AUGUST 20th

August
24th PB & PKW excursion
25th PH & PSW excursion
26th Fish & Chip Day (Prep - Grade 2)
27th Fish & Chip Day (Grade 3 - Grade 6)
31st 1/2 Aquarium exc.

September
1st Father’s Day Stall
3rd Father’s Day Stall
Prep Father’s Day Breakfast
4th Curriculum Day
8th Grade 3/4 incursion
10th 5/6 Summer Sport Round Robin
11th Grade 2 Sleepover
18th Footy day – Last day of terms

TERM DATES FOR 2015

TERM 3
13th July—18th Sept

TERM 4
5th Oct—18th December

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

NATIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF WEEK
This week is National Education Support Staff Week and it is an opportunity for our school community to recognise and celebrate the marvellous work the Education Support Staff do in our school. At The Basin PS we have Sarah Wallace – Business Manager and Cath Hansen – Office Assistant who both keep the office running smoothly.
The following ESS staff work with particular students in the classroom as well as running important support programs for many other students – e.g. our very successful Literacy Lab supports many students across the school and the Quicksmart Maths program support several students in Grade 5&6. Our wonderful ESS STAFF are – Di Parkinson, Jenny Beale, Kylie Cribb, Karyn Mitchell, Nerissa Turner, Sarah Smyth, Wendy Hollonds and John Mallon.
On behalf of all students and staff that you support every day and in general all families at TBPS, we sincerely thankyou for your wonderful support!

BUILDING UPGRADE REPORT
At the School Council meeting last Monday I presented for ratification a list of priorities for the expenditure of the upgrade money. These priorities are next checked by our Regional office before being sent to the Education Departments Infrastructure branch for approval. Following that process architects are approached to draw plans and develop estimates for our approval and then tenders are sent out. The priorities include refurbishment of the administration building, a new full sized gymnasium/basketball court, replacing the existing Grade 1/2 portable building, exterior refurbishment of all older buildings and repainting and recarpeting of their interiors, ground works including asphalt, paths, curbs, oval repairs, storm water and sewerage works. In the last week we received notification of an additional $65,000 maintenance money via the Governments school improvement program which was based upon an audit completed in 2013. We have been informed the department are keen for works to begin in term 1 next year.
PARKING IN SERVICE ROAD MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY
A concerned and caring parent approached me about a problem that occasionally occurs in the Knox Councils service road in front of our school on Mountain Highway. Could I ask that parents using this parking area to not park directly in front of the school gate blocking the exit from our school! I know all parents at TBPS are very careful when driving into and out of our car parking areas and I applaud the courteous behaviour demonstrated by everyone on a daily basis.

DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS
A reminder to all parents that dogs are NOT permitted in our school grounds, especially at the start and end of each school day when the children are arriving and departing. Not all children like dogs, in fact some are fearful of them for a number of reasons. Thankyou for your understanding!

PARENT OPINION SURVEY REMINDER
Thankyou to all families who returned the School Survey data – we really appreciate your feedback and look forward to the release of the data in a few months.

CURRICULUM DAY
The next Pupil Free CURRICULUM DAY is scheduled for Friday 4th September.

Graeme Russell

DAFFODIL DAY
Over the coming weeks Junior School Council representatives will be selling Cancer Council merchandise in preparation for Daffodil Day which falls on Friday August 28th. On this day the school will be supporting the cause by wearing yellow. So get out the yellow, t-shirts, scarves, beanies and ribbons and let’s brighten up our school on a cold winter day.
Apple Man

Friday 28th August 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.

CSEF

There is a second round of applications for the CSEF, if you have a current health care card, and you did not claim the fund last term, please come and fill in a form at the office to claim the Camps, Sports, Excursion Fund.

August

16th  Ashley Wittman
18th  Chloe Branwell
22nd  Amber Kleijn
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<td>Zoe Clark - for your wonderful participation while learning about word families during our Julie Shepherd visit. Well done!</td>
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<td>Charlie Dodd - for always using beautiful manners when speaking and listening to others. Thankyou Charlie. You are so polite!</td>
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<td>Brock Lacy - for his excellent writing about how we should look after our teeth. Keep up the great work Brock!</td>
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<td>Bonnie Molin-Wylde - for her excellent subtraction skills this week. You are a star Bonnie!</td>
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<td>Jayden Howard - for his excellent writing of losing a tooth on the weekend. You’re a star writer Jayden!</td>
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<td>Charlie Redfern - For the fantastic work you have been putting into each Writing session. You’re writing like a star, Charlie!</td>
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<td>Marleigh Ingram - Showing a good understanding of what she learnt on Science Multi-age Day.</td>
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<td>Teagan Peak - for her super dooper radical reading! Keep it up Teagan.</td>
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<td>Caleb Chambers - for being a word sum wizard during our Julie Shepherd spelling session. Wonderful enthusiasm Caleb.</td>
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<td>Taylor Callaway - For the great detail she included in her Science Day reflection</td>
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<td>Lara Young - For working so hard to understand subtraction using decomposition, after being away. Great Effort.</td>
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<td>Brodee MacGregor - for his fabulous improvement when writing. Well done Brodee and keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Amy Fyfe - for her terrific observations on angles while walking around the playground.</td>
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<td>William Robinson - for his detailed understanding through research of Albert Namatjira.</td>
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<td>Lilee Dalton - For her terrific explanation of science concepts covered on Science Day. Great job!</td>
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<td>James</td>
<td>James Robinson - For demonstrating his scientific understanding of how popcorn pops. Super job James!</td>
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<td>Sophie Gill - for working so hard on her Information Report on Cyril Roli. You are a super writer Soph! Keep up the excellent effort!</td>
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<td>Zac Kennedy - for his fantastic use of scientific language he used to describe force and friction. Well done Zac, you're a star!</td>
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<td>Blake Nicholls - for his mature approach to his learning and terrific organisational skills. Great work Blake!</td>
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<td>Patrick Dunne - for assisting younger students on 'Science Day'. You are a fantastic buddy Patrick!</td>
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<td>Jhye Smith - for his outstanding effort when researching his Australian animal for his Information Report. Great work Jhye!</td>
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<td>Amber Kleijn - for her persistence when working with division concepts. Well done Amber!</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

For the first half of this term we are focussing on relationships and what it means to be a good friend. We are exploring topics such as friendship and loyalty, how to be a thoughtful friend, good and bad ways to disagree, saying sorry, building bridges and listening and conversation skills. There are many great friendships within our school community; well done to those students who regularly display these wonderful values and skills!

Prep: Aysha Burnside—You are a special friend to all the members of our class. You always think of others first and are a kind and caring person. Keep up your beautiful attitude Aysha!

Grade 1: Tahlia Mather — being a thoughtful friend who makes people feel happy. You are kind and caring and you always play fairly. Thankyou Tahlia. Keep it up!

Grade 2: Aaliyah Lacy—for always being a kind and considerate friend. You have a very generous heart Aaliyah and always make your friends feel special by giving them thoughtful pictures and gifts. Keep shining beautiful girl!

Grade 3: Brayden Stewart—for being a caring and thoughtful friend. You encourage your peers and support them when they need it. You are kind and you always make sure everyone is included. Thank you Brayden for being so wonderful!

Grade 4: Indi Davison— for always being such a special friend. You are always so kind and caring to others. Thankyou Indi for being so positive and making people happy. You truly know the recipe of how to be a good friend. 4B is so lucky to have you!

Grade 5: Martha Bone: For openly discussing the topic ‘why do friendships sometimes break up?’ and creating clever solutions to friendship issues during Bounce Back sessions. You have demonstrated what it takes to be a true and reliable friend.

Grade 6: Jordan Buscheinen: for reflecting on her friendships and learning to take the positives out of situations and embracing the differences amongst her friendship groups. Your unique and individual personality is why your friends love you Jordan!

BounceBack!
WEEK 5 AWARD WINNERS
SCIENCE DAY 2015

During Science Day the kids participated in:
- Popcorn
- Force and Friction
- Density Tower
- Oobleck
- Aeroplane and Whirlybirds
2015 Victoria Awards for Creative Writing

Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year’s writing challenge. All the pieces were well received by Heidi Victoria, well done to all those who received honour awards. We hope to see more entries in 2015.

Mr Hartley

 Winners
Simone Martin
Tamara Johnson

 Commendations
Kaylee Allen
Maya Lee
Sophie Gill
Zara Allen
Koby Ferriggi
Abigail Jeffree

 Participation
Arun Crouhurst
Amber Gibbs
Indy Davison
Jye Shoelridge
Maddi Price
Jacob Neil
Chelsea Gribble
Emily Fox
Alannah Manhenett
Lillee Dalton
Indi Riley
Rosie Sykes
Alyssa D’Alanno
WINNING PIECES

TARMARA JOHNSON

If I invited the Queen to dinner and why?
When the Queen was on her travels she tasted many traditional local
dishes from top chefs. Like Rats, Sea Slug soup and sheep’s head complete
with staring eyes.

But I would like her to taste some of Australia’s mouth-watering bush tucker
like Kangaroo soup, pearl shell meat in garlic butter, stir fried salt bush
leaves, Witchetty Grubs, Mangrove worms, marinated Emu, Mud Crabs
and bust tomato scones with Quandong cream and sipped with lilly tea.

I don’t mind if she gobbles up her food and ignores her manners. She won’t
think my house is luxurious but I think it’s luxury in my own way.

SIMONE MARTIN

The Giraffe who make problems at dinner

A couple of days ago I invited a yellow with brown spotted Giraffe to
dinner. When she came over the Giraffe was too big to fit in the house. So I
let her into the back yard. While I was moving the table and chairs I let
her play.

Then we had dinner, I made roast leaves. It was disgusting, that was my
opinion but her opinion was it was delicious. Then she left and said Thank
you. I said Wait lets have dessert? She said ‘Okay’, so we had leafy ice
cream we both said it was yum.

The Giraffe invited me to her habitat for breakfast. ‘Okay’ I said.
The PFA Chocolate Drive is now over and the money and/or any unsold chocolates need to be returned to school by tomorrow.

Please remember to clearly mark the envelope with your eldest child’s name and grade so that we are able to record your donation.

Your support will ensure we reach our fundraising goal. The money raised will go towards resurfacing the oval and the construction a new running track for our children. We appreciate the wonderful support we have received so far.

Thank you

PFA

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**School Banking News**

**Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read**

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

Notices were sent home this week to those that have already claimed a torch, allowing those students to choose a replacement reward. Any concerns regarding this matter or for any other queries please contact us at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com

Happy Savings 🎉

Jacqui, Donna and Liz
Vision Portraits

This Saturday! Please don’t forget to check your booked time. The weather is forecast to be mild and sunny – just perfect for our outdoor photos. Thank you to all who have made a booking and helped with this fundraiser.

SHOWBAGS

Notices will be sent home from next Monday allowing students to pre order showbags. Don’t forget to ask your friends and family if they would like to pre order to reduce the risk of missing out on the day.

SCARECROWS

Once again students are making scarecrows to be bid on at our Fair. This year they are looking at themed scarecrows such as Sporty, Musician, Miss Universe. To help out with these ideas if anyone has an old plastic guitar or a running/sports tracksuit you could donate please contact us.

Next Meeting is Monday 7th September 2:45pm in Staff Room. All Welcome

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

- Parkview Hotel – Weekend Bed and Breakfast Package
- Choice Cakes – Sponsorship and 2 x $25 vouchers

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<td>Starshots – 3 x Glamour Photography Sessions</td>
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**Program Update**

**This Week We Have Been Busy Doing...**

We have been exploring nature by bringing the outdoors in. The children have enjoyed using natural materials to decorate and create interesting art pieces. We have also been talking about sustainability and are planning on starting a veggie garden. We have also been preparing for the upcoming assessment and rating. Our Quality Improvement Plan has been submitted and we are just tweaking our routines to better accommodate all children. If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our program please let us know!

**The Week Ahead...**

Our theme for next week is magic. Children will be exploring simple magic tricks and practicing them on each other.

**Curriculum Day**

The Basin Primary School will be having a curriculum day on the 4th of September. In order for us to operate for the full day we need to have 15 or more children in attendance. Please book in as VAC as soon as possible so that we can plan for the day.

**Holiday Program**

We are currently collecting the following items for our next Holiday Program; Recyclable materials, old crayons, old muffin tray or metal chocolate molds to melt crayons in the oven, bottles, bottle tops, cereal boxes, large plastic soft drink/water bottles, shoe boxes, glass jars, milk cartons, paper towel and food wrap rolls.

**Booking In**

Please ensure that your children are booked in by 6 pm the night before so that staffing arrangements can be made. If your child is unable to attend the session please let us know via text message, phone call or email.

**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 Donnez
Assistants: Martin Lester & Pam Lecky
OSHC Club 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](http://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.