OCTOBER 6th

October
7th Walk to School Day
8th Working Bee
11 Prep 2017 transition
13th Gr. 1/2 Imax exc. Region Aths
17th 5/6 Summer Sports
19th 3/4 Hoop Time
All Star boys Finals
26th Multi Age Day
31st Curriculum Day

November
1st Melbourne Cup Day
7th 3/4 Camp Meeting
for Parents 7pm
9 - 11th 5/6 Camp
14 - 16th Grade 3 Camp
15 2017 Prep transition
16 - 18th Grade 4 Camp
28 - 9th Dec
Prep/1/2/3/4 Swimming

TERM DATES FOR 2016
11th July - 16th Sept
TERM 4
3rd Oct - 20th Dec

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4
I trust everyone had the opportunity for some quality family time over the holidays. I would like to welcome back our staff, students and community members and wish all a fantastic Term 4. I spent the holidays catching up on several overdue jobs around home, a few day trips and some preparation for a busy term 4 ahead. Although the mighty HAWKS didn’t go on to a ‘4peat’ like many I couldn’t be happier for the DOGGIES.

Term 4 promises to be an extremely busy one with a host of excursions, camps for Grades 3-6 and the school review. The annual two weeks Swimming program commences at the start of December and then in the last week of term we will farewell our wonderful Grade 6 students.

STAFFING NEWS
After an extensive recruitment process for a PA to support the schools executive team I would like to welcome Fiona Hough to our staff. Fiona has worked for many years at the Education Departments NE Regional office and in the city supporting senior department personnel. Fiona starts next week and will work three days a week.

FACILITY NEWS
Our new portable installed at the end of term 3 will be officially handed over to us shortly - this week hopefully! In term 4 it is planned that the German and Science programs will operate in this portable and from next year it will be used for two classrooms. A big thank you to Pat O’Neil for the huge amount of maintenance work he completed over the holidays. It’s not easy keeping our site looking as good as Pat does!

MAJOR WORKS UPDATE
I can now officially share some great news with our school community that all schools in the current funding round with plans to build a gymnasium have been provided with additional funds to ensure that our single court gym can be built to competition grade. The letter I received from James Merlino confirms an additional $630,000 on top of the $5.2 million dollars we already have been granted. An amazing result and we sincerely thank James Merlino.

Tomorrow I will be travelling into the city for a 10:30am meeting with the department and our architects to sign off on the revised plans and budget breakdown for each part of the upgrade works. It is planned for tender documents to go our very soon so works can commence in term 2 next year.
2017 CLASS STRUCTURE PLANNING

Planning is now well underway for the 2017 school year including preliminary staffing arrangements and grade structure. Next year there will be an additional 4 grades – one at Prep and one more at the Grade 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6 levels. This year the classroom teachers have carried a few more students that previously but we are back to smaller class sizes across the school in 2017.

One major reason for the increase and addition grades is that our smallest cohort of 48 grade 6 students is being replaced with 110 Prep children. Every 3rd or 4th decade an area changes and older people move out and younger families move in and that’s exactly what is happening in this area. Births rates of prep aged children in this area have been high last year and for the next two years. There is also no doubt that many families in the area continue to recognise the wonderful educational and specialist programs we have for our students at The Basin PS.

DEPARTURES

To assist our planning we would like to hear from families who are moving and their children not returning to The Basin PS in 2017. If you are leaving our school (excluding Year 6 graduates) and have not yet informed the office, please let us know as soon as possible.

PREP TRANSITION

Next Tuesday we begin the Transition process for our incoming 2017 Preps. The transition program forms an important part of getting the students ready to begin with us next year by addressing anxieties and demystifying what a day at school is like. Three transitions sessions are scheduled in term 4 with students spending a couple of hours with us and experiencing life at school. The program will culminate in December where students will spend time with their 2017 classroom teacher and new classmates. Enrolled families have been sent information directly about sessions and the dates for this important transition pathway in to school.

STUDENT PLACEMENT REQUESTS

Determining class placements is a complex task where staff members undertake a considerable process to ensure that the best possible placement is made to meet each student’s educational needs. Factors that we take into consideration when making class placements include: academic achievement, personal / interpersonal development, friendship groups, learning styles, gender balance and other individual learning needs. It is important to understand that with so many factors to consider it is not possible to accommodate every request.

Teachers discuss, reflect and review their decisions over several weeks. However, please be aware that each and every factor in the decision as to where a child is placed for next year is given our utmost attention.

If you have any information based upon education grounds that should be considered in relation to the placement of your child it need to be sent to me in writing by Friday 4th November. As situations change, previous requests should be resubmitted if the reason still exists. After this date, new information may not be considered. Parents will be notified of placements in Student Reports when they are sent home in the last week of term.
SUN SMART – APPROVED SCHOOL HATS MUST BE WORN BY ALL STUDENTS!
As the weather gets warmer the sun’s damaging UV rays become more intense and dangerous. Because we are a Sun Smart school all students are expected to wear a school approved hat, during all outside activities including recess and lunch breaks from October to April. Those students without a hat or without the correct hat will have to play in the undercover area at recess and lunchtime.

LAST DAY OF TERM 4 2016
An early reminder to parents is that the last school day for students this year is Tuesday 20th December and the dismissal time will be 1:30pm following a final assembly of the year which will commence at 12:50pm.

Graeme Russell

SCHOOL COMMUNITY WALK TO SCHOOL
As a part of our involvement in Walk to School October we would like to invite our school community to join staff members on a walk to school. The community walk will take place on Friday morning 7th October at 8.30a.m. Staff members will leave from 3 starting points:

1. The Basin Triangle
2. Batterham Reserve (Driveway end)
3. Miller Park Reserve (Carpark)

Hope you can join us!
Apples

Friday 14th October is the next apple delivery. 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, Royal Gala, Granny Smith all apples $10

WORKING BEE SATURDAY

8th October 2016
9.00am – 12.00pm

General pruning, weeding and raking tasks. So bring your gardening tools! Refreshments provided!

Hope to see you there!
-Andrew Caulfield ‘Buildings and Grounds Convenor’.

October

4th Shaun Steer
5th James Eldridge
   Keely Joyce
6th Tahlia Saravanumuttu
   Simone Martin
8th Shakhil MacDonald
   Hayley Collins
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<td>Justin Laurito - for giving his best effort in his writing making sure he is putting in his spacers, keep it up.</td>
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<td>Ebonnie Thompson - for a settled start to Term 4. Well done Ebonnie. We are so proud of you. Good girl!</td>
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<td>Adam Dell - for his wonderful holiday writing. I loved your detailed picture and neat handwriting. Well done Adam!</td>
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<td>Ajax Bascombe-Hay - for his excellent handwriting and practising of letters. You're a star Ajax!</td>
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<td>Kianah Terure - for her amazing self-correcting and thinking about what makes sense when reading. Awesome work!</td>
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<td>Tori Thexton - for a great start to Term 4! It's wonderful to see you focusing on your work and giving it your absolute best. Well done Tori!</td>
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<td>Ashley Bloomfield - for settling in well to your new school and grade. We are very glad to have you in 1M!</td>
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<td>Lachlan Davison - for a super settled first week back and for the terrific effort he put into his holiday writing.</td>
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<td>Bella Riley - for fabulous progress with her reading and a wonderful start to the term. You are awesome Bella!</td>
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<td>Huddy Nielsen - Hughes - for his detailed holiday recount writing. Excellent presentation Huddy.</td>
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<td>Evan Hassing - for his great start to Term 4. It's impressive to see the dedication you have to produce your very best quality of your work. Keep it up Ev!</td>
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<td>Zara Bridle - for the wonderful attention to detail you persisted with when recreating her 3D shape.</td>
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<td>Nate Keyzer - for making a fantastic start at The Basin P.S. Nate we are so pleased you have joined our class.</td>
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<td>Patrick Nicholls - for being a loyal, kind and considerate friend to his classmates.</td>
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<td>Adelina Bloomfield - for the wonderful start you have made at The Basin Primary School! We are delighted to have you in 4M!</td>
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<td>Kirah Millar - for her informative holiday writing. Kirah, the legibility of your handwriting is of a high standard. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Angel Winsor - for a great first week back at school. You have been well organised and a great helper all week Angel. Great job!</td>
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<td>Jye Shoebridge - for your excellent, detailed holiday recount writing. You should be proud of your neat handwriting Jye!</td>
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<td>Keely Joyce - for the excellent effort she puts into all her work. You complete tasks in a quiet, dedicated and independent manner Keely and always try your best. You are a star!</td>
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<td>Brea Nunziante - for your wonderful holiday recount. You included great detail and put effort into making sure it looked outstanding! Keep it up!</td>
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Bounce Back Awards

During the first few weeks of term our Bounce Back focus is on humour. We will look at why humour is healthy, why people laugh, how humour helps us to cope, the social skill of telling a joke well and how humour can be hurtful.

Prep: Harvey Valentine - for your infectious smile and laughter that brightens up the room. Thank you for helping to make our classroom a happy place! Keep that giggle going Harvey!

Grade 1: Brynn Terure - for his bright, friendly and fun personality. You always come to school with such a wonderful attitude and you make us smile all day long. Thank you for finding the positive in everything and being such a special part of our grade Brynn!

Grade 2: Alannah Turner - for her fantastic sense of humour that always brightens up our room. Your positive attitude and ability to always look for the best in every situation is a wonderful quality and we love your giggles and big infectious smile. Keep shining Lans!

Grade 3: Nathan Porter - for always bringing a sense of fun to everything he does. Nathan we love your sense of humour and the enjoyment your bright and bubbly personality brings to our class. Keep on being you!

Grade 4: James Robinson - for the 'infectious' spark you bring to class. James, you consistently enter the room with a smile and your sense of humour and quick 'wit' brings joy to your peers. Keep up the good work James!

Grade 5: Lily-Grace Murrell - for her humorous retelling of the story behind her broken arm. You recounted every word with a great big smile on your face. Your resilience and positive nature, even during tough times is a great example to us all.

Grade 6: Gareth Tuituihu - for his wonderful start to the term! Gareth has been persisting with his work and trying new things. Keep up the great attitude!
DIVISION ATHLETICS REPORT – 2016 Congratulations to each of our 29 talented athletes who took part in the division athletics sports on Wednesday at Knox. All competitors listed below gave their best effort and once again represented our school proudly. Thank you to all family members who assisted with transport and came along to lend support. Thanks also to Kylie Cribb for her help during the day (transport, photography, recording, marshalling, supporting etc). Thanks also to those parents who not only transported their own child(ren) but also helped other families with transport. A special mention needs to be made of Jacob Compton, Jye Raistrick, Blake Rule, Ben Griffin, Lauren Hassing, Luke Marshman, Mitchell Steer, Mitchell Scriven, Zarah Smith, Alex Dummett, Sarah Hassing, Tahlia Saravanamutty, Taryn Ahern, Brooke Disney, Lily-Grace Murrell, Indy Davison, Ava Dreher, Olivia Curson, Jhye Smith and Brodie Prescott who in finishing in first or second place in their respective event(s) have now qualified to go on and compete in the Regional Athletics Carnival next Thursday 13th October at Bill Sewart Athletics Track Nunawading. Results are listed below:


High Jump – Hayden S 5th, Alex D 3rd.

Discus – Tahlia S 6th.

Tripple Jump – Lauren H 1st, Ethan B 5th, Dylan S 4th, Lily-Grace M 4th, Jye R 2nd.

Hurdles – Ava D 1st, Ethan B 3rd, Mitch St 7th, Jye R 2nd.

Shot Put – Martha B 4th, Abby W 5th, Jacob C 4th.

100m – Ben G 2nd, Olivia C 4th, Brodie P 5th.

200m – Brodie P 5th, Zarah S 2nd, Ava D 4th.

800m – Tasj S 6th, Jhye S 2nd, Olivia C 2nd.

1,500m – Zarah S 1st, Piper W 6th.

4 x 100m Relay –
Mitchell St, Mitchell Sc, Luke M, Brodie P – 2nd
Jacob C, Jye R, Blake R, Ben G – 2nd
Olivia C, Sarah H, Alex D, Zarah S – 1st.

Tahlia S, Taryn A, Brooke D, Lily-Grace M – 2nd
Ava D, Allanah M, Sara-Rose L, Lauren H – 4th

Dale Goldsmith

Phys-Ed and Sport
Come support our school choirs
SATURDAY 15th October
2:15 - 2:45

This year both our junior school choir and Performance choir will be performing at the festival. Notices will be handed out for choir members with more details this Friday. We look forward to seeing you there. Mr. Hartley and Mr. Ossie

Support our Wakakirri team and give us your public vote.

To vote, simply go to the People's Choice page at wakakirri.com, select your school and click the Facebook share button to place your vote. The story with the most Facebook shares will win! (There will be one winner for the Primary Challenge and one winner for Secondary Challenge)

VOTING CLOSES ON THE 12TH OF OCTOBER.

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**BEAR CAVE EARLY REGO**

**BOYS & GIRLS Early Registration Day For 2017 @ Batterham Reserve**

Friday 7th October, 2016 5.30pm till 7.00pm

Under 9’s born 2009/10 (April) through to Under 17’s.

For further details contact:
President Brent Thompson - 0408 000 810 or
Registrar Lara Ferguson - 0437 336 172 (Boys)
Registrar Lyn Heine - 0419 170 081 (Girls)