**FEBRUARY 26th**

**SICK CHILDREN**

In the last week we have sent home a number of children with stomach complaints and there have been reports of diarrhoea cases. We urge parents to ensure their children are completely over a bug before returning to school. If they come back too soon they will infect other children!  "Children with Diarrhoea ‘... should not return to school for 24 hours after their last loose bowel motion.’ - Department of Education.

**RED BALLOON DAY**

Families would have received a flyer in regards to our RED BALLOON day this Friday. Following our assembly on Friday and up until 11am, each grade in rotation will collect their balloons from the artroom and head down to our boundary fence where children will tie a red THANKYOU FIREYS balloon to our boundary fence in recognition of the amazing job the CFA do in protecting us all and our homes. The organisers need help on this morning especially to help our younger students tie their balloons to the fence - many hands make light work! See you there.

**2015 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Each year four parent and two staff vacancies occur on School Council as current members complete their two year term. Notice of the School Council Election Schedule is as follows:

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If you would like to be involved in School Council and nominate for a two year position please come and see me at the office and collect a nomination form. The next couple of years will be an exciting time for The Basin Primary with Labours promise of a 6 million dollar upgrade.
CURRICULUM DAY REMINDER
Our first Pupil Free Curriculum Day for the year is on Friday 6th MARCH which is followed by the LABOUR DAY holiday on MONDAY 9TH March providing an opportunity for a longer weekend for families to get away. For new families, schools have four pupil free curriculum days each year.

CAR PARKING
Over the last few days I’ve been checking out our car parking situation and would like to thank all parents for their patience and courtesy in letting cars through. Despite the fact we are extremely well off in regards to off road car parking compared to neighbouring schools, the fact remains we still don’t have enough. We are investigating other options on our site to increase the number of spaces. In the meantime I have the following suggestions and reminders -

1. We have two designated staff car parks which parents must not use, especially the one off Liverpool Road where deliveries are made throughout the day.
2. Two families have permission to use the top staff carp park beyond the gates as their daughters have wheelchairs.
3. At all times we request parents to not block the flow of traffic as this causes frustration
4. We encourage parents using the car parking spaces closest to Liverpool Road to reverse in for a quicker and easier exit
5. Parents should not park on Liverpool Road
6. Could I also ask parents to walk up beside the internal driveway and not cross over during busy times - we do not want anyone injured!

WISE ONES
The Basin PS is always looking to improve and provide opportunities for our students. Last year I learnt about WiseOnes after a visit from a representative. Wisenes® specializes in Gifted Education, helping fast learners to develop their real potential through boutique programs at their own school. The WiseOnes service for fast learners is provided by very experienced teachers who are also parents of gifted children themselves. Our school has the opportunity to offer the WiseOnes Program in 2015 for advanced learners who are especially ahead in some areas. The aims of the Program are Academic, Intellectual, Moral and Social development of the whole person who is significantly different in the way he or she thinks from most other children. WiseOnes brings fast thinkers and learners together in small groups and they work on a variety of programs developed to be appropriate for their advanced needs. The one hour sessions come in sets of 8 for approximately $232 per term, paid to school, no GST. The first step if parents are interested is to complete an expression of interest which will be followed up by gifted assessment by that a WiseOnes representative. The expressions of interest will be sent home tomorrow.

Graeme Russell
SCHOOL FEES

If you have elected to pay your child’s / children’s school fees by instalment, the second instalment is now due. Plan A $45.00 or Plan B $70.00 per child. Please send your payment to the office.

February
23rd  Millie Pollock
24th  Nicholas Chettle
      Jordy Wayland
25th  Cadence Fox
27th  Addie Evans
      Riley Mitchell
      Blake Rule
      Brock Riddell
28th  Daniel Martin

Uniform Policy Feedback

Thank you to all those families who have returned their written feedback about our draft uniform policy, we really appreciate it. Could any additional feedback please be returned to school by Friday 27th of February?

Thanks for your time.
PUPIL OF THE WEEK
WEEK 5 ENDING 27TH FEBRUARY, 2015

PB
Jack Bellman - for making great choices while in the classroom this week. Keep it up!

PH
Madison Hummel - For quietly completing class tasks to the best of her ability. Good girl Madison!

PKW
Chelsea Barrett - for working hard this week to complete all tasks in the time given. Keep up the great work Chelsea!

PSW
Lachlan Davidson - For displaying his best effort in finishing work tasks. Great work Lachlan!

1C
Lewis Healey - For his beautiful manners which he uses everyday. What a delight you are, Lewis!

1M
Leah Siegman - For her wonderful diary writing

1W
Ava-Rose Edwards - for her very clever writing and her bubbly personality.

1/2D
Hudson Nielsen-Hughes - for his quick thinking in Mathematics activities. Well done Huddie!

2S
Jamie Delengos - for improved fluency when reading. Well done Jamie.
Robe Smith - for his fabulous improvement in his reading. Well done Robe.

2W
Patrick Finister - for his excellent working habits and working hard to improve his handwriting. Go Paddy!

3H
Olivia Cursen - for her detailed description of Oliver and terrific dancing!
Kirah Miller - for her fantastic science recount of our floating lesson.

3L
Zara Allen - For showing such wonderful enthusiasm to all work tasks, keep up your terrific positive attitude Zara!

3/4P
Emily Fox - for the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm she shows towards all classroom tasks. What a fantastic attitude you have Emily!

4B
Jacob Neil - for using some terrific ‘power words’ in his writing about why he should be a Junior School Representative. You are awesome!

4D
Angel Winsor - for her outstanding and impressive work on her persuasive writing hamburger model. Love it Angel, keep it up!

5S

5/6C
Dayna Airs - for her enthusiastic, hard working approach to all classroom tasks.

5/6R
Flynn Nielson-Hughes - for contributing great ideas during class brainstorming sessions. You are a clever thinker Flynn.

6H
Robbie Chettle: For his excellent persistence when drawing 3D shapes to calculate volume. Great work mate!
The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

This week in Bounce Back we have been discussing such topics as what a good friend is and how we can be a good friend to others, respecting others, good manners, self respect and being inclusive. It has been great to see so many students displaying these positive behaviours every day.

Prep: Abigail Holden - for being a responsible classmate who is always willing to help others. You are an excellent role model in the classroom Abi!

Grade 1: Charlotte O'Neill - for bouncing into school each day with a smile on her face and for being a great friend who always includes others. Thankyou Charlotte.

Grade 2: Zarly Thomson - for always looking out for her friends and putting them first. You are a fabulous example of what a great friend should be Zarly.

Grade 3: Ella Weekees - for her friendly and kind attitude she always displays. You have helped our classroom be a happy and inclusive place, you're such a star Elia!

Grade 4: Matt Smit - for sharing helpful ideas and strategies with the class on how we can include others in fair play. We appreciate your thoughts Matt!

Grade 5: Evan Cribb - for looking on the brighter side of all situations he is faced with. You always give everything a go and have a great positive attitude Evan!

Grade 6: Jack Watt - for showing a supportive and compassionate attitude towards his peers when reflecting on bad times. Thanks Jack!

Bounce Back!
ATHLETICS TRIALS-Wed 4\textsuperscript{th} March 2015

Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} March we are conducting Athletics trials at school. Children in Grades 3/4/5/6 will have the opportunity to try out for whichever events they choose. These trials will help determine the school athletics team to take part in the District Aths on Thursday 7\textsuperscript{th} May at Knox Aths Track. Please make sure that your child wears appropriate footwear and clothing on the day and children should also bring hats, sunscreen and water bottles. Parents are welcome to come and watch and if you are able to assist, teachers would appreciate a hand with measuring, recording, raking etc. Age groups are determined by the age children turn in 2015. The 10 years age group is for children 10 years and under. Below is a timetable of events for the day.

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TRACK EVENTS
12.00 –1.00p.m. (Oval)

Order of events - 100m, then 200m (10yrs, 11yrs then 12yrs)
Grade 3 & 4 Incursion
Chinese Museum

As the Grade 3s and 4s have been studying the ’Chinese New Year’ as a part of their unit on Celebrations students had a visit from the Chinese Museum’s Travelling Museum. They had an interactive Chinese dance lesson, learnt about Chinese inventions and made paper lanterns. They even learnt how to say hello in Chinese; “nee how”!

They had so much fun!
WEEK 5 AWARD WINNERS
The Country Fair
Saturday 24th October 2015

A big thank you to all who made it to our last meeting and to those who have been in touch in person or via email with ideas and suggestions to make this year’s Fair Fun and Successful!

We have booked seats to see the new movie Cinderella at Boronia Metro Cinemas on Friday March 27th as a fundraiser and hope you and your children will join us.

More details will be provided as they come.

In the mean time if you have any ideas or suggestions or are able to help fill the Publicity and Fundraising Teams, please email Marquita Telford at thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com.

School Banking News

We had 81 bankers this week who remembered their books and all remembered to fill out their deposit slips. Well Done!

We will be having a visit from Kath Penny in a few weeks at assembly to talk about school banking and an account opening day will be held mid March with more details to come.

If you would like to set up a school banking account before then or if you have any queries please feel free to ask us or you can email us at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com

Happy Banking 🌟

Jacqui and Donna

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
Program Update

A BIG WELCOME BACK FROM OSHCLUB

HOLIDAY PROGRAM
We are pleased to let all parents know that we are running a holiday program this coming Easter Holidays. If you would like to enrol or book your children in please go to the website www.oshclub.com.au and create an account or add some vacation care booking. If you need assistance in doing this please give our program phone a call between the hours of 7am – 9am or 2:45pm – 6:15 pm. The hours of the holiday program will be a 7:00am start and we will close at 6:00pm!

CURRICULUM DAY
Both St Bernadettes and The Basin are having a curriculum day on Friday March 6th. OSHClub are willing to run a full day at our program if we can get 15 children to attend. If you would like you child / children to attend this day please book them in for the after school care session. Once we have 15 children an email will be sent to parents to let them know the day is running.

HATS
At OSHClub it is important that all children wear a hat. If you can’t bring yours school with you, you can also bring a spare hat from home as long as it is a sun smart hat.

ASTHMA PLANS
It is a new year and as part of the new year those children who are attending before and after school care need to bring in an updated Asthma Plan. If your child attends our program ca you please bring in an updated plan as soon as possible.

CAR PARKING
When picking up or dropping off your children at our program we ask if you could please park before the crossing rather than in the car park past the crossing as children are constantly walking along that path!

THANK YOU!

Can You Help?
We are collecting the following items
- Small Off Cuts Of Wood  - Boxes  - Old Clothes Suitable For Dress Ups
- Dolls That Are No Longer Being Used

Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0428 162 718
Coordinator: Leah Hall
Assistants: Martin Lester & Pam Lecky
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
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 Basin Primary School PFA is hosting an event as part of National Red Balloon Day THIS Friday 27th February please wear red to school and purchase a “thank you fireys” balloon for $2.00

Balloons will then be tied to the school fence to show our appreciation to our brave and courageous fire fighters. All money raised will go directly to The Basin CFA.

Additional ‘THANK YOU FIREYS’ BALLOONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE DAY $1.00 each or Helium Balloons $2.00 ea

Parents and siblings welcome to join in Parents can help out.............. after assembly help the kids tie the balloons to the fence
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For more information: 0423 789 262
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