GRADE 3/4 CAMP

I have spoken to both children and staff who attended last week’s camp and they all had a great time. I took the opportunity to visit our campers on Thursday. The campsite, accommodation, facilities and activities were amazing and conforms our choice to use this camp. The responsibility of taking children on camp is huge and on behalf of the school community I would like to sincerely thank the Grade 3/4 team for organising this camp - which takes considerable time and months of planning. Thankyou also to the fantastic parents who also gave up time away from their families to provide a great camping experience for our grade 3/4 children. Contrary to common belief, teachers do not receive additional payments or time in lieu for taking on the huge responsibility of supervising children on a camp. Our teachers do this for the children, as do the accompanying parents and it’s nice to hear several received a thankyou from both students and parents.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP - 2015

We are currently carrying out a selection process for the 2015 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 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 2015 school captains in the coming weeks.

CAROLS NIGHT

We are all looking forward to our Carols Night on Tuesday 2nd December commencing at 6:00pm. We are hoping for good weather but if it rains, Thursday 11th December is the 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 grade with their class teachers during the hour long carols program. Families are welcome to start arriving can at 5:30pm to enjoy an early picnic tea before the Carols commence at 6pm.
LEVEL TRANSITION
At this time of the year both parents and students start to think about next year. I know from experience parents probably can't believe their children are moving into a new grade already and students are also thinking about going into a new part of the school with a new teacher. As part of our transition program all students yesterday moved up one grade level for the last hour of the day and learnt about to expect next year.

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 is 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.

Yesterday our staff were able to offer their sincere and heartfelt thanks to a large number of parent helpers who were able attend the special morning tea in their honour.

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.

STATIONARY PACKS
The children's stationary packs arrived yesterday and can be collected from the office at the time of paying the 2015 school fees.

LAST DAY OF TERM
The last school day for students is Friday 19th December and the dismissal time will be 1:30pm following a final assembly of the year which will commence at 1:00pm. Sadly we farewell our wonderful Grade 6 students at this assembly!

Graeme Russell
Friday 5th December is the next delivery. $10.00 per bag for Royal Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith and Pink Ladies. If you wish to place an order please send your order and money to the office by 9.30 on the Friday morning.

**November**

24th      Mitchell Sykes
26th      Rogen Mitchell
          Bailey-Coupar Thomas
27th      Jesse Thompson
          Todd Dowler
28th      Payton Airs
          Gage Garner

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**SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Thank you to all families who have returned swimming program notices and payment. We would also like to thank those parents who have offered assistance in travelling on the bus and helping in the change rooms. Rosters of parent helpers will have been sent out by the classroom teachers this week. Don’t forget to name all of your child’s possessions. Children usually bring a named swimming bag (often a plastic bag) to lessons rather than their school bags. It is also suggested that students wear their bathers underneath school uniforms. If your child has any skin allergies or conditions there are poolside showers available. If your child needs to use these showers please advise their teacher in writing. *Please note* that instructors will be assessing children over the first few days of the program and many changes to groups will take place. This is particularly relevant to students who are new to our school this year and students who did not participate in last year’s program. At the conclusion of the program all students will receive a certificate of achievement (The instructors no longer fill in the booklets).

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Phys-Ed and Sport
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<td>Marleigh Ingram &amp; Jack Ellicott - for being wonderfully supportive teachers during our morning reading. Great work!</td>
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<td>Ava Burnett - for creating some excellent patterns during our maths lesson this week. Well done Aval!</td>
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<td>Nicholas Chettle - for terrific concentration when working on the Gingerbread Man reading activity. Well done Nicholas!</td>
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<td>Evan Hassing - for his great input during interactive writing. He even featured in our poem as Evan rhymed with seven!</td>
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<td>Aleisha Malone - For working so hard to improve your reading and writing. You're a star, Aleishal!</td>
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<td>Lily Johnson - For an improvement in her writing. Well done for including full stops and capital letters!</td>
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<td>Tahlia Marshman - for the confident way she shares her news from the &quot;News Desk&quot;.</td>
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<td>Lily Matthews - for her excellent effort and detail she put into her diary writing this week. Connor Stephen - for his commitment to finishing his diary writing this week.</td>
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<td>Alex Dummett - for her beautifully illustrated story that she wrote in Literacy Lab. Xavier Leather - for his fantastic story he wrote and illustrated in Literacy Lab.</td>
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<td>Stephanie Osborne - for showing great determination to have a go and attempting the giant swing on camp. Top effort Steph! Mitchell Scriven - for researching interesting facts for his PowerPoint Project. Well done Mitch!</td>
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<td>All of 3L - For their terrific behaviour and manners whilst on our camp to Phillip Island. You were all fantastic!</td>
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<td>All of 3/4 B - for the wonderful attitude you all showed on camp. I was proud to see your determination, risk-taking and your kindness towards each other! Great work 3/4B!</td>
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<td>Evan Cribb - for his outstanding attitude on camp. I was so proud to see him have a go at all activities with such a smile. You were an absolute pleasure to take away! Awesome work Ev!</td>
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<td>Tamara Johnson - for her excellent work ethic this week.</td>
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<td>Nathan Thompson - for his excellent house design investigation using area. Well done!</td>
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<td>Ben Zinnow - for continuing to improve his skills when dealing with writers block. Keep at it Ben!</td>
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<td>5/6R</td>
<td>Gilchrist Brown - for his informative explanation on the life of a neutron star. Excellent work Gil!</td>
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Carols Night
Tuesday December 2nd

• Commence 6.00 pm to conclude by 7pm.

• Location: As in previous years students will perform on the concrete strip next to the Multi Purpose Room facing the oval.

• It has been decided that students should sit in their class groups while class performances take place. Classes to sit in front of performing classes in the following rows.
  Row 1: Prep B & Prep H
  Row 2: Prep E & Prep W
  Row 3: 1M, 1D & 12D
  Row 4: 2S & 2W
  Row 5: 3L & 3H
  Row 6: 4B & 34B
  Row 7: 5M & 5C
  Row 8: 56H & 56R

• Order of Appearance
  1. 56s
  2. 3L & 3H
  3. 4B & 34B
  4. 2S & 2W
  5. 1M, 1D & 12D
  6. Choir
  7. Prep E & Prep W
  8. Prep H & Prep B
FREE HOTSHOTS TENNIS T-SHIRT

The Basin Primary School is in partnership with Tennis Australia in the ANZ Tennis Hotshots Program. As a result of this partnership we have received a kit of free equipment (racquets, balls, mini-nets etc) which will be used as tennis is incorporated into the Phys-Ed and Sport program.

The students have also enjoyed clinics at school run by Batterham Park Tennis Club coach Seb Krivohlavý (0408710235) with many students taking up the free come and try lesson at his club. All students now have the opportunity to get a FREE Hotshots T-Shirt by registering online following the steps below. For every student that registers our school receives a $2.00 rebate which is used to claim additional tennis equipment.

To Claim a Hotshots T-Shirt:

1. Go to hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim
2. Click Register Now
3. Venue Name: The Basin Primary School
4. Click on the yellow “schools” icon which will highlight it and allow you to add student information.
5. Click on Continue
6. Enter T-Shirt colour and size and select a hotshots level (Red or Orange)
7. Choose “National Schools Partnership Program”
8. Agree to terms and conditions

Once your registration is complete t-shirts will be distributed upon arrival at school. If you have any difficulty registering please contact the school office.

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Phys-Ed and Sport
Wesley Mission Food for Families Appeal

This Christmas, The Basin Primary School is again running the Wesley Mission Food for Families Appeal. Non-perishable items will be collected and donated at Ringwood Wesley Mission. This appeal is in its 23rd year and has been supporting families at Christmas.

Carols night

We plan to launch our collection at the carols night on Tuesday the 2nd of December and ask families attending to donate an item. The collection boxes will be set up on the night. We will continue collecting items until Monday 15th of December.

Suggested Donation List

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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep:
Nial Wallis – for always putting in 100% effort. You are a STAR!!

Grade 1:
Charlotte Torkington – You are STAR! You achieve success in all that you do by never giving up, working hard and using your time effectively. So proud of your effort this year.

Grade 2:

Grade 3:

Grade 4:
Caitlin Zinnow – for being a helpful class member who enjoys assisting others. Thanks Caitlin!

Grade 5:
Willow Oakley – for identifying areas that she needs to improve on and setting goals to make positive changes. What a great achievement!

Grade 6:
Charlie Morris – for setting small goals to make improvements so that the bigger picture goals can be reached.

BounceBack!