



# The Basin Primary School

Est. 1880

February 8, 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back everybody to the 2024 school year. I hope that everyone managed to find some quality time to relax with friends and family during the summer break and that the start of this year has been a positive one for you all. The buzz in the yard last Tuesday morning brought the school back to life and the students have all settled into their classes so well.

This year, we again welcome new families to The Basin PS across all year levels, including our new Prep families. I know that the whole community joins us in welcoming you all to our school and trust that your time with us is positive and enjoyable.



Each year when we return, it is a pleasure to see such happy and enthusiastic faces, eager to renew old friendships, make some new ones and get back into some interesting and enjoyable learning. When staff chat to students, they share lovely holiday stories but they are also looking forward to their new school year and the opportunities that are in front of them. We would like to thank you, the parents, for your efforts in preparing your children so well for the start of the school year. Throughout the year, we will share through the newsletter, the many opportunities that our students have to shine.

I would also like to formally welcome Simon Orenshaw to the school who will be taking Phys Ed this year. Simon has previously worked at a number of schools teaching Phys Ed and is excited to work at our fantastic school. We know that you will enjoy being part of The Basin.



### UPCOMING DATES

**Friday February 9**

School Photos

**Friday February 16**

District Swimming

**Wednesday February 21**

Student Parent Teacher

Goal Setting Interviews

9:00—5:30

**Monday February 26**

Gr 3EA & 3W Excursion

**Tuesday February 27**

Gr 3EL & 3HS Excursion

**February 26—28**

Grade 5 Cave Hill Camp

**Friday March 1**

School Clean up Day

Twilight Working Bee

4:00pm—7:00pm

**March 4—6**

Gr 6 Phillip Island Camp

**Monday March 11**

Labour Day Public Holiday

NO SCHOOL

**Friday March 15**

PFA Colour Run

**Thursday March 28**

Term 1 ends

2:30pm dismissal

## 2024 TERM DATES

Term 1—Jan 30—March 28

Term 2—April 15—June 28

Term 3—July 15—Sept 20

Term 4—Oct 7—Dec 19

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A big thank you to the staff for all the preparations they have made for the 2024 school year. Teachers have already spent countless hours over the past weeks setting up the learning environments and planning to ensure a smooth start and exciting curriculum for the students this year. The Office and Education Support staff also worked on various administrative tasks to ensure that everything was ready for students.

## DEVELOPING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BASIN FAMILIES

At The Basin we are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school, knowing that a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities, asking that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring:

1. Attendance at school daily and arrival on time, ready for the day's learning experience
2. Daily reading to develop a love for literature and to improve critical language skills
3. Sharing school experiences with you so that you are aware of your child's school life

Working and "learning together" we can achieve great results. Parental support of the teachers and the school's programs is also vital and includes displaying a positive attitude towards your child's learning, so I encourage you all to be fully involved in your child's education. **Education is a Partnership!** Let's all work together to ensure the best future for the children that we have in our care.

## STUDENT—PARENT—TEACHER GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS

We have set aside very important time for 'Student-Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Interviews' on Wednesday February 21 (9:00am—5:30pm). Please note that students are not in attendance at school that day but we ask that you bring your child along to these meetings. These meetings provide a timely opportunity for our teaching staff to form an effective partnership with each child's family. Working in partnership and having consistent expectations between home and school leads to better outcomes for our students. The Interviews are strictly 15 minutes and if you feel you need a longer time then a follow up time should be organised. The bookings for interviews can be done online through the Compass app and we will send out a notification when they are available.

## NEWSLETTER

This year newsletters will be available fortnightly with a 'Student of the Week' edition every other week. These will be available on a Thursday. Each of these editions will contain lots of important information, dates and reminders so please be sure to read both versions. School families will be notified via a Compass notification and I urge parents to ensure that you regularly check Compass to ensure that you receive the information available.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Just a reminder that school photos are to be taken next Friday February 9. To look our best and show pride in our school, as in all other days, students must wear their full school uniform for school photos. Orders for photos can be completed online using the code that was sent home earlier last week.



## ASSEMBLY

Our first whole school assembly for 2024 will be held on Friday February 16. It will be commencing at 3:00pm in the Stadium.



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## SUN SMART

During Term One, please remember that hats are compulsory at all times when outside at school (including Phys Ed sessions). As a Sunsmart school we strictly enforce the use of hats. If you need to buy a new one, please visit the Uniform Shop.

***Students who don't have a Sun Smart hat will be directed to play in a designated shade area.***

For further information go to: [www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au)

## 2024 PARENT PAYMENTS

Thank you to all those families who have paid the 2024 Parent Payments. Your contributions allow the school to continue to offer the programs that it does as well as maintain and improve the resources and facilities at the school. If you would like to choose the payment plan option, please remember to contact the office directly as soon as possible to arrange.

## DROPPING OFF STUDENTS

Please be reminded that students should not be dropped off or be arriving at school before 8:45am. Supervision in the school yard commences at 8:45am every morning, and it is imperative that students arrive between 8:45am and 9:00am. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## CARPARKS

Student safety is of utmost importance to all of us. As we return from the break it is important for us to all work together to ensure that everyone is able to arrive and leave school safely. Please show courtesy and respect for each other when using our carparks and surrounding streets.

Please take note of the following points in particular:

- Please move as far forward as possible when using the Kiss and Drop areas to allow as many cars into the line as possible and please do not leave your vehicle. If you need to leave your vehicle please park in one of the car parking spaces available.
- Please drive through the carpark at 10kmph or less - walking pace.
- Please wait for students, parents and staff to completely leave the pedestrian crossing before driving through.
- Students should not be dropped off in the Staff Only carpark next to OSHClub at any time - this includes early morning starts and tennis coaching. Please use the Kiss and Drop area for your child's safety.
- No cars should park on Liverpool Road as it blocks the flow of traffic and impedes the view of traffic attempting to exit the school carpark.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### STUDENT INSURANCE – REMINDER FROM DoE

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education (DoE) does not offer any form of 'student accident insurance'. If families are concerned about this they are advised to make their own arrangements. Ambulance cover could be one consideration as the school will not hesitate to call an ambulance if we are concerned for a child's wellbeing.

### PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT THE 'OWNERS' RISK

The Department of Education (DoE) does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools. All schools are requested to remind students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of each academic year and to discourage parents/students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Please avoid bringing these items as it can be most upsetting for all concerned if items go missing or are damaged.

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS (WWCC)

We encourage and value parental and community support at The Basin Primary School. There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school. We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education. These checks are free for volunteers and will allow you to be involved as many school events as you require. Once you have your WWCC, please come to the office so we can photocopy this and we will add your name to our list of parents who have a current WWCC check.

### UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

As we are in the middle of the fire season it is a good time to remind our families to ensure that all your details are up to date at the school. If you have changed address, got a new phone number or have a new alternative contact please contact the office to give us the details so that we are able to contact you if required.

*A new school year is always an exciting time and I again look forward to being part of our wonderful school community and working with our very passionate, talented and devoted staff to provide a rich range of opportunities for our students.*

Have a great week, take care

David Orlandi

The PFA had an Annual General Meeting on Monday 5 February. Thank you to all those who attended and welcome to our new members!

The positions this year were filled as follows:

President - Lisa Hay	Vice President - Amanda Mayer
Secretary - Sarah Keall Kroenert	Treasurer - Joanne Dyer

We also have a number of general member positions and if you are interested in supporting the school, please reach out.  
The PFA email address is pfatbps@gmail.com



*Parents & Friends Association*

We look forward to a fun filled and memorable 2024!

## 2024 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

### School Captains

Kiara C, Flynn C, Olivia L, Dax D

### Student Voice Leaders

Seth H, Reuben C, Heath C, Cooper F, Millie L, Rohan G, Bailey S,  
Zac D, Noah C, Lachy H, Diyaa S

### Digi Tech TEAM

**Captains**— Spencer O, Cruz B, Noah L, Lachie P

**Leaders**—Maison H, Blake M, Steph R, Anmol P, Reuben B, Coen D, Dustin K, Max B

### Environmental TEAM

**Captains**— Seb M, Eli M-W, Noah T-W, Oscar M

**Leaders**—Zander BM, Sam H, Thomas M, Mason R

### German TEAM

**Captains**— Archer K, Faith K, Havyn P, Avery R

### Library TEAM

**Captains**— Shelby B, Zane B, Ayush A, Josh S

**Leaders**— Logan H, Talon C, Charlotte N, Cedric L, Maddie B, Eden W-M, Jacob M, Madi B

### Performing Arts TEAM

**Captains**— Belle H, Kai S, Lyla W, Jack H

**Leaders**— Skylar W, Matilda R, Charlotte H, Ethan W, Noah S, Myles K

### Science TEAM

**Captains**— Jake M, Mae C, Max T, Tyler B

**Leaders**— Oscar R, Eli P, Nikhil R

### Visual Arts TEAM

**Captains**— Marlie F, Tara VW, Charlotte G, Poppy K

**Leaders**— Ethan A, Cody M, Ebony S, Jack M, Benji G-G, Maddison H, Hudson M

### SPORTS/HOUSE TEAM

**Captains** - Jake J, Olivia G, Kallista A, Tadhg G, Steele DW, Milly R, Tilly M, Roy L

**Leaders**— Aria G, James L, Moby M, Cooper A, Mason B, Jett H,  
Nathaniel H, Will LS, Alex M-W, Brooke M, Forest K, Stephanie P







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