APRIL 14th

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<td>19th 5/6 Sovereign Hill</td>
<td>GREAT START</td>
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<td>21st School Photos</td>
<td>Welcome back to the first week of Term 2 everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful break spending valuable time with your family. After a couple of days of catching my breath, I attacked the 'never ending job list' my wife updates regularly. Catching up with our grandchildren and friends was also on the agenda. Overall it was a good break which also involved a meeting with the schools architects' to fine tune the master plan in preparation for an approval meeting with the education department. I am always proud of the way our students and staff settle quickly into the teaching and learning mode following a holiday break. This was acknowledged several times by a prospective parent I conducted a tour with at 10am on Monday. Touring people always mention how engaged and how welcoming our students and staff are as we walk around the school and into classrooms. Term 2 is always a busy one that includes Education Week, Anzac Day services, Grandparents day, Cross Country, NAPLAN, Dance Fair, School Photographs, District Aths and Cross Country events, excursions and many other exciting activities. There is always a lot for our children to engage with at our school in this term.</td>
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<td>TERM DATES FOR 2016</td>
<td>CAR PARKING REQUEST</td>
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<td>TERM 1 27th Jan - 24th March</td>
<td>Parents are NOT to park in the staff carpark off Liverpool Road - the main offenders are parents of children in Grade 3 &amp; 4 and we respectively request these parents to park elsewhere. I emphasize with the situation however remind everyone that we are exceptionally better off than most schools when considering the number of internal spaces we have available. Last year we even opened up the junior side basketball court as an additional parking area. The staff carpark in question is for staff, visiting personnel and delivery people ONLY and the couple of available spaces must be kept open.</td>
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<td>TERM 2 11th April - 24th June</td>
<td>INTRODUCTION OF ‘COMPASS’</td>
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<td>TERM 3 11th July - 16th Sept</td>
<td>Compass is a comprehensive suite of integrated web-based software tools designed specifically for Australian schools. Most secondary schools operate COMPASS and families with a secondary student will know a great deal about this program already.</td>
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What does Compass do for me?

Compass allows parents access to up-to-date and meaningful information about our school and your child's progress. Compass includes many different features, including the ability to:

- Monitor your child's attendance, and enter approval for absence or lateness
- Communicate with your child's teachers, and update your family contact details
- View your child's timetable and the school calendar
- Monitor your child's homework and assessment tasks
- Download and view your child's progress and semester reports
- Book parent-teacher conferences
- Pay and provide consent for events and school fees

Our school will advise parents when each of these features becomes available for parent use. The first one being the June reports.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

All of our senior students (Years 5 &6) will be asked to complete a survey in the coming week/s regarding how they see their life at school: their studies, their relationships with their teacher/s, their peers and how safe they feel. This survey is completed by senior students across the state at this time of the year to determine key areas for schools to focus upon and improve in. How our students feel at school and how engaged they are in their work is extremely important to us.

EXCURSIONS

Each term excursions and/or incursions are organised to support the integrated unit the children are studying that term. Next Tuesday our Grade 5/6 students are heading off very early to visit Sovereign Hill to support their 'Gold Rush' theme this term. I'm positive they will cope with the 7:30am start and 8:15pm return! It will be an exciting day and information learned will set up their terms work in this area.

PREP ENROLMENTS

Could I ask our current families with a younger child starting Prep in 2017 to enrol as soon as possible please? Interest in our school continues to be very high with many tours already conducted and many more booked.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - Thursday 21ST April

A reminder to parents and children that school photographs are next Thursday and it's really important that all children are in their correct school uniform.
TRANSITIONING FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL
Starting secondary school is one of the biggest steps in your child's life. As there are a variety of
options for your child's secondary education; choose a school to suit your child's needs. You may
want to make a list of things that are important to you and your child or visit the schools you are
interested in; they welcome enquiries and will organise a time to visit.

Making your choice
An important step is to involve your child in deciding which secondary school they will go to. The fol-
lowing questions may assist you as you consider which secondary school will best benefit your child.
◊ Will the school cater for your child's needs and interests?
◊ How does the school support children with additional needs?
◊ How important is it that your child knows other children at the school?
◊ Does your family have a connection to a particular school?
◊ Do you have older children already attending a secondary school? If so, will your child benefit
  from going to the same school as their brother or sister?
◊ How far do you want your child to travel each day?
◊ Are any schools close to home and/or your work suitable for your child?
◊ What extra curricula activities does the school offer?
◊ Does the school offer scholarships?
◊ Is the school welcoming? - You'll know this as soon as you walk in the door.
◊ Do you agree with, or at least like, the way the school approaches teaching their students?
◊ Does the school's policy on homework and discipline reflect your own values and expectations?
◊ What is the school’s approach to dealing with bullying?
◊ What educational programs are offered?
◊ Does the school specialize in any particular area?

Graeme Russell
WORKING BEE
Saturday 16th April 2016
- general gardening tasks. Bring your rakes, whipper snippers, chainsaws, trailers etc. All welcome.
Refreshments provided.
Andrew Caulfield - B & G Conveynor.

Happy Birthday to the following students

April
13th Zara Preest
Teagan Peak
Tyson Closter
Corran Lock

16th Jai Montell

School Banking
Account Opening Day - Tuesday 19th April 8:30- 9:30am
It’s never too late to get started!

We are excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week and is designed to develop the habit of saving. There is no minimum deposit: School Banking is about how often rather than how much your child banks.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:
- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking day is TUESDAY.
Each week books are collected from the classroom and returned after processing.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child, please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. There is no need to provide identification for children enrolled at school. Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.
## PUPIL OF THE WEEK
**WEEK 1 ENDING 15TH APRIL, 2016**

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<th>PB Lola Dunn</th>
<th>for outstanding progress learning the letters &amp; their sounds. You should be very proud of yourself!</th>
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<td>PH Caleb Weekes</td>
<td>for clever thinking when picking often and sometimes foods. Well done!</td>
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<td>PK Max Houghton</td>
<td>for listening closely to all the sounds he can hear when attempting to spell unfamiliar words. You should be very proud of yourself Max!</td>
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<td>PS Armaan Singh</td>
<td>for concentrating very hard in all areas of school. Keep up your wonderful attitude Armaan!</td>
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<td>PE Ava Stackpole</td>
<td>for working so well in Reading Groups this week and trying her very best to complete all her work to the best of her ability. You're a star Ava!</td>
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<td>1R - Jay Leech</td>
<td>for a great start to Term 2 Jay. Your holiday recount was fantastic!</td>
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<td>1M - Duke Dowling</td>
<td>coming back to school with a mature attitude and keen desire to learn.</td>
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<td>1W Brynn Terure</td>
<td>for a super dooper effort with his spelling and for having a go at words even when he is unsure. Keep it up Brynny.</td>
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<td>2D Abigail Telford</td>
<td>for excellent reading on and rereading so her books make sense. Awesome Abi!</td>
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<td>2S William Donald</td>
<td>for working hard to make sure his handwriting is the correct size and legible. Keep it up Will.</td>
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<td>2W Niah Wallis</td>
<td>for her fantastic adjective sentences. Keep up the great writing Niah!</td>
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<td>3H - Tahj Garrity</td>
<td>for his excellent adjectives description of himself. It's great to see you looking at the positive aspects of you!</td>
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<td>3W Kade Terure</td>
<td>for the great arguments he used when working on a persuasive piece of writing. Well done Kade!</td>
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<td>3/4P Riley Mitchell</td>
<td>for the dedication and hard work he puts into all aspects of school. You are a great role model Riley! Well done!</td>
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<td>4C - Casey Cormack</td>
<td>Brown - for his outstanding recount writing about his birthday celebrations. Keep up the great work Casey!</td>
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<td>4D - Luka Healy</td>
<td>for the meaningful contributions you provide to classroom discussions. Thank you for being such a focused and engaged learner Luka!</td>
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<td>5M - Rosie Collumbine</td>
<td>for her incredible artistic skills. Rosie you're an amazing illustrator and we are so happy to have you back at school!</td>
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<td>5S Angel Edwards</td>
<td>for doing a beautiful job on your holiday recount. Your presentation and writing was to a very high standard. Awesome work Angel!</td>
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<td>5/6R Jordan Brooke</td>
<td>for always working exceptionally hard and contributing fantastic ideas to class discussions. You are a star Jordan!</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

For the first half of this term we will be exploring ‘courage’. We will look at what courage is, helping yourself be brave, being brave to help someone else, having courage to be yourself and how to become braver. We have some very courageous students at The Basin PS, what a great quality!

Prep: Jai Galakos - for the increased confidence you are displaying at school every day. You are showing great courage and it’s been wonderful to see your big smile as you arrive in the mornings!

Grade 1: Charlie Dodd - For developing more and more confidence at school in classroom activities and showing courage to stick up for what you think is the right.

Grade 2: Kaixin L - for always showing great courage and not letting fear hold him back. It’s great to see you have a go in all challenges Kaixin. Keep up the super attitude!

Grade 3: Kyria Brown - for being a bright cheerful person. Kyria you are happy to help anyone and the kindness you show them is a wonderful example to others. We think you are an amazing young lady!

Grade 4: Andrew Berezy - For showing great courage in his approach to all activities despite having his arm in a sling. You are a legend Andrew!

Grade 5: Brodie Prescott - for having the courage to speak up and tell the truth under challenging circumstances.

Grade 6: Kaity Mayfield - for having the courage to be herself and sticking up for friends in times of need. You are such a wonderful person and friend Kaity!

BounceBack!
SUPPORT OUR DANCERS at DANCEFAIR VICTORIA

Next Friday night (22nd of April) our grade 6 dancers will be taking the stage to present their choreographed pieces in solo, duo, group and troupe categories. Please feel free to come and support the students in their first comp for the year.

Venue: FairHills High School
Time: 7pm sharp (doors open at 6:30pm)
Cost: Adults $12 and Students $6

We wish all the students the best of luck and we hope that all their hard work and dedication to rehearsing and planning their routines buys off.
THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
PA FUNDRAISER TRIVIA NIGHT

- Tables may consist of up to 10 people.
- Payments and bookings can be made through the school office.

TABLE BOOKING FORM

TABLE NAME ________________________

TABLE CONTACT

NAME ______________________________

NUMBER ____________________________

$15 per head

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Load of activities will be at the trivia night so don’t forget your gold coins and money.
Activities included:
- Heads and tails
- Lucky dip
- Silent auctions
- Live auction
- Toss the coin
- Corners
- Raffle
- and loads more

Come and help to support our Performing Arts program. Money raised at this event will go towards:
- School Choir
- Wakakiri team
- DanceFair team
- Portable sound system
- School performance events
Introduction

We have a New Coordinator at our Before & After School Care program

Please welcome

Armann

Hello The Basin Primary School,
My Name is Armann (but I sometimes go by Armz) and I am the new coordinator for The basin OSHclub Before and after school care program.
I am 22 years old and currently studying my Bachelors of Education at Deakin University specializing in upper primary and Physical Education.
I am a crazy basketball lover and I Coach, Referee and Play multiple times a week.
I have been a part of The basin OSH Family for about 2 months now and I am extremely excited to take on my new roll.
I hope to see you all at some time,
If you have any questions please contact me on 0428 162 718

Thanks
Armann 😊
This week we have been busy doing....
What a busy 2 weeks we have had here at the Basin holiday program, With trips to the Zoo and skate rink. As well as bubble soccer and new themes each day. All the children left with a massive smile on their faces which we love to see. Unfortunately we said good-bye to our Beloved coordinator who has moved on to university to complete Her Bachelors of Education – Good luck Dee. I am excited to take on the role and continue the great work Dee has been doing for the last few years!

Planning...
We are currently incorporating new themes weekly focussing on life skills. This week we are looking at “Manners Matter” and “Manners in many Languages”. Moving forward we will be re-decorating the room, Starting our own Vegetable Garden and kitchen skills. Do you have any ideas on what you’d like us to do? Give us a call or come and see us in the OSH room,

Booking In
Our numbers are growing, so please ensure that you book your child in as early as possible to ensure your child’s place at after school care, otherwise we may not be able to accommodate your child at the program.

Holiday Program
What a great success, Smiling faces every whilst learning and making new friends, Keep OSH in mind for your next holidays 😊

Enrolments
Please ensure that your child’s enrolment is up to date and add any siblings that may be attending OSHClub in the New term.

Please ensure your child has a spare hat for OSHClub.

Next Week’s Activities

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<td>Manners in other languages</td>
<td>Hide the hat and space jump</td>
<td>Zip zap boing</td>
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<td>Art Hunt and 44 home</td>
<td>Homework club and markers up</td>
<td>Create your own puppet and Soccer</td>
<td>Make your own puzzle and Capture the flag</td>
<td>Autumn Collage and Yoga</td>
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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0428162718
Coordinator: Arman Kumruyan
Assistants: Jack Rountree and 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](http://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.
You may like to include the following reminder in your school newsletter to assist parents in preparing students for school photo day.

To download a copy from our website. Go to:

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on 21st April 2016

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines

Hair: Neat and swept off face

Order Forms: Complete your order form and return with payment to school on photography day, OR

Online Orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. You do not need to return the order form if you order online.

Remember: All orders placed online by the due date will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

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