**CFA BURNOFF**

We would like to thank Matt Ahern and members of The Basin CFA who ran a training drill last night at our school. The team burnt off our large pile of branches on the north end of the infant playground. The Basin CFA team carry out this work for us twice a year and we really appreciate their continued support.

**WORKING BEE**

A huge thankyou to Andrew Caulfield and the 12 x parents who attended last Saturdays working Bee. A great deal of pruning and clean-up work was achieved that further demonstrates the valuable partnership we share with parents.

**PREP TRANSITION**

The second 2016 Prep transition session took place last Tuesday and the children had fun spending time with our specialists - Dale Goldsmith, Greg Oswald and Jen Smith. I spent time in our multipurpose room speaking to the 2016 prep parents along with Sarah Wallace and Fiona Jackson. It was lovely to meet many of our new parents. All I hear from the Prep team and specialist teachers are what a great group of children are starting at our school next year!

**REPORT WRITING AND CLASS FORMATION**

Teachers are currently engaged in these two processes. Student reports take many hours of assessment, analysis, moderation and then writing. Student reports will be distributed to parents in the last week of term 4. Teaching teams will soon commence the complex task of allocating students to the new 2016 classes. This decision takes into account a range of factors including academic progress, friendships, special needs or skills, class balance, social skills etc. The children and parents will be informed of these placements on the same day as the reports are distributed.

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STAFFING NEWS
Last week we interviewed candidates for two Teaching positions and earlier this week two Teacher Aide position. I hope to be able to share these appointments with the school community in a couple of weeks once the process is completed.

2016 SCHOOL FEES
At the October School Council meeting parents contributions for 2016 were proposed by the Finance Sub-Committee and the School Council ratified an increase in the 2016 fees of $20.00 – a $5 increase to Essential consumable Items, $10 increase to the ICT charge (to help pay for the Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Spellodrome licences - $12,000 annually) and a $5 increase to the Excursion Levy. The Swimming Program contribution will remain unchanged from this year’s figure of $90.

Information about the 2016 School Fees will be sent home by the end of this week. The information will provide a greater explanation of the fee structure, different payment options, eligibility to receive the School Kids bonus and the Government’s Camps, Sports & Excursion fund. Included also are the dates parents can collect the student stationary packs after the initial payment is received.

2016 CLASS STRUCTURE
Our enrolment is increasing next year due mostly to the 84 new Preps starting and 52 x Grade 6’s departing. Our increasing enrolment is linked to several factors – The Basin area currently has the highest birth rate in Knox, houses for sale in The Basin are being snapped up by young families and our healthy reputation. The number of classes will increase by one next year to 20.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2015
A reminder that the last school day for students is Friday 18th December and the dismissal time will be 1:30pm following a final assembly of the year which will commence at 12:50pm.

FIRST DAY 2016
Next year the first day for all students is Thursday 28th January. There will be parking issues with more new Preps starting so your patience is requested. Please note that there will not be an assembly on this day as we prefer to quickly settle the children into their classes. Teachers return on Wednesday 27th January for planning meetings and classroom preparations.

Graeme Russell
Apple Man

Friday 20th November is the next apple delivery. If you wish to place an order please make sure your order and money are handed into the office by 9am on Friday. Pink Ladies and Granny Smith all apples $10 per 5kg bag.

CHOCOLATE

We still have a few boxes of chocolate that needs to be sold. If you think you could sell some, please contact the office.

PFA

Baby budgies and cockatiels for sale. Budgies from $20, Cockatels from $40. Please call or text Leah on 0413 076 092.

November

8th  Charlie Redfern
9th  Kallan Garrity
     Ava Dreher
11th Dylan Rodda
12th Zane Smart
     Charlotte Thompson
     Angel Edwards

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop is once again stocking SUNSCREEN. The new SUNSCREEN has a sturdier clip, is 50+ and it now has The Basin primary school name and phone number on it. With camps coming up and a hot summer not far away, these practical SUNSCREENS on a clip are a great way to protect children from the harsh UV rays.

They are available at the office and uniform shop for $6.
## PUPIL OF THE WEEK
### WEEK 6 ENDING 13th November, 2015

| PB       | 3H       |
| PH Camelon Keitie - for sharing his understanding of tricky word meanings in our big book story. Great work Cameron! |
| PKW Matthew Beary - for his excellent neat handwriting. I love the effort that you have put into all writing tasks. Well done Matthew! |
| PSW Aysha Burnside - for her wonderful writing of the red crayon from 'the day the crayons quit'. Excellent Aysha! |
| 1C Bella Riley - For your excellent reading of "Hop on Pop" this week. You did such a wonderful job and I'm so proud! |
| 1M Baden Yoeman - For his quick responses to maths revision questions relating to number. |
| 1W Charlotte O'Neil - for working so very hard to achieve her goals and for succeeding every single day! Keep it up Charlotte - you are a star! |
| 1/2D Ryder Nicol - for his excellent comments and responses during VIP conversations about motor bikes. Well done Ryder! Tarj Nicholls - for always being such a wonderful and responsible member of our class. Thanks Tarj! |
| 2S Flynn Russell - for his excellent work with making amounts using dollars and cents. |
| 2W Lachlan Kaye - for his super fast money adding skills. Keep up the great Maths Lach! |
| 3L 5S James Eldridge - For using his time wisely when researching for his biography on Evonne Goolagong and writing it with such detail. Awesome work James! |
| 3/4P 5/6C Nikith Kanduri - for the outstanding effort he puts into ALL his work. You are a star Nikith. |
| 4B 5/6R Chelsea Hillier - for her terrific research and writing to create her biography on Nancy Bird. Great work Chelsea! |
| 4D 6H Jack Watt - for his persistence to develop a greater understanding of Cartesian Planes and using great directional language to describe a day at camp. |
The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

For the remainder of this term we will be looking at what it means to be a STAR, CHAMP and WINNER! We will explore how to think like a champ, challenge ourselves, set goals, make a plan, have a go, take a risk, believe in ourselves, look for and use our strengths, to help others, persist and put in effort, not giving up, solve problems and be resourceful, self-discipline and willpower, managing time and being organised. We are a school full of STARS, CHAMPS and WINNERS! Go The Basin!!

Prep: Bonnie Molin-Wylde - for being willing to take on challenging tasks in the classroom and taking risks in her learning. It has been wonderful to see you push yourself to become the best you can be! What a superstar you are Bonnie!

Grade 1: Shelby Gardiner - for working hard and persisting with tasks and for having a “never give up” attitude. As you get older, you get better at things and we are seeing a shining star work so hard, and neatly, at school each day!! Well done Shelby.

Grade 2: Hayden Neil - for working hard and persisting with a “never give up attitude” to improve your handwriting. It has been great to see the improvement. You should be really proud of your efforts.

Grade 3:

Grade 4:

Grade 5: Gemma Hargrave - For being persistent when you misplaced your biography research this week. You didn’t let it affect you completing your work quickly and to a standard you should be very proud of. Your positive attitude towards your learning is great Gemma.

Grade 6: Tamara Johnson - For being focussed during class time and using her time wisely to always complete her work to a high standard. You are such a mature student and your positive work ethic will see you achieve great things at high school. Keep it up Tamara!!

BounceBack!
WEEK 4 AWARD WINNERS

[Images of students holding certificates and awards]

EINSTEIN OF THE MONTH
George Abrahamsen

[Image of student holding an award]
SUNSMART

I don’t know about you, but isn’t it so much easier to think about sunscreen when it’s hot and the sun is shining bright? Our environmental captains created a short video which was played at school assembly at the start of the term, outlining the need at this time of the year for us to not just think about heat but to think UV and the practical SunSmart things we can do when outdoors. See if you can remember what the saying is for the 5 yellow symbols on the left.

You might have seen the Belinda Karlos story seen recently on Channel 7. Belinda, mum to 10-year-old Ebony knows only too well the harmful impact UV can have as she is currently battling Stage 3 Melanoma. As skin cancer is one of the most preventable cancers, Belinda wants to ensure her daughter and other children are not confronted with the same painful and scary reality of this disease.

As a registered SunSmart school we have measures in place for outdoor play ie wearing hats, sunshades under play equipment, classroom sunscreen. We also have teaching tools such as the Sunsmart App on our iPads, a temperature/UV rating board hung up outside near the office. We are asking parents to join in the SunSmart quest! You can do this by downloading the SunSmart App to your smartphone and with your child regularly check out the UV score. Make sure your children bring a school hat and seriously think about buying a school sunscreen clip, available from the uniform shop.

If you want to see more of Belinda’s story you will need to copy/paste or type in this link:
https://www.facebook.com/SunSmartAus/videos/vb.295493873812825/1151219401573597/?type=2&theater&notif_t=like

Dale, Kylie, Richard
Achievement Program Team

CHESS CLUB

This term we had a short tournament with a very close competition in the final weeks. Everyone had lots of fun, Jamie our teacher was awesome and taught us lots. The Gold medal went to Nikith, Silver to Alex and Bronze to Ethan. Sascha and Chris received Encouragement Awards also.

Amy Hillier
This Week We Have Been Busy Doing...

This week we have enjoyed telling jokes to each other and exploring our funny side. Children enjoyed listening to team members tell jokes as well as sharing the jokes that they know with team members and peers. Children also enjoyed group games and helping to decorate the OSHClub room for Christmas.

Planning Ahead

Next week we will be exploring our creative side by doing a variety of arts and crafts.

Booking in

Please remember to book your child in as early as possible so that we can arrange the correct number of staff to children, especially for before school care.

Lost Property

Please check our lost property box on a regular basis to ensure that you have all of your children’s belongings.

No hat, no sunscreen, no play

As we are in Term 4, please be reminded that children must have hats when playing outside. Please ensure that your child has a spare hat for OSHClub!

Parent Feedback

Please let us know if you have any ideas for activities, projects or recipes. Your contribution to the program is always appreciated!

Operation Times

Please be aware of our operation times:
7:00 am – 9:00 pm Mon – Fri
2:45 pm – 6:15 pm Mon - Fri

Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0428 162 718
Coordinator: Dee Donmez
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 Fire Station

OPEN DAY

Sunday 15th November 2015
10.30am – 3pm
362 Forest Road The Basin (Mel Ref 65 G8)

Lots of Activities
for the whole Family!

Meet Captain Koala and see our volunteer firefighters demonstrate their skills.

Kids can come dressed up as a firefighter to receive a special prize.

Expert Fire Safety
Information and advice
Sausage Sizzle
Good Coffee!!
And drinks available

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Invitation

Goodwin Estate Pre-Kinder invites you to attend an

Open Session Morning

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER AT 9:30am - 10:30am
AT GOODWIN ESTATE PRESCHOOL

This is your opportunity to
❖ View our Pre-Kinder
❖ Come and meet our wonderful educators
   Jeanette Fox and Megan Foote
❖ See our program in action
❖ Show your child around our amazing outdoor
   learning spaces

On behalf of the Goodwin Estate Committee and Staff we also invite you to attend our Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On Wednesday 25th November @ 7:30pm
28 Rome Beauty Ave The Basin 3154
A light supper will be provided

We look forward to meeting you!
BORONIA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
PO Box 325
Boronia 3155

BORONIA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration Day
Sunday 15 November
11am - 1pm
Tormore Reserve, Tormore Road, Boronia

Sausage sizzle and drinks
Free Socks and Shorts for all NEW players

All Age Groups Welcome

U8  U9  U10  U11  U12  U13  U14  U15  U17

For more information please contact Ellisa Schmidtke (BJFC Secretary) on 0417 593 884

DEVELOPING SPORTING & SOCIAL SKILLS

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Boronia Catholic Parish
Phone: (03) 9791 2124
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A letter to Parents who have children baptized in the Catholic Faith –

Dear Parents,

The Parish of St. Joseph’s Boronia and St. Bernadette’s The Basin are running religious education classes each year for children from year 2 to 6 who attend schools other than Catholic schools in our area. These classes would be a foundation in faith and a preparation for the students to receive the Sacraments at their level.

Classes would be held on Tuesdays from 9th February to 29th November at St. Joseph’s Church from 4.30 to 5.30 pm during the school terms (3 to 8 weeks per term).

Enrolment forms are available at the Parish House 212 Boronia Rd, in St. Joseph’s church, at St. Bernadette’s Mass centre.

Enrolments are required by 15th December 2015.

Children would be required to attend classes for the whole year.

Enquiries can be made by emailing Rhona at rhona.bowler@cam.org.au

Dione Bowler
Pastoral Worker for St. Joseph’s Parish

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St. Joseph’s 212 Boronia Road, Boronia, 3155
St. Bernadette’s 1264 Mountain Highway, The Basin, 3154
Member of the Knox Deanery - Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne