SEPTEMBER 17th

**END OF TERM 3**

Term 3 has come and gone so quickly. It’s been another incredibly busy term. A very big thank you to our amazing students, staff and to the many parents who support our students in the classroom through initiatives such as the reading program and excursions and for all the work you do with your children at home to support our teachers to provide the best possible learning opportunities for every child.

**STAFFING NEWS**

Mrs Boyd left last Friday for a short Long Service Leave overseas trip and Mrs Stock is doing exactly the same. Both ladies will return to school in the second week of term 4 – Monday 12th October. We wish them both a relaxing and wonderful LSL holiday. Mrs MacDonald is also extending the term 3 holidays by one week and will return on October 12th.

**BROKEN WATER MAIN**

Last Friday was quite an eventful day when we were notified by SE Water just before 9:00am that our mains water was being shut off so a broken pipe on Miller Rd could be repaired. We have Department protocols to follow in such emergencies and that included contacting the Emergency Management Department of DEECD and the North Eastern Region who advised us on the actions to take.

We were informed at 9:15am that the water would be returned at 11:00am and as an interim measure following their instructions and asked parents who were at the assembly to take their children home for 2 hours and then bring them back to school.

We were also advised to hold off sending an SMS message asking parents to collect their children until 11:00am at which time we would know definitely that repair works were completed or continuing. We received notification just before 11:00am that the water had been restored.

We then decided to send two messages - the first informing parents that the water had been turned back on and the second that we will be creating an official The Basin PS Facebook account to avoid the confusion that occurred as we had received multiple calls from parents who were notified of the water problem on an unofficial site.

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**TERM DATES FOR 2015**

**TERM 3**

13th July—18th Sept

**TERM 4**

5th Oct—18th December

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**SEPTEMBER 18th Footy day**

Last day of term 2.30 finish

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**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**
We completely understand why some helpful parents spread the word for us! However, we have protocols to deal with in such cases. Had the emergency been more serious – such as a lockdown or evacuation, it is most important and our preferred option, that all parents are notified via the one source to avoid confusion and/or panic.

BUILDING UPDATE
Shorty we will be submitting to our Regional Office our upgrade preferences. We were asked to list in priority order the works we would like to achieve with this money. I have attached the preference list below for your perusal. The listed preferences are the result of much consultation. After the regional facilities staff checks our preferences and associated documentation it is then sent to DEECD in town to be approved. The Department have indicated they would like to commence work before Easter 2016.

1. ADMIN BUILDING
Refurbish Administration building, increase office spaces to meet the regulated size and allow additional for meeting rooms, a new main entry, larger first aid room, remove old shower, additional female toilets, replace outside cladding, outside painting, etc.

2. NEW GYMNASIUM
A new basketball sized gymnasium, including storeroom, office space, small kitchenette and toilets accessible from the inside and outside. (This will be an amazing addition to our school)

3. GRADE 1/2 BUILDING
Our preference is to replace the existing buildings with brand new relocatable buildings with an enclosed gallery area between them.

4. GRADE 3/4, LIBRARY & ARTROOM BUILDING
Paint and re-carpet all rooms, re-roof, replace gutters and downpipes, re-clad exterior walls and paint window frames, eaves, etc.

5. GYM/CLASSROOM BUILDING
Paint and re-carpet all rooms, re-roof, replace gutters and downpipes, reclad exterior walls and paint window frames, eaves, etc.

6. TOP PREP BUILDING
Paint and re-carpet all rooms, re-roof, replace gutters and downpipes, re-clad exterior walls and paint window frames, eaves, concrete paths, etc.

7. GRADE 1/2 PORTABLE TOILETS
We wish this portable toilet block to go and be replaced with new toilets connected to the new gym that can be accessed internally and externally

8. SITE WORKS
Level, re-surface and reseed our school oval, concrete new paths and curbing in the internal car parking areas, asphalt all car parks and outside basketball courts, asphalt area around admin building, replace old sewer line, fix storm water problems, etc.

ENROLMENT NUMBERS
I thought you may be interested in the recently released enrolment projections for our school based on new population data sent to the Education Department from Knox Council:


Based on current 2016 Prep enrolments we will be ahead of these projections. The Basin is clearly a changing socio-economic area as houses are being snapped up by young families.
STATE EDUCATION STATE (from the State Government)
On Monday 14th September, the Victorian Government announced a series of landmark reforms to build and define Victoria as the Education State. The announcements included a focus on school leadership, better teaching, more collaboration between teachers and schools and resources targeted at student needs. Next year all government schools – including ours – will receive extra needs-based funding for to better respond to every student’s needs. Our teachers will receive training to implement the new Victorian Curriculum, which will include new subjects like digital coding and respectful relationships. The government also set new state-wide education targets – goals for our students in areas like maths, reading, science, the arts, resilience and critical and creative thinking. This is an exciting time for Victorian schools, and these new initiatives will inform our planning for 2016. The Department’s website for to find out more about the Education State initiatives is: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/educationstate.

ANNUAL FOOTY DAY
We are all looking forward to our annual Football Day tomorrow where the students, staff and parents wear their team’s colours. I’m really looking forward to the footy games throughout the day and Goldie’s umpiring decisions! Parents are most welcome to attend these games – they are great fun! Thankyou to Fiona Jackson and all her PFA helpers for organising the Footy Day lunch.

FINAL ASSEMBLY
Due to our ANNUAL FOOTY DAY this Friday there will be NO ASSEMBLY this week. Mr Goldie needs every minute to fit in all the grade level football matches.

LAST DAY OF TERM
As previously advised - students will be dismissed at 2:30pm this Friday 18th September.

Finally, I’d like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday period and we look forward to seeing everyone back here on Monday 5th October for the start of Term 4.

Graeme Russell
Apple Man

Friday 9th 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.

Hand tamed baby budges for sale.

Just our of the nest and ready to train. $30 each. There are a variety of colours including blue, white and yellow and each one has different markings.

Please call Leah on 0413 076 092

September
13th  Jasmine Lobb
14th  Eva Wigney
16th  Teah Smith
18th  Jed Ronaldson
20th  Abby Wigney
22nd  Abby Lee Foster
24th  Oscar Turner
25th  Stela Dodd
26th  Cohen Young
27th  Patrick Nicholls
30th  Alannah Turner

October
1st   Dayna Airs
2nd   Rachel Wiersema

Breea Nunziante
Toby Ayliffe
INTER-SCHOOL SPORT

Last Friday our senior students took part in the first of two Summer Sport round robin days (The second day is Tuesday 20th October). We fielded teams in softball, cricket, volleyball, rounders and tennis. The day was a great success and I would like to acknowledge the support of Mel Richardson, Andrew Caulfield, Nicki Smith, Matt Kelly, Jenny Beale and Kate Brennan who all did a terrific job in coaching and assisting their respective teams. Thanks also to Nerida Stephen for her photos. Results for the day were as follows:

Cricket
1 win/2 losses

Tennis
Boys A – 3 wins/0 losses, Boys B – 3 wins/0 losses, Boys C – 3 wins/0 losses
Girls A – 3 wins/0 losses, Girls B – 3 wins/0 losses, Girls C – 2 wins/1 loss

Volleyball
Boys - 1 win/2 losses
Girls – 1 win/2 losses

Rounders
Boys – 0 Wins/3 losses
Girls – 0 Wins/3 losses

Softball
Boys – 2 wins/1 loss
Girls – 3 wins/0 losses
REGIONAL RACQUETBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday the 11th of September, Thomas Swindell, Mason O’Sullivan, Jai Gibbs, Isabella Davison, Kaila Swindell and Martha Bone took part in the Regional Racquetball tournament at Bayswater Squash Centre. As you can see from the scores below all the students performed extremely well with both teams qualifying to compete in the State Racquetball Championships to be played at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Friday 23rd October. We are extremely grateful to Naomi O’Sullivan who transported and managed our teams. Results were as follows:

**GIRLS**

Game 1 vs Knox park – Martha 18-20 (lost), Kaila 22-24 (lost) and Isabella 24-16 (won)

Game 2 vs Mt Waverly (4) – Martha 15-20 (lost), Kaila 42-15 (won) and Isabella 46-3 (won)

Game 3 vs Mt Waverly (2) Martha 22-20 (won) Kaila 18-19 (lost) and Isabella 36-12 (won)

**GIRLS WON 5/9 GAMES AND PLACED 2ND IN POOL A.**

**BOYS**

Game 1 vs Knox park (5) Jai 32-12 (won) Mason 34-9 (won) and Thomas 35-12 (won)

Game 2 vs Mt Waverly (3) Jai 25-17 (won) Mason 20-22 (lost) and Thomas 21-12 (won)

Game 3 vs Knox Park (4) Jai 36-10 (won) Mason 31-19 (won) and Thomas 42-10 (won)

**BOYS WON 8/9 GAMES AND PLACED 1ST IN POOL D.**
Oliver’s Miracle Whole School Fundraiser
Friday 9th October

Oliver from 1W recently heard a Radio Station was doing an appeal to raise funds for people in Nepal to have eye surgery for Cataract Blindness. Oliver has new glasses to help him read and can’t imagine life without being able to see. So Oliver decided to offer to read his favourite books for anyone who would donate money on his behalf.

A Facebook Page was created called ‘Oliver’s Miracle’ and people donated money for the eye operations and let him know which book they wanted Oliver to read and the name of the child he was to read it to. Along with his family he made video recordings of his reading and gave them to the people as a thank you. In the end Oliver raised enough for eleven eye operations.

The above story has touched many people within our community and it has been suggested that we have a fundraiser to help Oliver with his wish to help restore eyesight to people in Nepal.

On Friday 9th October at assembly (the first for Term 4) Oliver will read a story to the whole school and in return we thought each child could donate a gold coin. The money raised will of course then be sent to Nepal.
Walk to School October 2015

The Basin Primary School has enrolled in “Walk to School 2015”. Students are encouraged to walk to and/or from school for as many days possible in the month of October. The program is aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of students. Where possible it is recommended that students walk with parents and that no student should walk alone. All classes will record their results on a chart and each student will have their own calendar on which they place a sticker for days were they walked to or from school. These calendars will be submitted at the end of October and will be eligible to be awarded prizes.
Achievement Program update – Another benchmark achieved! Time to Celebrate!

After some great work from staff, students and families, we are delighted to let you know that we’ve met another Achievement Program benchmark – this time for Sun Protection. That’s right – we’ve added a Sun Protection sticker/icon to our Physical Activity sticker/icon on our Achievement Program sign!

We’ve also received certificates from the Victorian Government, recognising our work in these areas, which you can see proudly displayed in the foyer.

Well done and thank you to everyone. This really is a team effort. A highlight has been the provision of playground shade sails, sunscreen pump packs in every classroom and clip on sunscreen for school bags. Also, we’ve done some great work with UV education with our environmental captains featuring in a power point presentation at a school assembly and the introduction of daily displays of temperature and UV levels. This has helped to incorporate Sun Protection across the curriculum. Since gaining recognition last year we would also like to extend a big thank-you to everyone who has supported our existing Physical Activity initiatives.

Now, because we value the health of our students and staff, and want to continue to build on our successes and prioritise health and wellbeing, we’re going to jump right back in and start work on a new health priority. We’ll update you soon about how you can get involved. This doesn’t mean we will stop the great work we have done on Sun Protection and Physical Activity - we will continue to strengthen and develop these.

We’re really looking forward to continuing to work with you to keep on improving the health and wellbeing of all our students and so help them to learn and develop to their full potential.

Achievement Program Team

Kylie Cribb, Richard Gordon and Dale Goldsmith
THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Monday 14th September

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Chess Club is a terrific part of our school and we will be continuing lessons for the first half of next term. Students involved in Chess Club are learning new moves and strategies weekly. They then put these new skills into practice with games played in tournament style. These new skills are relevant when playing a defensive or attacking game.

Northern Star Chess will again be running lessons over Friday lunch times at a cost of $30.00 for 5 lessons per student. Due to the curriculum day this terms Chess Club was one week shorter. Those who paid in full need only to pay for 4 lessons ($24).

If you have any questions regarding Chess Club, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Amy Hillier

My child ___________________________ will be returning to Chess Club in term 4.

Parents Name ____________________ Signature________________________
Program Update

This Week We Have Been Busy Doing...

The children enjoyed our spring time theme. The children painted spring themed canvases with patterns on them and also attempted to do their own. Children also enjoyed the sunshine and milder spring weather by having afternoon tea outside. We also had our Assessment and Rating visit. We are now waiting for the result.

Holiday Program

If your child will be attending the holiday program, please book in by as soon as possible so that we can ensure we have the correct number of staff. Please provide a hat for your child to wear during the holiday program.

We wish you a safe and relaxing holiday. See you next term! 😊

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

OSHC 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.

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Saturday 24th October 2015 10am-3pm
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What’s On
There is bound to be something for everyone at our Country Fair this year. We have rides for big and small including a Kite Flyer and Trackless Train as well as the Animal Farm for the animal lovers. Scarecrows made by the children will be proudly displayed and available for bidding, alongside other fantastic items donated in our Silent Auction. We also have amazing prizes up for grabs in our Live Auction too. Showbags will be available on the day and a chance to change your look with our Hairspray, Temporary Tattoo and Facepaint Stall. Our yummy Cake Stall will be back again as will our Lucky Jars stall and Pirate Treasure. We’re pretty sure Dunk-The-Teacher will make a big splash as well. Our school will also be selling our sensational sausages and hamburgers, as well as running the Potato Shack with hot chips, potato cakes and baked potatoes.
As if all this was not enough, we have over 40 market stalls coming with items ranging from jewellery and candles to craft and toys – don’t forget to bring some money for these. Then there’s the fun and live entertainment over two stages, with performances by our very own students as well as community groups. More will be revealed next term but one thing’s for sure - this will definitely be a day full of fun which you won’t want to miss.
Don’t forget to tell your friends – Saturday 24th October 10am-3pm.

Marquees
We are needing marquees for stalls at the fair. If you or someone you know have one you can donate for the day, please contact us on the below email address.

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/TheBaselinePrimarySchoolCountryFair
Thank you to the following businesses who have provided donations to our Country Fair

New Donations this week

Philco Supply - Wheelbarrow

- 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 Specialty 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
- Total Media Solutions – Sponsorship