DECEMBER 17th

18th Last Day of Term
1.30pm dismissal

TERM DATES FOR 2016

TERM 1
27th Jan - 24th March
TERM 2
11th April - 24th June
TERM 3
11th July - 16th Sept
TERM 4
3rd Oct - 20th Dec

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AT THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

I would like to commend our wonderful students for another amazing year, full of many highlights. As we near the end of the 2015 school year it’s great to look back with pride and highlight some of our successes.

1. I would like to commend our students for another amazing year which continued with very good NAPLAN results and so many of our students working ahead of their expected levels in Literacy and Numeracy.

2. Our amazing School Concert where all our students shone on stage for two nights at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre in Ringwood and our Wakakirri team.

3. The incredibly successful COUNTRY FAIR, totally organised and run by parents that raised over $20,000 and included many community groups.

4. Our students continued Sporting success in winning the District Athletics, coming second in the District Cross Country along with many team district pennants and individual appearances throughout the year at divisional and regional sporting events.


6. Our increasing enrolment figures reflective of the changing socio-economic area, the high birth rate in the area and our improved reputation.

7. The continued excellent survey data we receive from the student, parents and staff surveys.

8. and lastly - The amazing partnership we share with so many parents who support us in the delivery of our school programs and extra curricula activities across the school. Research shows that children who see parents involved in programs around the school helping out in some way feel more connected to their school and perform better in their studies. The traditional African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child" has been reflected throughout the whole year.

I would sincerely thank our dedicated and hardworking staff for their professionalism and dedication towards their students in so many areas. Thankyou to our School Councillors who contribute positively to the governance of the school and support our drive for continuing high standards of education. To our amazing PFA who have had another great fundraising year full of special events and over $25,000.00 raised towards a synthetic running track around our oval.
YEAR 6 GRADUATION
Last night’s Year 6 Graduation was an amazing event where the families and friends of our graduat-
ing students shared this milestone. On behalf of our school community I would like to wish our gradu-
ating students the very best next year and into the future. Congratulations to Melissa Richardson,
Colin Hartley and Andrew Caulfield for the many hours of preparation into making this event a memo-
table one for this wonderful group of young people.

I’d like to also thank the Kilsyth Baptist Church for once again hosting our Graduation, to Richard
Gordon our Chaplain for his liaison work and Fiona Jackson and her incredible PFA ladies who provided
such a delicious supper. Every year we farewell our Grade 6 students and that also means we fare-
well some families who have had a long connections to TBPS. On Friday we farewell the following
families – Bleakney, Bryan, Bucheinen, Driscoll, Kleijn, Dunne, Morrison, Gibbs, Oakley, Kilbride,
Riddell, Krygger, Swindell, Moore, Watt, Revell, Cogdale, Wagstaff, Komodromos, Phillips and the
O’Sullivan family

STAFFING NEWS
In last week’s Newsletter I published the 2016 Staffing Plan and I need to add Jen Smith who will
once again be delivering the Prep – Grade 2 Visual Arts program and Abbey Saward who will be re-
turning from Family leave one day a week during term 1.

I would also like to pay tribute to Bec Beed who has made a courageous decision to take 12 months
leave to continue to heal from the devastating family tragedy that occurred just over a year ago. On
behalf of the whole school community we wish Bec the very best in 2016.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK - A REMINDER
In summary, from the start of 2016 school year the School Council require those volunteering or
working in the following roles provide a current WWC Check and that a copy be provided for the of-

• Literacy Lab
• Overnight camps & Sleepovers
• Excursions
• PFA members
• Parent helpers during the Swimming Program
• Clubs (run by staff from outside the school such as Chess Club, instrumental teachers, etc.)
• Instrumental Programs (Guitar, Drums, Singing etc.)
• Social Club or other clubs within the school
• Transporting students for extra-curricular activities without a teacher in the vehicle.

These roles not require a WWCC:
• Classroom reading helpers (in your child’s class and where a teacher is present)
• Incursions where a teacher is present

Working with Children Checks can be applied for at the following online site

Once you have filled in the online application form, you need to go to a participating Australia Post
retail outlet to lodge your application.
What to take with you when lodging
- the application summary and receipt that you printed after completing the online form
- a passport-size photo of yourself
- documents that prove your identity
- Volunteer Checks are free.

HOLIDAY SECURITY
Over the last few years we have seen an increase in the level of after hours' community use of our school grounds. In most instances, the members of the community who use our school do so with regard to the values we place on our grounds and facilities. Occasionally this does not happen. If you are in and around the school over the vacation and see people misusing our grounds or buildings please call 000 and/or the Department of Emergency Management on 9589 6266.

PUPIL PACKS
Pupil Packs are still available for collection from the office until Friday of this week and then from Wednesday 27th January.

PAST STUDENTS
A few newsletters ago I asked for news about past students receiving awards and it was great to hear about Sian Cribb who received an "Excellence in Academic Award" this year for gaining 9 out of 10 High Distinctions across all curriculum areas. Congratulations Sian!

FIRST DAY 2016
Next year the first day for all students is THURSDAY 28th JANUARY at 9:00am. I predict that there will be parking issues with 86 new Preps starting so your patience is requested. I would also take this opportunity to remind parents to be extremely careful when entering, departing and even backing their vehicles both in the school grounds and within the service road on Mountain Highway. 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 a day of Professional Development, classroom preparations and several meetings.

FINAL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER
There is one more day of school to go for 2015 - and 8 more sleeps until Santa visits! I hope to see you at our final assembly where we will congratulate our students on a fine year, present some awards and farewell our Graduating Year 6 students. Our assembly commences at 12:50pm and will conclude at 1:30pm.

The last day for students is always filled with sadness as our Grade 6's leave and commence their secondary education in the New Year. Friday's assembly will be difficult for everyone - especially the Prep buddies. Could I ask parents to collect their children from inside the school grounds on this day rather than meeting them at the car - given the early finish! School staff will be manning the two crossings closest to the school to ensure people get across the road safely.
IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

2016 TERM DATES

TERM 1: Thursday 28th January to Thursday 24th March (8 weeks)
TERM 2: Monday 11th April to Friday 24th June (11 weeks)
TERM 3: Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September (10 weeks)
TERM 4: Monday 3rd October to Tuesday 20th December (11 weeks)

FINAL COMMENTS
I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year - one filled with happiness and good health. I’m certainly looking forward to spending time with my family and friends during this festive and holiday period. The pace of life does not seem to be slowing so these special times with family and friends are very important. See you in 2016

Graeme Russell

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Merry Christmas
UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 27th January 2016, 11.00am to 1.00pm.

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL MUSIC 2016
The Basin Primary School offers classes in several instruments and voice.
If you are considering enrolling your child in lessons for next year, please contact the relevant teacher.
Keyboard: David 0400 065 788
Guitar: Noice Works 9737 1170
Drums: Aaron 0478 173 554

December
13th Ava-Rose Edwards
15th Indi Lee Riley
Jade Thomson
Cooper Mason
17th Lucy Sutton
18th Tamika Willoughby
19th Hudson Nielsen-Hughes
Erica Clark
Mackenzie Nielsen-Hughes
20th Taj Shoebridge
21st Tyler Reid
Asher Hodge
22nd Teannah Ross
24th Chris Visolit
27th Lewis Healey
29th Rex Wright
30th Adam Tidey
Addison Edwards
31st Matthew Smit
Ryan Smit
SWIMMING PROGRAM

Congratulations to all of our students who participated in the 10 day swimming program. The students have been excellent. Not only have they made impressive progress with their swimming abilities, but have developed greater independence through daily changing routines and caring for their possessions (some exceptions of course!). Thanks to our staff and parents who have once again supported the program brilliantly. By now each child should have received their swimming certificate of achievement. We are currently looking at changes to our swimming program for 2016. Given the significant increase in enrolments across the school we will no longer be able to run a whole school program at the same time/facility. Knox Leisureworks can no longer accommodate the number of instructors and pool space required when we bring the whole school together. The likely outcome is that we will run two separate programs (eg. One for P/1/2/3/4 and one for 5/6) at different times. One of these programs would definitely be run during our existing booking at Knox Leisureworks. All options are being considered.

Dale Goldsmith

Phys-Ed and Sport
Graduating class of 2015

What a great night it was seeing the students all dressed up and celebrating their 7 years at school.
WEEK 10 AWARD WINNERS

[Images of the winners holding certificates]
We would like to say goodbye to our 2015 Grade Sixes, we wish them well in their future endeavours. Good luck at Secondary School.
This week we have been busy doing....

This week we enjoyed our OSHClub party that was held on Thursday afternoon (date was changed due to St. Bernadette’s finishing on Thursday). We wish you and your family a happy festive season and hope to see you back next year. We also say a sad goodbye to Martin who will be leaving to another program in the New Year. Martin will be greatly missed.

Holiday Program

Don’t forget to book into our holiday program, which will run from the 4th of January, 2016 to 27th January, 2016 (please note that we will be closed on Australia Day). We have lots of exciting theme days planned. We will also have excursions to Theatre Works, Clip and Climb and Xtreme Indoor Trampoline Centre. Please book in early to save your spot!

Enrolments

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

OSHClub Closure

We will be closed for a two week period over Christmas and New Year. OSHClub will reopen on the 4th of January 2016.

Next Week’s Activities

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0428162718
Coordinator: Dee Donmez
Assistant: Martin Lester 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 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.
COME & TRY
Aussie T-Ball

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WHEN
22/1/2016 - 26/2/2016

CLUB DETAILS
UPWEY FERN TREE GULLY BASEBALL CLUB
KINGS PARK, WILLOW ROAD
UPPER FERN TREE GULLY

www.BASEBALL.com.au

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Brooke Tomlinson Singing School

SINGING AND PERFORMANCE
AT THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Congratulations to all of the incredibly talented students that took part in the singing program at The Basin Primary School in 2015. Some of the amazing opportunities the students were able to be a part of were, showcases, public appearances, cd recordings, photo shoots and concerts.

Singing lessons were introduced to The Basin Primary School at the start of 2015 and have been extremely popular with many students signing up.

PRIVATE SINGING
LESSONS ARE RAN FROM
THE BASIN PRIMARY
SCHOOL DURING THE DAY
ON A ROTATING TIMETABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
ENQUIRIES OR TO MAKE A
BOOKING, PLEASE
CONTACT BROOKE ON

0400 506 177

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM!

SIGN UP NOW FOR 2016

BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE, MAKE
FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN!