### December 1st

**December**
- 6th 2017 Prep transition & Grade 6 orientation
- 7th PFA meeting 2.45pm
- 8th School Carols Night
- 14th Icypole Day
- 15th Grade 6 Graduation
- 20th END OF TERM 1.30PM finish

**Term Dates for 2016**
- TERM 4
- 3rd Oct - 20th Dec

### Principal’s News

**December Student Reports**

Reports will be available on COMPASS, as per Semester One. To see your child’s report, go to the Home Page of Compass and click on the tab ‘Reports’. Parents can save the report electronically or print in a pdf version. If you can’t remember your logon details please contact the office.

**2017 Stationary Packs**

The children’s stationary packs have arrived and can be collected from the office at the time of paying the first instalment of school fees.

**New Staff Appointments 2016**

It is with great pleasure that I announce to our school community the re-appointments of three ESS staff following recent interviews. Helen Clarke (Science Assistant), John Mallon and Sarah Smyth (Integration Aides) have all had their contracts renewed and will continue their excellent support in their respective areas.

**2017 Student Captains**

The 2017 School Captains will be announced shortly and presented with their badges at our assembly on Friday 9th December. Once again, we were all delighted with the quality of the speeches presented by the students at last week’s assembly.

**Orientation Day / Prep Transition**

On Tuesday 6th December, all Year 6 children will spend the day at their nominated secondary school. There is also the third, and last, Prep Transition session that day followed by an evening parent meeting commencing at 7pm. Our guest speaker, Julie Shepherd, will outline the approach to reading.
BOOK FAIR
Congratulations to Leah Davison and her PFA helpers who ran the Book Fair this week. This annual event provides children and parents the opportunity to purchase books at a reasonable price leading up to Christmas. Again - thankyou to our PFA folk.

CAROLS NIGHT
Next Thursday 8th December is our Carols Night and fingers crossed we have fine weather. This year it will be held on the oval. Families are welcome to start setting up at 5:30pm especially if they are having a picnic tea. Please bring picnic blankets and chairs as the grass coverage at that end of the oval is not great! The children will be required to remain seated with their grade for the duration of the event and we’d like parents to assist in that regard.

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Graeme Russell
Principal
School Procedure for the Bushfire Season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and SMS message. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and carried out maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility’s grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters and by checking our website.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.


For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 667.
**Apples**

Friday 9th December 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

**Science Gift Ideas for Christmas from SSA**

If anyone missed out on purchasing items from the pop up stall during Science Week and wanted to purchase gifts in the lead up to Christmas, Daniela from Science Supply Australia (SSA) has confirmed that they are happy to receive online orders placed directly with the company, with 15% of all sales returning back to TBPS as fundraising for the Science program. If you are interested in placing an online order with SSA, go to their website www.ssapl.com.au and click on 'Register' to create for an account. To ensure we receive 15% of the sales, enter ***The Basin PS Fundraiser*** as the organisation name. Please note that any queries regarding orders placed online should be forwarded to SSA directly.

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**School Banking**

Rewards are no longer able to be redeemed for 2016. All tokens not redeemed this year will be rolled over to be used next year with the new rewards in 2017.

Our last banking day for this year will be 13th December.

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

Thanks

Jacqui, Donna, Liz and Angela
PUPIL OF THE WEEK
WEEK 9 ENDING 2nd DECEMBER, 2016

PB Lincoln Bascombe-Hay - for giving swimming the best go, listening and trying everything even if it seemed a bit scary! Well done Lincoln.
PH Jacinta Chambers - for being so brave at swimming. Even when you were a little worried, you did a great job Jacinta. Good girl!
PK Dylan Gaschnick - for his wonderful writing about what Christmas looks, sounds, smells and tastes like. You are very clever Dylan!
PS Ivy Bridges - for her wonderful sounds and detail you added to your writing. Keep persisting Ivy!
Eva Shakespeare - for her wonderful analysis of The Big Bad Wolf. You contributed some excellent ideas Eva, well done!
PE Zara Preest - for her fantastic writing about her Buddy. Your handwriting was beautiful Zara, well done!
1R Adam Tidey - for being such a swimming superstar this week. Well done on an awesome effort!
1M All of 1M for settling into the routine of swimming so well. Great job!
1W Lucy Sutton - for her beautiful manners and hard working attitude. You are a delight to teach Lucy.
2D Mack Nielsen-Hughes - for his fabulous effort and the detail he’s adding to his writing. Keep it up Mack!
2S Layla Insley - for her determined effort to complete her work with a minimum of fuss.
Charlie Redfern - for the outstanding effort he is putting into his questioning when completing VIP.

3W Xander Raistrick - for the excellent attention he has put into all his work, including the fantastic penmanship! Top job!
3W Teannah Ross - for a wonderful camp recount. You did a super job describing your fabulous camp experience. Well done Teannah!
3/4P Rogen Mitchell - for the terrific effort he put into his camp recount. It was great to see your enthusiasm and all your pages of writing! Excellent work Rogen! :)
4C Shaun Massie - for his enthusiastic response towards fundraising for his C.B.L project. Great work Shaun!
4M Danah Mcross - for the wonderful editing skills she demonstrated on her camp recount writing. Well done Danah!
5M Jade Thomson - for working diligently to complete all of her work on time. Your time management skills are improving Jade well done!
5S Jayden Willoughby - for your persistent problem solving and mathematical thinking! Awesome Jayden!
5/6R - Jordan Brooke - for her excellent effort with poetry writing. Your ideas, rhyming and language choices were outstanding. Great work!
6G Jacqueline Dornbierer - For her outstanding poem. Your rhythm was excellent and your vocabulary choice showed great maturity. Keep up the amazing work!
Bounce Back Awards

The remainder of our BounceBack program this year is all about being a STAR, CHAMP and WINNER! We look at setting goals, working hard, challenging & believing in ourselves, taking a risk, recognising that everyone has different strengths, using our strengths to help others, and thinking like STARS, CHAMPS & WINNERS do!

**Prep: Evan Cocu** - for always striving to complete your work to the best of your ability. It has been wonderful watching you take on challenges in the classroom and push yourself to achieve more! Well done Evan!

**Grade 1: Marley Burley** - for always having such a positive attitude in the classroom and out in the playground. You set a wonderful example and are always willing to help others. You’re a star Marley!

**Grade 2: William Donald** - for aiming high this term and striving to achieve your very best. You are really trying hard with everything you do. Well Done Will. You are a super star.

**Grade 3: Skyla Eaton** - for the outstanding manner you conduct yourself in school and also while at swimming. You lead the way in all that you do – just like the STAR you are!

**Grade 4: Jacob Compton** - for not letting a ‘leg injury’ dampen his enthusiasm for the pool. Jacob, it has been great to see you complete all swimming exercises with a smile on your face. Keep up the great work champ!

**Grade 5: Cohen Young** - for working really well this week. Cohen you nailed all your homework, smashed your maths problem solving CAT and also helped others to understand and progress in our maths game Lure of the Labyrinth. Keep up the great work Cohen you’re a champ!

**Grade 6: Jasmine Willoughby** - For being an absolute CHAMP and smashing her reading goals. Jas has worked really hard to read independently and answer comprehension questions. Well done!
On Wednesday 16th November 64 of our grade 3’s headed down to Phillip Island for their first school camp. After some clearing showers we were treated to three action packed days with beautiful weather. All the students had a fantastic time experiencing many activities and events including visiting the penguins and The Nobbies and enjoying archery, trampolining, the flying fox, giant swing, low ropes course and a couple of swims in the pool at camp. Our great experience was made even better by our wonderful parent helpers Bec Searle, Erin Gillies, Sarah Windsor, Brendon Pollock and Stuart Mitchell. We hope everyone got a good rest on their return, we certainly did!
Miss Poulsen, Mrs Hillier and Mr Weekes

My favourite part was when Mrs Hillier tried to make us rap to a wrap! - Jed 3H

My favourite part was the Penguin Parade. The penguins were cute and they walked funny! - Ella 3H

My favourite part about camp was the giant swing. I liked it because it was fun to go on. I’ve never gone on it before! - Rachel 3P

My favourite part about camp was the flying fox. It was really fun and it looked cool being at the top! - Connor 3P

My favourite parts of camp were the giant swing and the low ropes course. It was really fun and you got to learn how to balance! - Shaun 3W

My favourite part of camp was the flying fox. I liked it when it went fast and hit the tyre at the end! - Lily 3W
CBL – SURVIVAL Year 3-4
As we have engaged with the big idea of ‘Survival’ this term our students have enjoyed learning about the cause and effect of many natural disasters. They are currently responding to the challenge to ‘provide support to a community affected by a natural disaster.’ We have been excited to see their eyes opened to how they can make a positive impact in the world in support of others. Feel free to pop into our building’s corridors over the next few weeks to see how our students are responding to the challenge.

The Country Fair
Saturday 28th October 2017 10am-3pm

The Country Fair will be back next year, Saturday 28th October 2017, 10am-3pm and once again should be a day of great fun for young and old.

To ensure the success of the day we are calling on volunteers again. Please 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 expression of interest in helping with the organising of this great event. Only takes a minute.

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

Don’t forget our Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/TheBasinPrimarySchoolCountryFair
VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR
IS ON TV

Don't miss the Channel 7 broadcast of this year's Victorian State Schools Spectacular highlights on Saturday 3rd December from 7.00pm - 9.00pm.

Now is your chance to witness what the 16 lucky students at The Basin Primary School were a part of.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT IS BACK...

In 2017 we are proud to announce that our school concert has been planned for June 21st and 22nd at the George Wood Performing Arts Centre. Book it in the diary it will be a show not to miss.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLS ON THE OVAL
AT THE BASIN PS

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

BYO picnic dinner 5:30pm
Concert starts 6:30pm

So come and join in the carolling fun.
This year The Basin Primary school will again be participating in the Food for Families appeal. This appeal aims to assist families who are doing it tough at Christmas time and into 2017. Families are asked to look into their pantries and possibly bring along a grocery item or two to donate.

We will be collecting items from **FRIDAY 25th November** through until **FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER**. Each classroom will have a collection box. So help us to support this great appeal. Below we have made a list of some of the Wesley Missions suggestions.

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS**
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Tomato paste
- Tinned and ready to eat meals
- Soups and curries
- Tomato sauce
- Rice
- Baby food
- Canned meals with ring pull lids
- Stir fry sauces
- Coconut milk
- Instant noodles in a cup/bowl
- Sandwich spreads
- Cheese spreads
- Breakfast cereals, muesli bars, breakfast bars
- UHT (long life) milk
- Biscuits
- Tea bags, instant coffee, milo

**TOILETRIES**
- Nappies
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Face washers
- Toilet paper
- Sunscreen
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes

Kaylee and Jhye,
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Friday 24th March 2017 6.30PM
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