MARCH 3rd

BABY NEWS
Congratulations to Jess & Terry Leach on the safe arrival of Matilda Emmi Leach on Thursday 25th February. Both baby and mother are doing well and are already home.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
All Grade levels have elected two representatives to form the membership of our Junior School Council for 2016. The Junior School Council is headed by our Junior School Grade 6 Captains and facilitated by teacher Kirsty Walsh, Elyce Boyd and Jill Stock. Their role is to provide a student voice in decision making about the future of our school and to run various events throughout the year that contribute to the school and/or various charitable organisations. The JSC badge presentation will be held at tomorrow's assembly.

The Junior School Councillors for 2016 are -

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2016 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
The SC nomination process closes next Monday. If we have more nominations than positions a ballot will need to take place. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 21st March where we will hold elections for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and conveners of the four sub committees - Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Publicity and Education.

A SHORT WEEK is FAST APPROACHING
A reminder to parents that Labour Day is on Monday 14th March and in that same week we have organised a Pupil Free Curriculum Day on Friday 18th March with a very special presenter George Booker - a Maths guru and author of several books. We are delighted that George is coming to our school as he has taken a year off from Griffith University to travel Australia and he is in Victoria in that week.

TERM DATES FOR 2016

TERM 1
27th Jan - 24th March
TERM 2
11th April - 24th June
TERM 3
11th July - 16th Sept
TERM 4
3rd Oct - 20th Dec
RED BALLOON RESULT
What a fantastic event last Monday as our students attached balloons to our corner fence showing our school communities support for the CFA - in particular our own Basin CFA. It is so important on several levels for our young people to develop community links. People driving past as our children were tying their balloons to the fence acknowledged our support by waving and tooting their car horns. The Basin CFA brought a truck down for the children to climb over. This year we raised an amazing $844. Thank you to all families and children for their wonderful donation. We will invite the Basin CFA Captain Mr Matt Ahern to attend an assembly to present him with the donation money. Many thanks to Marquita Telford for organising this event once again and to her many parent helpers.

CAR PARKING
Again thankyou for your patience in exiting the school at the end of the day! We have recently found that important Exit and Entry signs have been stolen from inside our fence line off Liverpool Road - no doubt causing some additional problems.

We only have one EXIT point into Liverpool Road, a system we implemented several years ago after speaking to traffic management people. That exit point is the one closest to the roundabout on Mountain Highway. As we source new signs I ask parents to use this correct exit point. We will also be installing more high definition CTV cameras overlooking our car parks to stop further sign theft and to catch people dumping rubbish.

PLANNER
By now every family would have received their annual planner. A special thank you to Marquita Telford and the Publicity Committee for this initiative. The idea is for families to place this planner on their fridge to keep track of school events. We hope you find this useful - it's great for visual learners like me!

PREP ENROLMENTS
School tours with parents of 2017 Prep students have commenced. As I tour nearly all these parents comment on hearing great things about our school in the local community, which is a fantastic. If you have a little one starting next year could I ask you pick up an enrolment form at the office?

TWILIGHT SPORTS
Our Annual Twilight Sports is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd March. This is always a fun night - one enjoyed by both the children and parents. Fingers crossed for good weather! This annual event brings together the school community for a fun night as the children rotate around a number of athletic events. The children all receive a participation certificate at the end of the night. I know Mr Goldie would like the children to arrive and be assembled on the oval by 3:50pm with events starting at 5:00pm and continuing until 6:30pm. We would like a hand to pack all the equipment away at the end of the night - many hands make light work!

END OF TERM
An early reminder for parents that Term 1 ends on Thursday 24th March! (Good Friday is the 25th March) Children will be dismissed at 2:30pm following a special assembly commencing at 2:00pm for the purpose of drawing the Easter Raffle. The second term commences on Monday 11th April.

Graeme Russell
ICY POLE DAY

Wednesday 9th March is icy pole day. The icy poles are gluten free and cost 50 cents. Limit of one per child.

WORKING BEE

Saturday 5th March has been cancelled due to the Knox Festival. We have re-scheduled the working bee to Friday 18th March 4.00 - 7.00pm. Drinks provided.

For Sale

Zebra Finches for sale
Male and Females
5 for $20 or 12 for $40
Please call Leah on 0413 076 092

March

1st Charlotte Torkington
   Paddy Fimister
   Jye Raistrick
   Chelsea Hillier

2nd Oscar Crowley

3rd Brodie Prescott

4th Harvey Valentine
   Brodee Macgregor

5th Max Nicoll

House Cross Country

Please note that due to a clash with NAPLAN testing we have re-scheduled our House Cross Country event. The new date for our House Cross Country is Monday 9th May.

The Basin Primary School 2016 Planner

By now families would have received a copy of the school’s 2016 planner. We hope that you find it a useful way of keeping up to date with what is going on at school and are able to add in extra events as they are published in the school newsletter. Please note that there may be changes to dates (eg. House Cross Country is now Monday 9th May) throughout the year. We are extremely appreciative of Marquita Telford who has done an extraordinary job in producing the planner. Thank-you Marquita!
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<td>Justin Laurito</td>
<td>for working hard practising with your scissors. Your cutting is amazing. Well done!</td>
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<td>PH</td>
<td>Zane Burley</td>
<td>for being a kind and considerate friend. Well done Zane, it was so nice to see you help a friend who needed you.</td>
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<td>PK</td>
<td>Jack Ashman</td>
<td>for making clever patterns during our Maths lessons this week. Keep up the great work Jack!</td>
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<td>Hannah Matthews</td>
<td>for her excellent nightly reading of reaching 25 nights! Keep it up Hannah!</td>
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<td>PE</td>
<td>Oscar Robbins</td>
<td>for his wonderful efforts when doing his very first diary writing. Keep it up Oscar!</td>
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<td>1C</td>
<td>Tyler Willoughby</td>
<td>For being so kind and helpful to your classmates at the Lego excursion with your incredible Lego knowledge!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Skylar Hazeldine</td>
<td>For being a wonderful class member. You always try your best with everything you do.</td>
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<td>Maegan Brooke</td>
<td>for her beautiful listening skills and for working independently all of the time. Thankyou Maegan.</td>
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<td>Charlotte Nicholls</td>
<td>for her awesome work in all areas so far this year. What a STAR!</td>
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<td>Lewis Healey</td>
<td>for his excellent expression when reading aloud, Well done Lewis.</td>
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<td>Nicholas Chettle</td>
<td>for his fabulous weekend recount! What a super effort Nicky. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Sadhil MacDonald</td>
<td>for the excellent effort and enthusiasm he put into the Athletic Trials. We are proud of you!</td>
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<td>Grace Beary</td>
<td>for the excellent arguments and reasons she has included in her persuasive writing. Great work Gracie!</td>
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<td>Taylah Malone</td>
<td>for the wonderful work she is doing to extend her addition and problem solving skills. You have been a star in our maths group Taylah. Keep up the fantastic work!</td>
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<td>Shaun Massie</td>
<td>for being a fantastic helper in the library this week. Keep up the great work Shaun!</td>
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<td>Matty Mayfield</td>
<td>for his wonderful listening skills and ability to follow instructions during our handwriting CAT! Top effort Matty! 😊</td>
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<td>Will Mays</td>
<td>for his contentious attitude to all his studies. Will’s care for his learning and his classmates sets a great example to others.</td>
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<td>Imogen Railton</td>
<td>For your fantastic procedural writing! You did a fantastic job presenting your writing Imogen!</td>
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<td>5/6R</td>
<td>Ben Gill</td>
<td>For his great focus when researching Gold Discoveries in Australia. Fantastic work Ben!</td>
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<tr>
<td>6G</td>
<td>Garath Tuituihu</td>
<td>for his excellent procedure text. Gareth persisted in writing instructions on how to play soccer, resulting in an outstanding final product. Well done!</td>
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Bounce Back Award!

For the remainder of the term we will be focusing on what it means to 'Bounce Back'. We will look at learning from our mistakes, letting other people help us, the effect of negative and positive thinking, focusing on the good in every situation, accepting what can be changed and keeping things in perspective. Well done to the students to show these great qualities!

Prep: Dylan Goschnick - for having a positive attitude towards all tasks in the classroom. You face challenges with a smile and give 100% effort at all times. What a star you are Dylan!

Grade 1: Kalan Garrity - for coming to school each day with such a positive attitude towards EVERYTHING. You are a friendly, kind and helpful student who finds the good in every situation. We love having you in Grade 1 Kall!

Grade 2: Huddy Nielsen-Hughes - for displaying a positive attitude and a smile even when things are tough. We are so pleased to have you back with us. You are an inspiration with your never give up approach to your learning. Well done, Huddy.

Grade 3: Rogen Mitchel - for being a happy, cheerful and friendly student. We love your positive attitude Rogen and your zest for life! We are very happy to have you here in Grade 3!

Grade 4:

Grade 5: Karlia Buckley - for showing great resilience in her quick recovery from an accident in hurdles. Your courage and determination to return to the event showed courage and a great example to others.

Grade 6: Charlet Pride - for being a kind and caring friend. Charlet happily helps others and looks after her friends.

Bounce Back!
WEEK 5 AWARD WINNERS

[Image of children holding awards]

[Image of all children]
Junior School Council Representatives

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Students will be presented with their badges at the assembly on Friday 4th of March. The first Junior School Council meeting will be held on Friday 4th March at the start of lunchtime in the BER common area. This will be a quick 'get to know you' session. We ask for each representative to bring a small healthy snack for us to share (remember no nuts or dairy please). Thank you 😊
**Division Swimming Sports**

On Wednesday we had 5 students compete in the Division swimming carnival at Nunawading swimming pool. To qualify for this level of competition these students had won their respective events while representing our school at our recent District carnival. Incredibly each of the 5 swimmers has now qualified to compete in the region carnival on Monday 7th March at Aquanation in Ringwood. The girl’s freestyle relay team consisting of Charlotte Dobson, Indi-Lee Riley, Olivia Curson and Zarah Smith were brilliant winning their event in 3min 20.16 sec. Sonia Curson was fantastic finishing second in breaststroke in 56.48sec and Zarah capped off a great meet by winning the butterfly in 58.08 sec. Congratulations girls we are all very proud of you! Thanks to Colin Hartley and all parents for their support on the day.

Dale Goldsmith
Physical Education and Sport
THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHESS CLUB

Thursday 3rd March 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Chess Club is a very successful program at The Basin Primary School and we are very excited to be able to offer it again. Chess Club with Jamie, who was our teacher from last year, is fun and filled with many enjoyable moments! Last year students learnt a great deal about castling, dominating the centre of the board, electric fence, chess hugging, CRAB and point scoring.

Chess club will be running in terms 2, 3 and 4. Chess Club is available to grades 2 to 6.

Northern Star Chess will run lessons during Friday lunch times. Lessons run for an hour. The cost for each term is $6.50 per lesson for a 7 week term.

“We, at Northern Star Chess, believe chess is a rare activity that engages children in a game, while helping them to develop thinking skills and habits that will be useful to them in all parts of their education and lives.”

Amy Hillier and Andrew Weekes

My child __________________________ will be participating in Chess Club. I have enclosed the cost of $45.50 for term 2 of Chess Club.

Parents Name __________________ Signature__________________
This week we have been busy doing....

Children have enjoyed doing group games in the gym, arts and crafts as well as challenging each other at connect four and UNO. Children have also enjoyed being outside, playing on the equipment and playing sport games such as basketball, cricket and soccer.

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!

Curriculum Day (Friday 18th March)

In order for OSHClub to run during the curriculum day, we need a minimum of 15 children to be booked in. Please book in as soon as possible.

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.

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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0428162718
Coordinator: Dee Donmez
Assistants: Jack Rountree 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.
CLEAN UP DAY

Next Friday 4th March our school is taking part in Clean up Australia Day. Each year level will be responsible for an area of our grounds and we look forward to being involved in one of our nation’s largest community based events.

Pay Per Play Sessions

Thinking of joining a playgroup but not sure what it’s all about?

Like to keep things flexible & not be locked into a regular playgroup session?

Come along to one of our “Pay Per Play” Sessions!

There are lots of great things about The Basin Playgroup including:

- Large shaded playground
- Indoor/Outdoor toys
- Art & Craft Supplies
- Dress Ups & Imaginative Play Items
- Baby Toys
- Tea & Coffee Making Facilities (plus coffee machine!) …Plus lots more!

Address: 387 Forest Road, Boronia (Opposite The Basin Triangle)

Only a 5 minute drive from Boronia— or catch the 755 Bus!

For more information please email: thebasinplaygroupenrolments@outlook.com