BUILDING PROGRAM UPDATE
On Tuesday, I attended the third and last INDEC project meeting in the city in regards to our capital works program and finally I have some great news. Schematic drawings are nearing completion and we’ll go to tender early May. Builders will be appointed by June and works will commence late June or early July. The architects indicated they expected all upgrade works to be completed by term 1 2018, with the new gymnasium completed by the end of this year.

COUNTRY FAIR
The Country Fair Committee met yesterday to discuss the plans for the fair in October. My thanks to the volunteers who give so generously their time and commitment to this major fundraising event. We still need more helpers so please consider volunteering and supporting our school by contacting Marquita Telford.

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS
Today 35 students will head off to the Kilsyth pool to compete in the District Swimming Competition and we wish them every success. Traditionally our students are faster on land winning the District Athletic and Cross Country events but Mr Goldie and Mr Thomson are quietly confident of a better result in the pool this year given the times produced by our students at the trails. Thank you to all the parents who will attend to support our swimming team this morning - Go The BASIN!

GETTING to KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS
I urge parents to take up the opportunity to organise an interview with your child’s new teacher on Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd February between 4:00 to 7:00pm. A letter explaining the booking procedure and link was distributed last Monday. That information is also attached to this week’s newsletter or please contact the office for assistance.
Listed below are the names of all staff members at The Basin Primary School for your information. In bold are the names of either new staff or those returning from family leave. This year we have 24 grades that range in size from 18 to 26 students.

### TEACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

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### SPECIALISTS

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<td>Fiona Hough – PA to the Principal team</td>
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### THE KNOX SCHOOLS EXPO

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2018/19, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. Have conversations with stallholders from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, then hear from Guest Speaker, Rod Dungan, about ways you can support your child through the transition from primary to secondary and explore considerations when selecting a secondary school. There will then be another opportunity to visit stalls.

When: Thursday 16 March 2017
Time: 5.45-8.45pm
Where: Knox Civic Centre
511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South

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For more information, contact Knox City Council Youth Services
Angela Thurbon on t: 9298 8533 e: angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au
or Megan Parker on t: 9298 8308 e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au
**LUNCHTIME EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES**

Each year our staff and some parents give up their lunchtimes to provide extra curricula activities for our students. Listed below is the extra curricula program. As you can see there are activities planned for each day of the week. On behalf of the school community I sincerely thank our staff and parents for offering these programs, just another reason why The Basin PS is a great school!

### 2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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 20th February Call for nominations (Forms can be obtained at the office)
- Monday 6th March Nominations close
- Wednesday 8th March Candidate List is announced
- Friday 10th March A ballot will be required if nominations exceed the number of vacancies
- Friday 17th March Declaration of Ballot
- Monday 20th March Next School Council Meeting

Nomination forms are available from the office. The expectation is attendance at School Council meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month totalling a minimum of 8 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.

### Extra Curricula Program

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<td>WEDNESDAY</td>
<td>JUNIOR CHOIR Prep to Grade 2 Mr Ossie in the Science room from 1:40pm</td>
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COMPASS UPDATE
Last year The Basin Primary School introduced COMPASS Management System for attendance and reports. We aim to introduce further modules and will advise parents when these are in place.

PREP PARENTS will receive their COMPASS information shortly.

A reminder to parents to regularly login to Compass at the following site: https://thebasinps-vic.compass.education
Key information is contained on your child’s Home Page.

Some tips:
When parents first log-in, there are three important pieces of information to be aware of:

1. You will be asked to confirm your details.
2. You will then need to change your password. Please note this password somewhere safe as this will be required for future log-in.
3. If you have more than one child at the school, log-in details will be the same for each child.

Once you have logged in you will see each child’s name on your home page. You then select which child’s information you wish to view.

Parents are responsible for explaining all late arrivals, early departures and absences. These will be recorded on your child’s Compass page and all attendance data is downloaded to the Department of Education & Training at the end of each month.

Some important points to note:

- When students have a “NP: Unexplained” status on any roll, the parents are sent a notification through the portal asking them to provide a reason for their student’s non-attendance at the session.
- If the parent provides a reason (known as a Parent Approval), Compass will take the new data and make a suggestion to the teachers of any sessions that fall within the time of the approval, asking them to change the roll status for the student. All the teacher(s) need to do is click on the notification they receive on their staff log in homepage and follow the prompts.
- When parents first get their login details, they may well have a number of notifications pending for “NP: Unexplained” statuses, due to our school collecting attendance data through Compass last year. To remove such absences, parents will need to provide an explanation and the roll status will be changed. We thank you for your patience during this initial period.

PROCEDURES for parents

For late arrivals:
- Parents bring their child to the office where they will be marked as ‘arrived’ on Compass by the Admin Officer and given a late pass slip.
- The child takes a slip to the teacher.
- The teacher calls the office to advise that the child has arrived to the class.
- Parents will receive an alert through Compass seeking an explanation for the child arriving late if they haven’t already provided the office with an explanation.
For early departures

- Parents report to the office and their child is marked 'early departure' on Compass by the Admin Officer.
- Parents collecting their child/ren must come to the office first to sign them out. The office staff will notify the classroom teacher to send the child to the office. Alternatively, parents can collect their children from the classroom after signing them out.

For absences

- Parents can go directly into Compass and enter their own child’s absence with a reason, or wait for an alert to be sent by the teacher when their child is absent and then respond with an explanation.
- Any unexplained absences will appear on your child’s screen until the parent provides a reason.

For family holidays:

- Parents going on holidays during a term are requested to inform the office via a letter. The office staff will enter the absence dates on COMPASS.

Graeme Russell
Happy Birthday to the following students:

February
13th    Ryder Nicol
15th    Erika Tauchert
19th    Annabelle Taylor
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<td>for his sensational effort in getting his work completed. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>for putting in a great effort and creating such a detailed, colourful and bright drawing of your weekend. Well done Cooper!</td>
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<td>PH Seth Lorenz</td>
<td>for an amazing picture of his family. Well done Seth! Lovely details.</td>
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<td>PK Marley Gregory</td>
<td>for her amazing weekend writing. You are a star Marley!</td>
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<td>PO Jesse Nicol</td>
<td>for being such a terrific, bubbly and caring member of our grade. Thank you for being so awesome!</td>
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<td>PS Rian Morley</td>
<td>for his excellent weekend writing. You included so many sounds Rian!</td>
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<td>1D Ivy Bridges</td>
<td>for a fantastic effort to improve her handwriting. Awesome Ivy!</td>
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<td>1M Erika Tauchert</td>
<td>for putting a lot of effort into the presentation of her work. Keep up the great work ethic.</td>
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<td>1R Asha Sipthorpe</td>
<td>for always listening to instructions and contributing enthusiastically to class discussion. You set a wonderful example to the class!</td>
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<td>1W Aimee Power</td>
<td>for working independently and so hard on all tasks. Thank-you for your consistent effort Aimee.</td>
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<td>2H Ollie Millwood</td>
<td>for his beautiful bookwork and high standard of work. You are great!</td>
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<td>2S Abigail Holden</td>
<td>for the beautiful presentation of her ‘All about Me’ poster’. You should be very proud of your efforts.</td>
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<td>2W Brock Lacy</td>
<td>for an amazing start to Grade 2. Keep up the super attitude Brockstar! You’re kicking goals buddy!</td>
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<td>3L Ben Johnson</td>
<td>for working really hard to complete all of his work! A great start to Grade 3 Ben!</td>
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<td>3P Hannah Andalora</td>
<td>for consistently encouraging all of her classmates and for working hard to complete her work. It’s great to have you in 3P, Hannah!</td>
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<td>3W Zoe Houghton</td>
<td>for demonstrating wonderful focus when completing her work, and a willingness to ask questions to extend her learning. Super work Zoe!</td>
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<td>4M Taj Shoebridge</td>
<td>for the time and effort you are putting into your bookwork, especially your handwriting. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>4P Laila Turner</td>
<td>for her terrific start to the year! It is lovely to see you smiling and always trying your best! Keep it up Laila!</td>
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<td>4R Rogen Mitchell</td>
<td>for his terrific hard work and challenging himself to achieve his best. I love the effort you are showing Rogen. Great work!</td>
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<td>5M Abbey Reynolds</td>
<td>for her terrific week as class reporter on Class Dojo. Your retelling of highlights from each day were fantastic.</td>
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<td>5P Lillian Cochrane</td>
<td>For consistently choosing to show kindness to her fellow classmates and teacher. Your presence in our classroom is so valued. Thankyou Lillian.</td>
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<td>5/6G Rosie Sykes</td>
<td>for her beautiful attitude, excellent effort and outstanding work! Rosie works hard at everything she does and always does her best. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>6C Cadence Fox</td>
<td>for her enthusiastic approach to her studies. Keep up the great work Cadence!</td>
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<td>6S Bree Nally</td>
<td>for your fabulous start at The Basin Primary School. We are so excited to have you in 6S Bree!</td>
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The Basin Primary School
Bounce Back Awards

Prep: Angus Molin-Wylde - for approaching all aspects of school with a big smile on his face and a positive attitude even when things are a little bit tricky! Keep it up Angus!

Grade 1: Ruthvika Pathipati - for making an excellent start to Grade 1 and being a wonderful role model in our class. You’re a terrific worker and a pleasure to have in our class Ruthvika.

Grade 2: Chloe Bramwell - for coming into grade 2 with a smile on her face and a determination to try her best. You are a superstar Chloe. Well done.

Grade 3: Xander Baxter - for being a wonderful friend and showing so much care for his classmates. Xander, we love the way you are always looking out for others, you make our classroom such a wonderful place to be. Keep it up!

Grade 4: Kyria Brown - for being courageous and resilient whilst having a broken arm. You always look on the bright side of things and haven’t let your broken arm stop you from doing anything! You are a superstar Kyria!

Grade 5: Heath Major - For taking on his role as a buddy with gusto. The generosity and kindness you have shown our new preps has been admired and appreciated. You are a star Heath!

Grade 6: Ryan Smit: for taking on all of the challenges of grade 6 with ease and determination. Your hard working attitude and consistent work ethic is an excellent example to the other students. You are an absolute superstar Ryan!
Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held between 4.00pm – 7.00pm on
Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd February.
You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CLOSE TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY at 12 noon.

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

ks8w3

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

Parents without internet access at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their mobile phones will be available to approach our office staff to book interview times.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 9762 1256.
For those who don't know me, my name is Richard and I am the Chaplain at TBPS. I am married with 3 children and this year is the start of a new season for my family, as we no longer have any children in Primary School. My youngest is now settling into High School life and is in year 7 at Norwood Secondary College. I play a bit of cricket, enjoy watching games of AFL footy and love my coffee.

My official role as Chaplain is a part of the Welfare Team and, along with others, I am available to help support any part of the school community. In 2017, I will be at school more often, as well as floating around at different events throughout the year.

If you would like me to see a child of yours to encourage, support or give some skills to help cope with an issue, there is an official school form to be filled in. Your class teacher will have access to these, or I am more than happy for you to speak to me directly any time.

I trust you've settled well into a new school year and have established some good routines.

Richard
School Chaplain
Thank you to all those that attended either our 2:45pm or 7pm meetings yesterday. They were a great success with majority of our committee roles being filled.
Our Entertainment section is still needing a few people so if you missed out on a role and can help, please let us know via email or phone numbers below. It would be sad not to see our local sporting clubs demonstrating their skills or our own school groups performing on the day.

Please remember to click on this link www.volunteersignup.org/PP4YX (or copy and paste it into your web browser if clicking doesn’t work), to register your email with us to receive Country Fair updates. This does not commit you to working on the day or helping in any way, it just allows you to be kept up to date with what’s going on.

Our first fundraiser for the Fair is a Movie Night thanks to Metro Cinemas Boronia

**Beauty and The Beast Movie Night**
24 Mar 2017 6:30pm
Metro Cinemas Boronia
216 Dorset Rd, Boronia VIC 3155
Screening of Disney’s New Movie Beauty and The Beast
To choose your own seats, please book online at

**Any Queries, Opinions, Thoughts or Suggestions Email us at**
Thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com
Or contact Marquita – 0407561492 or Jacqui – 0417145971

**Don’t forget our Facebook page**
School Banking

Welcome to our wonderful new bankers! If you started banking this week you will notice we have given you a student number in your bank book. Please fill this in every week on your deposit slip along with the amount you’re depositing and your name. You also need to ensure you complete your receipt.

We had a number of students collecting rewards already with tokens from last year. Please be aware that we try our best to give you tokens every week and remove them when you claim a prize but sometimes we forget. We rely on the computer system to keep track of who can order rewards and will send a note home if you have ordered a prize and are not eligible.

ACCOUNT OPENING DAY!

Friday 24th February 8:50-9:45

If you want to set up a new school banking account, come along before school on Friday 24th February outside the staff room and we will assist you with completing forms and giving you what you need. We will be there after assembly too to help further.

As always, any questions, please contact us at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com

Thanks

Jacqui, Donna, Liz and Angela
Free Dental Care is not just for Health Care Card Holders.

The Child Dental Benefit Scheme introduced by the government on January 1st 2014, is continuing. It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1000 over 2 years. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter outlining their eligibility. Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will not incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

Our normal dental care continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth at no cost. (Youth must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concessioner card holder, in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff at EACH Dental if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

EACH Dental
1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757 6200

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Munch Girl
"Powered by healthy food and calcium I help stop tooth decay."
- Choose healthy snacks such as fruits and vegetables.
- Limit sugary foods.
DHSV Defenders of the tooth.

Water Boy
"Powered by tap water and milk, I work hard to help prevent acid attacking teeth."
- Drink fluoridated tap water.
- Avoid acidic and sugary drinks such as soft drink, sports drinks, cordials and fruit juice.

Brush Boy
"Powered by my careful brushing action, I help protect teeth against plaque and decay."
- Brush teeth and along the gum line twice a day with a soft brush.
- Use a pea sized amount of low fluoride toothpaste for children from 18 months to 6 years of age, unless otherwise recommended by an oral health professional.
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You may remember that at the end of term 3 last year the school had “footy colours day” and also were invited to bring a gold coin donation. That went to making up boxes of presents for students overseas who wouldn’t normally get them. As a result 14 boxes of presents were filled and postage for all them were paid for. Schools and organisations across Victoria sent off a record of boxes last year of 59,000 of which it was a privilege for TBPS to be a part of. This year the state organisers hope to reach the great figure of 60,000. Hopefully our school can beat our 2016 tally of 14 and also help the state smash their record also!

The Basin Primary School got an email recently informing us that our 14 boxes of presents arrived at Papua New Guinea on the 12th December and were given out shortly after to children there.

Groups who deliver shoeboxes of presents often have to go to great lengths to get them to the villages. Here’s a delivery in progress!
Knox BMX Come & Try Day
Bunjil Way, Knoxfield
18th February
Session 1: 1pm - 2pm
Session 2: 1.30pm-2.30pm

Arrive 15min before session to sign on
Please wear a long sleeve top and pants, bikes and gear will be available to borrow.

knoxbmx.com.au  Knox Bmx  @knoxbmxcub
Boronia Soccer Club
SUMMER CLINIC

Summer skills sessions for children aged 5-11 years old, all skill levels welcome

Every Wednesday night, 6pm, from Feb 1st 2017

Held at HV Jones Reserve
Cnr Kingston & Ashton Rd
Mountain Gate

For more information Contact
Peter Geoghegan
0438 201 569
or visit
www.boroniasoccerclub.com