February 2nd

Great First Week!

After visiting most classrooms, I am so proud of the way our students have settled into the new school year. There is an atmosphere of calm and productive endeavour evident throughout the school. Our focus in these first few weeks is on introducing the classroom routines and establishing the ‘Expectations & Behaviours’ for the year. Our teachers will also begin establishing strong relationships with their students and a positive environment and I have certainly seen that in operation already. Yesterday we welcomed 107 new Prep students who were full of enthusiasm and energy. We saw a couple of tears but I’m sure those mothers recovered later. We also welcome several new students from Grades 1-5.

New Staff

On behalf of the school community we extend a warm welcome to our new staff members - Vanessa Parry (Grade 3), Kristalee Pollock (Grade 5), Caitlin Eagleton (Prep) and Aaron Thomson (PE/Art/Support). Welcome back from family leave to Jess Leach (Grade 3), Abbe Saward (Prep) and Jen Smith (Prep).

Building Works

Over the holiday period three new classrooms were created within existing walls by an incredible group of hardworking tradesmen and I sincerely thank them on behalf of our school community. Classroom renovations completed in 2010 increased the size of many classrooms but placed us above the allowed square meterage per student so we needed to undertake these holiday renovations. Our old Library is now two classrooms with the new Library moved across the corridor to a room which we have used over the past few years as a classroom, the German room and computer lab. In the top prep building walls were removed and new ones built to create a third Prep room in the middle of the two existing classrooms.

Other Holiday Works

We extended the existing internal gravel carpark to accommodate more parking spaces, limbs of oak trees overhanging the northern side of our Grade 3&4 classrooms were trimmed and our two playgrounds mulched.

Thankyou to Mat Dalton – our new maintenance man for all his hard work over January.

February

8th PFA Meeting 2.45pm
16th District Swimming
20th School Council
21st Parent/Teacher Int
22nd Parent/Teacher Int
28th Prep Family Fun Night

March

13th Labour Day
15th 3-6 Aths Trials
20th School Council
29th Twilight Sports
31st End of Term 1

April

20th School Photos

Term Dates for 2017

Term 1
30th Jan - 31st March
31st Jan - 1-6 students
1st Feb - Prep students

Term 2
18th April - 30th June

Term 3
17th July - 22nd Sept

Term 4
9th Oct - 22nd Dec

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
In December last year Emily Fox and Alex Lee were elected as our 207 School Captains. House Captain and Vice-Captain positions along with ICT, Environmental and Junior School Council Captain positions will soon be filled. We consider all Grade 6 students to be leaders in our school and as such, all will be presented with either their captain or leadership badges shortly.

GETTING to KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS
As children spend a majority of their time at home or school, it is important for the school and families to work together to provide the best education possible for our students. Our ‘Getting to Know You’ interviews are another aspect of the school’s commitment to developing home-school relationships and will be conducted on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th February between 3:50 to 6:00pm. Getting to Know You interviews are a great opportunity for families to meet their child/ren’s teacher (for a 10 minute interview) to let them know any pertinent issues relating to their child and their learning. (Prep parents please note that interviews on these afternoons are for families of children in Years 1 to 6). We use an online interview booking system so will send that information out next week.

ANNUAL PARENT PERMISSIONS NOTES
The Basin Primary School offers a range of activities that require the written consent of parents and guardians. To save extensive paperwork several of these activities can be covered by gaining your written consent only once each year. Next week your child will bring home the explanation of each activity and we encourage parents to return the signed annual permission page ASAP.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS
It is at this time of the year that we call for nominations of Parent Members on our School Council. School Council is the body that oversees the running of the school and parent members have an opportunity to look at how schools function from another perspective and as well as being involved in some aspects of school decision making. Details of the nomination process and election timeline will be included in next week’s newsletter. In the meantime, if you would like more information please drop by the office for a chat.

STUDENT SAFETY – BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
As The Basin PS is close to the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges we have been placed on the ‘Bushfire At Risk Register’. Should there be a predicted "CODE RED" day, school community members will be notified three days prior to the predicted closure. One day prior to the closure day(s) another letter or SMS message will confirm the closure. If the school is closed, nobody will be on site - this includes all staff and students. As the Out of School Hours Care Program will also be closed, families will be required to make alternate arrangements for such days. In the next few weeks we will have an organised evacuation drill as part of our Emergency Management Plan. Could I ask parents whose contact details have recently changed to notify the office please, especially if we need to send you a CODE RED message or your child is sick or injured!

NEWSLETTERS
We encourage all families old and new to visit our website - thebasinps.vic.edu.au and register to receive the newsletter online. We went to a paperless newsletter two years ago to protect the environment and save printing costs. Please take the time each week to read our newsletter and stay informed.
STUDENTS, PARENTS & STAFF PERSONAL PROPERTY
The Department of Education (DEECD) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs i.e. Ambulance. The Department of Education advises that reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector. For those parents who seek personal cover visit EBM Insurance Brokers website www.studentcover.com.au. Similarly, DEEECD which includes the school does not offer replacement of personal items which are brought to school and are lost, broken or stolen. Sentimental or expensive belongings and toys are normally best left at home. This includes electronic games, mobile phones and tablets, sports equipment and even rare footy cards.

SCHOOL START TIME
A reminder that school officially starts at 9.00am and students are expected to be in class at this time ready for the attendance role to be taken. Teachers are on duty each day from 8:45am. After the role has been taken, students who arrive late (after 10 minutes) are expected to sign in at the office so they are legally accounted for. In the same way, if a student needs to leave early they are required to be signed out at the office and a slip presented to the classroom teacher before they leave the school. Parents can pop in for a quick chat with their child’s teacher from 8:50am up until the music plays for the children to line up.

HATS
In line with our SunSmart policy students are required to wear a school hat through to April. School approved hats provide adequate protection and are available through the office or at the Uniform Shop. Students without a hat will be required to stay in the designated shaded areas.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES
This year on fine days, our Friday assembly will be conducted outdoors in the courtyard near the office. The multipurpose room will not accommodate all 525 students, staff and parents. Up until our new large gymnasium is built later this year our plan is to have two smaller Friday assemblies during the wetter months –

Grades 3 to 6 assembly from 9:00am to 9:30am
Prep to Grade 2 assembly from 3:00 to 3:30pm

PARKING REQUEST
As our school continues to grow this has placed additional strain upon our parking spaces. We are more fortunate than most schools when it comes to parking spaces so I want to say thankyou to our parents for their continued patience when exiting the school on Liverpool Road. Parents need to accept that it can take a good 10 minutes to exit our school straight after school.
If you are not in a hurry perhaps your children might like to have play in our grounds for a little while. We have extended the gravel parking area and we are happy for parents to park on the Junior Side basketball court.
WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK
From the start of 2016 school year the School Council require those volunteering or working in the following roles provide a current WWC Check and that a copy be provided to the office:

- Literacy Lab
- Overnight camps & Sleepovers
- Excursions
- PFA members
- Parent helpers during the Swimming Program
- Clubs (run by staff from outside the school such as Chess Club, instrumental teachers, etc.)
- Instrumental Programs (Guitar, Drums, Singing etc.)
- Social Club or other clubs within the school
- Transporting students for extra-curricular activities without a teacher in the vehicle.

These roles do not require a WWCC:
- Classroom reading helpers (in your child’s class and where a teacher is present)
- Incursions where a teacher is present
- Working with Children Checks can be applied for at the following online site


Once you have filled in the online application form, you need to go to a participating Australia Post retail outlet to lodge your application.

What to take with you when lodging
- the application summary and receipt that you printed after completing the online form
- a passport-size photo of yourself
- documents that prove your identity
- Volunteer Checks are free.

Lastly, I would like to again mention that my door is nearly always open for parent’s to drop in for a chat or share information.

Graeme Russell
January
2  Poppy Karo
   Jordana Lutwyche
   Bridget Williams
3  Ruby Jeans
5  Ashlea Kelly
   Lily-Grace Murrell
   Charli Donovan
   Summer Aiwaz
   Thomas Lea-Smith
   Ethan Kaye
   Zara Baxter
   Rose Cox
   Skye Price
   Joshua Fox
17 Brayden Stewart
   Lilly-Ann List
   Sophie Gill
19 Charlotte Delengos
   Lachlan Groves
   Chase Prescott
   Bethany Lobb
   Zavier Edward
22 Ryan Moorfoot
   William Donald
23 Rylee Hummel
24 Kaiden Goodwin
   Chace Yeoman
   Laila Turner
27 Hannah White
   Will Mays
28 Lachlan Davison
   Phoebe May
29 Mia Crowhurst
30 Ruby Thompson
31 Kaixin Li
   Tahj Garrity

February
1  Brock Andrew
   Sarah Hassing
   Shaun Massie
   Angel Winsor
3  Jobe Barclay
   Jacob Fatur
   Jayden Howard
   Sam Collins
   Luka Healey
4  Jesse Nicol
   Riley Morris
   Ben Johnson
5  Thomas Wedgwood
   Kylie Frattura
The Basin Primary School
Lunch Order Menu
(Effective Monday January 2017)

Lunch orders are available on a Friday. Please clearly label bags/envelopes with name and class. Where possible please try and enclose the correct money however, change will be given if required. Please note that there is now a 5c charge for paper bags.

**SAVOURY ROLLS**
- Cheese $1.50
- Cheese and Bacon $2.00
- Cheese, Bacon and Pineapple $2.20
- Cheese, Bacon and Capsicum $2.20
- Cheese, Bacon and Onion $2.20
- Cheese, Bacon and Mushroom $2.20

**SNACKS**
- Cheese 60c
- Small Wagon Wheel $2.00
- Gingerbread $1.60
- Cinnamon Donut $1.00
- Iced Donut $1.20

**HOT FOOD**
- Steak Pie $3.80
- Vegetable Pastie $3.80
- Sausage Roll (Plain or Savoury) $2.40
- Spinach, Cheese and Potato Roll $2.80
- Party Pies $1.20
- Party Quiches $1.20
- Hot Dogs $2.80

*(Sauce 20c extra)*

**DRINKS**
- Juice Man 250ml - Tropical $2.00
- - Apple $2.00
- - Orange $2.00
- Water 600ml $2.20

**SANDWICH BAR**
*(White or Wholemeal Bread)*
- Ham $2.60
- Chicken $3.00
- Strass $2.60
- Salami $2.60
- Vegemite $1.50
- Cheese $2.00
- Salad $2.60

**Extras**
- Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber and Capsicum 40c each
- Rolls 30c
2017 SPORTS DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thu 16th Feb – District Swimming Carnival at Kilsyth Centenary Pool 9.45am-12.00p.m.

Wed 15th March – Athletics Trials at school 9.00-1.00 Grades 3/4/5/6

Wed 29th March – Twilight Athletics Night at school 5.00-6.30p.m.

Thurs 4th May – District Athletics Sports – Knox Athletics Track

Wed 10th May – House Cross Country Event at school 9.15 -1.30

Fri 19th May – District Cross Country at Knox Park 12.00 – 2.30p.m.

Thurs 1st June - Gr 5/6 Winter Sport Round Robin No.1

Friday 16th June– Gr 5/6 Winter Sport Round Robin No.2

Friday 2nd June – Division Cross Country at Knox Park

Tues 20th June – Region Cross Country Yarra Valley Racecourse

Fri 23rd June – Girls Football Carnival JW Manson Reserve

Thurs 20th July – State Cross Country - Bundoora

Thurs 3rd Aug – District Basketball Day at Kent Park PS

Tue 5th September – Gr 5/6 Summer Sport Round Robin No.1

Friday 15th September – Gr 5/6 Summer Sport Round Robin No.2

Mon 7th – Friday 11th August 4/5/6 Swimming Program

Wed 11th Oct – Division Athletics Knox Aths track

Thurs 19th Oct - Regional Athletics Nunawading Aths Track

Monday 4th Dec – Friday 15th Dec P/1/2/3/4 Swimming Program

Grade 3/4 Hooptime and Grade 5/6 Hooptime - date to be confirmed
Dale Goldsmith and Aaron Thompson- Physical Education and Sport
School Banking

School Banking resumes next Tuesday, 7th February.

New information packs will be distributed this week for all students – please keep them if you are banking as they will have your reward options in them.

For new banking students you can open an account one of two ways:

Online: Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account.

In branch: Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and our friendly staff will assist. Parents will need to bring along identification for themselves and their child, like their Driver licence and their child’s birth certificate.

An account opening day will be held in the next month as well – more details will follow in the newsletter when a date is set.

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

Thanks

Jacqui, Donna, Liz and Angela
The Country Fair
Saturday 28th October 2017 10am-3pm
270 days to go

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

Our first meeting was held at the end of 2016 where we discussed ideas for the fair, what the raised funds will go towards and what roles need to be filled. To get a copy of the minutes and keep up to date with all things happening with the fair, 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 email.

Our first fundraiser for the Fair is a Movie Night thanks to Metro Cinemas Boronia

**Beauty and The Beast Movie Night**
24 Mar 2017 6:30pm
Metro Cinemas Boronia
216 Dorset Rd, Boronia VIC 3155
Screening of Disneys New Movie Beauty and The Beast
Tickets can be purchased at the below link
Adults $12.50 and Children $10

Any Queries, Opinions, Thoughts, Suggestions Email us at
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Don’t forget our Facebook page
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