FEBRUARY 7th

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TERM DATES FOR 2013

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SUNSMART HATS
In keeping with our School Council’s Sunsmart Policy and Cancer Council recommendations, hats are once again compulsory for students during all outdoor activities from the commencement of the school year, through until the end of April. Hats must be school uniform hats and must also be in good condition. Any student who does not have a school hat will be directed to play under the shade of our big trees during playtimes. New hats can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

UNIFORM SHOP
Due to our school assembly shifting to Friday mornings the Uniform Shop will now be open each Monday morning from 8:45 - 9:30am.

2013 TERMS DATES

| Term 1: 31st January to Thursday 28th March |
| Term 2: 15th April to Friday 28th June |
| Term 3: 15th July to Friday 20th September |
| Term 4: 7th October to Friday 20th December |
ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS
The Basin Primary School offers a range of activities that require the written consent of parents or guardians. To save extensive paperwork several of these activities can be covered by gaining your written consent only once each year. This week your child will bring home the condensed three page Annual Consent form document. Please read and keep the explanatory notes for your personal reference and return the attached consent page to your child’s teacher by next week.

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING (PFA)
The very first PFA meeting for the year is scheduled for next Monday at 9:30am. The first part of this meeting is to select new office bearers for 2013 followed by planning term 1 activities. Everyone is welcome!

COUNTRY FAIR MEETING - 7PM TUESDAY 12TH FEB
In term 4 last year we announced our school would be holding a Country Fair in term 4 as a major fundraising event with the goal Shade Sails for our two playgrounds. A survey was distributed and we received many offers of help. The first Country Fair meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday at 7:00pm and all interested people are welcome. At this stage we plan to hold the meeting in our new building. See you there!

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
Our fist whole school assembly is being held this Friday at 9:00am. Each Friday we will celebrate the week, share student achievements and provide community announcements for the week ahead. All community members are welcome.

STAFF CARPARKS
The staff use two parking areas - one off Liverpool Road and the second, near our storage garage beyond the crossing near the Prep rooms. I would ask parents not to use either of these parking spaces at any time. Thankyou for your cooperation! The only exception to this is that every Friday the Haysom family access the disabled parking space near the garage.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES 2013

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<td>Term Four commences</td>
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<td>Tuesday 5 November</td>
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<td>Friday 20 December 1:00 - 1:30pm</td>
<td>Assembly (last day of 2013 - early dismissal)</td>
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DID YOU KNOW THIS?
1. Did you know "listen" and "silent" use the same letters
2. Do you also know that the words "race car" spelled backwards still spells "race car?"
3. That if you take the first letter of the word 'eat' and move it to the last, it spells its past tense "ate"?

English really is a strange and wonderful language isn’t it

BASIN COMMUNITY HOUSE
Our school community would like to sincerely thank THE BASIN COMMUNITY HOUSE for their wonderful donation of brand new cricket bats, cricket balls and footballs for our students. We’d also like to acknowledge that they also gave us three huge tubs of games and equipment for our new OHSC program.

Graeme Russell

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The Uniform Shop will now be open on a Monday, from 8.45 am-9.30am, as of Monday the 11th of February. This is due to Assembly being changed to Friday mornings. This Friday the 8th of February, I will open from 9.30am till 10.15 am. I am also looking for some volunteers to help out in the Uniform shop Monday mornings on a rotating roster. You would only be rostered on once a month. If you are interested please email me at flora.jackson.angels@gmail.com or text me on 043484232.

Thank you
Flora Jackson
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

Affordable Counselling
Many Years of Experience
For individuals, families, and adolescents.

Appointments held at
The Bridge Community Garden Centre,
49 Durham Road Kilsyth

For appointments and information please contact Jackie directly on 97282863
**Pupil of the Week**

**Week Ending 8th February, 2013**

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<td>For continually trying to do her best in her Maths test.</td>
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<td>Ethan Bloomer</td>
<td>For asking insightful questions in class.</td>
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<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Breanna MacGregor</td>
<td>For making a fantastic start here at The Basin P.S. You are a great addition to our class and we love having you here!</td>
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<td>Kasey Driscoll</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic attitude about her school work and for completing her tasks in a timely manner. Well done Kasey!</td>
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**1D**
- Xavier Leather - his great attitude to school life.
- Rosie Sykes - for her wonderful reading to the grade.

**1M**
The whole class of 1M. Congratulations on a successful first week.

**1/2D**
- Ashlynn Geoghegan - for a fabulous first week at our school. 😊
- Angel Winsor - an amazing effort to count by 7s!

**2H**
- All of 2H - for a settled start to the school year. Well done!
- Brandon White - for a great effort on all class tasks. Keep it up Brandon. Good boy!

**2W**
- Maddison Price - for writing excellent sentences about Summer, using beautiful handwriting.
- Indi Davison - for showing great initiative in keeping our classroom sparkly clean!

**Special Mention**
- Molly Morrison for a fabulous start to the year and for being a great role model.
2013
PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM

LUNCHTIME (1:40-2:30) in the MPR

MONDAY
SENIOR CHOIR

TUESDAY
ROTATION DANCE (WEEK 1: PREP to GRADE 2 WEEK 2: GRADE 3 and GRADE 4 with Mrs MacDonald)

SCHOOL CHOIR - BER building

WEDNESDAY
WAKAKIRRI (SENIOR SCHOOL)

THURSDAY
PRODUCTION REHEARSALS
(Teachers will inform you on when it’s your turn.)

FRIDAY
GRADE 5 and GRADE 6

...PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN...
Welcome
We would like to welcome all families to the new Outside School Hours Program being provided for you by OSHClub. We are located at The Basin Primary School. To find us, enter the School from the third entrance off Liverpool Road and drive right down to the end of the car park. We are located in the building on the left. This building includes the Program Room, the Kitchen and the Gym.

Activities
Each week we will offer a variety of activities for the Children to participate in. Each week will be based on a theme and this week the theme is animals. We have access to the Gym which will be used for afternoon tea and active games. The children will also be able to use the school grounds for sports activities and the school playground equipment. Inside activities will include crafts, board games, construction (ie lego), science, cookery, fun challenges, colouring in or a time to just be with your friends.

Next week we will be looking at celebrations. Monday will be Chinese New Year and Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday so pancakes for Breakfast.

We are Collecting
Please help us collect, small cardboard boxes, clean margarine and yoghurt containers and plastic milk bottle caps well washed.

Sun Smart
Please remember to have a hat in your bag to use at After School Care as No Hat means No Play. You do not have to have a school hat but it must be a Sun Smart Hat. We provide Sunscreen but supply your own if you wish.

Coordinator – Jean Bellis.
Staff. Jessica
Program Phone: 0428 162 718
OSHClub Head Office – 8564 9000
OSHClub admin: admin@oshclub.com.au
Website: www.oshclub.com.au

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.
The Country Fair

And we're down to 38 weeks!
Well we hope you all had a wonderful holiday/break from school life and are now energised and full of ideas to help us with our Country Fair.
Our next meeting is next Tuesday 12th February at 7pm and will be held in the staff room.
All are welcome including our new prep parents, please come and join us as it will give you a great opportunity to be part of something big and fun at your child's school.
As the saying goes - **many hands make light work**.
We still have a number of roles to be fulfilled.
These are; Publicity Officer, Entertainment Convener, Sponsorship Convener and Site Convener.
It is our hope that more than one person could fill each of these positions to help share the workload.
If you are interested in finding out more about these positions or would like to be kept up to date with our progress please contact us at; thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com or you can call or text Marquita Telford: 0407561492 or Jacqui Nicholls: 041714597

We haven't been completely quiet over the holidays. A few businesses have been approached for donations for our auctions and also for sponsorship and we have received some great offers so far.

See you Tuesday

**Trivia:** Los Angeles is the home for the largest fair in the world. LA County Fair opened October 17, 1922 and since then more than one million people visit these amazing 543 acres of pure fun, each year.

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School Banking is back in 2013

**On Tuesdays!**

With an exciting new theme and some great new rewards to earn!

Be on the look-out for your *Savings Hunter Pack* which will be sent home soon to all current bankers and our new prep students to tell you all about it and how to claim your rewards.

Banking will recommence on **Tuesdays** from 12th Feb.

If you would like to start banking now and aren’t a prep please send a note in with the school banking folders on Tuesday or email me at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com and I will get a pack to you with all the details you need to help you on your way.

**HAPPY SAVING EVERYONE**

Jacqui Nicholls - School Banking Coordinator.
Icy Pole Day
every Tuesday

The PFA will be selling Icy poles in the canteen at lunchtime every Tuesday in Term 1.
The icy poles will cost $.50c each.

If you would like your child to have an icy pole please send $.50c with your child to school on the day.

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday
February 9th, 2013
9:00am – 1:00pm

Kilsyth South Baptist Church
382 – 388 Liverpool Road Kilsyth South
Next door to Eastwood Golf Course

50 plus stalls - Sausage Sizzle - even breakfast for early starters + Devonshire Teas

Book a Stall - $15.00 per site; tables for hire - $5.00
Tell your friends

Distribute flyers to neighbours

For further details on sites call Innes Russell
on 0433 808 713 or
the Church Office – 9762 8954
Come and join The Basin Bears Junior Football Club

Registration Day 2013

Sunday 24th February

Batterham Park—9.30am to 12.30pm
Miller Road, The Basin—Melway Ref: 65 D7

Under 8s to Under 17s

♦ Meet the 2013 junior coaches
♦ Mix with senior players from the 2012 premiership sides
♦ Free activities for the kids, including dunking machine and bouncing castle
♦ Sausage sizzle and drinks for the kids

Early bird pre-season registration fees: $120 for one child, $220 for two, $320 for three, plus $11 EFL insurance subscription per child

Enquiries contact:
Matt Wallace 0409 435 795 or
Ian Bell 0418 573 379
COMO GARDENS OPEN DAY

SUNDAY THE 17TH FEBRUARY

COMO GARDENS is having a family open day, where you can bring the children for a magical day out. There are beautiful walks to go on, a great train ride, a wonderful collection of vintage cars and remote control boats on the lake. You can bring a picnic, or grab a sausage and drink or Devonshire tea.

A few mothers from the Basin Primary run a craft stall and do face painting with all profits going to the school. In recent years we have purchased books for the library, contributed towards the slide on the junior side and a new gas BBQ for the whole school to use. We are urgently seeking some face painters (no experience necessary), if you have an hour or two to spare, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please fill in your details on the slip below and return it to the office and we will contact you as soon as possible, thank-you.

NAME: ............................................................................................................

MOB..............................................................................................................

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If you would rather receive the weekly newsletter via email, please complete the form below and return it to the office.

Students Name: ______________________________________

Grade: ____________________________

Parents Name: ________________________________

Email Address: ________________________________