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**CURRICULUM DAY**

Last Friday was a fantastic day with the P-2 teachers visiting Dandenong North PS - an amazing school where one third of the 600 enrolment changes each year but their grade 5 student achieve some of the highest NALPAN results in the state. On return the whole staff worked on the new AusVels Science and History domains and finished the day making a list of Apps to install on our newly leased iPad Minis which are coming next term. Our next and last curriculum day for the year is Monday 4th November (CUP Monday).

**OSHCLUB REPORT**

I recently receive the terms reports from our after school providers OSHCLUB. I learned that OSHCLUB had recently received the highest result in the National Quality Framework Assessment Results of all OSHC providers. Over the last term the average numbers of students attending our program had increased - Before School Average = 13 and after school Average = 30. These figures were up from the previous terms averages which were with 10 and 27 respectively. Attached to this week’s newsletter is a special one session free trial for students.

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Every week our staff are continually collaborating, sharing teaching strategies, learning about new developments in education. Most Wednesday afternoons after school we hold professional development sessions led by staff or with educational consultants such as Julie Shepherd (Literacy) or Michael Ymer (Maths). Our staff also take advantage of after school PD sessions run by the Dandenong Ranges network or attend PD programs during the day conducted by the North Eastern Education region.

Over the last week Andrew Caulfield completed a leadership course that was conducted over several months after school. We had Julie shepherd at school on Wednesday of last week and next Wednesday Michael Ymer is with us coaching and modelling aspects of maths. Last Monday Melissa Richardson and Andrew attended a maths PD with George Booker - a maths guru from WA. Our Prep teachers last week facilitated a meeting of local Prep teachers and kinder staff with a PD session delivered by our visiting speech pathologist. In short everyone at TBPS are committed to improving their knowledge and skills - we are a school of learners!
DANDENONG RANGES AND KNOX PRINCIPAL CONFERENCE

Two weeks ago I attended a three day Dandenong Ranges & Knox Principals Conference at Torquay. I know it’s hard to believe, but in the olden days I loved to surf that area and hadn’t been back in years. Key Note speakers included Glen Proctor from Hume Central Secondary College, Vic Zbar, a highly regarded education consultant and Deb Masters, Principal Consultant at Cognition Education and Director of Visible Learning Plus based in New Zealand. The conference also had a significant focus on feedback. Over the coming months, I will be sharing my new knowledge around feedback with staff will begin work on improving their skills in this area. The conference has helped to reaffirm our direction as we all continue to strive for improvement to ensure each and every child at The Basin PS can reach their full potential.

GONSKI INFORMATION

Last week I received information about a possible 4% increase funding per student next year. This is a slower than expected start to the Gonski money but if this is accurate, a quick calculation on our expected 2014 enrolment would see an additional $90,000. So what will we do with the extra funds? The additional funding will give us the opportunity to address the needs of more students. It is of paramount importance that every child leaves our school after 7 years, with sound fundamentals in reading, writing, oral language and mathematics (amongst many other skills), ready to take on the challenges ahead of them with confidence and capability. It is interesting to note that in the present political climate the Gonski school funding model could either be a three to six year model depending on which party succeeds at the next election.

TALK, TALK, TALK

An article I recently came across from The Age (August 29th 2011) quotes Associate Professor John Munroe (University of Melbourne) on the importance of developing good oral language skills in young children. He makes the point that “Good language skills and the ability to communicate effectively are key foundations to students’ capacity to learn”. Parents often focus on the development of reading, writing and spelling whilst underestimating the importance of equally developing children's oral language. He offers these tips for parents to more effectively support their children’s language skill development.

Talking Tips—

Help children to learn new words and build a richer vocabulary. Encourage them to name items, actions and use descriptive words. Encourage them to talk in sentences about experiences and events, expressing what they think and feel. Show them how to use a broader range of sentences when they are playing with toys, listening to a story or talking with others. Build their listening capacity.

Share stories and play games in which they need to listen, respond to information and follow instructions. Help them listen for and use sound patterns in words. Encourage them to rhyme words, sing and read stories that have rhyming words. Teach them to ask different types of questions and to use questions to learn new ideas. Ask them to predict what could happen next when sharing an experience such as shopping or playing, reading them a story or playing with toys. Ask them to retell experiences. Show them photos of experiences you have shared or videos they have seen and ask them to say what happened.

If you would like to read the whole article it can be accessed at: http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/chattering-classes-point-way-to-success-20110826-1je5n.html#ixzz1X8Xa6OPG

Have a great week.

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 30th 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

WAKAKIRRI DVD

Final orders and money for the Wakakirri DVD’s are due on Friday 23rd August.

SCOUT RAFFLE

All scout raffle tickets need to be handed into the office on Monday.
PUPIL OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 23RD AUGUST, 2013

PB
Charlotte Torkington - for clever thinking when learning how to share.
Millie Pollock - for excellent writing about her holiday at the snow.
PK
Kyria Brown - for a fantastic job answering questions about her reader.
Great work Kyria!
Aaliyah Lacy - for her clever thinking when doing equal shares with a partner.
Well done. 😊
Jed Ronaldson - for his creative letter from Baby Bear to Goldilocks. Very clever Jed!
Callum White - for a great job sharing our counters in maths - he made sure he did "fair shares"! 😊
PW
Chloe Jaques - for her lovely show and tell all about her new baby brother Luke.
Isaac Windsor - for his excellent ideas when describing the "White Rabbit" from Alice in Wonderland.
Grade 1 Bounce Back award
Noah Nugent - always showing a positive attitude and getting along well with others.
1D
Luka Healey - for his enthusiastic contribution to class discussion.
1M Ella Weekes - showing a good understanding of grouping in maths
1/2D
Cooper Mason - for great thinking in Maths when using his ruler as a number line. Well done Cooper. 😊
Callan Schwarz - for adding interesting detail to his diary writing. Keep it up Callan. 😊

2H
Sophie Gill - for a terrific effort finding a quarter of 8 when we were learning about Fractions.
Piper Wilson - for being a good friend to others in our class
2W
Indi Davison - for his fabulous use of adjectives when writing.
3H
Claire Dobson - for her resilience she showed in computers. Terrific attitude Claire.
3/4 B
Zephyr Mitchell - for his fantastic attitude towards his school work. You always put in a top effort Zephyr!
4C
4S
Kane Yeomans - for making positive changes when interacting with others. Keep it up Kane!
5/6H
Lachlan Dobson - for his excellent organisation and time management skills. Keep up the awesome work ethic.
5/6M
Tom Lach - for working hard and completing all class work to a high standard.
5/6R
Clinton Cross - for his fantastic interview skills during our mock job interviews.
Phoebe Hazledine - for her hilarious and outrageous job interview during our mock job interviews.
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Bounce Back Award!

Prep:
Elia Rule—for always talking with her friends when she needs to sort out problems and make herself feel better.
You always look on the bright side Elia.

Grade 1:
Noah Nugent—for always showing a positive attitude and getting along well with others.

Grade 2:
Jamieson Westerman—for always encouraging her friends when they are down and not letting anything stop her from having a great day.

Grade 3:
Michaela Lewis-Lutwyche—for trying her best and having a go, for being confident of herself and her abilities.

Grade 4:
Kasey Driscoll—for always having a positive and cheerful attitude, even when things may be challenging for her. We love your resilience Kasey!

Grade 5:
Charlie Morris—for thinking of great strategies when bouncing back from bad times. Great work Charlie!

Grade 6:
Molly Morrison—for facing bad times with a positive attitude and big smile. Well done Molly!
Science Day

On Thursday last week we had a whole school Science Day. It was a fantastic day. There were a variety of different activities and all were enjoyed by students and staff alike! Thank you to Karyn Mitchell for taking photos of the day.

Below are some comments from the students:

I loved the fizzy drink with Mrs Horton.

My favourite was “Save the Egg” – ours survived!

My favourite was the Lava Lamps with Mrs MacLean. The best part was when you put the salt in it. The salt just came to the top of the cup, how STRANGE!

It was cool doing the Super Straw Rockets, you and not machines were the ones to made it work.

Ooblec was the best, it felt weird. When I washed my hands after it looked like milk.
Chocolate Drive Update

To date we have banked a little over $9,500 in this year’s chocolate drive - AMAZING EFFORT everyone! Now we have covered the bill! Let’s now bring in the profit for our school. There is still about $5,000 outstanding. Could anyone who still has not returned money and or unsold chocolates please do so TOMORROW.

Please remember to clearly mark the envelope with your eldest child's name and grade so that we are able to record your donation.

Thank you.

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As Daffodil Day is on Friday 23rd August our school will be raising money to support the Cancer Council over the next week. Our Junior School Council representatives will be visiting all classrooms each day, selling merchandise such as wristbands, bulldog clips, daffodil pins, footballs and pens all priced between $2 and $6. This is a great way our school community can support a very worthy cause!
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!

The Fine Print
Your $15 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 photo but can appear in additional poses. The offer can be for your family or just your kids (no individual adults, couples or pets). Please choose carefully as there are no refunds if you change your mind.

RETURN WITH $15 TO YOUR SCHOOL ↓

School/Organisation.................................................................

Parent Name......................................................(circle) Colour or B&W Print

Child name.................................................................Class..................

Address.................................................................................

Suburb.................................................................Postcode.............

Phone (Mobile).................................................................(Home).

Email...............................................................................

Preferred Time.............. (Vision use) FR..........................FI.....................
Program Update

The Basin Primary School Pupil Free Day – Friday 16th August
The Children and staff enjoyed the day with our theme of space. The children made a space ship from a large box and painted space scenes and aliens onto large sheets of cardboard. We did Masterchief space style in the afternoon with teams competing to prepare pizza muffins for afternoon tea and present the best decorated table.

Cookery Club/ RSPCA Cupcake Day
This week we have been making and decorating cup cakes to sell to raise money for the RSPCA. Thank you to all those children, parents and teachers who purchased cup cakes.

The Basin Fire Brigade Visit

Next Week’s Activities :- Music
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
**Calling all Junior Cricketers**

Come join us at The Basin Cricket Club. Our 2013/14 season will commence with pre season training at TC Top Line Indoor Cricket (1/31-35 Burgess Rd. Bayswater North) 4,11 & 18 Sept from 5-6pm. TBJCC will be fielding 4 junior teams U11’s, U13’s, U15’s and U17’s.

This will be followed with a Meet the Coach/Rego night 20 Sept 6pm at the club.

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