie Pollock
24th Nicholas Chettle
Jordy Wayland

ART SMOCK WASHING ROSTER
TERM 1
Friday 21st of February - Carol Groves & Yvonne Linder
Friday 28th of February - Tara Callaway & Miranda Chitty
Friday 7th of March - Jennifer Peeler & Katrina Robinson
Friday the 14th of March - Lisa O’Connell & Sarah Windsor
Friday the 21st of March - Cindy Collins & Carolyn Fyfe
Friday the 28th of March - Linda Forrest & Natalie Londregan

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?
Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2014/2015 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Closes Friday 2nd May 2014

School Banking News
A special welcome to all our new bankers this year, it is great to see not only new prep bankers but also those in older grades learning how to save. Don’t forget that siblings not attending the school are still able to take part in the school banking program as long as their books are brought in by a child attending our school. We now have over 80 students participating in this program but there’s still plenty of room for more. Please email me at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com or call me, Jacqui on 0417145971 to find out how to get your banking set up so you too can join this wonderful program.

Last year the school received $500 from the Commonwealth Bank through the school banking program which is fantastic. Thank you to all those that participated last year.

Keep reading the newsletter as over the next few weeks our first competition of the year will be announced.

Happy Savings
Jacqui
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<td>Joshua Fox - for trying hard to form letters and numbers correctly. Well done Joshua, you are a star!</td>
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<td>PW</td>
<td>Jordan McRoss - for putting in her very best efforts with her handwriting. Well done Jordan! Huddie Nielsen-Hughes - for always being a great sport. You’re a star Huddie!</td>
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<td>Kade Terure - for his enthusiastic approach to all school activities.</td>
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<td>Max Nicoll - for showing a mature attitude to his school work</td>
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<td>Elijah Murrell - for the fabulous effort he is putting into his reading and writing. Keep it up Elijah!</td>
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<td>Andrew Berezy - being able to expand numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. Great thinking, Andrew</td>
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<td>Danah McRoss - for her excellent skills in identifying 3D shapes and their features.</td>
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<td>Brandon White - for his excellent work with his daily maths tests and attitude in class.</td>
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<td>Jamieson Westerman - for going back and rereading when a sentence doesn’t make sense.</td>
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<td>Laura Fyfe - for settling into our grade and school so well. We are very happy to have you here Laura!</td>
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<td>Lauren Hassing - for being a terrific class member and for giving 100% in all areas of her learning.</td>
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<td>Mason O’Sullivan - for his outstanding work with punctuating text.</td>
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<td>Willow Oakley - for her excellent thinking about making connections when reading. Briana Kilbride - for her excellent thinking about making connections when reading.</td>
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<td>Lachlan Kennedy - for his creative character profile of an Australian Immigrant.</td>
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<td>Jesse Cormack-Brown - for his excellent procedure writing explaining how to play tennis.</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep:
Tahila Mather—for being a cooperative and responsible class member and for being a kind and caring friend to other students in our class. Well done Tahila!

Grade 1:
Teannah Ross—for organising her belongings and her tub so she knows where everything is! Perfect Teannah!

Grade 2:

Grade 3:
Logan Lam—for being kind and supportive to his classmates by helping them to finish tricky tasks.

Grade 4:

Grade 5:
Max Morrison—for showing great courage when faced with difficult situations.

Grade 6:
Courtney Hardinge—for her excellent explanation of leadership qualities.

BounceBack!
DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

Last Friday our swimming team, consisting of 24 students, represented our school at the District Swimming Sports. We were very pleased with the efforts of all team members and in the overall scores we finished in 8th place. The task was made considerably harder considering we have moved into a district consisting of much larger schools and fielded an enthusiastic, yet inexperienced, team. Jack Watt who, in winning his backstroke event has now qualified to compete in the division swimming carnival on Friday 28th Feb at Knox Leisureworks.

Many thanks, to all parents, friends and family who not only assisted with transport, but gave our team wonderful support. Thanks also to Colin Hartley for his assistance with our swimming team. Congratulations also to our team captains Deena El-Shabasei and Aiden Klepac who did a fantastic job leading our team. Results were as follows:

FINAL PLACINGS

1st Kent Park 125
2nd Lysterfield 85
3rd Knox Gardens 71
4th St Judes 55
5th St Andrews 53
6th Mt Gate 46
7th Regency Park 45
8th The Basin 21

FREESTYLE
Jyhe Smith 7th, Darcy Stephen 4th, Allanah Major 8th,
Caitlin Zinnow 3rd, Jack Watt 6th, Josh Curson 3rd,
India Phillips 7th, Maya Lee 5th, Aiden Klepac 2nd,
Hanna Mesiano 5th, Deena El-Shabasei 7th

BREASTSTROKE
Jyhe Smith 2nd, Jack Watt 1st, Arun Crowhurst 6th, Isabella Davidson 5th, India Phillips 6th, Ben Zinnow 7th

BACKSTROKE
Alex Lee 5th, Travis Hillier 2nd, Caitlin Zinnow 4th, Allanah Major 7th, Josh Curson 3rd,
Nathan Thompson 3rd, Isabella Davidson 5th,
Maya Lee 5th, Aiden Klepac 5th, Ben Zinnow 6th, Hanna Mesiano 6th,
Deena El-Shabasei 7th

FREESTYLE RELAY
Relay Boys 10 years: Darcy S, Alex L, Will M, Jyhe S - 6th
Relay Girls 10 years: Caitlin Z, Charlotte T, Jade Y, Allanah M - 6th
Relay Boys 11 years: Josh C, Nathan T, Jaxon F, Jack W - 5th
Relay Girls 11 years: India P, Maya L, Willow O, Isabella D - 6th
Relay Boys 12 years: Ben Z, Josh C, Lockie K, Aiden K - 6th

Dale Goldsmith
Physical Education and Sport
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 check your enrolment details to 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.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) have identified our OSHC 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.

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 sunsmart.
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 17th March.
OSHClub will run a full day program if we have 15 children. This Program is open to all children who attend St Bernadette’s. If you would like your child to attend just go online to enrol and then make a booking. Bookings must be made by Tuesday 11th March.

Next Week’s Activities - Australian Animals

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Parent Information

OSH program phone:
Coordinator: Jean Bellis/Leah Halls
Assistant: Di, Krystle, Shazan, Alisha

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.
INCLUDING OTHERS

As I’ve wandered through the schoolyard over the beginning weeks of the year, it has been great to see so many students connecting and including others in activities. Whether it is playing an active game on the oval or just sitting under a tree and trading cards it is important we are including others.

As part of our ‘Bounceback’ program at the school students are being reminded of the programs core values this Term, with one of them being ‘including others’. Here is a small clip I found demonstrating including others:

http://www.values.com/inspirational-stories-tv-spots/84-The-Race

There are times throughout the year, for a variety of reasons, where students might feel left out, unable to join an outside activity or on their own. The school runs a Social Club program on Thursday lunchtimes starting at 2pm giving students from Grade 2 an opportunity to connect with fellow students in a fun and friendly environment.

Richard
School Chaplain

Discover The Basin 3 Y/O Group

There is a real sense of community at The Basin Preschool. We invite you to spend some time in our wonderful environment and you will begin to understand why children love coming here.

At The Basin Preschool we have plenty of room for active play, learning new skills and engaging with nature. Our caring staff are experienced, creative and dedicated to providing a warm, interesting, stimulating environment in which every child is nurtured and encouraged.

www.basinpreschool3yogroup.com.au

We are now taking enrolments for our 3 y/o group for 2015

2 morning sessions per week
Mondays & Wednesdays 9.15am-12.15pm
Please call our Enrolment Officer, Michelle
0407 848 634 or email
enrolments@basinpreschool3yogroup.com.au

The Basin 3 Year Old Group
385 Forest Road, The Basin 3154 Ph 9762 1854

Hands on Education
KILSYTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

GO COUGARS!!

NEW PLAYERS WANTED

SEASON 2014

Positions available in all teams
Under 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s & 15s

First Year Players to the Club receive
FREE registration

President: Danny Lamb 0419 348 669
Registrar: Bonnie Isbester 0411 406 443

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kilsyth junior football club