**FEBRUARY 12th**

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<td>We are saddened by the recent news of two much loved retired staff members - Cheryl Carr and Sue Goodall who recently lost their battles with cancer. A letter sent home early this week indicating that there will be some disruption to classes today and tomorrow as many of our staff would like to honour the memory of these two lovely ladies by attending their funerals. Children in some classes will be split amongst the grades in their levels while others will be covered by specialists and/or CRT’s. We trust you will understand and support these arrangements and I wish to extend our gratitude to the many offers of assistance we have received from parents confirming that our school is not just a place of learning but a community of wonderful people.</td>
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<td>Today the posts of our new shade structures are being installed at both playgrounds. Final measurements for the sails will be taken today with installation in a week.</td>
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**TERM DATES FOR 2015**

**TERM 1**
29th Jan—27th March

**TERM 2**
13th April—26th June

**TERM 3**
13th July—18th Sept

**TERM 4**
5th Oct—18th December

**ST JOHNS STUDENT FIRST AID TRAINING**

Last year St Johns offered a basic first aid training session for all school students. As you can imagine they were inundated with requests and we missed out. The great news is that we have been offered the program this year so on Wednesday 22nd April four St Johns trainers will deliver a 45 minute first Aid session to all our children. These sessions are tailored for all ages from Prep to Grade 6 and it’s FREE!
KNOX SCHOOLS EXPO 2015

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual Information Night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2016/17, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. Attendees can have conversations with representatives from Knox Secondary Schools, and a Q&A session at 7pm will provide the audience with an opportunity to explore/discuss critical factors when selecting a secondary school.

When: Thursday 12 March 6.30-8.30pm
Where: Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152

For more information about the Knox Schools Expo, contact Angela Thurbon, Knox Youth Services, t: 9298 8533, or e: angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker, Knox Youth Services t: 9298 8308 or e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au. Bookings are not required

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Student leadership positions are nearly finalised. We had planned to hold the badge presentation at this week's school assembly however due to a large number of staff attending Mrs Goodall’s funeral on Friday morning, badges will be presented at our next assembly on Friday 20th February.

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 these forms to do so ASAP?

STUDENT WELL BEING & CONTACT NUMBERS

Could I please urge all parents to keep the school notified of any changes to Emergency Contact numbers and those listed as secondary contacts? If your child is ill at school, or suffers an accident, then staff will give immediate care and appropriate first aid. Please also keep the Office informed of any change in medical issues faced by your children as this helps us to make the best choices for their welfare. Similarly, if you are running late to collect your child after school we now have the Outside School Care program based at our school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2015

Each year vacancies occur on School Council as parent and staff members complete their two year term. There are four parent and two staff vacancies each year. Notice of Election Schedule is as follows-

Monday 23rd February Call for nominations

   Monday 9th March   Nominations close

   Tuesday 8th March  Candidate List is announced

Wednesday 9th March If nominations exceed the number of vacancies a ballot will be required.

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.

I have included the following information to assist candidates.

What is a School Council and what does it do?

All Government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within Departmental provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides
Who is on the School Council?
There are three possible categories of membership:
• A mandated elected Parent Category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.
• A mandated elected DEECD Employee Category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
• An optional Community Member Category. Members of this category are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members. The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent Membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent Category. DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the timeframe stated on the Notice of Election Schedule. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

If you require further information please contact the office.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
‘It's just one day mum.’ your child might say, but attending school each day is the best way for your child to do well - they can’t learn if they aren’t at school. Each day’s learning builds onto what was done the day before. When a child misses a day, a building block is missed. If a child misses one day a week, that equates to nearly a whole term of learning missed in a year. Please approach your child’s teacher for help if your child does not want to come to school.

Lastly I would like to again mention that my door is nearly always open for parent’s to drop in for a chat or share information.
February
8th    Lincoln Foster
       Tim Brown
9th    Marleigh Ingram
       Abbey Reynolds
13th   Ryder Nicol
The Basin Primary School PFA is hosting an event as part of

**National Red Balloon Day**

The children are asked to wear red to school and purchase a “thank you fireys” balloon for $2.00 to tie to the school fence to honour and thank our brave and courageous fire fighters and raise money which will go directly to The Basin CFA

**On Friday 27th February**

Additional ‘THANK YOU FIREYS’ BALLOONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY for just $1.00 (Helium Balloons $2.00 ea)

Support National Red Balloon Day, by making a donation, buying ‘THANK YOU FIREYS’ merchandise or to hosting an event

[www.nationalredballoonday.org](http://www.nationalredballoonday.org)
WEEK 2 AWARD WINNERS
The Country Fair
Saturday 24th October 2015

Next meeting: Monday 16th February 2:30pm in Staff Room.

Everyone is welcome, please come along with any ideas or suggestions you may have.

We are still after Publicity and Fundraising Teams, if you can help with these or for any other queries please email Marquita Telford at thebaspncountryfair@gmail.com.

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School Banking News

Welcome back Bankers!

School banking is back with new rewards and great prizes up for grabs.

Banking packs went home to every student last week with the details of the new rewards available.

It was lovely to see 10 new bankers this week and we hope to see more new books over the coming weeks. To get a school banking account simply go into any Commonwealth Bank Branch and set up an account or for existing customers you can open an account online.

Don't forget to bring your bank books every Tuesday as every deposit receives a token. Once you have 10 tokens you are able to redeem a reward. There are different rewards available each term, please make sure when ordering that you order a reward from the term we’re in. So this term you are able to redeem the ET DVD or Planet Handball.

Projector Cups that were on back order from last year were handed out last Tuesday, thanks for your patience everyone.

Donna and I will be once again running this program so if you have any queries please feel free to ask us or you can email us at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com

Happy Banking ☺

Jacqui

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Take your students one giant leap forward with School Banking in 2015.

A galaxy of prizes for your students are on offer including a trip to Disneyland.
Begins next week –
Friday 20th February

THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Tuesday 3rd Feb

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Chess Club is a terrific part of our school and we will be continuing lessons this year. Students involved in Chess Club learn lots of thinking strategies, participate in lessons and weekly games. The games are played in a tournament that is against fellow Chess Club members from our school.

Northern Star Chess will again be running lessons over Friday lunch times. We will be running this term as a shorter term of 4 weeks (taking into account the Curriculum Day on March 6th). The cost is $24.00 for 4 lessons per student. Students from grades 2 to 6 are invited to participate in the Chess Club.

Amy Hillier

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My child ______________________ will be attending Chess Club in term 1.

Parents Name __________________ Signature__________________
The Gold Stars

School Production 2015

This year our school production will be held over two nights. This is to provide opportunities for all families to attend. Since our last school production we have increased in size. We have grown by three grades and many families have joined our school community. By holding two performance nights we will be able to avoid limiting the number of tickets each family can purchase. At our last school production families could only purchase 4 tickets.

Save the Date

Dates: 17\textsuperscript{th} and 18\textsuperscript{th} of June

Our production this year will celebrate some of the greatest musical numbers from both stage and screen. Our night will be bigger and better than the Academy Awards as we present Gold Stars to our winners.

Auditions

Grade 5 and 6 Students

Acting: Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} and Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} of February
Dancing and Singing: Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} February

Grade 4 Students

Dancing: Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} February

Grade 1 and 2 Students

Dancing: Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} February

All Dance auditions will be held in the Multipurpose room at Lunchtime. Students from Grade 1 to 6 who have had lessons or prior dance experience are invited to participate.

All other auditions will be held in the Grade 5/6 Building.

If you have any questions please see the posters advertising these options or see Mr Hartley, Mr Ossie or Mrs Mac.
Piano Lessons available at The Basin Primary School.
Also after school and evenings for children and adults.
Simply Music is a revolutionary, Australian developed piano learning method that offers a breakthrough in music education. Learn music by playing music.
For more information, please contact:
David Bremner
Associate Teacher – Simply Music
0400 065 788
david_piano@hotmail.com
www.simplymusicpiano.com

2015 Enrolments Open!
Join Ferntree Gully Girl Guides!

Girl Guides is a fantastic way to make friends, gain new skills and have fun!
- Gumnuts (5-7 years old), Monday at 6:00-7:15pm
- Butterflies (7-10 years old), Tuesday at 5:00-6:30pm
- Watermelons (10-14 years old), Thursday at 6:30-8:30pm

Contact Jane (0408 505661)
Come and join The Basin Bears Junior Football Club

Registration Day 2015
Sunday 22nd February
Batterham Park—10.00am to 12.00 noon
Miller Road, The Basin—Melway Ref: 65 D7

Under 8s to Under 17s

♦ Meet the 2015 junior coaches
♦ Mix with senior players of the 2015 side
♦ Sausage sizzle and drinks for the kids
♦ Uniform available

$20.00 deposit required on registration

Enquiries contact:
Neil Moody 0488 130 220 or
Lara Ferguson 0437 336 172

Boronia Junior Soccer Club

Seeking new players for season 2015.

Open Day
Come and have a kick
Wednesday 11 February, 6pm @ Dobson Reserve
Sunday 8 March, 9am @ Dobson Reserve

Pre-season training @ Dobson Reserve, Ferntree Gully
Wednesday evenings from Feb 18 at 6pm for Under 8-11 (born 2004-7)
Sunday mornings from March 15 at 9am for Under 5-7 (born 2008-10)

www.boroniajsc.com.au