Term 3 Thursday 3rd September
NO. 14 - 2026

The Basin Primary School

Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

2026 School Dates

Term 4

Oct 5th – Dec 17th

2026 CALENDAR DATES

Thursday 3rd September
Author Visit - Whole School
Prep Father's Day Evening

Friday 4th September
Curriculum Day
PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 7th September
Wakakirri State Finals

Tuesday 8th September
3/4 Hoop Time

Friday 11th September
5/6 Hoop Time

Monday 14th September
Summer Sports Day 2

Wednesday 16th September
Division Athletics

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

Monday 5th October
TERM 4 STARTS





A Spectacular Fortnight!

What a fantastic fortnight of Performing Arts, competitions and special events we have had at The Basin Primary School!
*Finding out that our **Wakakirri** team has achieved a finals position was certainly a highlight of the week. We also had 16 students perform in the **Victorian State Schools Spectacular**, celebrated a win at the **Chess Tournament** held here at school, and enjoyed a wonderful range of sports at the **Summer Sport Round Robin**.*
*And, of course, we can't forget **Book Week**! Our fabulous Character Parade, Book Doorway Competition and Where's Wally? Hunt brought plenty of excitement and creativity to the school.*

The Basin Primary School certainly provides something for everyone!

*Our Grade 2 students enjoyed an excursion to the **Gulf Station**, while our Grade 5/6 students travelled by train into **Melbourne**. Our Grade 4 students participated in an engaging incursion about **Democracy**, and today we were delighted to welcome an author to share their love of books and writing with the whole school.*
*The **Smile Squad** also revisited us to provide fluoride applications for students' teeth. We held our much-loved **Father's Day Stall**, and tonight our Prep students will welcome their **Dads and Special Friends** for a fun painting activity and hotdogs.*

12th - 14th October
Book Fair

Thursday 15th October
Prep - Grade 2 Athletics Day

Tuesday 20th October
Prep 2027 Transition 1

Thursday 22nd October
Regional Athletics

Thursday 29th October
State Athletics

Monday 2nd November
Curriculum Day

Tuesday 3rd November
Melbourne Cup Day
(Public Holiday)

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

Friday 11th December
Grade 1 Puffing Billy Excursion

Tuesday 15th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Thursday 17th December
LAST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

None of these wonderful events could happen without the incredible planning, organisation and hard work of our fabulous staff, along with the ongoing support of our families. We are truly very lucky to have such a wonderful and supportive school community.

Alongside all of these fabulous events, there has also been some incredible learning happening across the school. We have been lucky enough to read some outstanding writing produced by our students. From recounts written by our Preps to historical narratives created by some of our Grade 5 students, we have been thrilled by the quality, creativity and effort demonstrated in their work.

It has certainly been a busy fortnight, but one filled with so many opportunities for our students to learn, create, perform, compete and connect.

What a wonderful school community we are!

Lastly we would like to thank and acknowledge our Parents and Friends Association who organised a terrific night last Friday - Comedy for a Cause. A great night was had by all and funds have been raised for our school. Well done to all of the hard workers and those who donated or participated in the Silent Auction. We look forward to some upcoming exciting playground improvements...



Donna Krenn and Alec Baroni

SWPB – Working Together!

Our students are loving our new Whole School Reward System, with excitement continuing to bubble as they work together towards a shared reward. It has been wonderful to see students encouraging one another, making positive choices and recognising that their actions contribute to our whole-school community.

Together, we can!







SCIENCE WEEK MARBLE RUN 2026

What a blast we had in the lead up to and during Science Week! - Classes across the school were working hard as teams to create Marble Runs!

The teams with the longest running marble runs were ....

1st - 1T - 29.40 seconds 2nd - 6K - 26.35 seconds 3rd- 5M - 22.47 seconds

The classes which took out the prizes for 'best presentation' were Prep A with 'Gerald the Giraffe' and 3E with the 'Jungle'
Thanks to all the families for their donations of supplies!



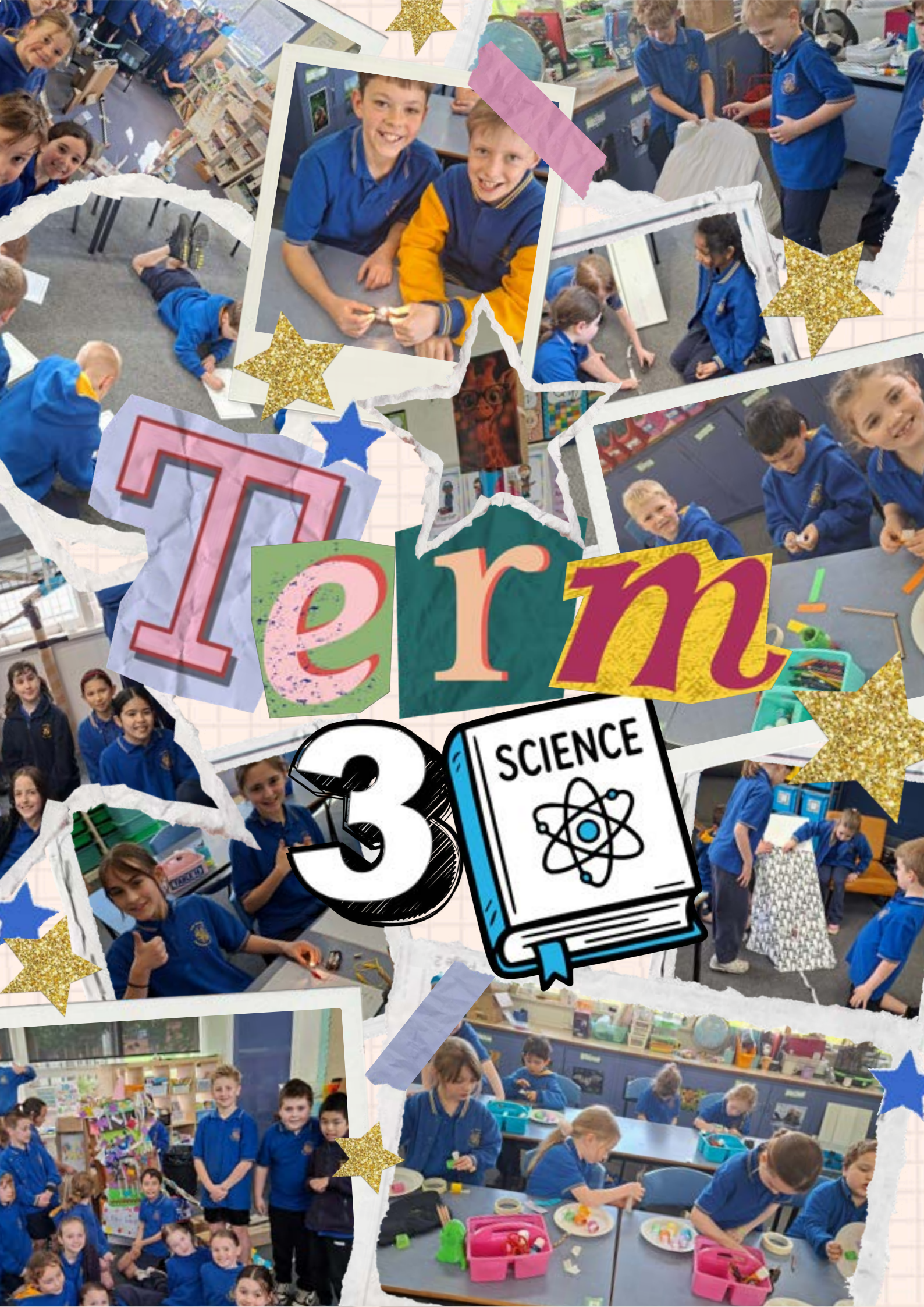











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SCHOOL SPEC – "THE BEST PARTS"

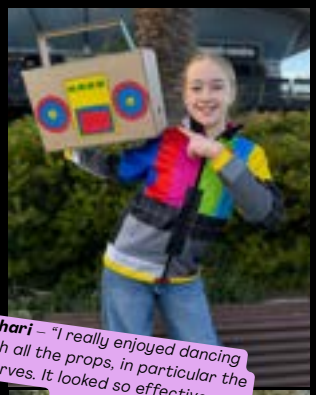
What better way to celebrate our incredible School Spectacular experience than hearing about it straight from the students themselves! We asked our performers: ***"What was the BEST part of School Spec?"*** *And their answers say it all...*



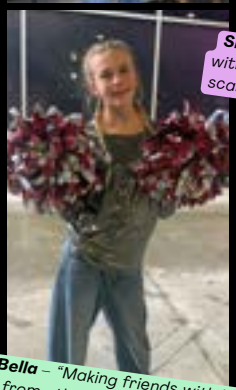
Miller – *"I love getting to learn all the dances and then having the confidence to perform them in front of a massive audience. My favourite dance was The Greatest Showman."*



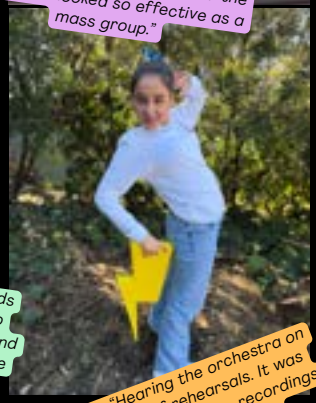




Shari – *"I really enjoyed dancing with all the props, in particular the scarves. It looked so effective as a mass group."*



Bella – *"Making friends with kids from other schools, getting to dance all the different dances and seeing the performers up on the main stage."*







Marlow – *"Seeing one of the Mass Cast management crew breakdance in the holding area."*

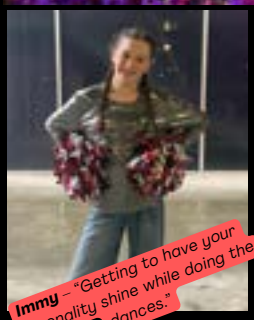




Issy – *"Performing in front of all the audience, and in particular my family and friends."*

Aubrey – *"Hearing the orchestra on the first day of rehearsals. It was so much better than the recordings and really nice to hear."*



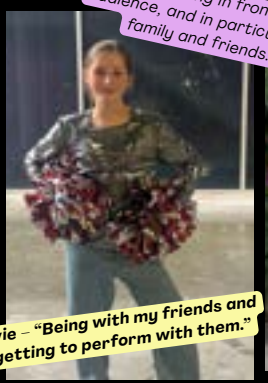


Immy – *"Getting to have your personality shine while doing the dances."*



Astrid – *"Travelling on the train and the build-up to all the exciting things that were going to happen in our day."*





Evie – **"Being with my friends and getting to perform with them."**





Sadie – *"Getting to dress up in all the different costumes and perform with all the other people around us."*



Ellie – *"We got to have hot chippies in the sun and dance a massive finale to songs from The Greatest Showman."*





Pippa – *"When the girl from the main stage spotted Mr Hartley in the audience and shouted, 'Is that Colin? I love Colin!' We all had a giggle."*





Tay – *"I love making new friends from other schools and being able to meet new people."*

From friendships and costumes to confidence, music, dancing, trains, hot chippies and a little bit of breakdancing — the School Spectacular experience was clearly about so much more than just performing on stage.

These are the memories that our students will take with them.

SYMPHONY OF STORIES
BOOK WEEK

What a fantastic celebration of books, reading and imagination! Our students embraced Book Week with incredible enthusiasm, dressing up as their favourite characters and bringing stories to life. It was wonderful to see so much creativity, excitement and a shared love of reading throughout our school community.





















*Students enjoyed our **Where's Wally?** challenge! A huge thank you to the Allcock family for setting up this fun challenge.*



Isaac Lipschitz was absent

Grade 2 Gulf Station Excursion

The Grade 2s all had an amazing excursion to Gulf Station in Yarra Glen! We were able to explore an old farming homestead and see what it was like to live and work back in the olden days. We saw a milking shed, dairy, slaughterhouse, butcher, shearing shed, the school, old home, chickens, cows, sheep and horses! During our activities we ground some wheat, churned butter, made slinky apples and fed the Clydesdale horses. It was a great day out!







Ella *- I loved feeding the horses carrots.*

Reeve *- I liked seeing how they got the bugs off the sheep.*

Henry *- It was really, really fun because we got to feed the horses and make butter.*

Logan A *- We got to push the log in circles to cut the hay.*

Easton *- I liked making butter and pushing the horse machinery.*

Harriett *- It was one of the best excursions we have ever done!*















Democracy, Community AND ME



Democracy is interesting, just ask the Grade 4's who had a wonderful time and learnt lots at our incursion on Thursday 1st September. We had a terrific time role playing preferential voting and being part of a council meeting. It was such a fun way to learn about democracy. We liked learning and feeling the anticipation of how canditates are eliminated with a fair system of preference. We loved being heard by the mayor (in their robes and smashing the gravel) to discuss the merits of dogs in our area. We had a great time and will remember this experience when we vote for our class captains next week!











Chess Tournament Success

On Thursday, 20 August, 31 students from The Basin Primary School competed in a fantastic chess tournament against approximately 40 students from 13 other schools.

It was a wonderful day of competition, with our students showing great concentration, sportsmanship and determination throughout the tournament. While the tournament was originally predicted to finish at 2:30pm, the final games were completed by around 1:30pm!

There was plenty to celebrate, with six of our students qualifying for the State Semi-Finals after scoring four or more points. Congratulations to Jett Berg, Sam George, Oliver Tandy, Ryan George, Jack Jarvis and Luke Archer.

A special congratulations goes to Luke Archer, who also achieved an outstanding result by winning a Bronze Medal in the Year 5/6 category, scoring an impressive 5 points!

But there was one more exciting result to celebrate...

THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL WON THE ZONAL SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP!
The Basin finished first overall out of the 14 schools, narrowly winning the championship by just one point!

What an incredible achievement! Congratulations to all 31 students who represented The Basin. You should all be extremely proud of your efforts, teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done, Basin!

















5/6 CITY EXCURSION



What a fantastic day our 5/6 cohort had exploring Melbourne!

With perfect weather on our side, students embraced the opportunity to learn, explore and experience the city beyond the classroom. Across the day, the cohort visited a range of Melbourne's iconic locations, including the ***State Library****,* ***Melbourne Gaol****,* ***Melbourne Central Food Court*** *and* ***Melbourne Museum****.*

From discovering Ned Kelly's famous armour and exploring Letters of Love, to experiencing the fascinating displays at the museum, there was plenty to spark curiosity and conversation.

For some students, the experience began with something as simple as catching the train into the city, their first experience using public transport. It was wonderful to see students developing their independence as they navigated public spaces, followed instructions, managed themselves and supported one another throughout the day.














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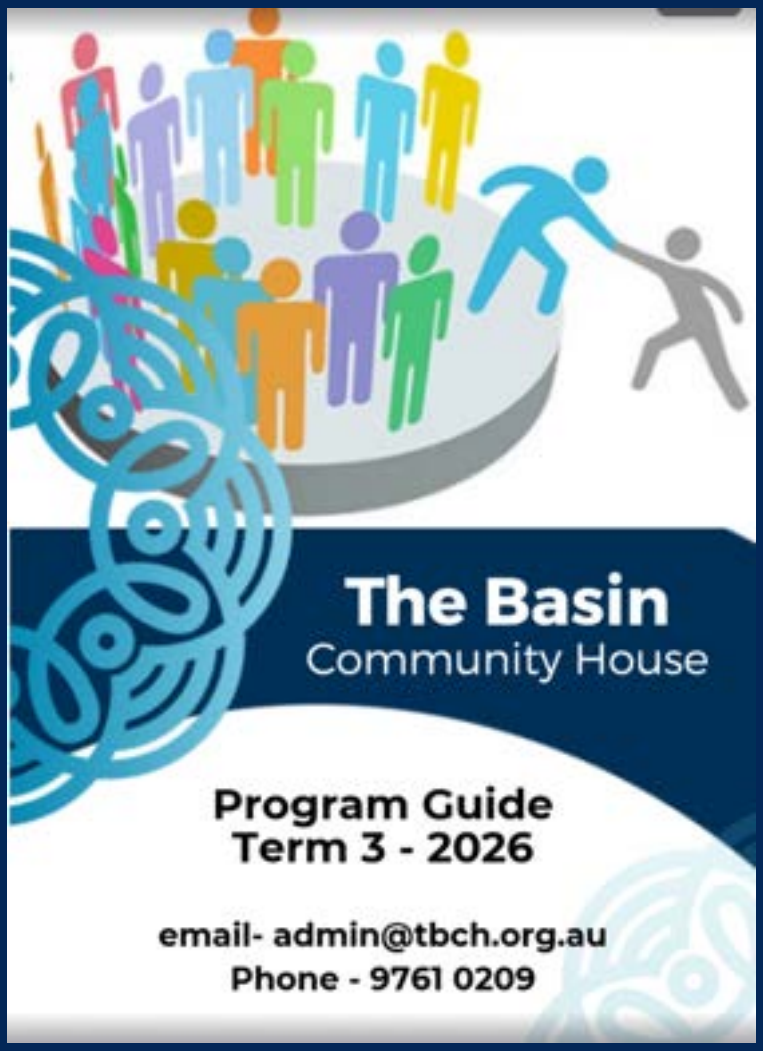
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