

—Term 3 - Thursday 31st July —

NO. 11

The Basin Primary School

Newsletter



UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 31st July

Boys Division Football

Monday 4th August

Student-Parent-Teacher
Conferences

(No students at school)

School Council

Tuesday 5th August

Grade 3 Excursion "Edendale Farm"

Wednesday 6th August

Snow Trip

Thursday 7th August

Gr 4 Taster Day Boronia K-12

AMC Maths Competition

Wakakirri Showcase @ school

Friday 8th August

Prep 100 DAYS @ School

11th - 15th July

Science Week

'Bullying NO WAY' Action Week

Monday 11th July

Regional Girls & Boys Football

Wednesday 13th August

Author Visit for Gr 4-6

Thursday 14th August

Grade 4 Incursion

Wakakirri SHOW DAY/NIGHT

Friday 15th August

District Athletics

VSSS Mass Rehearsal 4



2025 - Mixed Netball Team @ Division Finals

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 3 at The Basin. I hope you all enjoyed spending time with family and friends over the holiday break. It has been lovely to see students and teachers looking refreshed after the break and ready for a terrific term.

Term 3 promises to be another great term filled with many great things planned. Book Week, Science Week, Grade 3 – 6 swimming programs, incursions, excursions, Father's Day Stall, 100 Days of Prep celebrations, sports days on top of our fantastic classroom programs will offer our students a range of opportunities and experiences.

STUDENT—PARENT—TEACHER CONFERENCES

We have set aside very important time for Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday August 4 from 9:00am – 5:30pm. These meetings provide a timely opportunity for our teaching staff to discuss your child's mid year report as well as discuss the learning goals for the students for the second half of the year. 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

18th - 22nd August

BOOK WEEK

Monday 18th August

Book Week Dress Up Day and
Parade (9:10am)

Thursday 28th August

Grade 4 Excursion - Pentridge
Gr 5/6 Summer Sports Day 1

Friday 29th August

Gr 5/6 Summer Sports Day 2

Friday 5th September

Prep Fathers Day Breakfast
Gr3/4 Hoop Time

11th - 12th September

VSSS Tech Rehearsal Days

Saturday 13th September

VSSS Show DAY

Monday 15th September

School Council

Wednesday 17th September

Division Athletics

NAPLAN 2024

NAPLAN results were recently released for students of our Year 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN continues to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation and the results are presented in 4 proficiency levels:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs Additional Support

This gives schools, parents and carers clear information that details student achievement against these proficiency levels. Students' NAPLAN reports show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

Unexplained Absences



As of this term, on the first of each month families will receive an email via Compass asking to explain **'unexplained absences'**.

This is to help ensure all attendance data is accurate and absences aren't incorrectly entered for students who have been present or reasons for not attending school.

With reports coming up, now is also a great time to double check your students attendance data on Compass to ensure it's accurate.

TOILETS

Late last year we were very pleased to be informed that we were successful in our grant application to get our student toilets upgraded. The grant covers getting both the toilets in the Prep area as well as the toilets at the end of the Grade 3/4 building refurbished. After initial discussions it appeared that we were only going to be able to afford to complete one of these areas but pleasingly we have been able to manage the project costs to a point where we can have both areas completed.

Works are scheduled to start on Monday August 4 and be completed by the start of Term 4 at the latest. Temporary toilets will be installed near the current Grade 3/4 toilets which will give the students additional toilets to use throughout the duration of the works.

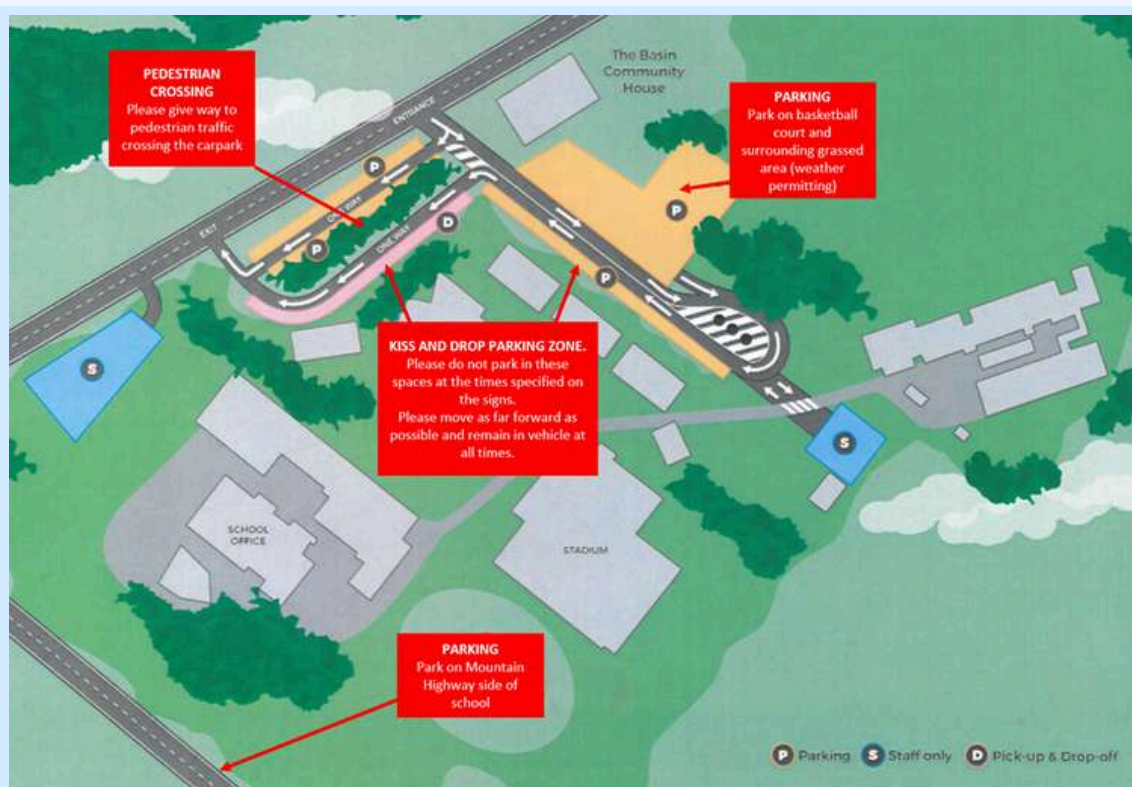
PARKING

Please be mindful of our school parking protocols. The traffic can be quite heavy and patience is required to assist in ensuring the students are kept safe at all times. This is particularly the case on in winter and on wet days. Please obey the signs posted in each area. As a school we staff these areas at drop off (8:45am-9:00am) and pick up (3:30pm-3:45pm) so it might be an option to come a little after 3:30pm to avoid the initial rush.

Additionally we ask that families parking in the streets surrounding the school obey local parking guidelines as displayed on signs as Knox Council have been issuing infringement notices for breaches.

We encourage families where possible to consider walking/riding to school if possible or consider walking to local spaces such as Batterham Reserve, The Basin Triangle or St Bernadette's (school finishes at 3:15pm and traffic clears from there earlier) where there is additional parking available.

Your co-operation and patience is appreciated and will assist in the traffic management in and around the school.



PFA What's On

Term 3

Cadbury Fundraiser - Payment Reminder

Please pay for your box/es via Compass (Action Centre) or send cash to the office.

A massive thank you to all families who supported our fundraiser, whether you sold chocolates/lollies or donated directly. Together, we raised around \$8000 to improve our play spaces!

CADBURY FUNDRAISER

PAYMENT REMINDER

Thank you to everyone who has sold chocolates so far!



BOGAN BINGO

29 AUGUST

Adult social event



tinyurl.com/tbpsboganbingo

SILENT AUCTION

Donations requested (e.g. vouchers, flannel shirts, Ugg boots)



FATHER'S DAY STALL

2 & 4 SEPTEMBER

Helpers needed



FOOTY DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

pending confirmation



The Basin Primary School PFA Presents

A NIGHT OF FLANNELETTE, MULLETS & MAYHEM

Bogan Bingo



BEST DRESSED GUY

BEST DRESSED GIRL

BIGGEST BOGAN

AIR GUITAR CHAMP

SOUNDTRACK: EVERY ROCK ANTHEM FROM THE 80'S AND 90'S

Friday 29 August 2025
Arrive from 7.00pm
TBPS Performing Arts Room
BYO Nibbles & Drinks (Yes, alcohol is permitted!)
Dress to Impress (or Distress)

\$350 per table
max bogans = 10
(or \$40 per bogan)

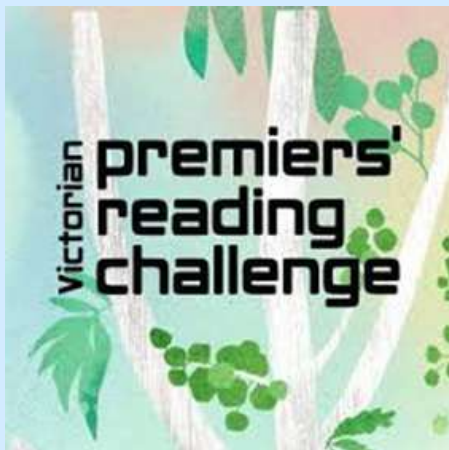
Grab your bogan crew & book a table
www.tinyurl.com/tbpsboganbingo

PLUS a Whole School Silent Auction

Father's Day Stall
2nd & 4th September
Gifts are sorted!
Volunteers will be needed soon.

Payment: \$5 per gift via Compass (event message coming mid-August).

Footy Day Sausage Sizzle
Still to be confirmed—
stay tuned!



This is your friendly reminder to keep reading over the holidays! The Premiers Reading Challenge finishes on 5th September so you have 71 days to get reading and add books to your list!

Prep-2

30 books – 20 challenge books and 10 choice books

GRADE 3-6

15 books – 10 challenge books and 5 choice books

BOOK WEEK 2025

The theme for the 2025 Children's Book Week in Australia is "**Book an Adventure!**"

This year at The Basin P.S. we will be celebrating Book Week with lots of fun activities, the first being **Book Week Dress Up Day** on **Monday 18th August**

Have a think over the holidays about what you would like to come dressed up as!



Crazy Sock Day

What a great job from our school community- we had two large boxes of socks donated and \$411 in donations. Our Student Voice Team has purchased items for the appeal and will be donating them this week. We are so proud of what our school has achieved.





Responsible Pet Ownership Visit

Last week, our students had an exciting visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership Education Program. We were thrilled to welcome Leonie and her gentle dog Prancer to our school.

The session focused on teaching students how to stay safe and confident around dogs. They learned the right and wrong things to do around dogs, how to approach and greet a dog safely, how to read dog body language, and what to do if approached by an angry or unknown dog.

The visit was fun, interactive, and full of valuable tips. Students especially enjoyed watching Prancer demonstrate calm and safe behaviour.

Here's what some of our students had to say:

"I had fun patting the dog. I learnt you don't touch dogs if they are not with an owner, and always ask before patting a dog. If you see a dog off a leash, always stay still and don't run away or the dogs will chase you because they might think it's a game." -

Charlotte, Prep A

"I liked patting the dog safely because it was a nice fluffy dog." - Riley, Prep M

"I liked Prancer sniffing my hand." - Hudson, Prep B

"I liked patting the dog because she was so soft." - Ella, Prep S

A big thank you to Leonie, Prancer, and the Responsible Pet Ownership team for helping our students learn how to be safe, respectful, and kind around animals.

The Basin Primary School Pop Up Science Stall

www.funscience.com.au/discount/BASINPS



SSA
Science Supply Australia
Chemistry with Clients



www.funscience.com.au/discount/BASINPS



**Order Online - School will receive 10%
rebate to spend on science resources**
All orders will be delivered to The Basin PS!



National Science Week 2025

Coming up in Week 4 of term, from 11th – 15th August, is our national celebration of all things SCIENCE! The theme of National Science Week 2025 is 'Decoding the Universe' and we will be exploring this topic in Science lessons. Students will be investigating patterns, symmetry and mathematical codes in nature.

As part of our Science Week celebrations, Science Supply Australia will be holding an online version of their Pop Up Science Stall. Using the link in the flyer above, you can order from a range of fun and engaging Science toys, kits and equipment with 10% of all sales returning to TBPS Science Program. The code 'BASINPS' will be automatically applied to any online purchases using the following link and will be delivered free of charge to TBPS during the week starting the 25th August. The deadline for orders is Monday 18th August:

www.funscience.com.au/discount/BASINPS



2025 STATE CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 24th July, 2 of our school's highly talented Cross Country runners took part in the Victorian State Cross Country Event at Yarra Glen. To qualify, they had all finished in the top 12 places at District, Division and Region level.

Each of our students gave their absolute best and can be congratulated on their performance at such a high standard of competition.

Holly-Blue placed in the top 6 in the state which would give her the ability to represent Victoria at a National level. Unfortunately, she isn't old enough to attend but is super excited at the opportunity of giving it a go next year. Thank you to all families who came along to support.

Holly-Blue P 3rd (1st in her year level)
Spencer M 31st (3rd in his year level)



Grade 3/4 and 5/6 Swimming Program

We would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the students in grades 3/4/5/6 for a wonderful swimming program over the last 2 weeks. 316 students participated which was a fantastic participation rate (79% of 5/6s, 93% of 3/4s). It was so exciting to witness the improvement in water confidence, stroke technique and endurance during the 60-minute sessions. The clothed swim day provided our students with strategies and techniques to help deal with emergency situations in the water. The waterslide also provided lots of excitement on the last day of each program.

Grade 5/6 Hooptime 2025

On Thursday the 3rd of July the 5/6 students travelled to the State Basketball Stadium for Hooptime. On the day there were 12 teams with 97 students that competed. All the students played so well and showed some amazing basketball skills.

Across the day we had some great success with multiple teams reaching the finals. Our All Stars Girls and All Stars Boys A both reached the final but unfortunately learnt the hard way by losing the game in close contests. Our Future Star 1 (Burracudas) Girls team were lucky enough to win their final and progress to the Regional Finals in Term 4.

Thank you to Mr O, Mrs Knight, Mr Smart, Mrs MacLean, Mrs Winsall, Mitch M and Zoe Mc as well as all the parents who coached and scored our games. Also, a massive thank you to our awesome T.B.P.S. students who supported, cheered and encouraged us all.

Congratulations to everyone for their amazing effort on the day. GO BASIN!



DISTRICT BASKETBALL GIRLS

On Friday the 25th of July, the girls in the All Star hooptime team went off to District Basketball. When we got there we saw our competition and knew we had to play our hearts out. First we played against Waverly Christian College, in the end it was 19-4 with us girls taking the win. For our second game we versed Park Ridge and won 18-7, while we beat Knox Gardens 30-10. We played a very close game against Regency Park in the semi, winning 14-10. In the final Lysterfield were very good, but because we made the final we go through to the next round. Thanks to Abby Jeans for coaching and Mel Lord for scoring. It was a great day!

Emmy J, 6K



DISTRICT BASKETBALL BOYS

On the 25th of July, 16 of our amazing students competed at the District Hooptime at Nunawading Basketball Stadium. In the boys they won 3 games and lost 2 and they finished 3rd overall, which was a fantastic effort. In the Girls they won 4 and lost 1 in the final, which means that they will be going to the next round. Huge thanks to Mrs Knight and Abby Jeans for coaching and to Candice Carroll and Mel Lord for scoring! Thanks to all the parents that came to support us too! Good luck to the Girls at the next round!

Lucas D, 6J



AWARDS WINNERS

Week 2 – Friday 1st August

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

PA - Summer B - working hard in writing and using sound knowledge to stretch out and spell words independently. Great effort Summer!

PM - Benny R - for bravely having a go at spelling words in your writing. You listen to sounds, use what you know and give it your best try! Keep up the wonderful effort Benny, I am so proud of you!

PB - Saydee H - for being a wonderful member of our class who consistently demonstrates our school values of being a respectful and resilient learner. You are kind and thoughtful, and always willing to support your peers. We are so lucky to have you in P.B Saydee!

PS - Matthew K - For never giving up when sorting odd and even numbers. You kept trying, even when it got tricky, and showed great determination in your learning. Well done Superstar!

1E - Ethan R - for growing in confidence with his reading and showing great skills retelling stories with characters, settings and clear beginnings, middles and endings. Well done, Ethan!

1S - Lily B - For the hard work, great attitude and kind presence that you bring to our classroom each day. You are such an asset to our class and we cannot imagine a day in 1S without your gorgeous smile.

1T - Joshua W - For working so hard in writing and improving at following instructions! It's been wonderful to see your progress, Joshua. Keep up the fantastic effort!

2E - Sophie M - For her amazing use of speech marks in her story writing. Sophie, I love reading your interesting and detailed stories! Well done!

2S - Levi S - For all the hard work you are putting into your Writing. You are trying your very best and making lots of improvement. Keep it up, Levi!

2HM - Penny M - for her amazing way she has settled back into the routine of school after her big adventure. You have shown great maturity, resilience and perseverance Penny. We love having you in our class!

3W - Hollyblue P - for her great thinking when learning about multiplication. It was impressive to see you using arrays to help you think in groups Holly! Awesome work!

3E - Leni W - For her great work leading her group discussion in our Respectful Relationships session this week. I love the way you gave everyone a chance to share their ideas and your own too! Awesome effort Leni!

3IS - Bobbi K - Your positive attitude and beaming smile brings so much joy to our grade. Plus, you are an amazing friend, always offering help when you see someone in need. 3IS are so lucky to have you, Bobbi!

3D - Thomas R - for your fabulously neat book work, Thomas. The maths calculations in your grid book are clearly set out and so easy to read. Keep up the wonderful effort!

4D - Jackson F - for your clever thinking adding, subtracting and calculating change with different money amounts — you're a real maths whizz, Jackson!

4S - Harmony C - For the amazing effort she put into swimming this week. You were an absolute trooper Harmony, well done!

4H - Austin H - for the fantastic, positive way you have begun the term, always applying yourself 100% in lessons and setting a great example for other students. You always give your personal best and approach every task with a "can do" attitude! Keep up the great work, Austin!

4L - Dale G - For the spectacular effort she has put into developing her knowledge of telling the time using analogue clocks. You are "Half-Past Awesome Dale!" Keep up the great work!

AWARDS WINNERS

5C - Micah D - For your amazing mathematical thinking and problem solving while tackling our '1, 2, 3, 4 Problem'. You never gave up! Top stuff, Micah!

5M - Millie A - For your consistent hard working approach you demonstrate every day in everything you do! You're an amazing role model in our class Millie, keep being you!

5W - Logan C - For your exceptional teamwork and thoughtful contributions during our "Create-A-Community Simulation". Your leadership, creativity and active participation supported both your group's success and our class discussion. Keep it up Logan!

5S - Mason R - For the positive attitude you bring into the classroom each day, you do a fantastic job of trying your best in every activity. Thanks for setting a great example Mason!

6J - Jude H - For the resilience he demonstrates when faced with troubles by bouncing forward. It's fantastic to see you remain positive when confronted with difficulty and working hard to overcome this. Keep up the fantastic attitude, Jude!

6H - Oliver K - For your dedication to improving your handwriting and the overall presentation of your work. It has been fantastic to see the care and pride you now take in every piece of work you produce. Your efforts have truly paid off – well done Oli!

6K - Indi O - For the excellent focus you've shown while reading your Good Fit Book. It's great to see you applying yourself and using effective reading strategies. Great work, Indi!

6M - Jack P - For your fantastic drive and focus in writing this week. You have been crafting your ideas in interesting ways and it's great to see your confidence grow.

PLAY IS THE WAY



PREP - Aylah D - always being a sensible and kind learning friend. You show great teamwork and care for others at all times. Keep up the wonderful effort Aylah!

GRADE 1 - Maddie H - for the respect and kindness you always show others. Maddie, you are a wonderful role model to us and all those around you. Keep shining Maddie!

GRADE 2 - Taylor H - For being brave when she was nervous to speak in front of the class. Taylor, you showed courage and persistence and we loved that you were able to overcome your fear! Great job!

GRADE 3 - Heidi G - for always pursuing her personal best. Heidi, it's fantastic to see the way your positive attitude rubs off on others as you engage in all aspects of school. Well done super star!

GRADE 4 - Abby E - for showing maturity and resilience during her swimming lessons. You showed a super positive attitude and made the most of our time at the pool. Well done Abby!

GRADE 5 - Mikayla C - For always showing your personal best effort within the classroom and consistently asking thoughtful and subject specific questions to deepen your understanding of tasks. Well done Mikayla on finding purpose and always having a go.

GRADE 6 - Huddy G - For consistently striving to do your Personal Best. It's wonderful to see your determination and willingness to keep trying, even when faced with challenges. Great job, Huddy!





The Basin OSHClub Updates



We hope you all had a wonderful and safe winter school holidays. The OSH team are excited to be back into our regular routine - we can't wait to see what term 3 has in store!

Holiday Program Recap

Throughout our Winter 2025 Holiday HQ, we were all 'WORLD EXPLORERS,' as we delved into a number of cultures from around the globe! We started with a celebration of NAIDOC Week on our first day. The children collaborated in making some NAIDOC Week posters and some DIY badges using a badge maker. Our excursion in the first week was to the movies on our 'USA Day,' where we went to watch the new Disney Pixar film 'Elio.'

We also engaged in some fun food experiences such as baking English scones, cooking African Jollof rice, and assembling Japanese cream and fruit sandwiches. Experiencing other cultures through cooking and food is always a highlight with the Basin children. In the second week, we ventured out to Melbourne Museum and the IMAX theatre for our second excursion. It was great to spend a few hours exploring the museum exhibits, as well as watching a 3D David Attenborough documentary. The children had so much fun, while also learning so much about Indigenous culture, animals, dinosaurs and plants.

Programming Highlights

Our weekly 'Cooking Club' has continued after our success last term, where we started trying foods from around the world. We have already made delicious Belgian waffles, and homemade garlic bread, which we will definitely be making again!

The children have also began exploring different artists from throughout history, by researching their work and either recreating it in their own style or using the artists technique to create their own masterpieces. We started with Vincent Van Gough and made our own versions of his 'Starry Night' painting, which turned out amazing.