

The Basin Primary School

Newsletter



IMPORTANT DATES

2026 School Dates

Term 1

January 28th – April 2nd

Term 2

April 20th – June 26th

Term 3

July 13th – Sept 18th

Term 4

Oct 5th – Dec 18th

2026 CALENDAR DATES

Tuesday 21st April

NEVR Choir Rehearsal 1

Wednesday 22nd April

Selected Gr 6 Students @ Anzac Service

School Anzac Day Service @ 11am

Friday 24th April

House Athletics Day (Grade 3-6)
PFA Fundraiser - Moonlight Cinema

Tuesday 28th April

VSSS Mass Dance Rehearsal

Friday 1st May

Prep Excursion - Melbourne Zoo

Tuesday 5th May

Grade 4 Excursion - CERES
Grade 2 Excursion - IMAX and Museum
NEVR Choir Rehearsal 2

Wednesday 6th May

Grade 1 'Little Woodworkers' Incursion

Friday 8th May

Prep Mothers Day Breakfast
District Athletics



Welcome back to another term. We trust that you had a good break over the holiday period and were able to spend some time together as a family, and recharging the batteries in preparation for another fantastic term.

Thank you so much for your generous donations and purchases for our Easter raffle. We truly couldn't do it without your support, our community makes it all possible!

Our hard working PFA have organized a Moonlight Cinema Night for this Friday and the weather forecast is for a lovely evening with no rain in sight. We look forward to seeing our families on Friday evening and enjoying a great community event.



CROSS COUNTRY

The whole school Cross Country held on the last day of Term 1 was a fantastic event and it was so good to see so many families come along and support the students as they participated. The students did an outstanding job, students striving to do their personal best and encouraging others on the day. Good luck to all those who will be representing the school at the District Cross Country. Go Team TBPS!!



Wednesday 13th May

NEVR Concert Day



Friday 15th May

Open Morning/Walk to School
9:15am to 11am

Tuesday 19th May

Grade 3 Incursion

Thursday 21st May

Girls Division Football (selected students)
C.A.T Maths Competition (5/6)

Friday 22nd May

Winter Sports Day 1

Tuesday 26th May

Grade 2 Incursion - Andrew Wegener

Wednesday 27th May

Division Cross Country

Thursday 28th May

Prep Bunnings Planting Incursion

Friday 29th May

Winter Sports Day 2

Tuesday 2nd June

Grade 3 Excursion

Thursday 4th June

Chess Tournament

Fri 5th June

5/6 Courage to Care Program

Monday 8th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY "Kings Birthday"

Tuesday 9th June

VSSS Mass Rehearsal - Day 3

Thursday 11th June

Regional Cross Country

Friday 19th June

Prep Incursion

Thursday 25th June

Curriculum Day "3 Way, Teacher, Student, Parent/s conference"

YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION

Starting secondary school is one of the biggest steps in your child's life. As there are a variety of options for your child's secondary education, choose a school to suit your child's needs. You may want to make a list of things that are important to you and your child or visit the schools you are interested in; they welcome enquiries and will organise a time to visit.

An important step is to involve your child in deciding which secondary school they will attend. The following questions may assist you as you consider which secondary school will best benefit your child:

- Will the school cater for your child's needs and interests?
- How does the school support children with additional needs?
- How important is it that your child knows other children at the school?
- Does your family have a connection to a particular school?
- Do you have older children already attending a secondary school?

It is important that families read this information carefully and adhere to the timeline provided. All enrolment forms for Year 7 were sent home early this week to all Grade 6 students and need to be returned to school by **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 8.**

The Department of Education has a website that will help you to identify your local public school online.

By clicking on the following link and entering your home address, you will see the school catchment area in which you live.

www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au

ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2027

We are currently receiving high interest for our 2026 Prep enrolments and need to establish how many siblings of our enrolled students are due to start at The Basin next year. The priority of placement for new students dictates that children who reside in the designated school zone and those who are siblings of current students have the highest priority. We ask that families within The Basin PS community who have a child who is due to commence Prep in 2027 please enrol as soon as possible. This year enrolments are completed online <https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep>.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed your enrolment.

David Orlandi - Principal

Whats Happening this Term in SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

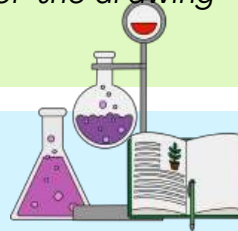
Visual Arts Specialist

Aly Allcock

In Term Two, students will explore the art of collage, investigating how artists use a range of mixed media to communicate ideas, stories, and meaning. Through a variety of engaging themes including insects, portraits, tigers, and the work of First Nations artists celebrating Country and cultural traditions students will examine different sources of inspiration and artistic purpose. This learning supports students in exploring and responding to artworks, while developing their ability to express ideas and perspectives through visual arts.

Students will build practical skills in tearing, cutting, folding, layering, and creating juxtaposition, while experimenting with materials to construct meaningful compositions. They will also reflect on how collage can be used to represent identity and culture in creative ways. We are excited to see the incredible work our students produce this term.

A reminder that there is still time to submit entries for the drawing competition entries are due Friday, 1st May.



Science Specialist Mrs Bennett, Science

This term we are diving into Chemical Sciences, exploring materials, matter and how things change through lots of experiments, investigations and real world connections.

Here's a quick look at what each year level will be getting up to:

Our **Prep** students will be exploring everyday materials, learning what things are made from and what makes them special.

Grade 1 will be investigating the properties of materials and starting to explore what happens when materials are changed or mixed together.

In **Grade 2**, students will build on their understanding of materials by exploring how and why they change, and thinking about what we can do about those changes.

Grade 3 will be learning about solids, liquids and gases, and what happens when heat is added or taken away.

Grade 4 will be using the particle model to help explain how matter behaves and why it changes between states

Grade 5 & 6 students will be investigating physical and chemical changes and looking at the clues that help us tell the difference. They will also explore the science behind chemical changes we see in everyday life.

I am looking forward to a really fun term full of curiosity, discovery and plenty of hands-on learning!

Performing Arts

Kristin MacDonald (F-2) & Colin Hartley (5/6)



In **Foundation to Grade 2**, students explore movement and use their imagination to create simple dances using their bodies.

In **Grades 3 and 4**, students create short dance sequences and explore how and why people dance across different cultures and communities. They develop understanding of the elements of dance (body, action, space, time, energy and relationship) while building confidence performing for others.

In **Grades 5 and 6**, students explore the elements of music through the "Stick and Bucket Drumming" program. They use voice, instruments and technology to create, perform and respond to music, applying musical skills and terminology across a range of styles, cultures and contexts.



LIBRARY and AUSLAN

Jen Wiersema and Abbe Saward



This term in the **Library**, the whole school will begin by exploring ANZAC Day, sharing a selection of books such as Old Fellow, The Hidden Hat, and ANZAC Biscuits.

Throughout the term, Prep students will focus on stories that highlight personal character traits, while Grade 1/2 students will explore picture story books about insects.

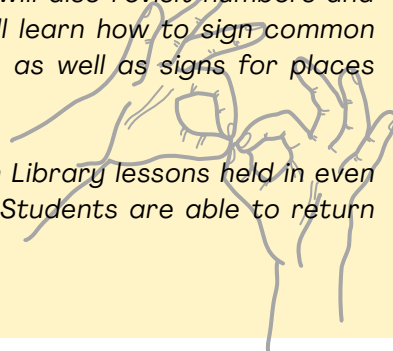
In the middle years, Grade 3/4 students will engage with non-fiction texts, developing introductory research skills and learning how to locate non-fiction resources within the library.

Grade 5/6 students will focus on picture story book writing, exploring how some of Australia's well-known children's authors began their careers. They will then apply their learning by creating their own picture story books to share with the junior school at the end of the term.

The enthusiasm from all students to learn **Auslan** in Term 1 was wonderful to see, and we're excited to continue building this momentum in Term 2.

Students will keep developing their knowledge of the Auslan alphabet, using fingerspelling to sign names. They will also revisit numbers and basic greetings. In addition, students will learn how to sign common questions (such as who, what, and why), as well as signs for places and friends.

Children visit the library each week, with Library lessons held in even weeks and Auslan lessons in odd weeks. Students are able to return and borrow books every week.



Physical Education (PE)

Simon Orenshaw

Prep-2

In Prep to 2 classes, students will be revisiting the skills associated with AFL, Soccer, Netball and basic hand eye co-ordination activities. Throughout these invasion based sports/activities students will fine tune their FMS skills and build confidence when kicking, catching and throwing.

3-6

In grades 3 - 6, students will have an opportunity to participate in our annual House Athletics Day in the following events: 100m, 200m, 800m, hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put and Discus. This day celebrates all students' achievements and helps us select our District Athletics team. The main focus in Term 2 will be developing our game sense in our invasion games sports. Students will understand why transition, defence and offence are important throughout the sports of AFL, Netball, Soccer and Handball.

Early morning start/Sports Club

Early morning start is on every Thursday morning from 8:30-8:50 in which students will be focusing on using equipment to what we're using in PE.

Sports Club is on every Monday morning from 8:20-8:50 in which will cover 2 different sports each term. There will be a google form sent out to sign up as we run structured sessions.

SPORTS Overview

In Term 2 we will have many different sporting opportunities for students including the following below:

House Athletics Day
District, Division, Regional Cross Country
Girls Football
Winter Sports x2 Day (AFL, Netball, Soccer (Football), T-Ball and Lawn Bowls)

REGIONAL SWIMMING SPORTS 2026

On Tuesday 31st of March, our swimming team, consisting of 4 students, represented our school in an amazing way at the Regional Swimming Sports. Each member of our team can be very proud of their efforts on the day. A special mention needs to be made to these girls for reaching such a high level of swimming!

Well done and good luck to Hollyblue P, Harper C, Isla W and Scarlett W.

Results were as follows:

TEAM

9/10 Girls Relay - 8th 2.53.76 PB : Harper C, Hollyblue P, Isla W, Scarlett W

INDIVIDUAL

Hollyblue P : 6th 9/10G Backstroke 44.52 PB and 11th 9/10G Breaststroke 53.01 PB

Scarlett W : 10th 9/10G Butterfly 52.32 PB



SCHOOL HOLIDAY DRAWING COMPETITION!
 Let Your Imagination Run WILD!
 Create a drawing that is...
UNIQUE CREATIVE 100% YOU!

There are **no** limits – draw anything you can imagine!

What you need to do:

- Use an A4 page (collect from the Art Room if needed)
- Fill it with your most **creative** and **original** idea!
- Use any drawing materials you love!

Due Date: End of Week 2

Hand in: Art Room

Get creative, take your time, and most importantly...
HAVE FUN DRAWING!

The Basin Primary School's
Moonlight Cinema Night

FRIDAY 24 APRIL 26 | 6.30PM
MOVIE STARTS

SHOWING: A MINECRAFT MOVIE

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK TICKETS
 OR VISIT TRYBOOKING.COM/DKVG7

SINGLE TICKETS
 \$10 per Adult - \$8 per Child
 Kids 2 & under are Free

FAMILY PASS
 Up to 2 Adults & 3 Kids \$30

ON THE OVAL FROM 5PM - BRING A BLANKET OR CHAIRS
 POPCORN, CHOC TOPS, LOLLY BAGS & DRINKS
 AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT



2026 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 2nd of April we held our annual House Cross Country event around our beautiful grounds. It was such a great atmosphere and so nice to have parents and family members sharing the day with us. You couldn't help but admire the determination and enthusiasm of our students. The never give up attitude that is a part of our school culture was on display for all to see. All competitors can feel proud of their efforts. At the completion of all events it was Ferndale who were our Cross Country Champions for 2026. Many thanks to all parents and staff for their support of this event. Special thanks to all students who assisted in setting up and packing up. Thanks also to all of our house captains for the incredible job they did in assisting the running of the event throughout the day.

Overall results were as follows:

1st FERNDALE (GREEN) 929

2nd CHANDLER (YELLOW) 699

3rd DOONGALA (BLUE) 658

4th MILLER (RED) 642

Well done to those who achieved a personal best result and participated on the day! Your never give up attitudes were amazing to see and we encourage you to keep striving to achieve all of your sporting goals!

To those who placed top 10 in their age group, I wish you all the best in the upcoming District Cross Country Event on Friday May 8th at Kings Park.







ANZAC DAY SERVICES

On Wednesday 22nd April, our school participated in two ANZAC Day services. One was held at school, while a selected group of Grade 6 students attended the Rotary Club of Boronia's annual service at the Arboretum.

ANZAC Day, held on April 25 each year, is a time for Australians and New Zealanders to remember and honour the soldiers who served and sacrificed in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping missions. It marks the anniversary of the landing of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli in 1915, and is an important opportunity for reflection, respect and gratitude.





The Basin Community House

Yoga with *Wendy*

Take some time out for yourself at the end of the school week. Join Wendy, a highly experienced instructor with over 30 years in practice, for a relaxed and welcoming yoga class suitable for all levels.

Fridays, 9:30am – 11:00am

24 April – 26 June

A great way to unwind, stretch, and reset for the weekend.

thebasincommunityhouse.org.au

Ph- 9761 0209



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Got a special talent ?

Become a Trainer at our Community House

Do you have a passion, a talent, or unique skill you would like to share with others.

We are on the lookout for enthusiastic trainers to join our Community House team.

Contact Miriam
Email manager@tbch.org.au
Ph- 9761 0209



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Canva/Photobooks

Our tutor George will guide you through selecting and organising your photos, designing page layouts, and adding text, to bring your story together in a beautifully designed photobook.

Wednesdays 20 May -24 June
12:30-2:30pm



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Digital Skills

If you feel like your digital skills could use a little help, we have 2 classes to help you make the most of your smart phone or tablet.

Level 1 on Fridays from May 1st
Level 2 on Wednesdays from April 29th
9:30 am - 12pm



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For more details on these courses, or to find out what else we are offering in Term 2, as well as for enrolments, please head to our website

thebasincommunityhouse.org.au

or call us on 9761 0209 between 9:15am and 3pm Monday to Friday.



THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

At our school, students enjoy meaningful learning experiences alongside a wide variety of educational opportunities.

- ✓ High Quality Educational Programs
- ✓ Outstanding Student Wellbeing and Supports
- ✓ Strong Community Focus



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**BAYSWATER NORTH
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skills for life

OPEN DAY SAT, MAY 9TH

Integrated 3-4 year old groups

Saturday May 9th

17 Wonthulong Drive
Bayswater North 3153
10-11.30am

Meet our dedicated educators and explore everything our beautiful centre has to offer. Bookings not required.

More information
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bayswaternorth@ykinders.org.au
MIKA.org.au



Bushland
Excursions

Thursday April 23
5:30pm - 8:00pm



Knox Government Schools Information Evening

An opportunity to meet the Principals and school leaders from Knox Government Primary and Secondary Schools

Knox Civic Centre
511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South

Primary School Information session
5:30pm and 7:00pm

Secondary School Information Session
6:00pm and 7:30pm



Vocal Health Workshop



Sunday 3rd May
4.30pm AEST

This **online** workshop is designed to increase **awareness and knowledge** about the voice while providing **daily voice exercises** that can reduce harmful or abusive vocal behaviours.

Book Today!

<https://www.trybooking.com/DKZYL>