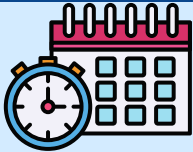


The Basin Primary School

Newsletter



UPCOMING DATES

11th - 15th August

Science Week

'Bullying NO WAY' Action Week

Friday 15th August

District Athletics
VSSS Mass Rehearsal 4

18th - 22nd August

Book Week

Monday 18th August

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

Thursday 21st August

Gr 2 Incursion

Monday 25th August

Gr 6 City Excursion

Thursday 28th August

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

Friday 29th August

Gr 5/6 Summer Sports Day 2
PFA Bogan Bingo Night



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of Week 4 it is hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the term. Already so much has happened and every week our students are provided with a rich variety of opportunities which supplement our strong teaching and learning program.

In the first 4 weeks of the term our students have participated in a wide range of activities. Student-Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Conferences, where students' learning goals were shared, Gr 3 Edendale Farm Excursion, Snow trip, AMC Maths Competition, 100 days of Prep, Gr 3-6 Swimming program, regional sport finals and Wakakirri. These opportunities allow our students to receive a broad range of experiences in their time at the school, and we are always so thrilled when the students speak so positively about these events.

This week we have Science Week and Book Week is coming up, with our Book Character Dress Up day on Monday August 18 as well as many more other events including an author visit for our Gr 4 - 6 students.. As a school we receive terrific support from our parents who always are willing to assist with these events, and we are always grateful for the support.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 2nd September
PFA Fathers Day Stall

Wednesday 3rd September
Gr 5C & 5W Excursion

Thursday 4th September
Gr 5M & 5S Excursion

Friday 5th September
Prep Fathers Day Breakfast
Gr3/4 Hoop Time

11th - 12th September
VSSS Tech Rehearsal Days

Thursday 11th September
R U OKAY Day?
Grade 4 Police Incursion

Saturday 13th September
VSSS Show DAY

Monday 15th September
School Council

Tuesday 16th September
Grade 5 BSC Taster Day

Wednesday 17th September
Division Athletics

Thursday 18th September
Prep Incursion

Friday 19th September
Footy Road Show Day
END OF TERM



2025 PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey with the school community. All families are invited to participate in the survey. Results will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. I ask you to please take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

- The survey will be conducted online and should take 20 minutes to complete.
- The survey can be completed on any internet enabled device (iPad, Desktop or Laptop, Smartphone) and is compatible with most browsers.
- The survey will be open from Monday August 18 to Friday September 19.
- The survey is available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali and Punjabi. Please follow the instructions below to complete the survey.

Next Monday the link to the survey will be sent out on Compass and we ask that families take time to complete the survey. Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Last Friday marked the 100th day of school for our Prep students! This milestone was celebrated on Friday, with students participating in a variety of activities based around the number '100'. We congratulate all our wonderful Prep students and acknowledge the efforts of our amazing Prep staff who have supported and nurtured our students throughout this early part of their schooling, setting up a solid foundation for their ongoing learning and wellbeing.



PLANNING FOR 2026 - ARE YOU LEAVING THE BASIN PS?

We ask that you let us know if you are moving or have enrolled to another school in 2026. 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.

Have a great week
David Orlandi
Principal



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK @ TBPS!

We have had such a fun time exploring our National Science Week 2025 theme of 'Decoding the Universe'! From investigating spirals and the Fibonacci sequence, creating planets and looking at symmetry in butterflies and leaves, our students (and teachers!) have embraced their inner 'mad Scientist'!



ONLINE SCIENCE STALL - Science Supply Australia

**The Basin Primary School
Pop Up Science Stall**

www.funscience.com.au/discount/BASINPS

SSA
Science Supply Australia
Chemistry with Clients

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

There is still time to purchase from the online Science Stall hosted by Science Supply Australia. Using the link below, you can explore the Science themed kits, toys and experiments that they have on offer, with 10% of all sales returning to our Science program. The code 'BASINPS' will be automatically applied at checkout for free delivery to TBPS from the 25th August (purchases must be made by the 18th August).

<https://www.funscience.com.au/discount/BASINPS>

Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up.

*This week, our school participated in **Bullying No Way!** Week, a national initiative that recognises the importance of taking action against bullying.*

*Throughout the week, students engaged in classroom discussions and activities that explored this year's key themes: **Be Bold, Be Kind, and Speak Up.***

These conversations encouraged students to reflect on what bullying looks like, how it affects others, and, most importantly, what they can do to create a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

By working together and embracing kindness, we continue to build a school community where everyone feels respected, valued, and included.

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK
11TH - 15TH AUGUST 2025

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is when someone **repeatedly** and **intentionally** hurts another person—physically, verbally, socially, or online. It often happens when there is a **power imbalance**, such as greater strength, social influence, or access to information.

- **Physical:** hitting, pushing, or damaging belongings
- **Verbal:** name-calling, threats, or hurtful teasing
- **Social:** excluding others or spreading rumours
- **Online:** using technology to embarrass, threaten, or harass

Bullying is **not** just a disagreement or a one-off mean comment—it's ongoing behaviour that impacts a person's wellbeing and sense of belonging.

At our school, we work together to promote **kindness, respect, and speaking up** to keep our community safe for everyone.

Be Bold:
You have the
power to help

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK
11th - 15th AUGUST 2025

Be Kind:
Small actions
make a big impact

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK
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Speak Up:
Speak up against
bullying

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK
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TIPS FOR FAMILIES

- **Talk openly** with your child about their day and their friendships.
- **Model kindness** in everyday interactions—children notice how adults treat others.
- **Encourage speaking up** when they see unfair behaviour, even if it's small.
- **Reassure them** it's always okay to ask for help from a trusted adult.
- **Stay informed**—visit the Bullying No Way! website for resources and advice.





This is your friendly reminder to keep reading over the next few weeks!

The Premiers Reading Challenge finishes on 5th September so you have 23 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!



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> or 132 849.

WHATS HAPPENING IN SPECIALIST PROGRAMS DURING TERM 3

ART

This term, the art room is buzzing with colour and creativity! We're kicking off with our exciting Glow Zone installation, where every grade is contributing both individual masterpieces and collaborative works to bring our neon Glow Barrier Reef to life. These vibrant creations will be featured in our upcoming **Art Show on October 29th, Save the Date!**

After diving deep into the reef, we'll shift our focus to our First Nations Art unit, exploring the powerful tradition of storytelling through Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. Students will learn the cultural significance behind these stories and create meaningful artworks inspired by them. It's shaping up to be a bright and inspiring term in the art room!



PERFORMING ARTS

We are learning Drama!

Our youngest students will explore drama through play and imagination. They'll use their bodies, and emotions to act out characters and tell short stories in fun games and activities.

Grade 1 & 2: Students will enjoy lots of drama games and activities. They'll create and share small performances with their classmates and start to learn how people in different cultures enjoy and perform drama.

Grade 3 & 4: Students will begin creating and performing their own drama pieces for an audience. They'll explore how drama is made and performed in different times, places, and cultures.

Grade 5 & 6: Students will focus on improvisation, script work, and performing for an audience. They will learn how to bring characters and stories to life, work in groups to create drama pieces, and reflect on different styles of drama from around the world.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Term 3, students will be covering the following topics across Sports and Physical Education:

Grades Prep-2 - Students in Prep - 2 will be showcasing their bouncing and shooting skills in basketball and will have specialist tennis coaches in their PE sessions.

Grades 3/4 - Students in grade 3/4 will be having their swimming and water safety program, have the chance to participate at hoop time and Athletics. In PE sessions, students will be focusing on tennis with a specialist coach and preparing for Hoop Time with our basketball unit.

Grades 5/6 - Students in grade 5/6 will be having their swimming and water safety program, have the chance to participate at athletics and a variety of winter and summer sports. In PE sessions, students will be focusing on tennis with a specialist coach and work on their soccer skills.

All students will have the chance to participate in the AFL Footy Roadshow and dress in their favourite team's colour.

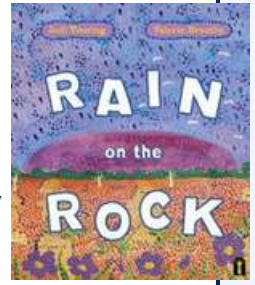


WHATS HAPPENING IN SPECIALIST PROGRAMS DURING TERM 3

CULTURAL STUDIES

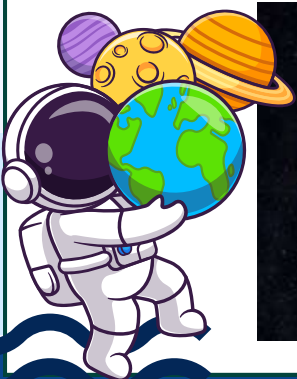


This term in Cultural Studies, students are learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. They will explore what "Country" means, learn about traditional seasonal calendars, and discover the significance of sacred places like Uluru and Budj Bim. Students will also listen to Dreaming stories, investigate cultural symbols, and reflect on the importance of caring for Country. We're looking forward to a thoughtful and creative term as we deepen our understanding of Australia's First Peoples.



SCIENCE

This term is all about **Earth and Space Sciences!** Prep students will become weather experts, while our Grade 1s will be looking at ways for us to be sustainable and to look after our planet. We are grabbing our Solar System passports in Grade 2 and investigating the space above us, while our Grade 3s are focussing on the soils, rocks and minerals beneath our feet. Grade 4 students will explore the real-world issues of extreme weather and human impact on our climate. Our Grade 5s will embark on a greater journey into space as they examine the way that gravity influences the movement of celestial objects, and finally, it will be an extreme experience for our Grade 6 students as they study the dynamic structure of the Earth and the impact on volcano formation, eruptions, earthquakes and tsunamis.



LIBRARY

This term in Library is sure to be a fun!

Book Week takes place in week 5, kicking off on Monday 18th August with our annual Book Week Dress Up Parade. During this week classrooms will be decorating their doorways and there will be competition matching teachers to their favourite books.

This year in Book Week we celebrate 80 years of the Children's Book Council of Australia acknowledging Australian authors and illustrators and boy do we have some great writers in our country.

During Library sessions all grades will be listening to many of the 2025 shortlisted books and doing a related activity.

In the second half of the term we cover topics such as families, insects, with a focus on bees, ethics and the upper grades will be looking at the Dewey decimal system.

As always, children are encouraged to borrow plenty of books during their library lessons. We have an army of people working behind the scenes cataloguing and covering the new books that are always landing in our library!

Finally...the Premiers Reading Challenge continues until 5th September. This gives you plenty of days to keep adding books to your personal profile! Happy Reading!



Grade 4 Boronia K-12 Incursion

On Thursday 7th August, the Grade Fours visited our neighbouring school, Boronia K-12. They got an insight into high school life, participating in classes such as food tech, science and woodwork. The students had a great time, it was an amazing opportunity for them to have a taste of what high school will be like in a couple years, and sparked a lot of excitement!

Matilda T 4S - "When we went it was really fun because each class got to do two activities each. In woodwork, we made keyrings, in food tech we made apple and blueberry crumble and in science we used special ink to create invisible messages."

Eve L 4H - "All of the specialists for the classes were really amazing, they treated us so nicely. The playground and gaga pit was awesome."

Phoebe H 4L - "The excursion was so interesting and fun, the teachers were super nice. I really enjoyed the woodwork class."

Tayla 4D - "I loved learning how to cook the apple and berry crumble. We learnt how to use the oven safely, and we spoke about healthy foods."



Prep excursion to Kew Traffic School



As part of our Integrated Studies unit My Health and Safety, the Prep students headed off on an exciting excursion to Kew Traffic School on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st July. The students had a fantastic time learning how to stay safe as pedestrians, cyclists and passengers. They loved riding the bikes, following road signs, using traffic lights and practising how to cross the road safely.

Here is what the Prep students had to say:

Henry G: The Traffic School really good! The scooters were really fast! I was in front before Mitchell overtook me.

Toby N: I loved riding the bikes and playing cops and robbers

Lachlan S: I liked that there were real traffic lights and I had to stop my bike and scooter when they were red. You could still go when they were orange. I learnt Stop, Look, Listen, Think to cross the road.

Ayla H: I liked playing with my friends. I dressed up as a police officer and a lollypop person!

It was such a fun day filled with hands-on learning and imaginative play. The Preps did a great job remembering the road safety rules and showed wonderful listening and teamwork throughout the day!





SNOW TRIP 2025



On the 6th of August, 40 students (37 Year 6 and 3 Year 5) from The Basin Primary School and six parents/teachers went to Mount Baw Baw. They left school at 6:30 am, and everyone was full of determination and ready for adventure.

Some students felt like it took a long time on the bus to get to Mt Baw Baw in the dark. They stopped at Yarragon for a toilet and food break. In total, it took three hours to get to the top of the mountain.

When they arrived at Mt Baw Baw, it was super cold outside – roughly 2 °C. Luckily, there was a change room right next to the bus so everyone could change into their warm snow clothes. Some people hired gear at Mt Baw Baw Ski Hire, but everyone hired ski boots and skis. It took a lot of effort to get the ski boots on. Lucas said, “They were so hard to walk in – it felt like you were wearing bricks!”

Next, they got onto the snow! Most people had never seen or touched snow before, so it was very exciting. Students were split into four groups, with about ten in each. One group had skied before, while the rest had not skied before or did not want to challenge themselves. They were with their instructors for two hours, and everyone improved as the day went on – with lots of fun and falls.

After the lessons, they had free time. There was a snowball fight going on while people were skiing, and they had roughly one hour of fun time. A Year 6 student named Kobe said, “It was so fun, especially when I went to the top!” So many people fell over! Hamish stated, “I fell and did a 360 in the air in the snow. It was not fun for me, but funny for others.”

Afterwards, everyone took off their skis and ski boots, then got back on the bus with big beaming smiles on their faces. It took three hours to get home. Most kids wanted to go to bed, even though it was only 6:30 pm, and when they arrived at school, all the parents were waiting.

When asked about the trip, many students said it was the best excursion they’d ever been on and that they cannot wait to go back to the snow again soon!

Thank you to Mr Jones for organising and running the event, and another thank you to the other staff who helped: Mrs Houghton, Mrs Dell, Mr Orlandi and Mitch M.

Written by Lucas Dell of 6J



100 Days of Prep 2025

Our Prep students recently celebrated an exciting milestone, 100 days of school!

The day was filled with fun, learning, and laughter as we marked this special occasion. Students made colourful necklaces from 100 Fruit Loops, danced the day away at a disco, and crafted brightly coloured crowns to wear proudly. We were also thrilled to welcome parents and special guests to watch a special assembly dedicated to our 100 days of learning and growing.

We are so proud of how much our Prep students have achieved in their first 100 days – their hard work, enthusiasm, and joy for learning have been inspiring to see!



GRADE 3 EDENDALE FARM EXCURSION

Last week, our Grade 3 students enjoyed an action-packed day at Edendale Farm. On the Sustainable Farm Tour, students got to meet and feed the animals and heard about how they manage the farm sustainably. In Consumption Down, they learned clever ways to reduce waste, while Food Footprint helped them see how our food choices impact the planet. The Grow Your Own activity inspired everyone to try planting and caring for their own food at home. It was a fun and eye-opening day that left us all feeling like future sustainability champions!

Farm Tour

"I liked feeding the chickens. The sheep were so fluffy!" - Leo F

"I liked feeding the goats and sheep." - Basil S

"I liked seeing the chickens. We named them Furryfeet and Chickeno!" - Luca H

Consumption Down

"We should think about what you buy at the shops and what would be better for the environment." - Ivy D

"Now I know we can't throw batteries in landfill because harmful chemicals can leak into the ground." - Ben D

"I never knew that it matters where your food came from. It is bad for the planet if food has to travel a long way to get to you." - Rose H

Food Footprint

"We need to make sure we check the packaging on our food to see where it has travelled from and if it has travelled from somewhere close it is much better for the environment." - Zoe G

"If you don't eat the odd types of fruits and vegetables, the farmers have to throw away so much of their food that can be eaten." - Annika J

Grow Your Own

"I liked how we got to plant our own seeds. The pot was made out of coconut." - Torah D

"We potted our own bean plant and we got to hold a worm. It was cool how it moved around on my hand." - Lincoln P





Award Winners - Week 3 - Term 3



ALL GIFTS \$5.00

TUES 2ND SEPTEMBER

FAMILIES CAN MAKE PAYMENT VIA COMPASS UNTIL MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER. AFTER THIS DATE STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BRING CASH ON THE TUESDAY.

THURS 4TH SEPTEMBER

THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND TUESDAY, OR WISHING TO BUY A SECOND GIFT, CAN VISIT THE STALL ON THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER (CASH ONLY).

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

PLEASE SIGN UP VIA THE LINK [VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/P9BFX](https://volunteersignup.org/P9BFX)

THANKS IN ADVANCE, THE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Basin Primary School PFA Presents
A NIGHT OF FLANNELETTE, MULLET & MAYHEM



Friday 29 August 2025

Arrive from 7.00pm

TBPS Performing Arts Room

BYO Nibbles & Drinks (Yes, alcohol is permitted!)

Dress to Impress (or Distress)



Grab your bogan crew & book a table
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PLUS a Whole School Silent Auction



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SUNDAY AUGUST 31st
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Club Memorabilia, Merchandise,
Giveaways and much more!

THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
BASKETBALL STADIUM



The Basin OSHClub Updates



It is hard to believe that we are nearly halfway through Term 3 already! We have been getting up to plenty of interesting things at OSH throughout the last fortnight– here are some highlights!

Garden Refresh

One of our veggie patches has been looking a bit worse for wear as we haven't been doing much gardening due to the cold weather. We took full advantage of the longer days and sunshine we've been having throughout the last couple of weeks, by getting the children outside, cleaning up and planting new seeds in our OSHClub garden. We've planted some veggies, herbs, and flowers, which the children are looking forward to watching grow as we come into spring! Gardening gives us a great opportunity to get some fresh air and learn more about plants and nature.

Senior-ran Breakfast Café

The senior children here at OSH have been showing a keen interest in getting involved in the kitchen in the morning, as they are often helping the younger children prepare their breakfast. We thought we would take advantage of this by encouraging the year 5 and 6 students to run a weekly breakfast café, where they assist the educators to make a yummy breakfast and some warm drinks for the group. It has been a great success - they have been doing such a wonderful job working together and developing their food preparation skills, while also having fun with their friends!

Cooking Club

For last weeks 'Cooking Club,' the children prepared some yummy rice paper rolls, inspired by Vietnamese cuisine. We filled our rolls with fresh carrot, cucumber and avocado, as well as vermicelli noodles. Some of the children chose to dip theirs in some sweet chili sauce for some extra flavour. While the veggie-filled rolls were delicious, the rice paper also provided a wonderful sensory experience and helped the children develop their fine motor skills.



LET'S PLAY BALL!

Mini Sparks is back

intro to basketball for 5-8 year olds

Girls MON 4:15 - 5pm on 18/8 & 25/8

@KILSYTH BASKETBALL STADIUM COURT 3

Boys WED 4:45 - 5:30pm 10/09 & 17/09

@KILSYTH BASKETBALL STADIUM COURT 3

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