**October 15th**

**Mont De Lancy Exc.**
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 Hands on Science Incursions
19th School Council
20th 5/6 Sport
22nd 5S/6H Firesafety
29th 5/6R & 5/6C Firesafety

**November**
2nd Curriculum Day
3rd Cup Day
6th Gr 6 Metro Trains
11th - 13th 3/4 Camp
16th-20th 5/6 Camp
23rd School Council
30th 2016 Swimming

**Term Dates for 2015**

**Term 4**
5th Oct—18th December

**Principal's News**

**Education State**

Last week I attended a Principal briefing in regards to two important initiatives being introduced - the Victorian Curriculum (to begin next year) and the Government's commitment to establishing Victoria as the Education State. These initiatives are about a public guarantee of educational excellence and opportunity in every community and improving outcomes for every student, in every classroom, in every school and in all communities. The Victorian Government has developed new targets to measure the success of the school system as a whole; including the fundamentals of literacy, numeracy and scientific literacy, but extending well beyond them to also cover excellence in the arts, critical and creative thinking, physical activity and resilience. They are also focusing on breaking the link between disadvantage and achievement, and retaining more students in education. These targets will also cover pride and confidence in Victorian government schools.

High-impact, evidence-based initiatives associated with the four statewide priorities of Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Professional Leadership, Positive Climate for Learning and Community Engagement in Learning have been identified to assist schools in improving student outcomes. One document distributed (Taking Action in 2015) suggests “The school improvement process supports schools in determining the priorities and initiatives they focus on. One way to do this and to support the strategic implementation process would be to: establish a school improvement team, develop a whole-school professional learning focus, have opportunities for sharing learning within and across schools and communities” (p. 4).

Acknowledging many of the strategies suggested are already in place at TBPS, before the end of this year our Leadership Team will determine the priorities and initiatives that will have the highest impact, develop a draft AIP (Annual Implementation Plan) that will include the school improvement priorities and initiatives to be implemented. The distribution of “Gonski” funding was also explained on the day (with school allocations available at [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate/Pages/schoolbudget.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate/Pages/schoolbudget.aspx)) with TBPS to receive an additional $33,000 “equity funding;” with an overall $566 million being distributed to schools based on social disadvantage including 11,500 secondary school students receiving a $2,000 “catch up” loading (determined by Level 5 NAPLAN results). Ultimately it is great to see better funding in Victoria with more expenditure on school education.
CURRICULUM DAY 2nd NOVEMBER

Parents are reminded that our next and last Pupil Free Curriculum Day for the year is on Monday 2nd November. The Melbourne Cup public holiday falls on the Tuesday 3rd November so school will resume in that week on Wednesday 4th November.

2016 STUDENT DEPARTURES

To assist our 2016 planning we would like to hear from families who are moving and their children not returning to The Basin PS next year. If you are leaving our school (excluding Year 6 graduates) and have not yet informed the office, please let us know as soon as possible.

COUNTRY FAIR - SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

Our Country Fair is just over a week away. We have received a great many offers of help but we need more so could the Volunteer forms distributed last week please be return ASAP? This Country Fair is a parent organised event and the organising committee led by Marquita Telford have worked tirelessly for most of the year to ensure this community event is a success. Fingers crossed the weather prediction is favourable. We anticipate many visitors and parking mayhem so parking in side streets and walking into the school maybe a better option for our school community. A key feature of this event is the community links that will see The Basin Community House, kinders, guide & scouts, our own CFA and SES services and others being involved.

STUDENT PLACEMENT REQUESTS

Determining class placements is a complex task where staff members undertake a considerable process to ensure that the best possible placement is made to meet each student’s educational needs. Factors that we take into consideration when making class placements include: academic achievement, personal / interpersonal development, friendship groups, learning styles, gender balance and other individual learning needs. It is important to understand that with so many factors to consider it is not possible to accommodate every request. If you have any information based upon education grounds that should be considered in relation to the placement of your child it need to be sent to me in writing by FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER. As situations change, previous requests should be resubmitted if the reason still exists. After this date, new information may not be considered. Parents will be notified of placements in Student Reports when they are sent home in the last week of term.

2016 PREP TRANSITION

Last Tuesday’s first transition session for our new Prep children was very successful with all four teachers commenting after the event that the children had enjoyed their teddy bear picnic and were ready to start now! All teachers also commented on what a lovely group of children are coming to TBPS. The 11:30am start was little hectic and noisy with 83 (mostly) excited children arriving with their parents. Next year we’ll need to purchase a megaphone! The second transition day is on Tuesday 10th November.

MODULAR BUILDING COMING

As our enrolment grows and in preparation for next year the Education Department has arranged for a Modular 2 x classroom building to be delivered and installed next month. Some older native trees will be removed for this to occur. It will be positioned on the driveway side of the Grade 1/2 building straddling the path into Jill’s Stock and Chris Donaldson’s classroom. With upgrade works commencing next year the existing old Grade 1/2 building will be replaced with two new modular buildings (4 classrooms). The grand plan is to have all 6 classrooms strategically placed in a C shape creating a middle area between them which will be enclosed creating a gallery space similar to the new Grade 5/6 building.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Today we have 12 students representing our school at the Regional Athletics Carnival, which involved students from the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and from all sectors including Government, Catholic and Independent schools. These students earned this opportunity through finishing in the top 2 places at the Divisional level. We wish them every success today.
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS - CODE RED DAYS

All Victorian schools and education and care children services included on the 2015-2016 BARR (Bushfires At Risk Registry) are required to close on declared CODE RED days in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Inclusion on the BARR enables facilities to provide staff, children and parents with certainty about what will happen on declared CODE RED days. The Basin PS is on this registry. Could I ask all parents to ensure we have your current mobile number as we use an SMS messaging system to notify you of CODE RED days? As we receive more detailed information from the Education Department we’ll pass that on to families.

SIGNING IN & OUT

I would remind parents to sign your child in at the office if they are late to school (after 9:10am) and if you collect them early. This is a standard policy of the Department of Education and essential, especially in the case of an emergency when all people on our site must be accounted for.

Graeme Russell

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY WALK TO SCHOOL

As a part of our involvement in Walk to School October we would like to invite our school community to join staff members on a walk to school. The community walk will take place on Thursday morning 22nd October at 8.30a.m. Staff members will leave from 3 starting points:

1. The Basin Triangle
2. Batterham Reserve (Driveway end)
3. Miller Park Reserve (Carpark)

Hope you can join us!
Apple Man

Friday 23rd October 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, Royal Gala, Granny Smith all apples $10 per 5kg bag.

October
11th  Jack Ellicott
12th  Abby Clark
      Shaun Dinter
      Ben Gill
      Gemma Hargrave
      Tamara Johnson
13th  Martha Bone
      Jack Watt
14th  Kade Terure
15th  Charlotte Nicholls
      Isla Crowhurst
16th  Hayden Montell
      Travis Hillier
      Claire Dobson
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<td>Lewis Healey</td>
<td>For your fantastic weekend recounts! I love the way you've been experimenting with your writing. It is so interesting to read.</td>
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<td>Jessie Richie</td>
<td>For using self-editing skills to improve her writing.</td>
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<td>For his super efforts using big numbers in the place value trading game.</td>
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<td>Bridget Williams</td>
<td>For her enthusiasm and participation during our excursion to Mont De Lancey.</td>
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<td>Jordy Wayland</td>
<td>For being a great listener and fabulous participant on our excursion to Mont De Lancey.</td>
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<td>Fraser Bray</td>
<td>For his descriptive and informative writing about our excursion to Mont De Lancey.</td>
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<td>Kaitlyn Eldridge</td>
<td>For her terrific spelling matrix and understandings of word sums.</td>
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<td>Corran Lock</td>
<td>Fabulous effort with his times tables this week, keep it up superstar!</td>
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<td>Johanna Wedgwood</td>
<td>For her awesome effort and enthusiasm in her homework! Well done!</td>
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<td>Benjamin Griffin</td>
<td>For being a wonderful addition to our class! Welcome to The Basin Benjamin. We are very happy to have you!</td>
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<td>Dylan Rodda</td>
<td>For his excellent selection of good fit books. It's a pleasure to hear you read.</td>
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<td>Ryan Smit</td>
<td>For being able to share his knowledge and understanding of concepts when helping others. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Karlia Buckley</td>
<td>For the fantastic attitude she applies to all her learning tasks. Well done Karlia, you're a super star!</td>
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<td>Sara - Rose Lock</td>
<td>For taking such pride in the presentation of your Literacy Response. Great stuff Sara - Rose!</td>
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<td>Brad Mayfield</td>
<td>For his excellent work on money and finance tasks.</td>
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<td>For his positive improvements in his work ethic when completing tasks. Great work Mason!</td>
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<td>For his excellent contributions when discussing pronouns and there meanings.</td>
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<td>Koby Ferriggi</td>
<td>For his excellent time management and work ethic during his literacy response project. Superb work!</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

For the first few weeks of this term we will be focusing on humour. We will be exploring what makes us laugh and why, how positive humour is healthy and enjoyable and how positive humour helps us to cope better in hard times. We will also identify how negative put-down humour is inappropriate and can be hurtful. It's great to see so many of our students using humour in positive ways to help themselves and others around them bounce back!

Prep: Yvette Windsor— for having such a positive attitude towards all learning tasks. I love your enthusiasm and willingness to take on challenges in the classroom. Keep up the fantastic work Yvette!

Grade 1: Isla Crowhurst— For always coming to school with a good attitude and willingness to learn. You have fun with your school mates and know when to have a giggle!

Grade 2: Skyla Eaton— For showing how laughing can turn a bad time into a positive time. It was great to see you giggling with the doctors and remaining positive when you visited the hospital. Well done for being so brave and bouncing right back!

Grade 3: Rose Cox— For using her humour and happy spirit to persevere and continue in a positive manner to complete a Maths test. Excellent attitude Rose!

Grade 4: Jack Lindner— For always being able to look and see the humorous side of situations to try and cheer his friends up. Well done Jack, being able to see many issues positively is such an amazing quality to have and we are very lucky to have you in our grade!

Grade 5:

Grade 6: Tami Mays— For her great assistance in helping with the new preps on their Transition Day. You were a wonderful school mascot!
WEEK 1 AWARD WINNERS
Oliver’s Miracle

Thank-you to everyone that brought along a gold coin last Friday. Oliver read a very entertaining version of Julia Donaldson’s “Room on the Broom” and he was able to raise $309.90 for people in Nepal to have cataract surgery.

Well Done Oli and thank you to the community for their fundraising efforts!
DIVISION ATHLETICS REPORT - 2015

Congratulations to each of our 29 talented athletes who took part in the division athletics sports last week at Knox. All competitors listed below gave their best effort and once again represented our school proudly. Thank you to all family members who assisted with transport and came along to lend support. Thanks also to Kylie Cribb for her help during the day (transport, photography, recording, marshalling, supporting etc). Thanks also to those parents who not only transported their own child(ren) but also helped other families with transport. A special mention needs to be made of Jack Watt, Corey Hardinge, Lauren Hassing, Luke Marshman, Mitchell Steer, Mitchell Scriven, Zarah Smith, Ethan Bloomer, Ava Dreher, Olivia Curson, Jhye Smith and Brodie Prescott who in finishing in first or second place have now qualified to go on and compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival next Thursday 15th October at Bill Stewart Athletics Track Nunawading. Results are listed below:


**High Jump** - Isabella D 4th, Corey H 1st, Ava D 5th.

**Discus** - Brodie P 2nd, Tahlia S 5th, Allanah M 6th.

**Triple Jump** - Lauren H 1st, Harry E 4th, Isabella D 4th, Lily-Grace M 7th.

**Hurdles** - Ava D 1st, Ethan B 1st.

**Shot Put** - Tarni M 6th, Martha B 6th, Josh C 3rd.

100m - Hayden S 7th, Lauren H 3rd.

200m - Brodie P 2nd, Zarah S 6th, Taylah W 6th.

800m - Jack W 1st, Jhye S 2nd, Olivia C 1st.

1,500m - Zarah S 2nd, Jack W 1st.

4 x 100m Relay -

Mitchell St, Mitchell Sc, Luke M, Brodie P - 2nd

Leylah, Ashley W, Ava D, Lauren H - 3rd

Brad M, Daniel D, Harry E, Jack W - 5th

Dale Goldsmith

Phys-Ed and Sport
On Monday the 12th of October the grade 5/6's were lucky enough to have Alex, from The Commonwealth Bank come to our school to inform us about saving money, and how important it is to save. Alex shared with us the three steps (and actions) of saving and earning money.

The three steps are:

1: See it
2: Earn it
3: Save it

Alex talked to us about how some people she knew saved up for things by doing chores around the house. She also talked to us about other ways to earn money, for example: garage sales, neighbourhood jobs like lawn mowing and car washing etc.

In this workshop some of us shared what we are saving up for, to the rest of the class, and if we had ever done things around the neighbourhood to make a profit. We also took part in a short activity where we had to come up with a money earning company and name it.

We all had so much fun taking part in this workshop. We would love to thank Alex for teaching us how to be better savers and to be responsible with money.
Program Update

This Week We Have Been Busy Doing...

This week we enjoyed discussing our favorite summer activities. During the hottest day of the week, we enjoyed icy poles and water play. The children also played group games in the gym which the older children organized. We also played on the “big” side playground as requested by the children.

Planning Ahead

Next week our theme will be music. We will be singing popular songs and making up our own songs. Please bring along any musical instrument that your child can play to share with the group.

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.

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.
School Banking News

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

The Cosmic Light Torch and also the Lunar Light Band have been removed from the reward options due to safety concerns. They have been replaced with the Galaxy Glider and the Outer Space Savers Money Box. All available items can currently be seen below and new forms will be placed in each bank book next week.

If you have any concerns about this or anything else relating to school banking, please email us at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com

Happy Savings ☺

Jacqui, Donna and Liz
The Country Fair
Saturday 24th October 2015 10am-3pm

9 Days To Go!

Proud Sponsors

Notices
Don’t forget to return your roster notice with times you can help. Thanks to all those that have already!

Pre-order wristband sales are going well. Last day to hand them in is tomorrow, Friday 16th, after this wristbands can only be purchased on the day for $20 full wristband or $15 junior wristband.

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

We still need hairspray. Any colours including glitter. Please take all cans to boxes in classroom asap.

Marquees – we still need a few more marquees. If you can lend us one for the day, please speak to Marquita or Jacqui or email us.

Cake Stall

Plates went home this week for you to make yummy goodies for the cake and homemade bake stall. Additional plates are available at the office.

Next Meeting: Monday 19th October 2:40pm Staff Room

Any Queries, Opinions, Thoughts, Suggestions Email us at
Thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com
Or contact Marquita – 0407561492 or Jacqui – 0417145971
Don’t forget our Facebook page
http://www.facebook.com/TheBasinPrimarySchoolCountryFair
Thank you to the following businesses who have provided donations to our Country Fair

**New Donations This Week**

- Big 4 – Complimentary Gift Certificate 2 years Big 4 Membership
- Maroondah City Council – Maroondah Leisure Passes valued at $132
- Craftsman Carpet Cleaning – 4 x $30 Gift Certificates
- Val Berezy – Original Oil Painting
- Britta – Water jugs
- Hercules Trucks – Breadmaker
- Seasol – 2 Hampers
- Sarah Louise School of Dance - $50 voucher
- Kilsyth Club – 2 x $30 Dining Vouchers
- Enchanted Adventure Garden – Family Pass
- Sidetracked Go Carts – Value Pass $37
- Wetlands Golf n Games – 5 x Golf n Games Pass
- Montania - $20 Voucher
- Australian Fishing Network – 2 x Magazine Subscription
- Bendigo Tramway – 2 x Tram Passes, 2 x Goldmine Tours
- Thai Tables Restaurant - $40 dining voucher
- Banksia Nursery – 2 x $10 gift vouchers
- Chesterfield Farm – 2 x Junior Farmer Pass
- Luna Park – Family Pass
- Lightning Speciality Products – 2 x Cleaning Hampers
- Simone Perele – Assorted Lingerie Voucher
- Wantirna Hill Club - $50 Bistro Voucher
- Kmart Boronia - $20 Gift Card
- Bell Real Estate – Sponsorship and Advertising Boards
- Paul Sadler Swim School – Sponsorship and Face Painter
- Inflatable World /Action Indoor Sports – 5 passes
- Beck’s Automotive – Sponsorship and $100 Voucher
- Coles Kilsyth - $20 Gift Card
- Choice Cakes – 2 x $25 Vouchers and Sponsorship
- Metro Cinemas Boronia – 2 x Vouchers
- Blackburn Trailers – 6x4 Heavy Duty Trailer
- Flemington Races - 4 x passes
- Cylinder Tech – Sponsorship
- Phillip Island Nature Park – 2 x child 3 park pass
- Yarra Valley Railway – 1 Family Ticket
- Whispers Hair Designs
- Puffing Billy Railway – Family Pass
- Melway Publishing – 5 x Mini Melways
- Paesano International Buffet - $50 reward card
- Nikos Tavern - $50 Voucher
- Knox Leisure Works
- Boronia Chiropractic Healthcare - $60 Voucher
- Sky High Mount Dandenong – Sunday Roast Voucher
- Erins Headquarters
- Zagames Boronia – 2 x Breakfast Vouchers
- Beaver Swim School – 4 free swimming lessons
- Officeworks (Bayswater) – Box Rulers
- Cuckoo Restaurant – Dining Voucher for 2
- Croydon Cinemas – 4 x Free Coupons
- Beechworth Bakery – Assorted Coffee, Cake vouchers
- Bunnings (Bayswater) - $50 Gift Card
- Exclusive Hire – Fairy Floss and Jumping Castle
- Moores Swim School – Voucher for 10 free swimming lessons
- Kuboichi Hair – 2 x Spa Pedicure Vouchers and Hair product
- The Real Thing Craft Centre – Sponsorship
- Starshots – 3 x Glamour Photography Sessions
- Parkview Hotel – Weekend Bed and Breakfast Package
- Scienceworks – 2 x Adult Passes
- Lollipops Playland – 2 x passes
- Bendigo Bank – Sponsorship
- Philco Supply - Wheelbarrow
Open Days at Como Gardens

Como Gardens holds open days twice a year during autumn and spring. These are held in April and October. We have enjoyed good patronage to these weekends where garden tours and rides on the miniature railway are popular favourites with visitors young and old.

Oct 17th and 18th Oct information

Arrival by the bridge with barrel organ music by Hans

- 10am-4pm. Boats on the lake (Surrey model boat club)
- 10.30am Fly Ball Dogs Competition
- 11am. Como garden tour
- 11am till afternoon, rock and roll band “The What” will be playing (Saturday only)
- 11.30am. Museum talk and demonstration
- 1.30pm. “Andy’s Antics” children entertainment (Sunday only)
- 2.00pm. Puppeteer & Ventriloquist, Gordon Ross
- 2.30pm. Museum talk and demonstration
- 3pm. Fly Ball Dogs Competition
- 3.30pm Garden Tour.
- All day miniature train rides
- All day sausage sizzle
- All day Devonshire teas
- All day children’s activities in the woodlands, Featuring Peter Pan, produced by $8.00 entry fee - Children under 14 Free. The Basin Primary School
- All day stalls around the garden

A weekend outing for the whole family! Fifteen acres to roam around and enjoy some lawn games, entertainment, history, food, and culture. The Basin primary school will be staging “Peter Pan” in the woodlands.

Visit the Fairy Tree for face painting and children's activities

On site parking, over 180 cars
Dogs on leads permitted
Toilets for the disabled
Open Garden Weekend events are voluntarily manned and all proceeds go to Knox S.E.S. and St. John Ambulance.

79 Basin Olinda Rd, The Basin 3154 Victoria
THE BASIN JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Early Registration Day

For 2016

Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} October, 2015

5.30pm till 7.00pm

We would like to see all age groups attend from Under 9’s born 2008/9 through to Under 17’s.

For further details contact our President – Neale Moody - 0488 130 220 or Registrar Lara Ferguson - 0437 336 172.