–Term 3 - Thursday 12th September **-**NO. 14

The Basin Primary School

Newsletter





11th - 12th September VSSS Tech Rehearsal Days

Thursday 11th SeptemberR U OKAY Day?
Grade 4 Police Incursion

Saturday 13th SeptemberVSSS Show DAY

Monday 15th September School Council

Tuesday 16th September Grade 5 BSC Taster Day

Wednesday 17th September

Division Athletics

Thursday 18th SeptemberPrep Incursion

Friday 19th September Footy Road Show Day END OF TERM

Monday 6th October Term 4 Begins



PRINCIPAL'S MESSACE

As the term comes to an end next Friday I would like to thank the students, staff and parents for all their hard work throughout the term. Everyday our classrooms are a hive of activity with lots of great things happening. Whilst our teachers work hard to provide fantastic learning opportunities for the students, it is the students who strive hard to achieve their best. This work is supported by our wonderful parent community who assist at school in so many ways as well as by supporting your child/ren at home. Thank you again for everyone's hard work and support.

SUNSMART

A reminder that as the UV levels increase at this time of year, we need to be sun smart! Our Sun Smart Policy specifies that all students must wear a sun smart hat whenever they are outdoors at school once the UV reaches 3. Please support our Sun Smart policy by providing a 'sun smart' hat for your child. Hats are available for purchase at the uniform shop.

The Cancer Council recommend a combination of sun protection measures:

- 1. **Slip on** some sun-protective clothing that covers as much skin as possible.
- 2. **Slop on** broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ (or higher) sunscreen. Put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards. Sunscreen should never be used to extend the time you spend in the sun.
- 3. **Slap on** a hat broad brim or legionnaire style to protect your face, head, neck and ears.
- 4. Seek shade.

5. Slide on some sunglasses — make sure they meet Australian



IMPORTANT DATES

9th - 15th October Book Fair @ School

Friday 10th October 5/6 Girls Division Basketball

Tuesday 14th October Gr 6 Elephant Ed Day 1

Monday 20th OctoberGr 6 Elephant Ed Day 2
School Council

Tuesday 21st October 2026 Prep Transition Day 1

Tuesday 28th October Gr 5 Elephant Ed Day 1

Wednesday 29th October Whole School Art Show 5pm to 8pm



Thursday 30th October Gr 5 Elephant Ed Day 2

Monday 3rd NovemberCurriculum Day

Tuesday 4th NovemberMelbourne Cup
(Public Holiday)

Friday 7th November Grandparents Day

2025 PARENT, CAREGIVER AND GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

The 2025 Parent, Caregiver and Guardian Opinion Survey is open for families until September 19. The survey seeks feedback on school climate, community engagement in learning and teaching practices for student engagement and learning outcomes.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey. The link to the survey is available through Compass Thank you to the 52 families who have so far completed the survey.

The survey is conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Resources are also available in additional languages to assist parents / caregivers / guardians who speak a language other than English at home. Please reach out to the school directly for survey guides in your language.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

As is the case every year this time, we are having a footy/team colours day on the last day of term where we encourage everyone to wear the colours of their favourite sporting team. The Footy Road Show incursion is planned for the day which will be a fantastic opportunity for the students to participate in some exciting activities and the PFA have organised a sausage in bread, juice box and icy pole lunch. Thanks to everyone from the PFA in your support of this event.

PLANNING FOR 2026 -ARE YOU LEAVING THE BASIN PS IN 2025?

We ask that you let us know if you are moving or have enrolled to another school in 2026. Planning for 2026 is well underway and we require this information as soon as possible to establish grade structures for the start of the new school year. If your child is currently in Prep through to Grade 5 and will not be at The Basin in 2026 please notify the school office in writing/email as soon as possible.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

Coordinated by our Year 5/6 Performing Arts teacher Mr Hartley, 16 students had been preparing pretty much since the start of the year to participate in this years show. On Saturday those students will have the opportunity to perform in the two shows at John Cain Arena. The highlight of the show is always seeing the joy on the faces of our students as they perform as part of the mass dance group. The scale of the production is unlike anything that they have experienced previously and the hours of practice will be well worth it and the opportunity to be part of such a large production is always an invaluable experience for those involved. I look forward to attending the performance on Saturday and the performance is recorded by Channel 7 and played on December 13 for those interested in seeing the show.



2025 Victorian State Schools Spectacular?

The 2025 Victorian State Schools Spectacular will be held on Saturday 13th September. The performance times are 1:00pm and 6:30pm.

Where is it held?

John Cain Arena, Melbourne Park

How long is the performance?

The show is approximately 2hrs 45min (including a 30-minute interval).

How much are tickets?

Adult: \$40 Concession: \$30 Child (U15): \$20

Where can I buy tickets?

Tickets are available through Ticketek: http://www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular

BOGAN BINGO NIGHT

Thank you to the hard working members of the PFA for their efforts in putting on a Bogan Bingo Night. The school community greatly appreciates the efforts of all involved and the event was well attended and a great night was had by all. Thank you to those who donated items for the silent auction, your support for the school is greatly appreciated.

Have a great week, take care David Orlandi



R U OK? Day – Thursday, 12th September

This Thursday is R U OK? Day – a national day that reminds us all to pause and check in on each other.

The simple question "Are you OK?" can make a big difference in someone's life.

At school, students will be encouraged to think about the importance of kindness, empathy, and looking out for friends.

Our activities will include class discussions, reflection activities, and creative ways to remind each other that we are neveralone.

How families can support at home:

- Start a conversation at the dinner table:
 "What makes a good friend?" or "How can we tell if someone might need help?"
- Share your own experiences of a τe someαsupported you.
- Practice asking "Are you OK?" in a caring way and talk about how listening
- Encourage your child to think of small acts of kindness they can do for others.

Together, we can help chlidren build the confidence to reach out, listen with care, and know that it's always OK to ask for help. RUOK?

MATHS COMPETITION RESULTS

We'd like to congratulate those Grade 5/6 students who competed in this year's Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition. They should all be immensely proud of themselves and the effort they put into this event.

Special mention goes to Hamish Hayes, who received a Distinction and Best in School Award. We also had the following students achieve a Credit Award - Caleb Jaspers, Matilda Reid, James Robson and Jay Crowhurst.

A fantastic achievement by all involved!









Got a Ride You're Proud Of? Show It Off at Marvellous Machines!

Are you the proud owner of a cool car, banging bike, beautiful boat, quirky quad, or a magical machine that makes heads turn?

Whether it purrs like a kitten or roars like a beast, we want to see it at this year's Marvellous Machines event!

Want to get involved?

If you've got something marvellous to display, email us at the Parents and Friends Association to be part of the day.

pfatbps@gmail.com

COMING NOVEMBER 2025

"The PFA are putting the wheels in motion...
but we need your help to keep things
rolling.

We are seeking expressions of interest to display.

The event can only go ahead with enough community interest and volunteer support."

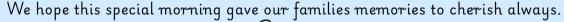
Prep Father's Day / Special Person Breakfast

On Friday, September 5th, we had the pleasure of hosting a delightful breakfast for the amazing fathers and special guests of our Prep students.

Everyone enjoyed egg and bacon rolls, toast, juice, and coffee, and it was wonderful to see so many happy faces enjoying the morning together!

After breakfast, all our visitors were welcomed into the Prep classrooms for some engaging construction play.

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who joined us, as well as to the staff who helped make this event a memorable experience for our students and their families. We also extend our gratitude to the KSBC 'Two Sparrows' Coffee Van for generously volunteering their time to provide complimentary barista coffee to our quests.











Grade 4 Excursion Pentridge Prison

On Thursday the 28th of August our Grade Four students took part in a very exciting excursion to Pentridge Prison. It was a day filled with teamwork, problem-solving and plenty of fun as we explored history through 3 engaging activities.

The Prison Break – Working together, students solved puzzles and cracked codes to try and figure out who escape from their cell. This activity challenged everyone's critical thinking and teamwork skills.

The Vagabond – Students stepped back in time to experience what life might have been like for people living inside the prison and learnt about a reporter who snuck inside to get the scoop!

The Scavenger Hunt – Exploring the grounds, students searched for hidden clues and answered questions that revealed fascinating information about the prison's history.

A big thank you to our wonderful parent helpers and staff who made the day possible. Our Grade Four students will be talking about for a long time!

Student feedback -

I enjoyed the scavenger hunt and looking for the hidden arrow! - Huddy W.

I really enjoyed learning about the history of Pentridge Prison - Xav H.

I found it super interesting learning about how the prison started and that it originally had really small walls! - Mitchell R.

I thought that making it look like a castle was super cool and I loved learning about the rules of the prison and seeing the cells. - Emily L.







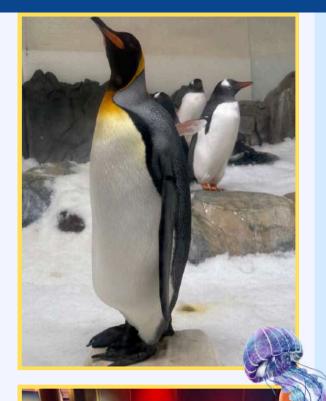












Grade Ones Dive into Learning at the Melbourne Aquarium!

This Monday, our enthusiastic Grade One students embarked on an exciting educational adventure to the Melbourne Aquarium, perfectly timed to complement our integrated geography unit, The Sky Above & The Earth Below.

The visit offered a wonderful opportunity for our young explorers to dive deep into the world beneath the waves. As they wandered through mesmerising exhibits, the students discovered a dazzling array of sea creatures—from shimmering fish and graceful stingrays to curious turtles and colourful coral reefs.

Each encounter sparked questions and wonder about the diversity of life in our oceans.

A key highlight was learning about conservation and the importance of protecting marine habitats. The children gained an early understanding of how human actions impact sea life and why it's vital to care for our planet's oceans to keep these ecosystems healthy for generations to come.

The trip also tied into our geography lessons by showing how the ocean covers over 70% of the Earth's surface, connecting different continents and influencing weather, climate, and life on land and sea. Students came away with a clearer picture of how the sky above and the earth below are interconnected through the vast and vibrant ocean.

This hands-on experience sparked curiosity, inspired care for the environment, and deepened the students' appreciation of our natural world. We can't wait to see how their newfound knowledge will continue to grow in the classroom!











Grade 6- City Excursion

What an exciting and fun filled day for our Grade 6 Students. Our day started with meeting at Boronia station and travelling to the city on the train. The people who joined us our our carriage definitely had an interesting journey. We got off at Parliament Station and then walked to either The Melbourne Museum or The Old Melbourne Gaol.

Our students are currently exploring
Geography and they were able to see how
Melbourne has changed and evolved as a city. It
was also a great transition activity as we had a
visit from Public Transport Victoria the week
before the excursion.

One of the highlights of the day for everyone was heading to the food court to buy lunch.

We couldn't have done this excursion without the support of our wonderful parents who attended.

















I learnt so much, I loved listening about Ned Kelly. I found it very interesting - Mylah

Phar Lap was bigger than I thought - Zoe M

My favourite part was seeing everything in the Old Melbourne Gaol and learning about the history of it - Cameron It was great seeing the cells where the prisoners lived- Levi

I learnt that lunch could be really cheap or really expensive - Adam

At the museum we got to see an old house that was Ned Kelly's house.
Chethan

The train ride was my favourite thing that day. -Sveta

My favourite part about the excursion was The Old Melbourne Gaol. The conditions that the prisoners survived in were horrible and I couldn't survive a day in there. -Zoe R

I learnt that 133 people were hung in The Old Melbourne Gaol. -Kobe

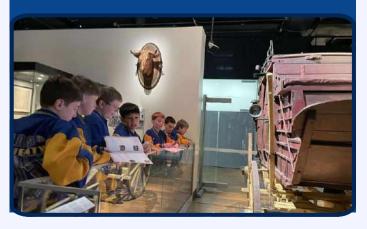
My highlights were seeing the haunted cell, ride the train and eating

McDonalds. - Bella C

Taking public transport is hard-Mikayla

I enjoyed watching the screen that showed when all the Melbourne suburbs were established.

We saw a life size Ned Kelly. He was small, he was the same size as me nearly - Oscar







Grade 5 - Parliament House Excursion

Last week, the Grade 5 students enjoyed an exciting excursion into the city, visiting two very special places: the Victorian Parliament House and the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI).

At Parliament House, we learnt about how laws are made and what happens inside the chambers. Students had the chance to sit in the seats of Members of Parliament and even take part in a role-play debate. It was fascinating to see where important decisions for Victoria are made, and many of us came away with a new appreciation for democracy and leadership.

At ACMI, we explored the history and magic of film, television, and digital media. Highlights included interactive exhibits where students could try out green-screen technology, experiment with animation, and discover how movies are created.





















I liked seeing the different illusions at ACMI, as I found it really cool. I also enjoyed the role play at Parliament House - Phoenix

I loved the time we spent at
Parliament House because of I was
one of the main characters in our
role play and I learnt a lot - Rafferty

My favourite part of the excursion was going into the chambers of Parliament House, especially in the Green Room. I liked how we all had fun roles and got to see where everyone sat! - Isla

I really enjoyed being in Parliament House and doing the role play - Lissy

My favourite part was the gaming area at ACMI because I love games - Jackson B

My highlight was the Parliament House role play - Louie

My favourite part was seeing all the different gaming controls and how they have changed over time at ACMI

- Joseph

I liked being the speaker when we went to parliament, it was fun! - Olive

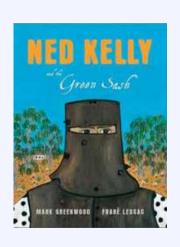
I enjoyed the role playing in the green and red rooms and having a role. I got to hold the golden Mase - Hunter

A VISIT FROM MARK GREENWOOD

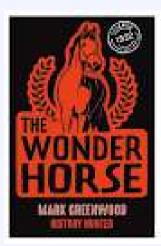
Recently the Grade 4, 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to have a visit from Australian author, Mark Greenwood. This was an incredible opportunity to hear about Mark's writing process, as well as where he gets the inspiration for many of his stories. Students and teachers were buzzing afterwards about the amazing 'history mysteries' that Mark has uncovered - some in our own state!

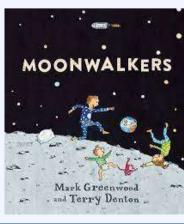


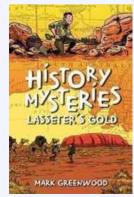




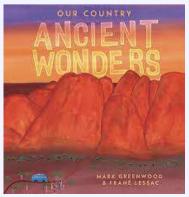














2025 DISTRICT ATHIERICS



On Friday the 15th of August we had our Athletics team compete at Knox Athletics Track. Although it was windy and cold, the team tried their personal best. Overall we came 2nd out of 8 schools which is a big achievement!

By placing in the top 2 of the events students had the opportunity to qualify for Division Athletics which will be held on Wednesday the 17th of September. Congratulations to all of our competitors and to everyone that is going to the next round. Good luck!

Results - Those in Green qualified and those in yellow are emergencies for the event.





















Grade 3/4 Hooptime 2025

On Friday the 5th of September the 3/4 students travelled to the State Basketball Stadium for Hoop Time. On the day there were 12 teams with 96 students that competed. All the students played so well and showed some amazing basketball skills.

The All Star A Boys played in their Grand Final which resulted in a 30-7 final score. Throughout the competition the team showcased great team work, determination, leadership and skill. The All Star A Boys are off to Regionals to represent The Basin Primary School on Friday 14th of November.

Thank you to Mr O, Mrs B Stephens, Mr Weekes and Mrs N Stephens as well as all the parents who coached and scored our games. Also, a massive thank you to our awesome TBPS students who supported, cheered and encouraged us all.

Congratulations everyone. GO BASIN!













WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

WEEK 8 - FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER PUPIL OF THE WEEK

- **PA Ben G** For working hard to improve your lowercase letter formation and showing great focus and pride in your handwriting. Brilliant effort Ben!
- **PM Oakley D** for showing confidence when working with teen numbers during our Maths Workshops. Keep up the super effort, Oakley!
- **PB Laikyn M** for your wonderful work ethic, Laikyn! It is super impressive to see the way you start your work straight away, use your time effectively and always ask for help when you need it.
- **PS Jack B** for always showing courage when working with teen numbers. You don't give up, even when it feels tricky, and that is something to be proud of! Great work Superstar!
- **1E Grace P** for your wonderful creativity and imagination in forming your own unique character to live in the The Magic Far Away Tree. Your ideas and storytelling brought your character to life! Keep imagining and sharing your magical ideas!
- **1S Bowie T** For the incredible effort you put into all that you do. You always work hard in class, and you still find time to be a wonderful friend and student.
- **1T Tharan L** For always giving 100% in everything you do in the classroom and setting a great example of what it means to be a focused and enthusiastic learner. Keep up the amazing work, Tharan!
- **2E Charlie H** For the amazing problem solving and dedication he showed whilst building a bridge. Charlie, I love how you persisted to make it structurally strong! Great engineering!
- **2S Eliott V** For always being a respectful listener during learning time, staying focussed on your teachers at all times. You are a great role model, Eliott!
- ${\it 2HM}$ ${\it Anastasia~H}$ ${\it Great~co-operative~working~with~your~partner~to~create~a~bridge~out~of~popsticks}.$
- 3W Jaxon R for his great collage and summary of the story Iceberg. It was great to see you demonstrate your understanding of the text Jaxon. Well done!
- **3E Elliott C** for his fantastic work writing his information report about apples. It was so interesting and you made some great word choices. Top work Elliott!
- **3IS Rose M** For having the most wonderful attitude inside and out of the classroom. You always put in an amazing effort with your work and you go out of your way to show kindness to everyone around you. You are an amazing example to us all, Rose, well done!
- **3D Evie C** for putting your best effort into reading aloud with varied volume and expression. Keep up the amazing effort in reading, Evie!
- **4D Hunter H** for his thoughtful and clever poems that he has written during our poetry unit. You are an extremely talented poet, Hunter!
- **4S Ellie M** for her excellent area and perimeter zoo. You took your time to ensure your calculations were correct, and your presentation was beautiful. Well done El, keep up the great work!
- **4H Braxyn D** for the expressive comic you wrote. You included great visual speech bubbles and sequenced your story to create a fun, engaging comic strip. Fantastic work Brax!
- **4L Lincoln R** for your wonderful effort in writing. You have written some wonderful poems and consistently tried your best. Well done Lincoln!

 ${\it 5C-Payton\,R}$ - For the amazing effort you're putting into your goal to share more during class discussions. You've shown great courage. Awesome stuff, Payton!

5M - Molly M - For her amazing efforts of consistently working super hard, never giving up, and doing great in everything she tries all term! Keep up the incredible work Molly! **5W - Jacob P** - For your amazing hard work and dedication in both your school work and the School Spectacular performance. All your effort is truly paying off, Jacob – keep it up!

5S - Shari R – For the great effort you have been putting into your project about Government, you've been working hard to add lots of detail into your slideshow. Well done Shari

6J - Violet L - For the detail included in the suburb she has designed as part of inquiry. Violet, it's fantastic to see you demonstrating your Personal Best and you should be so proud of your work!

6H - Parker R— for the consistent contributions you make during classroom learning time. The confidence you show when answering questions and sharing your ideas on different topics is a great strength of yours.

6K- Thomas K - For the focussed way you've been engaging in our Reading groups and maths lessons. You approach each task with enthusiasm and a willingness to try your personal best at all times, which all your classmates can see. Way to go Thomas! **6M- Harry G** - For the rich vocabulary you included in your Historical Narrative about Ned Kelly. It was wonderful to see you take on feedback and improve your ideas when editing. Fantastic work.





PREP - Ella W - for being a friendly helper who always looks out for others. Your kindness makes everyone feel included and happy. Great work Superstar!

GRADE 1 - Reeve - for his ability to treat others the way he would like to be treated. Your kindness, empathy, and respect creating a positive and welcoming environment for everyone around you. You lead by example, showing that understanding and compassion. Keep shining your light and inspiring others to be kind every day!

GRADE 2 - Amelia A - For coming to school each day ready to listen and learn. You are a very caring and loyal friend and 2HM is very lucky to have you. Keep being you, Amelia.

GRADE 3 - Marley W - for being an amazing role model for the golden rule. You show great kindness and empathy towards others and consistently make strong choices when playing and working. Keep up the awesome effort and attitude Marley!

GRADE 4- Toby H- for always treating others with kindness and respect. We are very lucky to have you in 4D, Toby!

GRADE 5 - Lissy D – For the amazing positive attitude you bring into our classroom everyday! You always try your best with every activity. You're a superstar Lissy!

GRADE 6 - Adam E - For the way you have been striving for your personal best. You have shown excellent focus, courage, and a willingness to participate in order to keep progressing.



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DREAM - BELIEVE - ACHIEVE

Parents and Friends Association
Term 3 - Wrap Up

Bogan Bingo Night - What a Flanny-tastic Success!

Silent Auction – Incredible Community Support
We were blown away by the interest and bidding from across
the school community in our Silent Auction. From home
security systems to family passes to Luna Park, Twisted
Science, Ninja Parc, and even some Olympic memorabilia (go
Thorpey!), the range was amazing.
Together, the Bogan Bingo event and Silent Auction raised
\$6,500 to go towards further playspace enhancements.

Super effort, everyone - thank you!

Father's Day Stall – Thanks to Our Volunteers

A big shout-out to all the brilliant volunteers who helped make
the Father's Day Stall a success. The kids loved choosing
special gifts for their dads, and we're sure the dads were just
as thrilled to receive them. Special thanks to Shannon & Sarah
from the PFA for their fantastic organising.

✓ Footy Day BBQ Lunch – Coming Up 19 September To celebrate the end of term, the PFA will be running a BBQ lunch (aka sausage sizzle) to coincide with the Footy Roadshow incursion. Please make sure to pay via Compass by 16 September so your child doesn't miss out! Also volunteers needed, sign up volunteersignup.org/XQBW4

← Coming in November – Marvellous Machines!

We're excited to announce a new event coming in November 2025, a celebration of cool cars, bikes, boats, quads and more! If you have a machine you'd love to show off, email us at pfatbps@gmail.com to get involved. More details to come.

Thank you again to our amazing school community for supporting all things PFA — we couldn't do it without you.

See you in Term 4!

PFA – Parents & Friends Association Amanda, Jason, Sarah, Shannon, Georgia, Shelley, Judy, Cassandra, Nicola & Megan































































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Thank you to all the amazing businesses who have donated to this year's **HIGE Silent** Auction.

Please make sure you go out and support them'



THE BASIN OSHCLUB UPDATES





Mon-Fri 7-9am & 3-6.15pm Phone Number: 0428 162 718 Email: thebasin@oshclub.com.au



SUMMER OF CRICKET

COME & TRY JUNIOR CRICKET

Calling all boys and girls to a fun-filled morning of cricket!

- 77 When: Sunday 14th and 21st September 76 Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Where: The Basin Cricket Club (Batterham Reserve)

This is the perfect chance to come down, have a hit, meet the coaches, and learn what junior cricket at The Basin CC is all about!

- All skill levels welcome
- ✓ Free event
- Games, drills, and fun activities
- ✓ Meet our friendly junior coaches and club members
- Great for kids aged 5–16!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GET IN TOUCH.

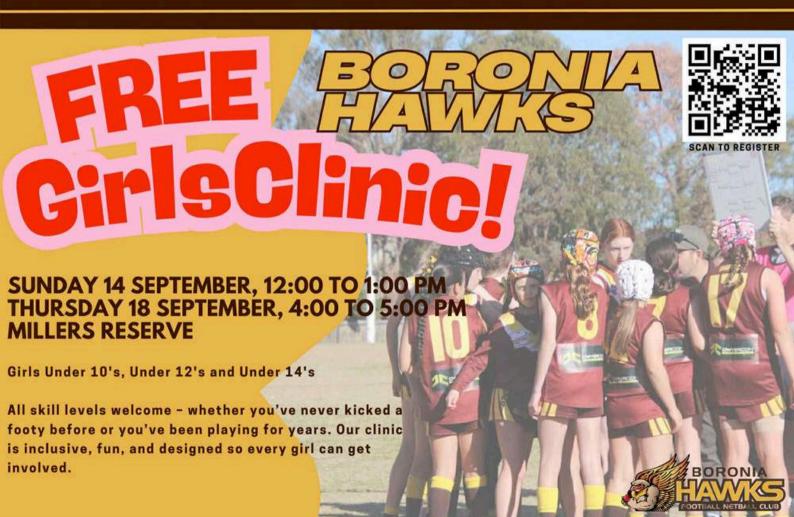
email juniorcricket@thebasincc.com.au

TWEENS ** TEENS

NEW TRIAL TIME 6PM THURSDAYS

This class is specifically tailored to girls aged between 12 - 17 years old.

Come worko two h Mum or on your own, perfect for those younger students who are interested in trying reformer pilates.





FOR MONBULK RANGERS SOCCER CLUB **NEXT SEASON ARE NOW OPEN!**



FOR MORE INFO

Search Monbulk Rangers Soccer Club Or visit monbulkrangers.org.au







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