

The Basin Primary School

Est. 1880

March 7, 2024

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that we are three weeks from the end of Term 1. As is always the case at The Basin, the school is a hive of activity. We have so many wonderful opportunities for the students at the school which complement the teaching and learning program. Camps, excursions, incursions, support programs, extensions programs, Chess Club, Breakfast Club, lunchtime activities are all enhancing the opportunities for our students. These combined with the calm, orderly classroom environments and strong academic focus see our students thriving each day.



GRADE 6 CAMP

Earlier this week our Grade 6 students attended Phillip Island Adventure Camp where they have spent 3 days. Camps offer the students so many experiences and it was pleasing to see them putting themselves outside their comfort zones, working collaboratively and for some, experiencing things for the first time. Camps are a fantastic opportunity for the students to develop bonds with their peers which will serve them well across the year and I am grateful to the staff and parents who gave up their time to attend camp and provide our students with these opportunities.

Whilst on the topic of camp we are excited that we have been able to reschedule the Grade 5 camp which was affected by the recent bushfires to May 27—29. This news was very well received by our Grade 5 students.

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday March 7

Grade 1 Legoland Excursion

Monday March 11 Labour Day Public Holiday

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday March 13

Grade 4 Cook's Cottage/Polly **Woodside Excursion**

Friday March 15

PFA Colour Run

March 18—22

African Drumming Incursion

Thursday March 28

Term 1 ends

2:30pm dismissal

Monday April 15

First Day of Term 2

Thursday April 25 ANZAC Day

Friday April 26 Curriculum Day

No students—OSHC Available

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

NAPLAN 2024—WEDNESDAY 13 - MONDAY 18

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in mid-March (previously May).

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), numeracy.

At The Basin Primary School, we take great pride and care in ensuring that our students are not overwhelmed by the suite of assessments that are comprised in the NAPLAN schedule. Whilst NAPLAN tests are an important system -level component of the Department of Education, at The Basin Primary School they are viewed as just another form of assessment in our ongoing process of monitoring student achievement.

To alleviate any pressure or anxiety associated with the tests, a special timetable has been formulated to assist teachers and students in the implementation of the tests. The timetable provides ample time both before and after testing for students to prepare and relax. In addition, students will also have an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the types of questions, layout and expected timeframes within which they are required to work for each of the test domains.

We are confident that our well-considered preparatory procedures will enable your children to complete the NAPLAN assessment suite with minimal concern. For more information about NAPLAN please click on the link: https://www.nap.edu.au/

All government schools are required to administer tests starting Wednesday March 13 and will be completed by Wednesday March 20. We will publish the schedule to Grade 3 and 5 parents closer to the testing dates.

LOST OPPORTUNITIES

Lateness and lost opportunities are a big focus for the Department of Education and our school this year, the accumulated absence or lateness does add up to significant lost learning time. Consider this:

- A student who is late by half an hour each day misses the equivalent of 16.6 days of learning each year.
- An 80% attendance rate is the equivalent of missing one day per week or 40 days of lost learning for the school year which could add up to 2 ½ years from Prep Year 12.
- 85% attendance equals 30 days of lost learning per year or 2 years from Prep Year 12.
- 90% attendance equals 1 day per fortnight or 20 days per year equalling one year of absence from Prep Year 12
- 95% attendance equals 10 days of lost learning and almost half a year of lost opportunities from Prep Year 12.

Research that the Department of Education is leaning on indicates that there is no safe threshold to missing school. They determined this using a combination of school enrolment figures, attendance records and NAPLAN results. They studied patterns of over 415,000 primary and high school students over a five-year time frame. In all analysis, average academic achievement on NAPLAN tests declined with any absence from school and continued to decline as absence rates increased.

Every day of absence made a difference, and this was particularly true for unauthorised absences. The effect of one day of absence was relatively small but added up quickly as more and more days were missed. The effect of missing days accumulated over time, so that school absence not only impacted achievement in the year in which the days were missed but in future years as well. The message is straightforward and well supported, every day of school that is missed is a lost opportunity, please ensure your child is at school every day!

Following on from this, we are unfortunately seeing far too many students arriving at school late. This is a constant disruption to the classroom program and to the school office. Can I please ask all families to **aim to be at school by no later than 8:55am**, which is when the music begins. This allows all students time to be in their classroom by 9am, ready for instruction.

COLOUR RUN UPDATE



Congratulations to class 3EA – winners of Week two hot chips for the whole class and special teacher lunch!

This is week 3 and everyone is doing a fantastic job with fundraising! A reminder that the goal for this week is **every student that has \$100 on their profile** by the end of the week (8 March) will go into a draw and 10 winners will be randomly chosen to have lunch with the Principal! PLUS each of those students' teachers will receive a special gift! We have raised over \$30,000!! THIS IS FANTASTIC! GO THE BASIN PRIMARY!

SLIME A TEACHER UPDATE

We have reached our fundraising targets and we will be sliming teachers on the day of Colour Run including Lauren Collard, Helen Clarke and the Principal, David Orlandi. Please stay tuned for slime announcements on the day!

VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to volunteer to help out on Colour Run day? Please sign up at this link or by clicking the QR code: https://volunteersignup.org/7YWYB?

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If you have any queries about Colour Run or want to help out the PFA, please contact pfatbps@gmail.com.

EASTER RAFFLE

The office is now accepting donations. Please drop off chocolate, treats, art and craft or other Easter themed items to the office.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with students and can be returned to the office by Wednesday 27 March. Raffle

tickets are \$1 each. More books of tickets are available at the office. Raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Thursday 28 March.

The PFA and Student Voice thank you for your support.





Courage Personal Best Resilience Respect March 7, 2024



On Thursday 29th February from 5:00pm - 6:30pm our Prep students and their families came along to school for a fun night! Students bought their special visitors into their classroom where they participated in an activity together. Then everyone headed down to the Sensory Playground for a play and a Sausage Sizzle! It was fabulous to see so many families in attendance as it was a great opportunity for people to chat and get to know each other. Here is what some of our happy little Prep students said about the evening — Lily from Prep B - I loved playing on the big playground! Patrick from Prep B - Eating a sausage was my favourite part of the night! William from Prep D - I loved making the Pig the Pug puppets! Baylee from Prep D - It was so much fun making the dog puppets! London from Prep M - I just loved everything! Finn from Prep M - Making the caterpillar headband with Mum and Dad was fun! Alex from Prep S - I enjoyed eating the icy poles!

Thank you to everyone that helped out to make the evening so succesful! We are very proud of the terrific start all our Prep students have had!

Jamie from Prep S - Having a sausage was yummy!

Grade 3 Cook's Cottage and Polly Woodside Excursion

This term, our Grade 3 students are exploring the First Fleet, Early Explorers and Indigenous perspectives during European settlement as part of their learning about 'Discovery' for CBL. Last week the students enjoyed the opportunity to expand their knowledge of early European discovery and history by participating in a tour and activities at both Cooks' Cottage and the Polly Woodside.

The students engaged in a day in the life of a sailor on The Polly Woodside back in the 1800's. They were put to work and scrubbed the deck to the beat of a sea shanty, navigating the ship using directions "port" and "starboard". They rolled up the sails while practising their balancing skills in order to stay on board. In the museum we learnt about the history of Polly Woodside, the 16 voyages and also enjoyed looking at historical photos, original artefacts and keepsakes of sailors and convicts.

We explored The Fitzroy Gardens and got to visit Cooks' Cottage. Originally built in England in 1775, the students were intrigued by the way the bricks were pulled apart, labelled, packed independently and shipped and assembled in Melbourne. We

learnt about the life of Captain Cook and his three voyages around the world, more specifically his visit to the East Australian Coat.





Unfortunately, we didn't get to meet James in statue form; he had been knocked off his feet and exploring elsewhere!







On Friday 1st March, 2024, we celebrated School

Clean Up Day by spending some time collecting rubbish and tidying up our school grounds. Students and teachers worked together, with everyone playing their part to make our school a cleaner place. Our garbage can negatively impact our wildlife and pollute our waterways, so through removing this waste, we are helping to protect our local environment. It was great to see so many smiling faces and enthusiastic attitudes during our clean up.

Mrs Houghton, Mrs Smith and the Grade 6 Environment Captains





WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

Term 1, Week 6

<u>Pupil of the week</u>



- PM Mason M for the fabulous effort he has put into investigating the /Hh/ sound. Keep up the great work Mason!
- PD **Baylee V** for speaking clearly and confidently when presenting your Show and Share this week. We love to see you taking turns when speaking and listening. Keep up the amazing work, Baylee!
- PB Bowie T for the amazing effort that you put into all your class tasks. You are a super hard worker Bowie and I love seeing how proud you are of your accomplishments. Well done Bowie!
 PS Isabella S for trying so hard with your handwriting. You are sitting your letters on the line and using your two finger spaces so well. Great job. Isabella.
- 1S Finn H For your amazing effort in writing. It was wonderful to see you inspired by your writing seed, telling us all about living in the mountains. Excellent detail and focus, Finn. You're a Superstar!
- 1M Ollie W For showing good enthusiasm in Reading. Well done with your efforts during shared reading. Keep it up, Ollie!
- 2SM Sama S For your ability to settle in quickly into your new grade. You have made so many wonderful new friends and we are very lucky to have you here in 2SM.
- 2E Isla B For always making sure her work is beautifully presented. Isla, your handwriting is lovely and your illustrations are always amazing! Wonderful job!
- **2H Laney K** For the incredible effort you have been putting into your writing and spelling work. You have shown great improvement and have even been brave enough to share your writing with the class. Well done superstar!
- 2SK Tillie M For showing confidence when speaking in front of the class with Show and Tell. You have been speaking with a clear voice, making eye contact and answering questions well. Great work, Tillie!
- **3EA Amos H** for the fantastic effort you put into partitioning, renaming and representing numbers in a variety of ways. Keep up the clever thinking, Amos!
- **3HS Dale G** for giving this a go and asking for help even when you're unsure. We are so proud of the start you have had to the year, particularly your narrative story about "the Mess", keep it up Dale!
- **3EL Xavier H** for his outstanding persuasive writing piece this week. You used such powerful language I am amazed that you've convinced me that watching TV is a great hobby Xav! **3W Mala B** for the wonderful focus she shows throughout her learning. Mala, it's amazing to see the way you engage within the classroom and respectfully interact with others. You should be super proud!
- 4W Chloe S for always focusing during learning time and completing all tasks to a high standard. You are our quiet achiever Chloe and it is a delight to have you in our grade.

- 4P Phoenix C -for your immaculately presented Population Data Maths Project. You were able to round the population figures perfectly and write out very large numbers in words. You are a maths whizz, Phoenix!
- 4S Zoe F for putting her personal best into every task and always wanting to grow and learn. I can't wait to see what you achieve this year Zoe, keep it up!
- 4H Daisy M for her amazing number knowledge. You understand how to show place value and represent sums correctly. Excellent mathematical thinking Daisy!
- 5S Isabella D For the amazing week you have had starting at your new school, you have tried your best at every activity and come to school each day with a smile on your face! We love having you in 5S Bella!
- 5C Jorja J For your fabulous story about a "Message in a Bottle". You used wonderful descriptive language to help hook your reader in. Awesome effort, Jorja!
- 5D Alex C For the incredible detail you put into your sizzling start for your narrative piece this week! Your descriptive language really painted a clear image in our minds! Well done Alex!
 5W Addison B for the dedicated approach she consistently applies to her learning. Thank you for the brilliant way you tackle all tasks with a wonderfully conscientious and determined approach. You are amazing Addi!



PLAY IS THE WAY

PREP - Zander M - for settling in so well to your first year of school and showing what a great learner looks like. You listen carefully and always use lovely manners.

GRADE 1 - Macie R - for being such a great role model in our class. You are a focused learner during floor time, and we love hearing your wonderful ideas and wonderings. Keep asking awesome questions, Macie!

GRADE 2 - Tilly L - For being such an asset to your new class. I can already tell what a joy it will be having your beautiful manners and smiling face in our classroom each day.

GRADE 3 - Olivia TW - for continuing to pursue her personal best, despite a broken collar bone.
Olivia, it is wonderful to see the way you have kept such a positive attitude even though things have been a bit more challenging. Well done.

GRADE 4- Imogen D- for being such a kind, helpful student who tries her personal best and is always so respectful of others. Imogen, you are a positive, cooperative student who is interested in learning and we are so lucky to have you in Grade 4.

GRADE 5 - Lexie R – for continuously displaying such incredible positive attributes towards everyone and everything you do! You truly are a wonderful role model in our grade and we love seeing you achieve and grow so much when you work so hard! You're incredible Lex!



WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS



MONDAY

Early Morning Start - Grades 3 - 6 8:30am - 8:55am THURSDAY

Early Morning Start - Prep - 2's 8:30am - 8:55am

Early morning starts are for students to get moving before they begin their day.

TUESDAY

Lunchtime - Team Building: Grade 5's 1:50pm - 2:25pm FRIDAY

Recess - Team Building: Grade 6's 11:00am - 11:35am

Sport of the week: _____

Team Building encourages students to showcase our school values in a sporting environment.

Please ensure you wait for Mr. O to let you into the stadium

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU LOOK AT THE SPORT OF WEEK AND RESPECT OUR STADIUM AND THOSE WE SHARE IT WITH

Smile Squad is coming to this school



What is Smile Squad?

The Victorian Government free school dental program – Smile Squad – is visiting this school soon.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad:



https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic

Let us know if you need a paper form to complete. We look forward to seeing you soon!









Your classroom teacher will be distributing the latest issue of Scholastic Book Club soon.

Please place your order online no later than WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH.

No orders will be accepted after this date and no cash orders accepted.

Payment and ordering can be made through:

Book Clubs LOOP (<u>scholastic.com.au/LOOP</u> or download the LOOP app to your device) - this is *Issue 2*. There is no need to return the order form to school.



COLOUR FUN RUN

We are off to a flying start with colour run!

We have raised over \$12,000 so far!! This is an amazing achievement towards upgrading the play spaces at our wonderful school and we are so excited to see what the students can do next.

Don't forget to Create your profile

Thank you to everyone who has signed up and created a profile online. It's not too late to sign up at funrun.com.au. We are so excited to see everyone connecting and sharing profiles. The first 100 students who created their profiles will all receive icy poles! ALSO the class that creates the most profiles online will receive icy poles! The profile competition ends on Friday 23 February.

Slime Time

We have hit fundraising targets for the first week which means we will be SLIMING A TEACHER - thank you to our willing participant **Lauren Collard**! Stay tuned for this slimey event and more slimey events soon including slime the Principal!

Thank you for your support and stay tuned for more exciting updates!





The Basin Primary School Friday 15 March 2024

GET READY FOR THE BEST SCHOOL 'Colourful' DAY

Hi The Basin PS families,

We've got some exciting news to share - we are holding a School Colour Fun Run!

This year, we've got our eyes set on some important fundraising goals for *upgrade of the Junior School Playground* aiming to achieve a target of \$30,000. We're reaching out to all our amazing families to join forces and make this a success.

All it takes is:

- 1. Creating an online profile and
- 2. Sharing your link with family and friends.

What is the School Colour Fun Run?

It is an online fundraising program, where all students go home and create their own online profile. You get to pick your target prizes or choose to donate to charity and work your way towards that goal. And here's the cool part – your profile comes with a unique cyber-safe link to share with your nearest and dearest, encouraging them to contribute towards reaching your target.

What do we need you to do?

All we need you to do this week is create an online profile at <u>funrun.com.au</u>.

It's also recommended to organise a white t-shirt for kids – raid cupboard, op shop or Kmart.

Sunglasses or goggles are handy too.

Incentive - Week 1

The class with the most profiles by *Friday 23rd February* will all get an icy pole! Plus the first 100 students to create their profile will also get an icy pole!

This is an inclusive fundraiser we would love you to be a part of! If you would like to come down and watch your kids run, we would love to see you there (later afternoon) and volunteers welcome too!

Thank you all in advance, The Basin PS Parents & Friends Association (PFA)

OPEN DAY & NIGHT

Tues 26 March 2024





THE BASIN

BECOME A WILDCAT TODAY!

Do you enjoy basketball & want to be part of a team?
Play every Saturday with the Basin Wildcats Basketball Club



Registrations Close 15th March

Winter season starts 4th May



basinwildcats.com



NEW PLAYER ENQUIRIES EMAIL iwanttoplay@basinwildcats.com

THE BASIN



GIRLS TEAMS WANTED

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OUR STAFF

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CONTACT



1300 565 077



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The Basin Primary School

START PLAYING NETBALL!



Something for beginners:



Woolworths NetSetGo Netball Skills Clinic:

Start learning basic netball skills such as throwing, catching, balance and movement in a fun and safe environment through modified drills and games.

No experience necessary.

All children welcome from Foundation to Grade 2.

When: Tuesday afternoons from 4pm Where: Great Ryrie Primary School netball courts

Free 'Come and Try' sessions are available.

Ready to take the court:

Play 9 & Under Netball:

Limited spaces are available in our Grade 2 and Grade 3 teams.

No experience necessary, girls and boys welcome. Trial sessions available.

Training: Tuesday Afternoon at GRPS
Games: Friday afternoon at Maroondah Nets
in Heathmont.



For more information on our NetSetGo skills clinic, session dates or team vacancies please email Hayley at southwoodnetballmedia@gmail.com



NEW

PLAYERS IN OUR U11 BOYS & U12 GIRLS SIDES

WE WANT YOU!

U11 BOYS BORN 2013 U12 GIRLS BORN JAN 2012-DEC 2013



REGISTER NOW





REGISTRATIONS

boroniahawksrego@gmail.com GENERAL ENQUIRIES boroniajnr@efnl.org.au



Play League

Bring your family to join our family

All welcome! No experience required!



Joining the Eastern Raptors is a fantastic opportunity to be a part of a welcoming and family-friendly community. With teams for players of all ages and genders, as well as opportunities to volunteer and coach, there is a place for everyone at our dub.

Our volunteers are all registered and hold Working With Children Checks, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for all. Get in touch now - don't miss out on the chance to join our club and be a part of something special.

BOYS

U6 & U7 mixed tag U8 – U12 mixed tackle U13 – U18 boys tackle



GIRLS

U6 & U7 mixed tag
U8 - U12 mixed tackle or
New girls only teams
ages U8 - U18



ADULTS

Seniors 17+ men & women Masters 35 +













PLAY BASEBALL THIS WINTER

We invite you to our 'Come and Try' days at Gilbert Park, Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield on:

Thu 21 March: 5-6pm Sat 23 March: 9:30-11am

Tee Ball: Ages 4-8

Rookie Ball: Ages 8-11

U/13: Ages 11-12 | U/15: Ages 13-14 U/17: Ages 15-16 | Seniors: Ages 17+

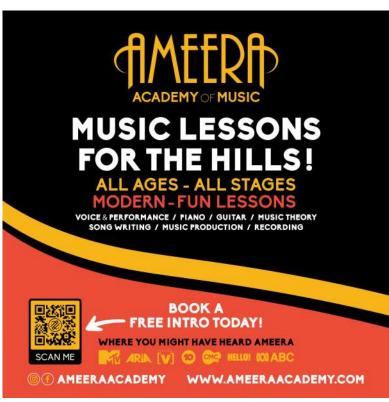
YOU'RE INVITED TO COME & TRY





IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER, PLEASE CONTACT BEL SADLER AT JUNIORS@KNOXBBC.COM.AU OR 0439 733 731







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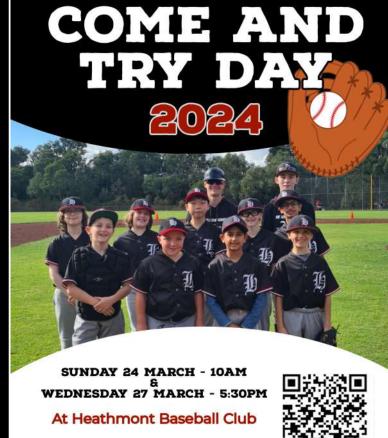
KILSYTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

PLAYERS WANTED

ALL AGE GROUPS

u8's - u17.5's **FREE REGISTRATION FREE SHORTS & SOCKS**

For more information please contact Daniel **0417 558 644**



Ages 5 to 17

All genders welcome



Scan to register



JOIN THE FUN!



Pinks Reserve, Kilsyth

Contact Marko 0407551742 for any questions

play.afl/auskick



Are you or your child looking for a fun, family focused small sporting club to get involved in for 2024?

KILSYTH EAST NETBALL CLUB WANTS YOU!!

We are looking for new players, coaches and umpires in all of our age groups - from age 7 and up of all abilities are welcome!

> Interested? For more information:

email: kilsytheastnetballclub@gmail.com or phone Sara - 0408 997 228

We train on Thursday nights from 6.30pm and play Saturdays at Pinks Reserve in Kilsyth New season starting now!