**DECEMBER 5th**

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<td>2nd—13th Swimming</td>
<td>It is with great pleasure that I announce we have completed the first stage of our 2014 student leadership positions with Zoe Keltie and Ben Zinnow being selected for the two School Captain positions. I would like to acknowledge all the grade 5 students who tried out for these positions and a special mention to those who presented their speech to the school community at last Fridays assembly. The standard of these presentations continues to improve each year and all spoke about their pride in being a student at our great school.</td>
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<td>9th School Council</td>
<td>Yesterday we completed the staff selection process and it is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of Elyce Boyd who will join our team in 2014. Like Emma Winsall, Elyce is a former student at The Basin PS and fondly remembers being taught by Mr Goldie.</td>
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<td>10th Prep Transition</td>
<td><strong>PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA</strong></td>
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<td>Last Thursday it was great to see many parents attend this special morning tea. The partnership between parents and staff is a very positive aspect of The Basin PS community. There are so many ways in which our parents support all children and our programs through their willingness to give of their time. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful morning tea provided by our staff - so much that we still enjoyed the goodies this week!</td>
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<td>16th 5/6 Day Out Excursion.</td>
<td>Our enrolment is increasing next year by 36 students due mostly to 67 new Preps starting and a small number of Grade 6 leaving. Our increasing enrolment is linked to several factors - The Basin currently has the highest birth rate in Knox, houses for sale in The Basin are snapped up by young families and our healthy reputation. To cater for the bigger than expected enrolment we will increase by two classes next year. Over the last few years we have been able to achieve small class sizes and 2014 will be no different with class sizes between 17 and 24 students - an excellent situation.</td>
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<td>17th Grade 6 Graduation</td>
<td><strong>LAST DAY OF TERM</strong></td>
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<td>A reminder to parents is that the last school day for students is Friday 20th December and the dismissal time will be 1:30pm following a final assembly for the year which will commence at 12:50pm.</td>
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**TERM DATES FOR 2013**

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2014 STUDENT PLACEMENTS
I thank our amazing teaching staff for the many dedicated hours they are currently spending carefully considering each student’s academic, social and emotional factors. Combining these factors and friendship groups is a lengthy task. Families who took the opportunity last month for input based upon educational grounds should trust our staff’s judgment as due to the complex constraints on many of these wishes we may not have been able to grant every request. On Wednesday 18th December all children will visit their next year’s classroom to meet their 2014 teacher and classmates as well as finding out details regarding class routines such as line-up areas, etc. Details of their room and 2014 teacher will be sent home that night with their December Report. You can help your child in their transition by discussing the positives of their new grade. We all know that a student’s attitude towards school begins at home.

CAROLS NIGHT
What a great night! It was another wonderful school event with everyone spreading out on their picnic rugs and chairs to enjoy listening to our students sing. A big thankyou to our students who came along to sing, especially the small but very vocal grade 5/6 students! I would like to acknowledge Stuart Mitchell who provided the sound equipment and technical skills and mateship to ensure this night was successful.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
Did you know that our school website is mobile friendly? It’s like an app but even better. You can save dates from the website directly onto mobile’s phone calendar - no copying or pasting. Please visit our website at www.thebasinps.vic.edu.au and view the short video. You’ll love how easy it will be keeping you up to date with all that’s going on at The Basin PS.

NEWSLETTER
Another new development on our website is the subscribe to newsletter option, which is now active. Please visit our website and record your subscription request and from that point onwards you will receive the weekly newsletter in PDF format. The advantages of this are clearer colour photos, you receive it on the day and we save on paper costs. Over the next two months, we are requesting parents subscribe in order to access the newsletter via email.

STATIONARY PACKS
A reminder to parents that the 2014 stationary packs have arrived and can be collected from the office at the time of paying the 2014 school fees.

UNIFORM
At The Basin Primary School we believe that it is important that all students are in the correct school uniform. School uniform improves social cohesion, engenders pride, develops a sense of community, promotes responsibility and saves both time and money. Please ensure that your child is in complete uniform each day, including the correct hat. If for some reason you are unable to dress your child in uniform, please provide his/her class teacher with an explanatory note.

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 6th December. 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

School Banking News

Hi Bankers!
Next Tuesday is the last banking day for this year! Thank you to all those that have returned their tokens with their rewards. I will hand your rewards out in class in the last week of term. If you still have a reward to redeem please hang on to your tokens until next year and claim one of the new prizes then as I won’t be able to get any more delivered before the end of the year now.

As usual, any questions please call me Jacqui on 0417145971 or email me at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com

Happy Savings
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| PB    | Bridget Williams - for drawing pictures and writing clever number sentences to solve Christmas Maths.  
       | Cody Ingram - for coping really well in the classroom with his broken arm. |
| PK    | Max Nicoll - for the fantastic writing he did about his buddy. Clever spelling Max!  
       | Kyria Brown - for a fantastic job solving Christmas addition and subtraction problems! |
| PW    | Tahj Garrity - for his wonderful efforts with his diary writing. Well done Tahj! |
| 1D    | Sonia Curson - for always working to the best of her ability. |
| 1M    | Ashlee Evans - for designing her own maths game of grouping and drawing sea jelly tentacles. |
| 1/2D  | Emily Fox - for having a go at everything with enthusiasm and encouraging others.  
       | Thanks Em! 😊 |
| 2H    | Jayden Willoughby - for great work learning times tables for our tables competition. Well done Jay! |
| 2W    | Travis Hillier - for his excellent recount of our Melbourne Aquarium excursion that include some fabulous descriptive language! |
| 3H    | James Eldridge - for his terrific report on his swimming lesson. |
| 3/4 B | Ava Dreher - for being a supportive and caring classmate. |
| 4C    | Violet Jensen - for her outstanding efforts on her 'free choice' project. |
| 4S    | Briana Kilbride - for being an enthusiastic and helpful class member. |
| 5/6H  | Trinity Mengel - for approaching all tasks with a mature and positive mind. Keep up the great work Trinity! |
| 5/6M  | Aiden Klepac - for his focus and effort when completing activities on Antarctica. |
| 5/6R  | Alyssa Hunkin - for her great enthusiasm and dedication towards her learning. Well done Aly! |
The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep:
Skyla Eaton— for working hard to bounce back when something has upset her. Fantastic effort Skyla!

Grade 1:
Matthew Mayfield— For always coming to school with an enthusiastic and positive attitude to learning and cooperating with others.

Grade 2:
Lily Grace Murrell— For being a great friend and always caring for others.

Grade 3:
Jasmine Wiloughby— for concentrating on positives and always trying her hardest.

Grade 4:
Robbie Chettie— for getting involved in all aspects of school life.

Grade 5:
Trinity Mengel— for always approaching life with a positive outlook and giving her support to those who need it.

Grade 6:
Indiya Zarr— for always focusing hard and dealing with her feelings in a positive way. Keep up the positive outlook on life Indiya.

Bounce Back!
Chess Club

We have had another successful term at Chess Club. It was a short term but it was terrific to see the Chess Club members racing down to the library each Friday lunch to learn more and have a game or two.

On Friday we had our award ceremony and the results are listed below.

Congratulations to all members for their efforts.

Tournament Medals -

1st    Evan Cribb
2nd    Daniel Martin
3rd    Mason O'Sullivan

Certificates -

High Distinction:    Evan Cribb
Distinction:         Daniel Martin, Travis Hillier
Credit:              Briana Kilbride, Mason O'Sullivan, Robbie Chettle, Timothy Brown, Simone Martin
Participation:       Codey Bryan, Nikith Kanduri, James Eldridge

Certificates -

Distinction:         Zac McCallum, Jacob Neil, Ethan Bloomer
Credit:              Teddy Chettle, Arun Crowhurst, Brody Londregan, Chelsea Hillier
Participation:       Isaiah Murrell, Jacqui Dornbierer, Jayden Willoughby, Logan Lam
PUPIL OF THE WEEK—29th NOVEMBER 2013

BOUNCE BACK AWARD—29th NOVEMBER 2013
This year the Basin Primary School is participating in the Wesley Food for Families Appeal. The Wesley Food for Families Appeal commenced in 1991. The aim of the appeal is to collect food and toiletries for 20,000 families and the families that are in crisis in the lead up to Christmas throughout the upcoming year.

Things that you are able to donate to the appeal include:

- Rice.
- Teabags, Instant Coffee, milo.
- Small jars of vegemite, Honey, Peanut Butter, Nutella and jam.
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes.
- Toilet Paper.
- Soap and Deodorant.
- Small Bottles of shampoo/conditioner.
- Face washers.
- Tinned Foods.
- 2 Minute Noodles.
- Pasta Sauces and Pasta.
- Breakfast Cereals, Muesli Bars.
- Long life milk.
- Baby food and nappies.
- Biscuits and chips.
- Juice Poppers.
- Instant Soups.

Bring Hope to the families at Christmas and donate today.

Please send your donations to the office! Last day for collection will be Friday 13th of December.
**Program Update**

As the school term is coming to an end we at OshClub would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to next year and the exciting thing we will be doing here at OshClub.

If your child/children require using one of our holiday programs you can go onto our website at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) and click on the holiday program link. There are which centres will be easier for you. Some of our closest ones are Jells Park in Wheelers Hill, Knox Gardens Primary School or Great Ryrie in Heathmont.

**Cookery Club**

This week we are cooking Gluten Free Cakes!

We would also like to ask if anyone has some Christmas recipes to bring them along and we will do some of those over the next 2 weeks.

**Cancellations**

Please don’t forget if you pick your child up from school either during the day or straight after school to let us know that your child is not going to attend. To do this phone **0428 162 718** and leave a message.

**Next Week at OSHClub Theme:** Summer Time / Christmas

If you have any ideas of Christmas Activities that you would like to do don’t hesitate to ask.

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: **0428 162 718**

Coordinator: Leah Halls

OSHClub Head Office: **03 85649000**

Assistants This week: Jessica, Krystle, Pam, Di

www.oshclub.com.au
Red capsicum & Eggplant dip:

1 large red capsicum
1 large eggplant
extra virgin olive oil
good handful fresh mint leaves, chopped roughly
1 small clove garlic, grated
1 medium-large sized lemon, juiced

- OVEN 180c

- Wash capsicum and eggplant and cut lengthways down the middle of both veggies. Deseed capsicum and place skin side down on a tray lined with baking paper. Place eggplant skin side down also. Lightly drizzle with extra virgin olive oil, place in the oven and bake for about 40minutes, or until eggplant is golden and both veggies are tender when pierced.

- Take baked veggies out from the oven and place the capsicum in a plastic bag then fold it over so no air can be released, leave in for about 5-10minutes. (This method helps the skin fall away.)

- Scoop flesh out of the eggplant and place in to a jug if using a Bamix or straight into a blender. Unwrap the capsicum from the plastic bag and peel away the skin, discard. Leaving you the delicious soft flesh to add to the eggplant. (If the skin doesn’t come away properly, don’t worry too much! It still tastes wonderful once it’s all blended.)

- Place mint leaves, lemon juice, garlic and a good drizzle of extra virgin olive oil to the baked veggies. Blend until smooth and fragrant, DELICIOUS!

Absolutely awesome with the linseed crackers that were in a few newsletters back. SENSATIONAL mixed through your favourite pasta OR mopped up with a yummy bread of choice!...I’m drooling, it’s delish! make it :)...
END OF SCHOOL YEAR IS APPROACHING!! These truffles are a nice lil treat FOR a gift idea?!! easy to make! easy to devour, demolish, inhale.... ENJOY!:)

Orange & Hazelnut chocolate truffles:

220g dark chocolate

150g hazelnut meal & extra for rolling

1/2 medium orange, juiced and rind grated

- break chocolate up into little squares and place in a heatproof bowl over a small saucepan of simmering water...(Be careful not to get any steam or water in the chocolate as it will seize and not melt further.) Stir chocolate until smooth and melted.

- Use a spatula to scrape the chocolate from the heatproof bowl into a medium mixing bowl, add the hazelnut meal the juice & rind from the 1/2 orange. Mix until smooth and combined...Smells like a Ferrero & a Jaffa slammed together!...mmmmmmmmm

- If you haven't already tasted it, you should! After that, use a teaspoon to scoop some mixture, roll in to truffles, then roll through the hazelnut meal. Store in the fridge on a warm day, cupboard cooler days in an airtight container....
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Once your child is enrolled with the service, they will be offered individual recalls every 12, 18 or 24 months.

Defenders of the Tooth

DHSV

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**To book an appointment or get more information, contact your preferred service from the list below**

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**Eastern Metropolitan Region Oral Health Network**

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**Knox Community Health Service**

1063 Burwood Highway
Ferntree Gully
Ph: 9757 6200

- Teen dental vouchers accepted
- Special needs program available

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**MonashLink**

Level 1, 9-15 Cooke St
Clayton
Ph: 1300 552 509

- Teen dental vouchers accepted
- Specialist orthodontic program
- Private services also available

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**Karing箆**

17 Clarke St
Lilydale
Ph: 9738 8801

- Private services also available
- Teen dental vouchers accepted

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**iehealth**

7 Samarinda Avenue
Ashburton
Ph: 9885 6822

- Private services also available
- Teen dental vouchers accepted

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**Monash Community Health Service Ltd**

43 Carrington Road
Box Hill
Ph: 9897 1700

- Teen dental vouchers accepted
- Private services also available

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