FEBRUARY 9th

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<td>15th Country Fair Meeting - 2.45pm or 7pm</td>
<td>STUDENT WELL BEING &amp; CONTACT NUMBERS</td>
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<td>16th District Swimming</td>
<td>Could I please urge all parents to keep the school notified of any changes to emergency contact mobile numbers and those listed as secondary contacts? If your child is ill at school, or has an accident, then staff will give immediate care and appropriate first aid. Please also keep the office informed of any change in medical issues faced by your children as this helps us to make the best choices for their welfare. Similarly, if you are running late to collect your child after school we have the outside school care program based at our school.</td>
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<td>20th School Council</td>
<td>PARKING INFORMATION SHEET</td>
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<td>21st Parent/Teacher Int</td>
<td>Shortly all families will receive an information sheet with a clear diagram of available parking spaces for parents as well as traffic flow instructions. We would like to state again that we are fortunate to have as many parking spaces available to parents inside our grounds compared to most schools.</td>
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<td>22nd Parent/Teacher Int</td>
<td>In saying that we do receive calls from time to time from disgruntled parents frustrated about the time it takes to leave our school grounds, the speed some parents drive, parents exiting incorrectly and the dangerous pedestrian crossing decisions parents make with their children. Parents should walk along the sides of the internal driveway and not cut across the driveway. The last thing we want is someone getting hurt!</td>
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<td>28th Prep Family Fun Night</td>
<td>Over January we organised a $20,000 extension to our gravel parking which has increased the number of spaces. We would also ask parents parking in neighbouring streets and walking into the school grounds to not block driveways. Thankyou for you cooperation and patience!</td>
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March

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<td>13th Labour Day</td>
<td>We received a call from the crossing supervisor on Miller Road who asked if we could mention in our newsletter the importance of using her crossing which is much safer than a couple of families she has seen crossing at the busy roundabout intersection.</td>
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April

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| 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     |                                                                                  |
2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Each year vacancies occur on School Council as parent and staff members complete their two year term. There are five parent and two staff vacancies each year. Notice of Election Schedule is as follows:

Monday 20th February Call for nominations (Forms can be obtained at the office)
Monday 6th March Nominations close
Wednesday 8th March Candidate List is announced
Friday 10th March A ballot will be required if nominations exceed the number of vacancies
Friday 17th March Declaration of Ballot
Monday 20th March Next School Council Meeting

Nomination forms are available from the office. The expectation is attendance at School Council meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month totalling a minimum of 8 meetings for the year, as well as becoming a member of Council Sub committees which include Finance, Education, Buildings & Grounds, Publicity and Parent & Friends Association. I have included the following information to assist candidates.

What is a School Council and what does it do?
All Government schools in Victoria have a School Council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within Departmental provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the School Council?
There are three possible categories of membership:
• A mandated elected Parent Category. More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not employed at the school.
• A mandated elected DET Employee Category. Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
• An optional Community Member Category. Members of this category are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent Membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might seriously consider - standing for election as a member of the school council or encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on School Council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.
What do you need to do to stand for election?

The Principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent Category. DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the timeframe stated on the Notice of Election Schedule. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

If you require further information please contact the office.

‘GETTING to KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEWS

These interviews with your child’s new teacher will take place on Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd February between 4:00 to 7:00pm. A letter explaining the booking procedure and web link will be distributed shortly. Parents requiring assistance can contact the office for help.

RED BALLOON DAY

The Basin Primary School is again participating in the National ‘RED BALLOON DAY’ to support all CFA fire fighters but in particular our local Basin CFA. On Tuesday 28th February the children will be tying a red balloon to our boundary fence near the roundabout in recognition of the amazing job the CFA do in protecting us all and our homes. We ask all children to bring a $2 gold coin donation. The organisers need help on this morning especially helping the younger children tie their balloons to the fence - many hands make light wok! This is a wonderful annual community involvement project and the CFA attend with a tanker and always return to show the children what they have purchased with our donation.

LUNCHBOX IDEAS & STAYING HEALTHY

The Heart Foundation has some easy tips (below) for keeping the lunchbox nutritious and getting young people outside and active.

Top 10 ideas for keeping school children active and healthy

1. Pick a day you can walk to/from school together - even consider parking the car a little further from the school and walking for 10 minutes.
2. Cut up food so it is easy for little fingers to eat.
3. Select comfortable school shoes that are great for walking, running and riding.
4. Dairy food is a great snack, choose reduced fat cheese or a tub of yoghurt.
5. Find some time to do some ‘free range’ activities like exploring your neighbourhood.
6. Include a frozen water bottle - it will help keep lunch cool and provides an icy cold drink.
7. Plan a quick play at the local park on free afternoons.
8. Plan ahead to avoid grabbing ‘easy’ pre-packaged foods and involve the kids too.
9. Join your children in an after school swim, ball game, chasey, hopscotch or skipping.
10. Pack it safe! Use a good lunch box that insulates well and use ice bricks to keep food fresh.
**Simple swaps to keep the lunchbox healthy**

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<th>SWAP FOR</th>
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<td>White bread</td>
<td>Wholegrain bread</td>
<td>Energy-producing whole grains will help power your family through the whole day and gain extra fibre.</td>
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<td>Full fat dairy products – yoghurt, cheese</td>
<td>Reduced fat versions</td>
<td>You’ll instantly reduce the amount of saturated fat in your family’s food, without compromising on calcium. Low fat versions are fine for children over two years old.</td>
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<td>Chocolate and chip snacks</td>
<td>Fruit or vegie sticks with hummus</td>
<td>They are colourful, tasty and offer a range of vitamins, minerals, fibre and sustained energy</td>
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<td>Butter</td>
<td>- Margarine made from canola, sunflower or olive oil - Avocado</td>
<td>Butter is a whopping 50% saturated (unhealthy) fat compared to 14% in margarine. Avocado is rich in healthy fats and tasty too.</td>
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<td>Sweetened drinks</td>
<td>Water</td>
<td>Sugary drinks are filled with calories but no nutrition – water will do a better job of hydrating and it’s free!</td>
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<td>Salted foods</td>
<td>Reduced salt versions</td>
<td>More than 75 per cent of our salt intake is hidden in packaged foods. Children are eating more than 3 times the salt they need in a day – reducing it will help them to have a healthy heart as they grow.</td>
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<td>Packaged snacks</td>
<td>A home baked muffin</td>
<td>You can control the ingredients to create a healthier snack using low fat and salt reduced products; pikelets, muffins and scones generally use less fat and swapping white flour for wholegrain or wholemeal and adding fruit will increase the fibre.</td>
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**Labour Day Holiday**

Parents are reminded that there is a Labour Day holiday on Monday 13th March. There will be no school on this day.

Graeme Russell
CHANGE OF DATE

Last week families received a list of dates for various sporting events during the school year. Please note that due to a clash with NAPLAN testing our House Cross Country day will now be Monday 8th May.

February
6  Connor Stephen
8  Lincoln Foster
9  Marleigh Ingram
12 Abbey Reynolds
12 Shayla Page
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

**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
- Apple
- Orange $2.00
- Water 600ml $2.20

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

**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
**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**  
**WEEK 2 ENDING 10TH FEBRUARY, 2017**

| PC Ellie James | For giving everything her best effort. What a fantastic first week in Prep, keep it up! |
| PE Angus McKersie | For his wonderful work on his letter 'S' snake. Clever work Angus! |
| PH Airlie Garrity | For a settled and happy start to Prep. Great concentration Airlie, keep it up! |
| PK Zoe Renzella | For her clever thinking during our brainstorm on letter 'S' words. Keep it up Zoe! |
| PO Andrew Kolb | For completing all tasks with an amazing attitude. You are a star Andrew! |
| PS Blake Lord | For a fantastic start to school and displaying an enthusiasm for learning. Well done Blake! |
| 1D Jack Ashman | For a fabulous start to the year, being a great listener and organised worker. Well done Jack! |
| 1M Adam Dell | For always trying his absolute best and using his manners. Glad to have you in 1M! |
| 1R Riley Carns | For being such a happy, positive and enthusiastic student. What a fantastic start to Grade 1 Riley! |
| 1W Lewis Neilson-Hughes | For an amazing start to Grade 1. You work so hard and always listen so well. Keep it up Lewie! |
| 2H Lucas Ozergin | For the wonderful smile and terrific way you are working in class. Well done buddy! |
| 2S Duke Dowling-White | For his clever thinking and making such a great start to Grade 2. |
| 2W Jayden Howard | For being a super friendly class member and making a great effort in all his activities. |
| 3L Callum White | For his star attitude and a fabulous start to Grade Three! Keep it up Callum! |
| 3P Cohen Chrystal | For the fantastic and clever story he wrote and read to our class. The voices he used for the characters were very funny and made us all laugh. We love having you in 3P, Cohen! |
| 3W Olivia Antonie | For making a wonderful start at The Basin P.S. We love having you as part of our class! |
| 4M Zoe Hartnett | For the terrific start she has made at The Basin Primary School. Your positive 'can do' attitude and smiling face is a welcome addition to our school! |
| 4P Chase Prescott | For the wonderful effort he puts into everything he does. We love your positive attitude Chase and your willingness to always try your best. Well done on a terrific start to the year! |
| 4R Joshua Zammit | For his wonderful start to the year at The Basin Primary School. You have shown a great positive attitude and hard working approach to all tasks. We are lucky to have you at our school Josh! |
| 5M | For his contagious enthusiasm in Science and Writing this week. You are such a pleasure to have in the classroom. |
| 5/6G Bailey-Coupar Thomas | For his outstanding persistence! He has taken on every challenge this week and had great success! Well done! |
| 6C Jordan Brooke | For her outstanding effort with the presentation and accuracy of her work. You are a star Jordan! |
| 6S Ted Chettle | For your outstanding start to Grade 6! Keep up the hard work and persistence Ted! |
The Basin Primary School
Bounce Back Awards

Prep: Leah Walker - for her enthusiastic and confident start to school. It is lovely to see you enter our room each morning with a beautiful smile and a 'no tears' attitude. Keep up your excellent beginning to Prep Leah!

Grade 1:

Grade 2: Skylar Hazledine - for her confident attitude to all aspects of school and grade 2. You are delightful to have in our class Skylar, keep being fantastic!

Grade 3: Charlotte Nicholls - For a wonderful start to Grade Three! You're such a great helper and you approach all tasks with confidence and excitement. You're fabulous Charlotte!

Grade 4: Paddy Finister - for being a terrific helper in our classroom and at school. You are always up for a job and we really appreciate your help! You're a star Paddy!

Grade 5: Benjamin Griffin - For such a great start to the year. You have been working hard, getting along with others and working well in teams. You should be incredibly proud of your awesome attitude and fantastic efforts. Keep it up!

Grade 6: Angel Winsor - For her mature, confident start to Year six. Angel, you are demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities through your hard work ethic and enthusiastic approach to tasks. Keep up the fantastic work Angel!
SWIMMING PROGRAM 2017

Due to increasing enrolments we are forced to again alter the structure of our 2017 swimming program. Last year we held two separate programs (One for Grade 5/6 students in September and one for P/1/2/3/4 in December). After looking at a variety of alternative options the following arrangements have been made for 2017:

Grade 4/5/6 Program

Venue - Knox Leisureworks

Date – August 7th-11th (Week 4 of term 3)

Number of swimming days – 5

Lesson duration – 60mins (300 minutes of swimming during the program)

Cost - $90

Grade Prep/1/2/3 Program

Venue - Knox Leisureworks

Date – December 5th – December 14th (Weeks 9 and 10 of term 4)

Number of swimming days – 10

Lesson duration – 30 mins (300 minutes of swimming during the program)

Cost - $90
**SUNSMART**

Australia ranks as No.1 with regard to incidence of melanoma with the experts telling us that two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70. According to Cancer Council Victoria it 'is one of the most preventable cancers and it's never too late for prevention.'

Some of us may go to all sorts of lengths to get our skin looking tanned. However, we also need to make sure we are taking measures to protect our skin from the harmful UV rays and remember to be SUNSMART when out in the open during the months September – April.

As a registered SunSmart school we have measures in place for outdoor play ie wearing hats, sunshades under play equipment, classroom sunscreen. We also have teaching tools such as the SunSmart App on our iPads and a temperature/UV rating board hung up outside near the office.

Parents, please make sure your children brings a school hat and seriously think about buying a school sunscreen clip (if you don’t already have one); available from the uniform shop.

**QUIZ:** Do you remember what the sayings for the 5 yellow symbols on the left?

*Dale, Kylie, Richard*

Achievement Program Team

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**Hub Homework Club**

The **Hub Homework Club** is a safe and supportive out-of-school learning environment where primary and secondary students can work on homework tasks in a quiet and supportive environment.

**Who?** Students in Year 2 - 12

**When?** 3:30 - 5pm, Thursdays during term

**Where?** The Hub,

Boronia Community Church of Christ,

59 Boronia Rd., Boronia

**Cost?** $2 per session *(includes afternoon snack at 4:00pm)*

**Contact?** David (mob. 0412 433 237 or email: ddeith@gmail.com)

This program is supported by: Knox Council Community Development Fund
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 is available for grades 2 to 6.

Northern Star Chess will run lessons during Friday lunch time in the Science room starting at 1.30pm. Lessons run for an hour. The first lesson will be on 17th February. The cost for each lesson is $6.50 with the total for 6 lessons in Term 1 being $39.00.

“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.”

Andrew Weekes

Please return permission note with payment by the 14th February

My child __________________________ will be participating in Chess Club. I have enclosed the cost of $39.00 for Term 1 of Chess Club.

Parent/Guardian’s Name: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________
The Country Fair
Saturday 28th October 2017 10am-3pm
263 days to go

Meeting: Wednesday 15th February at 2:45pm or 7pm in the staff room.
To accommodate more people we’re holding our first meeting of the year both in the afternoon and evening. You only need to come to one of the meetings as we’ll go over the same items at both.

To get a copy of last year’s 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 Disney’s 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 Thebasinpscountryfair@gmail.com
Or contact Marquita – 0407561492 or Jacqui – 0417145971

Don’t forget our Facebook page
http://www.facebook.com/TheBasinPrimarySchoolCountryFair
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WE HAVE CLASSES WITH CHILDREN FROM 5 TO 12 YEARS OF AGE WORKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER.

TUESDAY NIGHTS  5.30 TIL 6.30

FOR INFORMATION CALL 0423 789262

A reminder to WiseOnes families to send the enrolment form for term 1 by Friday 3rd Feb, 2017 or email Sandy at sandyrobertson777@gmail.com

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 __________________________ Date of Birth _________________ Class _______

Parents' Names ______________________________

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.