Term 3 Thursday 17th September
NO. 15 - 2026

The Basin Primary School

Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 18th September
Footy Road Show
LAST DAY OF TERM 3
2:30 Dismissal



Monday 5th October
TERM 4 STARTS

12th - 14th October
Book Fair

Wednesday 14th October
Prep excursion - MOPA

Thursday 15th October
Prep - Grade 2 Athletics Day
9:30 - 11:30am

Tuesday 20th October
Prep 2027 Transition 1
Grade 2 Local Walk

Thursday 22nd October
Regional Athletics

Thursday 29th October
State Athletics









As we finish Term 3, we can reflect on the many successes we have experienced over the past 10 weeks.
Our students have participated in excursions, incursions and sporting events, performed at Rod Laver Arena, won a Chess Tournament and secured a place in the National Wakakirri Final. They have continued their swimming education, developing important skills to help them become safe and confident around water, and have practised their leadership skills through our Leadership Program.
They have celebrated Book Week and Science Week, with both providing opportunities to develop their love of learning and increase their interest in Literature and Science.

Monday 2nd November
Curriculum Day

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Day
(Public Holiday)

Friday 6th November
Grandparents Morning

Tuesday 10th November
Prep 2027 Transition 2

16th - 18th November
Grade 3 Camp

Monday 16th November
Grade 2 Bundoora Park Excursion

23rd - 25th November
Grade 4 Camp

Tuesday 24th November
Prep 2027 Transition 3

30th November - 7th December
Prep - Grade 2 Swimming

Tuesday 8th December
Grade 6 - Yr 7 Transition Day
Level Up @ School
Prep 2027 Transition

Thursday 10th December
5/6 STEAM Open Afternoon
Christmas Carols

Friday 11th December
5/6 STEAM Presentation Day
Grade 1 Puffing Billy Excursion

Monday 14th December
Prep & Grade 5 Buddy Picnic

Tuesday 15th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Thurs 17th December
LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Our students have also had access to eyecare and dental care at school, ensuring that their health and wellbeing continue to be a priority.
They have celebrated families and embraced the introduction of our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Program, which is supporting the development of positive relationships, respectful behaviour and a strong sense of belonging across our school.
Amongst all of these wonderful opportunities and experiences, our students have continued to work hard in their classrooms to improve their literacy and numeracy skills, with outstanding results.
It is a privilege to work in a school where we have the opportunity to witness our students growing, learning, challenging themselves and developing into the young people who will become our future adults. Every day, our students demonstrate curiosity, resilience, kindness and a willingness to learn, and it is wonderful to see them flourish.
A terrific end to the term will occur tomorrow with our annual Footy Roadshow and Footy Colours Day.
As we head into the final term of the year, we can be proud of everything our students have achieved and look forward to all that Term 4 will bring.
What a wonderful 10 weeks it has been!

Donna Krenn and Alec Baroni



SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to Hollyblue P from 4H who competed in the Australian Cross Counrty Championships representing Victoria this week.

She came 14th in Australia and represented our school and State admirably. Hollyblue was only 31 seconds behind the winner and the Victorian team came 2nd overall.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the fundraiser that helped Hollyblue get there!





R U OK? DAY

A conversation can make a difference.

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

R U OK? Day is a reminder that a simple conversation can make someone feel cared for, supported and connected.

At The Basin Primary School, we're encouraging our students to notice how others are feeling, check in with their friends and know that it is always OK to talk to a trusted adult.

A simple "Are you OK?" can start a meaningful conversation.

THE 4 STEPS

Anyone can ask R U OK? It starts with a conversation.

1 ASK



Notice when something seems different and gently check in.

"You don't seem quite yourself today. How are you going?"

2 LISTEN



Give them your attention. Put the phone down, slow down and really listen.

You don't have to fix the problem.

3 ENCOURAGE ACTION



Ask what might help.

"What do you think would make things a little easier?"

For children, this might mean talking to a parent, teacher, family member or another trusted adult.

4 CHECK IN



Don't let the conversation be a one-off.

"I've been thinking about you. How are you going today?"

TRY THIS AT HOME!

Small moments. Big difference.

1 FAMILY CHECK-IN

At dinner, everyone answers:

"One good thing, one tricky thing and one thing I'm looking forward to."



2 CAR CONVERSATIONS

Turn the music down and use the car ride as a chance to chat.

Sometimes children find it easier to talk when you're not sitting face-to-face.



3 PUT THE PHONES AWAY

Choose 10–15 minutes each day for everyone to put devices aside and simply be together.



4 PLAY TOGETHER

A board game, card game, backyard game or silly family challenge can create natural opportunities to connect.



5 BEDTIME CHECK-IN

Before lights out, ask:

"What is one thing you're proud of today?"

and

"Is there anything on your mind?"



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN EXPERT.
You just need to notice, ask, listen and care.

REMEMBER...

- Kids don't need us to solve every problem.
- They need to know there are adults around them who will listen without judgement.
- Help them feel safe and supported when things get tough.

"What's been happening?"

ASK R U OK? ANY DAY

R U OK? Day is just one day. Connection is something we can practise every day.

NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If a conversation raises concerns about a child's wellbeing, please reach out to a trusted adult or appropriate professional for support. If someone is in immediate danger, call 000.

For more tips and resources for families visit: ruok.org.au

R U OK?

WAKAKIRRI 2026

What a Night!

The students shone as they performed their Wakakirri Story Dance item for the very last time and what a performance it was!

The dedication, commitment and passion shown by these students throughout the entire process has been incredible. To produce such a high-calibre piece of work takes an enormous amount of effort, teamwork and perseverance, and it has certainly paid off!

Following their State Award for 'Environmental Story', we are incredibly excited to announce that the students have now also been named a National Award Nominee!

What an incredible achievement for our students and our school.
Now we sit back, cross our fingers and wait until 14 October to see what happens next!

A huge congratulations to every student involved — you should be incredibly proud of yourselves! 💚









Special Memories made in Prep
A Brush with Dad!



















What a fun evening we had celebrating Father's Day with our Prep families! Our 'A Brush with Dad' night was a lovely opportunity for our Preppies and their Dads and special grown-ups to spend some quality time together at school. The classrooms were filled with laughter, creativity, some food and lots of special moments.

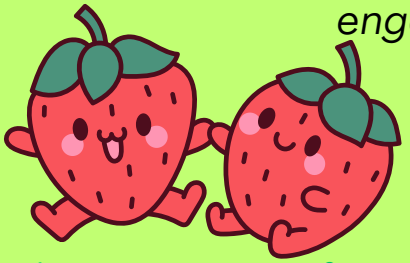
After enjoying a yummy hot dog, chips and a drink, our Preppies and their grown-ups got creative and worked together to make a special masterpiece to take home. It was great to see the children so excited and proud of their creations and to watch the beautiful connections and memories being made.

A huge thank you to all of the Dads and special grown-ups who joined us and embraced the evening with such enthusiasm. Your involvement made the night extra special for our Preppies. Also a very big thank you to Mrs Krenn, Mr Baroni and Miss Morton who cooked the hot dogs for us!

LIBRARY Term 3

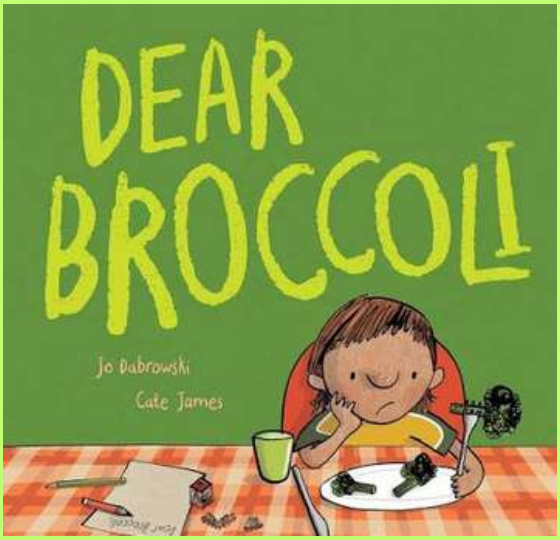
Term 3 was FULL of fun in the Library. Book Week brought with it so many great activities.....dress up day, the 'Where's Wally?' competition, the doorway hunt and buddy reading. In Library sessions classes focused on the shortlisted books and the kids engaged in various book responses.





Dear Strawberries,

You are the best! Strawberries are one of my favourite fruits. But not as good as mango sorry! I wish my Mum would pack you in my lunchbox 24/7 like literally! But sadly my Mum doesn't buy you much because you are really expensive. My Mum said she will only buy you when you are on special. I know...it's really annoying!
From
Hollyblue





Dear Mushrooms,

I hate you! You taste so so so so so so so bad and you are so mushy and soft. It's like eating poo! Last night I had yummy chicken rice but you were on there and it ruined my dinner. I never want to see you again.
From
Basil

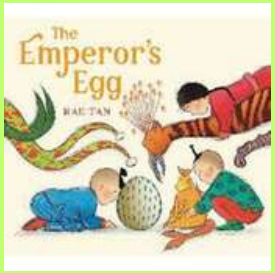




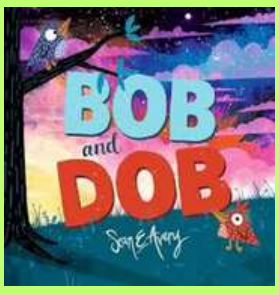


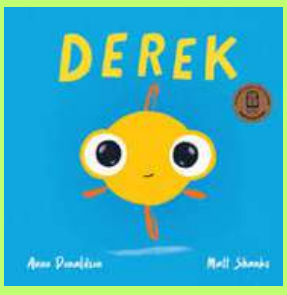






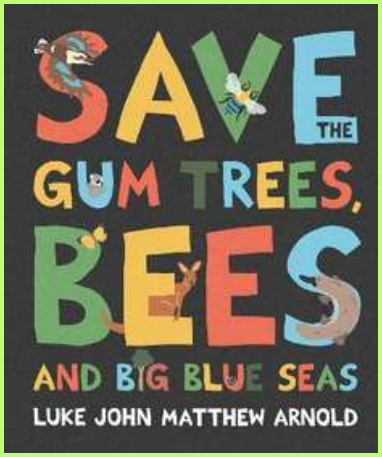




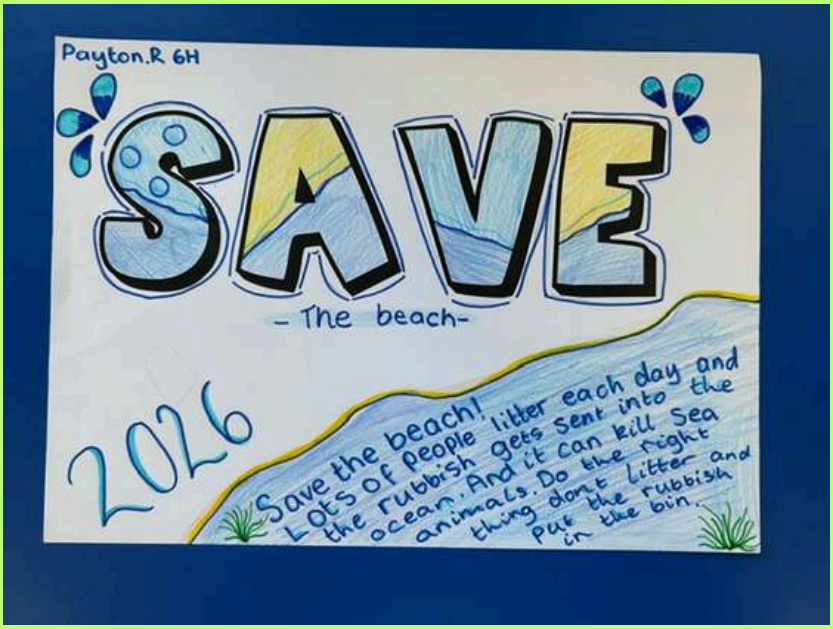












Buddy Reading

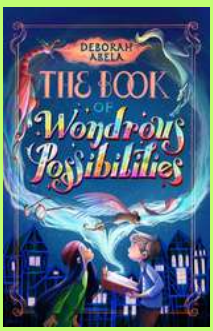




Author Visit - Deb Abela















Book Week Dress Up Day

TERM 3 LIBRARY STATS

2388 *books were borrowed in Term 3 – amazing!*



*The top **5 borrowers** for Term 3 were…*

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Marlow M – 5CH
Freya D – 3E
Florence S – Prep M
Charlotte H– Prep B

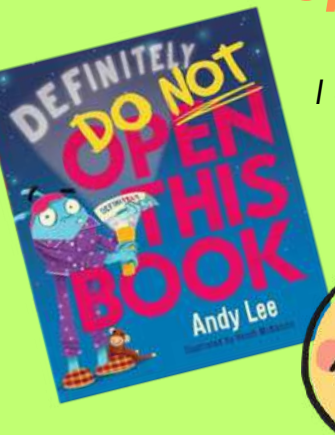
Congratulations to these very eager readers on such keen borrowing each week!
A certificate and prize is coming your way!

The grade that borrowed the most books was…

PREP V

Congratulations Prep V! Your prize is a picture story book and will be delivered to you soon!

Top 5 Most Popular Books in Term 3…



I Survived The Attacks of September 11 – Lauren Tarshis
Smile – Raina Telgemeier
Definitely Do Not Open This Book – Andy Lee
The Hidden Kingdom (graphic novel) – Tui T Sutherland
Where's Wally – Martin Handford



Grade 3/4 Hooptime 2026

On Tuesday the 8th of September the 3/4 students travelled to Nunawading Basketball Stadium for Hoop Time. On the day there were 12 teams with 97 students that competed. All the students played so well and showed some amazing basketball skills.

The All Star A Boys and Future Star Boys (Bears) played in their Grand Final which resulted in unfortunate losses. Throughout the competition the teams showcased great team work, determination, leadership and skill. The All Star Girls are off to Regionals to represent The Basin Primary School on Friday 13th of November.

Thank you to Mr O, Mrs B Stephens, Mrs Dell, Mrs I, Mrs Ellis, Natalia 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!

Grade 5/6 Hooptime 2026

On Friday the 11th of September the 5/6 students travelled to the Nunawading Stadium for Hooptime. On the day there were 12 teams with 92 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. All teams reached the final with 2 of the 3 teams winning their game. Our Future Star 2 (Bats) Girls team and All Star Boys A teams were lucky enough to win their final and progress to the Regional Finals in Term 4. We congratulate the Future Star 2 Boys as well for their efforts to reach the grand final.

Thank you to Mr O, Mrs Knight, Mr Weekes, Miss Morton, Mrs Winsall, Jaimee M and Sarah S 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!



5/6 Summer Sports

Girls A

On the 27th of August and the 14th of September, the Girls A Tennis team played in the Summer Sports competition. Overall we came 7th. We played against Knox Gardens, Park Ridge, Templeton, Boronia Heights, Lysterfield and Waverley Christian College. It was a tough competition but our team never gave up. We all showed great team work in scoring and encouraging our team mates. Congratulations on all your dedication and hard work, girls.

By Leni and Juno





Boys A

On the 27th of August and the 14th of September, the Tennis Boys A participated in the 2026 hot shot Tennis Day 1 and Day 2. We had a great time competing over the two days and for some of us it was the first time we had ever played tennis. We played seven other schools over the competition and finished 8th place. Huge congrats to everyone who competed. Thank you to Mrs Houghton and Mrs Winsall for coaching us.

By Leon & Louis







Girls B

For two days, some of the Grade 5 girls competed in the Tennis B team. We played lots of different schools including Lysterfield, Boronia Heights, Knox Gardens and Templeton. We played really well and no one gave up. At the end of the second day we came 4th. Congratulations to all the tennis players.

We would like to give a special mention to Eva, Lexi, Sasha and Dale for showing amazing sportsmanship and offering to play for another school so they could stay in the competition.

GO BASIN!

By Ruby and Harper

Boys B

On the 27th of August and the 14th of September the boys Tennis B team played Waverley Christian College, Park Ridge, Boronia Heights, Regency Park, Lysterfield, Templeton, Knox Gardens at Knox Regional Netball Centre. Over the first and second day we beat every school and were undefeated at the end of round 7.

We got to play in a final against Waverley Christian College to see who finished in first place. Everyone played amazing across both days and especially in the final. We ended up winning 11 sets to 1 and came home with the flag. We all had a great time playing over the two days.

We would like to say thank you to Mr O for organising the day and Mrs Houghton and Mrs Winsall for looking after us.

By Brax & Lucas

HANDBALL

GIRLS - We had such a fun run at handball, even though we ended up in 8th place. There were so many close games that we almost won. Our closest game was on the first day where we drew with an amazing team, Waverly Christian College. Lots of thanks to Abby's mum for rooting for us on the first day.
Great effort to our astounding team, Kaylee, Phoebe, Sophie, Abby, Daisy, Harmony, Serina, Payton and Eleanor our amazing co captain and Acacia our extraordinary captain who gave us uplifting pep talks nearly every match.
Thank you coaches!
By Acacia, 5/6W and Eleanor, 6K



BOYS - On the 27th of August we went to Knox Park to play a day of handball. In the first game we played park ridge and won 7-3. The second game we played Knox Garden, we won 9-4. Then we played Waverly Christian College and smashed them 11-4. We then played the hardest against Lysterfield, and sadly lost 11-9. They were a tough side. In the last game of the day we played Regency Park it was a draw, 10 all.
On the 14th of September we played another day of handball . Firstly, we played against Templeton and drew. Second game of the day we played Boionia Heights and won 12 to 8. After a friendly game, we played our semi final we played against Lysterfield and lost 13-11.Then we played the third place playoff we beat them 13-9. Thank you to all parents for helping us out and coming to support us, a massive thank you to Mrs Knight and Dakota and Amber for helping us through the days, and the lucky leaf. Good job to all the boys for participating.
By Mitch & Ailbee



Volleyball

BOYS TEAM

On Thursday the 27th of August and Monday 14th of September we played volleyball for our Summer Sport round robin.

Volleyball is a sport with a ball and 6 people on the court and three at the front and three at the back and a maximum of twelve people on the bench. You can kick the ball, set the ball, dig the ball, header the ball and punch the ball. There are also sets and only two.

We won 3 games out of 7 and played off in the finals to finish 6th overall.
Thank you to Mrs Holmes, Mrs Collard, Bonnie, Tracey and Michelle for coaching us over the two days.



GIRLS TEAM

On the 27th of August and on the 14th of September the girls volleyball team went off to Park Ridge P.S to play many games of volleyball. We won 5 out of 8 games and sadly lost 3. Overall we came 3rd. The highlight of the day was when we beat Park Ridge in the last game and we placed 3rd. Also a big thanks to all the coaches who helped us.

Softball - Girls

Captains: Mikayla,Ebony and Zoe F
Players: Alexis, Ebony, Emily, Hannah, Zoe F, Henrietta, Matilda, Mikayla, Olivia and Zoe H

Games:
The girls did a great job both days. On the second day in our first game we lost to Waverley Christian College 14-10 unfortunately. In the second game we lost against Templeton 14-7. For the 3rd game we lost to Boronia Heights 16-8. In the playoff for 5th we tied with Lysterfield 12-12. Thanks to Cath, Ms Corrigan and Mr Weekes for coaching us and the families who came to support us. Well done to all the girls who participated in softball for Summer sport.







Softball - Boys



On the 27th and 14th of September the boys softball team went to Gilbert Park. On day 1 we had 2 wins and 2 losses but we still had fun and all had a great time. On day 2 we did a bit better, still only winning 2 games but tying 1 against Templeton. We lost one game and we came fifth. In our game for fifth place we beat Templeton. All together on both days we all had a great day and a big thank you to the teachers and Michael for coming and making this happen.
By Nixon and Ethan



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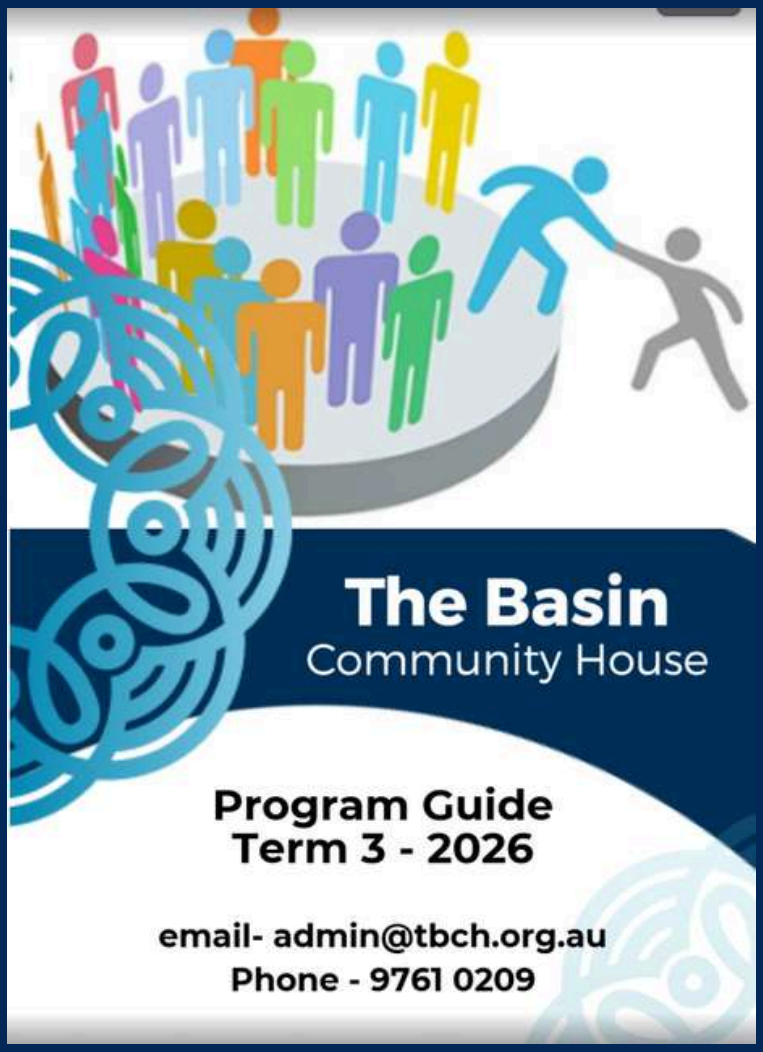
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