DECEMBER 8th

December
8th School Carols Night
9th Lunch Orders last day
12th Gr 2 Science Inc.
13th Parent Helper m/t
14th Icypole Day
15th Grade 6 Graduation
16th Class Parties
Gr 6 Graduation Lunch
19th 5/6 Wave Pool exc & 3/4 Andrew Wedgner inc & bbq.
20th END OF TERM
1.30PM finish

TERM DATES FOR 2016
TERM 4
3rd Oct - 20th Dec

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

2017 SCHOOL CAPTAINS
It is with pleasure that I announce that Emily Fox and Alex Lee have been elected to be our School Captains for 2017. Votes were very even and I would like to acknowledge Prue Lynch, Sophie Gill, Julie-Anne Roberts, Jackson Pollock, Will Mays and Travis Hillier for their outstanding speeches two weeks ago and I look forward to them putting their hand up for other leadership positions that will be available early in 2017. Emily and Alex will be presented their Captain badges at tomorrow’s assembly.

BUILDING PROJECT
This week the early works component of our building upgrade commenced with the existing library being converted into two classrooms. New shelving has been installed in the room opposite the current library and the moving of books has already been completed thanks to Di Parkinson’s hard work yesterday. Shortly, work will commence on opening up a classroom sized space between the two existing Prep rooms on the high side in preparation for a third classroom in that building.

Next week I will be attending the third and final planning meeting regarding our upgrade in the city. The building project will go to tender in Term 1 2017 and hopefully our new Gymnasium will commence construction during term 2. This will be an exciting time for The Basin PS as some of the current buildings are refurbished inside and out and some demolished and rebuilt. It is expected this project will take up to 2 years to completed. I will keep you informed of the progress over the coming months especially when I have an official start date - can’t come soon enough!

STAFFING NEWS
It is with great pleasure that I announce to the school community the appointment of three new classroom teachers in 2017 following an extensive recruitment and interviewing process. The three new staff are - Kristalee Pollock, Caitlin Eagleton and Vanessa Parry.
CORRECTION - SCHOOL REPORTS
In last week’s news in the DATES AHEAD table I incorrectly indicated that reports will be sent home on Friday 16th December. Parents are advised that reports will be available online through COPMASS on the afternoon of Friday 16th December. Parents who have lost their COMPASS login details can contact the office for assistance.

LIBRARY SHELVING
We now have many FREE old metal library shelves to get rid of quickly! These metal shelves would be perfect for garages, sheds, etc. We’d like to get rid of these shelves before the end of term. If you are interested, please drop in to see the shelves available and if interested arrange a pickup time – you will need a trailer and a friend to assist.

BOOK FAIR
Our thanks and congratulations to Leah Davidson and her team for organising the Scholastic Book Fair. The sales totalled $4902.10 and of that commission The Basin PS received was $1552. This money will be spent on books for the library and classrooms across all levels. Our thanks to the PFA for another outstanding effort and result.

PAST STUDENT SUCCESS
Each year around this time we hear wonderful news of ex-students winning awards from their secondary schools. We would like to acknowledge these students in our next newsletter (with their approval) and to do so we need your help. Please contact the office with any news.

CAROLS NIGHT
Our annual Carol Night is set for tonight however we are concerned about a major cold front predicted to sweep across Victoria this morning into afternoon. If we need to cancel due to this weather, we'll make a decision at lunchtime and contact parents via email and our messaging system.

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

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LAST DAY OF TERM
A reminder to parents that the last school day for students is Tuesday 20th December and the dismissal time will be 1:30pm following a final assembly for the year which will commence at 12:50pm. Parents are asked to please collect their children from inside the school grounds on this day rather than meeting them at the car – given the early finish! School staff will be manning the two crossings closest to the school to ensure people get across the road safely.

Graeme Russell
Apples

Friday 9th December 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

Science Gift Ideas for Christmas from SSA

If anyone missed out on purchasing items from the pop up stall during Science Week and wanted to purchase gifts in the lead up to Christmas, Daniela from Science Supply Australia (SSA) has confirmed that they are happy to receive online orders placed directly with the company, with 15% of all sales returning back to TBPS as fundraising for the Science program. If you are interested in placing an online order with SSA, go to their website www.ssapl.com.au and click on 'Register' to create for an account. To ensure we receive 15% of the sales, enter ***The Basin PS Fundraiser*** as the organisation name. Please note that any queries regarding orders placed online should be forwarded to SSA directly.

Baby Budgies for Sale

From $20 each

Ready in time for Christmas.
Please call Leah on 0413 076 092
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<td>Sienna Yeomans</td>
<td>For continuing to put in her best effort even though she is taking on so much. You are a delight to teach and have an amazing spirit. Well done Sienna.</td>
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<td>PH</td>
<td>Charles Rathjen</td>
<td>For your terrific listening skills at swimming this week. Good boy! You are a great swimmer!</td>
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<td>PK</td>
<td>Cameron Pitts</td>
<td>For always putting 100% into everything you do. You are an excellent role model in the classroom and should be very proud of yourself Cameron!</td>
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<td>PS</td>
<td>Ethan Hack</td>
<td>For his brilliant efforts at swimming over the past two weeks. Congratulations on trying so hard Eth!</td>
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<td>Thomas Wedgewood</td>
<td>For being well organised and showing improved concentration. Well Done.</td>
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<td>1W</td>
<td>Oliver Gregory</td>
<td>For a really wonderful effort to add more detail into his writing and for the MOST AMAZING improvements with his handwriting. Awesome effort Ollie.</td>
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<td>Abigail Telford</td>
<td>For always having a positive attitude and giving her very best effort. Keep it up Abi!</td>
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<td>Charlie Redfern</td>
<td>For the fabulous detail he is putting into his writing for VIP.</td>
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<td>Jacob Thomas</td>
<td>For being a thoughtful caring class member. You always consider the thoughts and feelings of others.</td>
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<td>Tahj Garrity</td>
<td>For the fantastic attitude you have with technology. Your Google Slides presentation is great and you willingly help others. You are a star!</td>
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<td>Oscar Turner</td>
<td>For the great care he has taken when completing his work. Oscar it is wonderful to see the focus you’ve put into your presentation!</td>
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<td>Ryan Mayfield</td>
<td>For always being a happy, helpful, kind and all round great student. Thanks Ryan! It’s a pleasure to teach you!</td>
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<td>Kayla Peak</td>
<td>For making the extra effort to finish some of her school work at home. You have a great work ethic Kayla! Well done!</td>
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<td>Charlotte Dobson</td>
<td>For her super swimming at our lessons everyday! It’s lovely to watch you glide through the water - you are a natural! Keep it up Charlotte! :)</td>
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<td>Ella McCallum</td>
<td>For being a crafty coder during our computer programming activity. Your skills were very impressive Ella, great work!</td>
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<td>Jye Shoebridge</td>
<td>For your super photoshopping skills for your CBL Future Me image! Top marks Jye!</td>
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<td>5/6R</td>
<td>Dayna Airs</td>
<td>For her enthusiasm and hard work on her Million Dollar Project! Love your work Dayna!</td>
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<td>6G</td>
<td>Kaylah Mitchell</td>
<td>For the outstanding quality of her work. Kaylah’s “What a Year I’ve Had” was wonderfully presented and reflected the awesome things she has done this year!</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Awards

The remainder of our BounceBack program this year is all about being a STAR, CHAMP and WINNER! We look at setting goals, working hard, challenging & believing in ourselves, taking a risk, recognising that everyone has different strengths, using our strengths to help others, and thinking like STARS, CHAMPS & WINNERS do!

Prep: **Ross Earney** - for having such an amazing attitude towards his learning. You always try your best at everything you do and we love seeing that big smile everyday. Thank you for being so awesome Ross, you are a STAR!

Grade 1: **Bonnie Molin Wylde** - For being such a positive person all year. You always try your best and consistently feel satisfied with your achievements. Keep up the great attitude! You are a winner just being you, Bonnie.

Grade 2: **Sascha Kubik** - for always being a helpful member of our class, You treat others kindly and always approach work with a positive attitude. Keep it up Sascha, you’re a STAR!

Grade 3: **Zane Smart** - for the amazing assistance he has given to our buddy class at swimming. It is beautiful to see the manner in which you kindly help a number of Preps without hesitation each day. You are a CHAMP!

Grade 4: **Taylah Malone** - for being a wonderful role model to our younger students. You always display excellent behaviour and you have been very helpful supporting the Preps while swimming. Thank you for all you do Taylah. You are definitely a WINNER!

Grade 5: **Imogen Railton** - for consistently working like a star in class. Your presentation skills and work ethic is fabulous Imogen and you set a great example for your peers. Keep being wonderful Imogen!

Grade 6: **Michaela Lewis-Lutwyche** - for being a superstar student and working in a mature, confident and positive manner. You have taken on challenges with a fabulous attitude and always strive to give your best! I am so proud of you Michaela!
WEEK 9 AWARD WINNERS
SWIMMING

All of our students are to be congratulated after a successful swimming program. Not only was their significant improvement in confidence and swimming skills the behaviour displayed by our students in public was excellent. The gains students made also included increased independence and social skills. I would like to thank all of our older students who were terrific in assisting younger students throughout the program. Thanks also to staff and parents for their support. Our program could not run without the extra help we receive on the bus and in the change rooms. Achievement certificates will be completed by instructors, returned to school and handed out prior to the end of the school year.

School Banking

Rewards are no longer able to be redeemed for 2016. All tokens not redeemed this year will be rolled over to be used next year with the new rewards in 2017.

Next week, 13th December, is our last banking day for this year.

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

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

First meeting: Monday 12th December, 2:45pm in Staff Room. All welcome, including preschool children.

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 expression of interest in helping with the organising of this great event. Only takes a minute.

Any Queries, Opinions, Thoughts, Suggestions Email us at Thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com
Or contact Marqita – 0407561492 or Jacqui – 0417145971

Don’t forget our Facebook page

http://www.facebook.com/TheBasinPrimarySchoolCountryFair
Balancing acts have been right at the top of our list this week at OSHClub! Secretly, I think it's because the kids love the sound things make when they come crashing down! Dominos, Jenga towers, big blocks and Uno Stacko skyscrapers are all tumbling down around us and the race to see who can build the highest tower is what makes it so exciting!

The rules of Checkers are on all of our minds lately. Can a king jump over two opponents? Can I move backwards to get to my enemy? We have so many interesting questions as we learn our way through the game and start to process the idea of playing strategically and we've definitely had some thought provoking games this week.

Out on the playground this week we've been learning to conquer our fears by relying on the support and encouragement of our peers. Whether it be walking across the chain bridge without hands, asking someone that we don't too know well if they would like to play a game, or sliding down the fireman pole for the first time, these are experiences which are made so much easier with a friend to cheer you on and that's one of the big things we encourage at OSHClub.

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 any day bookings please contact Mandy direct at the program.
A program for faster learners.
WiseOnes is a challenging program for fast learners with high level thinking skills and is available as a user-pay personal development program offered at the school during school hours. Children work in groups of no more than 8 for one hour a week, for 8 weeks of the term. Near the end of each term, an invitation for parents etc to attend Week 8 is sent home. A written report is issued at the end of each term. Units of work are advertised in the school newsletter each term.

Coming up
Term 1, 2017...

The Basin Primary School
Philosophy for Young Minds

The unit entitled Philosophy for Young Minds is a new one for WiseOnes. Well known stories are presented to the students. Good judgement, environmental ethics, sharing happiness and learning about empathy with others will be developed. During the 8 weeks of the unit, huge amounts of general knowledge and skills of the Circle of Inquiry discussion will be learned. It’s good chance to think out loud without criticism. An excellent unit for everyone.

WiseOnes Application for 1st Term 2017.
This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes.
The unit for first term commences week beginning Monday, 6th February, 2017.
The unit will run for 8 weeks.

WiseOnes

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Philosophy for Young Minds" commencing week beginning Monday, 6th February, 2017.
I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child’s Name ________________________________ School: The Basin PS
Date of Birth __________________________ Class (2017) ______
Parents’ Names ____________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________________
Phone: BH ________ AH ________ Mobile ________ Email: ________________________
My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO
I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.

Please send this slip and payment of $238.00 to your school by Friday 3rd February, 2017.
Could you also email to let me know if your child is participating in term 1 so I can organise the groups.

Please tick: □ Cheque □ Cash □ EFTPOS □ Direct deposit BSB: 063 108 Acct: 1009 3345
Name-WiseOnes
Credit Card: Please debit my ___________ □ Mastercard □ Visa Card Expiry Date: ___/___
□ __________________________ Card Holders Name: __________________________
□ __________________________ Signature: __________________________
Telephone contact: __________________________

For further information, please contact Sandy Robertson on 9756 7780 or Mobile: 0432 326 070
sandyrobertson777@gmail.com
WESLEY MISSION

FOOD FOR FAMILIES APPEAL

This year The Basin Primary school will again be participating in the Food for Families appeal. This appeal aims to assist families who are doing it tough at Christmas time and into 2017. Families are asked to look into their pantries and possibly bring along a grocery item or two to donate.

We will be collecting items from FRIDAY 25th November through until FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER. Each classroom will have a collection box. 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

Kaylee and Jhye,
Your Junior School Council Captains.
Sarah Louise
School of Dance
Boronia
NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2017
Jazz, Funk, Tap,
Classical Ballet, Lyrical, Contemporary

Fun and entertaining classes for all ages,
Annual Exams, Solos and Concert
No costume making, no term fees!
Enrol now for a free trial lesson!

Call Sarah on 0419-311-592
www.sarahlouisedance.webs.com

The Basin Junior Cricket Club
T20 Big Bash Competition
8-10 year olds
Friday nights: 5:15-7:00
Cost: $90

Call Joel Clarke on 0431 328 255 for more information