It is with great pleasure that I announce to our school community the appointments of three new teaching class staff and two ESS staff following recent interviews. The teaching appointments are - Miss Claire Gooch - currently at Glen Waverley PS, Mr Andrew Weekes - currently at Upwey PS and Mr Leigh Murphy - formerly from Park Orchards PS and currently working as an ICT consultant with Education Services Australia. I'm also really happy to announce the reappointment of Karyn Mitchell and Wendy Hollonds into the ESS positions.

SCHOOL PROCEDURE FOR THE BUSHFIRE SEASON
All children will receive an important Bushfire information sheet regarding the procedures when a CODE RED day is announced. In summary - 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 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. This will be done by SMS message and a note home with the children. It is paramount we have current mobile numbers so please contact the office ASAP if your mobile number has changed. Once a CODE RED day is confirmed, the decision to close the school will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. No staff will be at school on CODE RED days.

SWIMMING
Our Intensive Swimming Program commences next week with our students having lessons from 10:00am to 3:00pm throughout the day. The lessons cater for all ability levels and thanks to Dale Goldsmiths excellent planning; the timing of the swimming program is perfect leading into our summer period. Could parents who have not paid please do so before Friday to ensure your child’s participation in this valuable program. We also request parents make sure that their children are prepared - every year there are always one or two children who forget their bathers.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP - 2016
We are currently carrying out a selection process for the 2016 school captains. The Yr 5 children have had the opportunity to nominate for these positions, prepare a speech and deliver it to their peers and teachers. A group of 8 have been shortlisted following a voting process. The next step for these eight students is to present a speech at this week's assembly. The successful boy and girl candidates will be chosen by the children and staff. We consider all grade 6 students to be leaders who are relied upon to set a strong example for all children. The school captain role extends further and includes a range of official duties. I look forward to announcing the 2016 school captains in the coming weeks.

CAROLS NIGHT
We are all looking forward to our Carols Night on Thursday 10th December commencing at 6:00pm. We are hoping for good weather but if it rains there is no backup day. I know Greg Oswald and the children have been busy rehearsing their carols. We encourage parents to bring along their tea and picnic gear- chairs, rugs, etc. This year the children will be sitting in their grades with their class teachers during the hour long carols program. Families are welcome to start arriving at 5:30pm to enjoy an early picnic tea before the Carols commence at 6pm.

PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA
A successful school is one that can be measured by the involvement of parents in so many areas of school operations & classroom programs. It’s important for students to see parents involved in school activities which are a particular strength of The Basin Primary School. Basically we could not provide the diversity of extra curricula activities without help from parents. Parents are involved in so many ways - School Council and its school sub committees, working bees, reading helpers, numerous excursions/incursions, Grade 3/4 & 5/6 camps, Grade 2 sleepover, the swimming program, PFA and all their fundraising and special events for our students, our newsletter, the uniform shop, photography, coaching teams / scoring / team manager /transporting students to sporting events, garden and craft clubs, school banking, supporting students at sporting events e.g. athletics, cross country, swimming, interschool events, Wakakirri, supporting our choirs and lastly just being available to help teachers in the classroom. A special mention is our recent successful Country Fair totally organised by parents. Today our staff has invited our parent helpers to a special morning tea to offer their sincere and heartfelt thanks.

STATIONARY PACKS
We expect the delivery of the children’s 2016 stationary packs either tomorrow or early next week. These packs can be collected from the office at the time of paying the 2016 school fees.
## IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

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<td>First Curriculum Day – George Booker – Maths guru!</td>
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THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time at the Book Fair and thank you for coming along and supporting this great fundraiser!
NoTICE BOARD

Apple Man

Friday 4th December is the last apple delivery for this year. 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 and Granny Smith apples $10 per 5kg bag.

CHOCOLATE

We still have a few boxes of chocolate that needs to be sold. If you think you could sell some, please contact the office.

Thank you

PFA

Novenber

22nd Blake Nicholls
24th Marley Burley
  Peter Hartley
  Mitchell Sykes
26th Rogen Mitchell
  Bailey-Coupar Thomas
28th Oliver Millwood
  Payton Airs
  Gage Garner

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The uniform shop is once again stocking SUNSCREEN. The new SUNSCREEN has a sturdier clip, is 50+ and it now has The Basin primary school name and phone number on it. With camps coming up and a hot summer not far away, these practical SUNSCREENS on a clip are a great way to protect children from the harsh UV rays.

They are available at the office and uniform shop for $6.
**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**  
**WEEK 8 ENDING 27th November, 2015**

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<td>Lily Vlahogiannis - for your wonderful efforts during our Christmas Carol song practise. You are a great singer and dancer Lily!</td>
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<td><strong>Lachlan Hince</strong> - for the effort you placed into your diary writing this week. You included so much interesting detail &amp; I was so proud!</td>
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<td><strong>Cameron Keltie</strong> - for a great effort when writing his letter to Santa with his buddy. Well done Cam!</td>
<td><strong>Charlotte Thompson</strong> - for the detail and 'sizzling starts' she included in her camp recount! Terrific writing Charlotte. Well done!</td>
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<td><strong>PKW</strong></td>
<td><strong>Brayden Stewart</strong> - for the terrific effort he puts into all learning tasks. I especially like the theme park map you have created with a scale and grid references! Well done!</td>
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<td><strong>Paige Duffin</strong> - for displaying excellent addition skills this week. Keep up the great work Paige!</td>
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<td><strong>PSW</strong></td>
<td><strong>Grace Russell</strong> - for her terrific spelling and for using flow charts to help her to understand when to double consonants. You are a super speller Gracie!</td>
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<td>Tori The xen - for her great narrative writing using her character ‘Tinkerbelle the fairy’. Great job Tori!</td>
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<td><strong>1C</strong></td>
<td><strong>Taryn Ahern</strong> - for her outstanding effort she put into her explanation text on ‘How do planes take off’. Super duper job Taz!!!</td>
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<td><strong>Tyler Stork</strong> - for the wonderful improvement you have made with your writing. Keep it up!</td>
<td><strong>Travis Hillier</strong> - for the very creative topics he shares with the class to help in our explanation writing! You’re a star Trav!!!</td>
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<td><strong>1M</strong> - Jessie Richie - For showing a positive attitude and wonderful effort in your school work.</td>
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<td><strong>Jarvis Dodds</strong> - For displaying exemplary behaviour whilst on camp! You’re a great role model Jarvis!</td>
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<td>Oliver Lindner - for always bringing a positive attitude to school each day. Your bright smile makes us all feel happy Oli. Thankyou.</td>
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<td><strong>1/2D</strong></td>
<td><strong>5/6R Jhye Smith</strong> - for being a superstar on camp and setting a great example for everyone with his terrific manners and behaviour. You were a ‘tough cookie’ too Jhye.</td>
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<td>Zoe Houghton - for her amazing progress in Reading during the year. You’re a STAR Zoe!</td>
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<td><strong>Sadhil MacDonald</strong> - for his very entertaining VIP presentation. Well done Sadhil!</td>
<td><strong>Amber Kleijn</strong> - for facing her fears and conquering the giant swing at camp.</td>
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<td><strong>Charlotte Torkington</strong> For her fabulous effort with her homework this week. Well Done</td>
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<td><strong>Shaun Steer</strong> - for his fabulous writing using similes. What a super effort Shaun, keep up the great work!</td>
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For the remainder of this term we will be looking at what it means to be a STAR, CHAMP and WINNER! We will explore how to think like a champ, challenge ourselves, set goals, make a plan, have a go, take a risk, believe in ourselves, look for and use our strengths, using our strengths to help others, persist and put in effort, not giving up, solve problems and be resourceful, self-discipline and willpower, managing time and being organised. We are a school full of STARS, CHAMPS and WINNERS! Go The Basin!!

Prep:

Grade 1: William Donald—For always taking your time to complete his work successfully and showing pride in his work. Will, you never give up on anything and consistently show a positive attitude to all school activities.

Erica Clark— for enjoying and contributing to the nonsense rhymes and poems while learning about humour with Mr Ossie. What fun Erica!

Grade 2: Max Nicoll—For always thinking and acting like a Champ! You have a great attitude Max and never let anything get you down. It’s great to see you being such a wonderful role-model amongst your friends. What a CHAMP!

Aleisha Malone— for enjoying the humorous poems and chants with Mr Ossie. Also Aleisha, for always using humour appropriately in a positive way with your classmates to have some fun.

Grade 3: Olivia Curson— for encouraging and being positive to every single person during Tabloid Sports on Camp. You lead by example and demonstrate how to be a CHAMP in so many ways, we are lucky to have you in our class.

Grade 4: Simone Martin— for her excellent attitude on camp! We loved seeing you challenging yourself to try new things and how lovely it was to see your big and bright smile! You are definitely a STAR Simone! Well done!
WEEK 7 AWARD WINNERS
Skyla Eaton for her passionate care for preserving and protecting the environment. She invented a fabulous future car that is very environmentally friendly that runs on solar power and wind turbines!

“If you can’t explain it simply, you don’t understand it well enough.” Albert Einstein

Try this experiment...

Glass Xylophone

8 drinking glasses of the same size and shape.
pitcher of water
metal spoon

On a flat surface, like a table, place same sized and shaped glasses near each other but not touching.

Then fill each glass with a different amount of water.

With your spoon, tap on each glass. Do you hear different sounds?

Then, tap on different parts of each glass. Again, what do you hear?

Play around with the amounts of water in each glass until you feel like you have all the notes in “Mary Had a Little Lamb.”
On Wednesday 18th November the Grade 3 & 4 students had Aboriginal elder Murrundindi come to visit.

Murrundindi Incursion

Murrundindi spoke of stories from his past and showed us how resilience and persistence have helped him overcome Racism, and assisted him to learn to read and write at the age of 35!

He shared Dreamtime stories and played animal noises with his didgeridoo.

Murrundindi also taught us how to throw a boomerang, and we were great at getting it to fly back!! Even some of the teachers had a good go! Thank you Murrundindi for visiting us!
WESLEY MISSION

FOOD FOR FAMILIES APPEAL

This year we will again be participating in the Food for Families appeal. This year to start the campaign we are having a FREE DRESS DAY THIS FRIDAY 27th NOVEMBER. Students are asked to bring along a grocery item to donate for coming to school in free dress.

We will be collecting items from FRIDAY 27th November through until FRIDAY 11th DECEMBER. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the office foyer or Tarni and Tom will be collecting items from the classroom each day.

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

Tom and Tarni
Your Junior School Council Captains.

DON’T FORGET OUR FREE DRESS DAY THIS FRIDAY 27th NOV.

BRING ALONG A CAN
This Week We Have Been Busy Doing...

This week we planned to explore our favorite superheroes and cartoon characters based on observations by team members. The children were more interested in group games in the gym, playing sport outside and having free play. We spoke to children about their favorite cartoon characters and superheroes and encouraged children to create their own superhero and cartoon characters as well as making their own comic books.

Planning Ahead

Next week we will be discussing our favorite animals and pets. Please bring in a picture of your pets to share with the group.

Booking in

Please remember to book your child 24 hours in advance so that we can arrange the correct number of staff to children, especially for before school care.

Lost Property

Please check our lost property box on a regular basis to ensure that you have all of your children’s belongings.

No hat, no sunscreen, no play

As we are in Term 4, please be reminded that children must have hats when playing outside. Please ensure that your child has a spare hat for OSHClub!

Parent Feedback

Please let us know if you have any ideas for activities, projects or recipes. Your contribution to the program is always appreciated!

Holiday Program

The Holiday Program will begin from the 4th of January 2016. Don’t forget to book in for some fun in the sun!

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<td>Coordinator: Dee Donmez</td>
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<td>Assistants: Martin Lester &amp; Pam Lecky</td>
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<td>OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000</td>
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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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