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**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**
Thank you to all the families who have participated in this fundraising drive. The profit should be able to achieve a shade sail to cover our playground. At the time of writing this message we still have 20 spare boxes that need selling. If you can help extra boxes are available from the office. Could all money from the chocolate sales please be returned to school tomorrow.

**PARENT OPINION SURVEYS**
Thank you to the parents who have recently returned their Parent Opinion Survey on ‘How Our School Is Going’. These surveys were sent home to families randomly selected by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) last week and should now have been returned to school. Once collated these are returned to DEECD who analyse our parents’ perception of things that might be going well and things where we can still improve. These results will be communicated back to the community next term, following discussion at School Council. If you were sent one of these surveys and have not yet had a chance to complete this, could you please return the survey by next Monday 12th August if you wish to have input? As always, I remind parents that my door is open as feedback is important to us in our endeavour to continually improve our school.

**WAKAKIRRI DANCE FESTIVAL**
Wakakirri is an Australian national story sharing festival for primary schools that was established in 1992 and is Australia’s largest arts challenge for schools involving over 20,000 students in every state and territory. Wakakirri is a word from the Aboriginal Wangaaypuwan people meaning “to dance”. Wakakirri encourages students to learn through the creation and sharing of stories. Students can tell stories through a range of arts mediums (dance, singing, writing, telling, film and photography), sharing them both live and online.

Schools can tell any story they wish and are limited only by imagination. Stories can be about people, culture, environment, relationships or history. Stories can have humour, adventure, love and/or drama. Sustainable approaches must be employed to all stages of creation, including the creation of any props, sets and costumes.
Last Monday our Wakakirri team travelled to the Frankston Cultural Centre to rehearse during the day and then perform in the evening. Mr Hartley and Mrs MacLean had spent hours formulating the story and choreographing the dance which our team impressively delivered on the night - our students were just AMAZING! All the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters and staff members who attended were extremely proud of our students. At the end of the night we received ‘THREE’ awards - the Best School in Public (our team was the best behaved and cooperated with the Wakakirri staff), the Most Creative Use of the Signature Item (each year the signature item is to be included in each schools dance - 2103 it was ‘cake’) and the Most Sustainable Production Award (our item delivered the best sustainable message for the future). After all the heats are completed we will be notified late August as to whether we make the state final. I would like to acknowledge our amazing dance team of 52 students, Colin Hartley, Lisa Maclean and their incredible band of parent and staff helpers.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT’S MESSAGE 5TH AUGUST

The announcement by the Victorian and Federal Governments to provide an additional $12.2 billion dollars to Victorian schools from next year to 2019 is historic. It allows for funding to grow at an average of 4 per cent per student each year and provides six years of funding certainty against which schools can better plan. It also commits the Commonwealth to amend the Australian Education Act 2013 to reduce its power to unilaterally set education policy and intervene in the operation of schools. We are well advanced in finalising Victoria’s ambitious plans to reach the global top tier in educational performance as set out in Towards Victoria as a Learning Community and the forthcoming New Directions for Teaching and School Leadership. This agreement will support our plans by giving schools extra resources to implement their improvement strategies. It can’t be stressed too much that the additional funds are being provided to improve student learning, not to support business as usual. Higher budgets will come with higher expectations. We are being asked what this money will be used for. This answer will be different for each school. For some primary schools, the priority might be to hire maths and science specialists. For other schools, a new system of teacher observation may be needed to raising teaching standards. In rural schools, it may fund the sharing of expert teaching resources. It may fund research on the learning gains of a school’s students that will inform individual learning plans. These are decisions that schools will take in seeking to achieve the school improvement expectations of their communities and of the Department. In the short term, funding of our schools will work as it always has. The current funding models will be used to allocate funds for 2014, with a healthy growth in per-student rates. Through 2014 and the first half of 2015, Victoria will consult with government school stakeholders and negotiate with the Commonwealth and non-government sectors to develop a long-term funding roadmap to better target resources to student needs. This means that funding growth will be reasonably uniform in 2014 for schools whose enrolment numbers and mix stay the same. What schools get after 2014 will depend on changes both to their student profile and to the allocation models. Richard Bolt - Secretary

CERTIFICATE of EDUCATION SUPPORT

Occasionally I have parents ask me about Integration Aide / Teacher Aide training courses. Earlier this week I received notification of a course commencing on Monday 26th August at the Croydon Special Development School. For more information please refer to the Monash University website www.education.monash.edu.au/shortcourses. Alternatively we have a flyer at the office.

CURRICULUM DAY

Parents are reminded that we have a PUPIL FREE CURRICULUM DAY on Friday 16th August. The focus for all teachers on this day will be the new National Curriculum.

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 16th 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

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
2nd August 2013
# Pupil of the Week

**Week Ending 9th August, 2013**

| PB | Eden Lobb - for sharing his knowledge of nursery rhymes with the grade. Ivy Smith - for working hard to always do her best. Great job Ivy! |
| PK | |
| PW | Olivia Collins - for always using her lovely handwriting. Terrific work Olivia! Robe Smith - for his excellent efforts when writing. Keep up the hard work Robe! |
| 1D | Hayley Turnbull - for the great effort she puts into her school work. |
| 1M | William Robinson - Terrific recount and drawing of ‘The A model Ford’ |
| 1/2D | Chris Visolit - for his enthusiastic approach to his work. Keep it up Chris. 🧐 Dylan Stephens - his excellent thinking and discussion in reading groups. Great Dyanl! 🙆 |
| 2H | Jordan Brooke - for a terrific recount on the 1931 A Model Ford vintage car. Well done! |
| 2W | Ted Chettle - for his persistence in working towards fluent reading. Great improvement Ted! |
| 3H | |
| 3/4 B | Zac Couch - For being a kind a kind and supportive friend to his classmates. |
| 4C | |
| 4S | Everyone - For welcoming Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Pagnin into 4S while Mrs Stock has been away. |
| 5/6H | Seth Raistrick - For his excellent leadership skills when working with the younger students. Keep up the great work. |
| 5/6M | Josh Ciccone - For asking excellent questions during mathematical tasks. |
| 5/6R | Deena El-Shabasei - for always approaching her work in a creative and detailed manner. |
HOOPTIME BASKETBALL

Last Friday we had 32 of our Grade 3/4 students participate in the district Hooptime basketball tournament at Kilsyth Basketball Stadium. It was a great day thoroughly enjoyed by all students. All students are to be congratulated for not only their performances on the court, but for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. The day would not have been possible if it wasn’t for the magnificent support we received from our parents and staff. We are extremely grateful to Kirsty Ferriggi, Fiona Jackson, Andrew Caulfield and Fiona Yeomans who all did a fantastic job in coaching a team. We also had a host of other parents who assisted with transport and/or scoring..... Katharine Dobson, Kim Swindell, Lisa Bito, Jill Bone, Tracey Eldridge, Rena Maulden, Michael Dobson, Jenny Wittman and Rhonda Mayfield. The results for each team were as follows:

“All Star Boys” – L 4-7, L 4-5, L 7-12, L 4-8, W 18-0.
“Future Stars”#1 D 0-0, L 2-10, L 2-10, W 9-2, D 4-4
“Future Stars”#3 – L 2-9, W 12-0, W 10-4, W 10-2, L 8-9, W by Walkover
“Rookie”– W 14-0, W 4-2, W 6-4, W 6-2.

Dale Goldsmith
Phys-Ed and Sport

All Star Boys

Rookie

Future Stars #3

Future Star #1
Chocolate Drive, Money Due Tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their chocolate money. During a very busy 2013 we have once again received a terrific response to this fundraiser with many families and students coming in to collect extra boxes to sell. Thank you very much. I have been busy counting cash and I am confident we will achieve our target, thanks to these efforts. The final day to return your money and/or any unsold chocolates is FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 2013 - that’s tomorrow!

Prize winners will be announced at assembly on Friday 23rd August.

To be eligible for the prizes on offer we must receive all money by 3.30pm tomorrow afternoon. As the results are close there will be no exceptions.

Note
We still have about 25 boxes left to sell, if you would be happy to continue selling them after this Friday please see Sarah in the office or Karyn Mitchell. Any assistance appreciated.

For the month of August, The Basin PS has been selected for Knox Ozone’s Grill’d Local Matters. Each month Grill’d features 3 local community groups to support and right now it is us. For each burger purchased the customer receives a bottle top to place in one of the jars in store, each one representing one of the groups. At the end of the month the group with the most tops receives $300 with the other 2 getting $100. The money we receive will go towards the improvement of our school gardens as part of the Dream, Believe, Evolve initiative we started last year. So please, tell family and friends about this opportunity for our school and enjoy a tasty burger as well.

Thank you
The Country Fair
Saturday 26th October 2013
10am-3pm
11 weeks to go! (And 2 of these are Holidays...EEK!!)

Trivia: An auction is a process of buying and selling goods or services by offering them up for bid, taking bids, and then selling the item to the highest bidder. (Wikipedia 2013)

Any Queries, Opinions, Thoughts or Suggestions
Please email us at thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com
Or contact Marquita – 0407561492 or Jacqui – 0417145971
Don’t forget our Facebook page, like us and share with your friends
http://www.facebook.com/TheBasinPrimarySchoolCountryFair

Stall Holders
We received more stall holder applications this week which is very exciting! So far we have some cards and craft, jewellery, kids handmade accessories, soaps, beauty goods, if you can think of something else you’d like to see here or a community group, kindergarten or preschool you would like to have at our fair, please contact us for applications.

Heard the Talk?
We’ve noticed a few of the students talking about the fair and getting quite excited about it. It’s great to hear what they think they will see at the fair and the ideas they have about how it will look and be. This is one of the main reasons we decided to do the fair – for our kids! It really will be a fun day for all – please put the date in your diary so you don’t miss out, and remember to tell your friends too!

Auctions
Have you looked at the wonderful businesses that are supporting us and the great products that have been donated? We will be having both a live auction and a silent auction on the day of the fair which will be your chance to grab the amazing prizes on offer. I’ve got my list started already, how about you?

Board
We got our board up!
It’s had a few changes of position but it’s here and we’ve even received a couple of calls about it already. Thanks to Marquita Telford for organising this and doing the amazing artwork!

Next Meeting is Tuesday 20th August 7:30pm in Staff Room. All Welcome
We Have an Amazing amount of donations
Our continued thanks to

- The Real Thing Craft Centre
- Big Green Thumb
- Frost Promotions
- Pancake Parlour
- Dorset Gardens Hotel
- Sidetracked Go Carts
- Whispers Hair Design
- Australian Fishing Magazine
- Sarah Louise School of Dance
- Gloria Jeans
- Bargain Books
- Laughter for living yoga
- AMF bowling Boronia
- Boronia Chiropractic Healthcare Centre
- The Basin Post Office
- Knox Leisure works
- Australia Zoo
- Motorbike city
- Yarra Valley Railway
- Choice Cakes
- Hawthorn Football Club
- Hogsbreath Café
- Melbourne Lighting and Design
- Jacqui’s Card Classes
- Brita
- Flemington
- Robyn Slaney
- Melbourne Taekwondo Centre
- Seaso
- Mars (Masterfoods)
- Dairy Bell Ice Cream
- Melways
- Tinkers
- Dolce Body
- Conni
- The Beleura House and Gardens
- Yarra Valley
- Wonderland Fun Park
- Enchanted Maze
- Roller City Bayswater
- Geelong Adventure park
- Wetlands Golf ‘n’ Games
- Melbourne Parkview Hotel
- Carlton Football Club
- Astor Theatre
- Stufflers
- Ashdene
- Geelong Football Club
- Puffing Billy
- Erins Headquarters
- Kilsyth Club
- Kubochi Hair
- Banksia
- Sky High
- Riot Art and Craft
- Jacksons Hardware
- The Cuckoo
- Metro Cinemas
- Starshots Photography
- Montania
- Creative Dreams
- Mad About Pets
- Defi Surf and Skate
- Pannys Chocolate world
- Gee
- Fernwood Ferntree Gully
- Crocs playcentre
- Melbas Fashion
- Mansfield Zoo
- Kundalini Yoga vouchers
- Melbourne Victory
- Pie in the Sky
- Hand Me Down
- Bendigo Tramway
- My Beauty Boutique
- Thai Tables
- Eve Tyrrell
- B Gorgeous Hair and Beauty
- The Glen Cameron Group
- Zagames
- Beaver Swim School

To add yours/your company’s donation to this list please contact Ally Ais on 0405159461 or at stix_brix@bigpond.com
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SOFTBALL SEASON
2013/14
REGISTRATION DAY

When: SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2013
Where: Pinks Reserve Liverpool Rd, Kilsyth(Melways 51-G8)
Time: 11:30am for Juniors (U12 & U15)
1 pm for Seniors (U17 and up)

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE
FOR EVERYONE WHO
PARTICIPATES ON THE
DAY!

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

If you do not intend to play for the coming season, or if you want to play but can’t make it to registration day - please let one of the above people know ASAP.

BRING YOUR GEAR – HAVE A THROW – CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS

Trainings will continue to be held on Saturday afternoons until teams and coaches are selected.

This year the club is in desperate need of people to help fill the following positions for each team:

COACH, ASSISTANT COACH, TEAM MANAGER, SCORER or UMPIRE

Nomination forms will be available on the day, or express your interest to Mark Rigg (details above).

Any problems or queries please don’t hesitate to call Mark, Annette or Duuna.

Fees can be paid on the day by cash, cheque or credit card.

BRING ALONG SOMEONE NEW!

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Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

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