MARCH 24th

**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**March**

24th Last Day Term
   2.30pm finish

April

19th 5/6 Sovereign Hill
21st School Photos

**TERM DATES FOR 2016**

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**END OF TERM**

Congratulations to our amazing students and staff for a fantastic term 1. It has been a very busy one for both students and teachers with a range of incursions, excursions and sporting events. A special mention to our wonderful Prep students who have all settled into the daily school routines - we are so very proud of you! Term two is three weeks longer (11 weeks) and will be a test of our resilience especially during the winter months.

**SCIENCE PROGRAM**

I would like to highlight the success of our new Science specialist program with Greg Oswald at the helm. It’s been amazing to see the interest and enthusiasm this program has already generated particularly around the theme studied this term being Earth and Space Sciences. It’s been pleasing to see students continue their learning independently by exploring resources to use at home and then sharing that new information with Greg and their peers. We have been fortunate to also have Helen Clark (a self-confessed nerd) attend several weekly science lessons and provide valuable insights from her vast experience in Biological research.

**TWILIGHT SPORTS**

What a great afternoon yesterday! The children had such great fun, having-a-go at all the athletic events. It’s worth going along just to see their faces as they compete. Thank you to Dale Goldsmith for his fantastic organisation of this annual event, our wonderful teaching staff who ran the events and his student helpers who assisted him set up all the activities during the day. We should also acknowledge Dale for choosing a night with nice weather! Thankyou also to the students, parents and staff who packed up at the end! Many hands do make light work!

**HOLIDAY SECURITY**

We request that all families keep an eye on the school over the forthcoming break. Any suspicious activity or incident should be reported to the police on 000 or to Education Security on 9589 6266.

Have a great holiday and a happy and safe Easter holiday especially those travelling to holiday destinations. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 11th April.
2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL
At last Monday’s School Council AGM meeting the following councillors were elected to these executive positions:
School Council President – Darrell Holden
School Council Vice President – Karyn Mitchell
School Council Secretary – Leah Davidson
School Treasurer – Sasha Kober

Our 2016 School Council is as follows – Parent and Community Members: Darrell Holden, Sasha Kober, Leah Davidson, Karyn Mitchell, Marquita Telford, Fiona Jackson, Jo Rodrigues, Sharon Dodd, Gavin Fox and Helen Clark. Staff Members: Andrew Caulfield, Dale Goldsmith, Chris Donaldson and Amy Hillier and Graeme Russell.

UNIFORM POLICY
Attached to this week’s newsletter is our completed and School Council ratified School Uniform Policy. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Our goal is to have all students wear School Uniform to promote a positive school image. The full uniform policy can be viewed on our website with photographs of students in correct summer and winter uniform options.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)
The next round of the annual National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted in May 2016. The NAPLAN tests will involve all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 from all states and territories across Government, Catholic and Independent Schools. The NAPLAN tests will be conducted on Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th May and Thursday 12th May. Data from these tests are used to mark judgments on a school’s performance via the MYSCHOOLS website. Teacher judgements of children’s current progress are presented in the June and December reporting to parent’s cycle.

EASTER RAFFLE
The PFA are once again conducting our annual Easter Raffle which was drawn at the assembly today. Thankyou to all families who donated Easter Eggs for the raffle and sold tickets! A very special thankyou on behalf of the school community to Lisa Rule and Vanessa Stewart who are once again coordinating this raffle and have prepared 24 Easter baskets for today’s raffle draw. Fingers crossed everyone.

CYBERSAFETY
A timely reminder with school holidays is to consider child safety on the Internet.
As a part of our use of computers at school we constantly consider the implications of the use of ICT. I urge parents to also make sure they are putting in place guidelines to ensure that they are aware of what their child is doing when they are on the net. Having computers in open areas of the home is recommended rather than in bedrooms so that parents can monitor sites that their children are visiting.

The pictures and videos your child uploads to the web could have damaging effects for years. Your kids’ creations can be copied, forwarded, reposted or cached; resurfacing months after you have deleted them. First, before hitting the “upload” button, your child should ask himself/herself if the photo is something they would be proud to show their Grandma, boss or future partner. I understand a number of TBPS students have Face Book pages and I strongly urge parents to rethink this. Kids need to know that some things simply are not allowed. It is never okay to use threatening or racist language, or to ridicule another person. This is form of cyberbullying has severe consequences for both the victim and your child. Finally, check in to see what your child is creating and viewing. Keep conversations about safety ongoing, and be clear about the things your family values most.

Go The MIGHTY HAWKS!
Graeme Russell
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THE BASIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

What a performance!

Last Sunday the
Junior Choir and
Senior Performance
Choir hit the
stage. For our
juniors it was their first performance for
the year.

The
students did an excellent job, singing their hearts out and
showing what great talent The Basin Primary School has. Thanks
to everyone who came along to watch and support both Choirs.

Our next performance for the Senior Performance Choir will be
on Saturday 16th April at The Upwey Arts Festival.

Colin Hartley
UNIFORM
THE BASIN P.S. POLICY

RATIONALE
- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.
- To have all students wear School Uniform to promote a recognisable and positive school image.

Aims
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To provide an environment that is safe, healthy and positively promotes the school’s image to the wider community.
- To inform parents and students of the Uniform Policy at the commencement of each school year.

IMPLEMENTATION
- After consultation with the school community and the School Council the school has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions. Students will be required to wear full School Uniform (See Table 1) during this time.
- In line with the Sun Smart guidelines, all students are required to wear the school hat with full brim, bucket style or flap from the 1st of September until the 1st of May.
- If students are unable to comply with the Uniform Policy a letter must be sent to the school with the reason for noncompliance.
- The school’s sports uniforms will be provided for students to wear when representing the school.
- Uniforms should be in generally good condition and not have rips or tears.
- Skirts should be no shorter than 5cm above the knees.
- Full length dark blue leggings can be worn under dresses during the winter months. Leggings are not pants and are not to be worn as such in winter or summer.
- In the interests of safety, open-toe, high or wedged shoes or thongs are not permitted, as they do not provide adequate protection. Runners and black school shoes are acceptable foot wear as they provide support and protection.
- Jewellery is not part of the school uniform as it may cause personal injuries. Stud earrings and sleepers can be worn in the ears, unless required by a physical education staff member to be removed or covered. A watch is also an acceptable item.
- Necklaces must be worn inside clothing.
- Charity bands purchased for special fundraising events are acceptable, but only one can be worn at a time and for one week’s duration.
- Extreme hair colouring and hairstyles, makeup and nail polish are not part of the school uniform.
- Hair must be neat and tidy and not obscure the face.
- Shoulder length hair or longer must be tied off the face due to health and safety reasons.
• Ribbons and flat headbands can be worn with preference to school colours (white, yellow and blue only).
• Grade 6 jackets are to be designed and available for purchase as early as possible in the year.
• Details of uniform items and places of purchase will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and updated during the year. See the school website and Appendix 1 for examples of approved uniform.
• School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy.
• Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
• Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.
• Sunglasses may be worn during recess or lunch breaks, or may be worn on approved excursions but remain the responsibility of the student at all times.
• Unlabelled lost property will be stored and displayed at the end of each term. It is preferable that parents regularly check that their child’s clothing is labelled.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle and will involve input from staff, parents and students.

Prepared by the Education Committee

Approval Date: 22nd June, 2015

Review Date: June, 2018

Signed: _________________________________ Principal

_______________________________________ School Council President
Appendix 1

Items for boys and girls include the following:

- Navy jersey shorts
- Navy cargo shorts
- Navy mesh shorts
- Navy tracksuit pants
- Navy cargo pants
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- Blue/Gold polo shirt with school logo
- White/yellow skivvy in winter months
- Hooded windcheater with school logo
- Bomber Jacket
- Navy polar fleece with school logo
- Navy raincoat
- School approved hat in summer
- Polar fleece navy beanie and scarf in winter
- White, black and navy socks are acceptable

Additional items for girls

- Navy bootleg pants
- Summer check school dress
- Culottes
- Skort- school approved skirt with bike shorts attached, sold in the uniform shop
- Winter tunic dress worn with a white long sleeve top or skivvy and tights, stockings or leggings
- Navy tights/stockings/leggings to be worn with the winter tunic or dress
- Full length navy blue leggings (worn under a dress, not as pants)

Additional school approved items may be added due to seasonal demand

Sports Uniforms

Students will be provided with a school sports top.

Navy pleated skirt (netball skirts) can be worn by girls on interschool sports days only.

Please note:
- Black pants or shorts are not part of the School Uniform policy
- Bike shorts can be worn under the school dress, but should not be able to be seen. It is suggested girls wear a pair of bike shorts or bloomers under the school dress due to the active nature of play and physical activity within the school community.
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

This week we have been busy doing....
Children have enjoyed making Easter baskets and doing Easter arts and crafts. Children also went on an easter egg hunt. Children also enjoyed doing playground challenges, playing tiggy and in the sand pit. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome a new coordinator for next term.

Planning...
We are collecting the following items for the holiday program; plastic bottle tops, plastic bottles (all sizes), buttons, socks, various boxes, newspaper, coat hangers, Styrofoam, shoe boxes, glass jars and any other recyclable materials you may find at home.

Booking In
Our numbers are growing, so please ensure that you book your child in as early as possible to ensure your child’s place at after school care, otherwise we may not be able to accommodate your child at the program.

Holiday Program

Remember to book into our holiday program!

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.

Please ensure your child has a spare hat for OSHClub.

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Next Week’s Activities

Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0428162718
Coordinator: Dee Donmez
Assistants: Jack Roumtrree 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.
You may like to include the following reminder in your school newsletter to assist parents in preparing students for school photo day.

To download a copy from our website. Go to: https://schoolpix.com.au/support/

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on 21st April, 2016

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines

Hair: Neat and swept off face

Order Forms: Complete your order form and return with payment to school on photography day, OR

Online Orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. You do not need to return the order form if you order online.

Remember: All orders placed online by the due date will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

PO Box 5222, Hallam VIC 3803
Ph: 1300 766 055
Email: info@schoolpix.com.au
LITTLE MERMAID

Just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who came along to see my latest production of 'The Little Mermaid'. It was great to see so many familiar faces in the foyer and I hope you enjoy the show.

Regards
Colin Hartley

Mrs Mac’s Tutoring

Providing personalised one-on-one tuition for Primary aged students.

Sessions can be focussed on academic areas, development of skills in preparation for high school and NAPLAN support prior to testing in May.

Please contact Lisa to find out more information.

mrsmacstutoring@gmail.com or 0402099566