

The Basin Primary School

Newsletter



UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 30th October
Gr 5 Elephant Ed Day 2

Friday 31st October
Halloween Dress up Day -
MakeAWish foundation

Monday 3rd November
Curriculum Day
(No School for STUDENTS)

Tuesday 4th November
Melbourne Cup
(Public Holiday)

Wednesday 5th November
Colchester Park Preschool
Visit

Thursday 6th November
State Athletics

Friday 7th November
Grandparents/Special Friends
Day



Monday 10th November
Grade 1 - Puffing Billy
Excursion

Tuesday 11th November
2026 Prep Transition Session 2

Friday 14th November
Regional Hoottime3/4
Hoottime All Stars

2025 Land Down Under - Art Show



The Art Show on Wednesday was a truly fantastic celebration of creativity and talent. The event transformed the stadium into our very own art gallery, filled with colour, imagination, and expression. Our students proudly displayed their artworks and it was a joy to see them taking their families along to show off their pieces of art with such pride.

From the under water glow room to the range of paintings and pottery pieces the students skills were showcased and it was a great opportunity to celebrate our Art program.

Our talented Visual Arts teacher Mrs Aly Allcock deserves a lot of praise for not only organizing such an amazing event, but for having the vision to pull together all the students pieces to create the displays for the show. Our thanks also to those parents and staff who had spent considerable time in assisting prior to and on the day.

IMPORTANT DATES

17th - 19th

Grade 3 Camp

Tuesday 25th November

2026 Prep Transition Session
3

Thursday 27th November

Preps Local Walk

1st - 5th December

Prep - 2 Swimming Program

Tuesday 2nd December

Christmas Carols
5:30pm - 7pm

Friday 5th December

State Hooptime - Future Star
Girls
5/6 STEAM presentation day

Saturday 6th December

The Basin Triangle Carols

8th - 12th December

Prep - 2 Swimming Program

8th - 10th December

Grade 4 Camp

Monday 8th December

2026 Prep Information Night

Tuesday 9th December

Year 6 Transition Day

Thursday 11th December

Prep Marvellous Materials
Exhibition

2026 School Dates

Term 1

Jan 27th – April 2nd

Term 2

April 20th – June 26th

Term 3

July 13th – Sept 18th

Term 4

Oct 5th – Dec 18th

2026 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS

We are about to start the process of making plans for teacher and student placements for 2026. This is a complex process involving a range of factors and allocations. Student and teacher placements will not be finalised until later in the school year. Each year the staff work through a comprehensive process to form classes for the new year. Current teaching teams (including specialist teachers) develop prospective lists based on their knowledge of the students in relation to their academic, social/emotional and physical needs. I wish to offer parents an opportunity to provide, in writing, any special considerations in terms of any particular educational needs their child/ren may have, in line with school policy. Please be aware that we will consider all requests **but make no guarantees** that requests will be met. **Please note that specific requests for teachers will not be considered.** Any specific requests from parents in regard to the placement of their child/ren must be in writing on the Google Doc available through the link:

<https://forms.gle/HaByg3hVTGHjQJ1T7> by no later than **Friday October 31, 2025**. It is essential to have requests in by this date to assist with planning, staffing and organisation. Late requests will not be considered.

To further assist us in our planning for the 2026 school year it is imperative that we have as accurate a figure as possible of enrolments for 2026. If you know anyone who is intending to enrol their child at The Basin but hasn't done so already, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If they are unsure about the process, please direct them to call the office for assistance. It is equally important to know if any families of children currently in Prep to Year 5 are leaving The Basin in 2025. Please inform the office staff as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be returning so that this can be factored into 2026 planning.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

Parents of our Year 6 students will tell you that it doesn't seem that long ago that their child was starting school. The primary years seem to fly by and our Grade 6s are already three weeks into their final term of primary school. Secondary school can be a daunting thought for not only our students but parents as well. There are many questions, which I'm sure you have, which are not fully answered at information nights and orientation days. The Department of Education have developed an informative site, which provides hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school. The site is <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/tips-starting-school.aspx>

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL PERSONS DAY OPEN MORNING

Next Friday we look forward to opening up our classrooms for our Grandparents and Special Persons Day Open morning. Classrooms will be open from 9:00am to 10:30am for visitors to come and share in the learning that the students are doing before we have a morning tea at 10:30am. Visitors and students are encouraged if possible to join us at 8:30am from either The Basin Triangle, Batterham Park or Miller Park and join the teachers in a community walk to school.

We look forward to seeing our many visitors on the day.



From Monday November 10 through to Friday December 6 I will be the Acting Senior Education Improvement Leader for the Knox Network. This is to backfill whilst a member of the regional team are on leave. During this time, I will be working from the school so will be at The Basin but may at times need to step out of the school with this role. During this time Donna Krenn will be Acting Principal of the school.

Just a reminder that there is no school for students on Monday November 3 (Professional Practice Day) and Tuesday November 4 (Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday).

Have a great week, take care

David Orlandi

Prep Tinker Time!

A huge thank you to Bunnings Bayswater, Daniela De Martino MP and James Hardie for their generous donations to our Tinker Time program! Your contribution of paint, wood, hammers, screwdrivers, measuring tapes, nails, screws, and a toolbox will provide our students with the tools they need to explore, create, and develop their hands on skills. We truly appreciate your support in helping our learners engage in exciting and practical learning experiences.





ART SHOW



Grade 2 IMAX & Melbourne Museum Excursion

Last Thursday the Grade 2s went to Melbourne Museum and IMAX as part of their integrated topic on 'Minibeasts'!

We saw millions of different species of minibeasts in the bug exhibit, as well as learning more about their features and classifications in a special 'Living Things' workshop.

We also went to watch 'Mighty Micro Monsters' in IMAX where we saw minibeasts using their defence mechanisms up close!



- Some of our highlights were**
- Seeing the gigantic spiders in the Bugs Alive exhibit!
 - Zooming in on the dinosaur fossils.
 - Using magnifying glasses to look at bugs and predators in the workshop.
 - Seeing the scorpions, the butterfly and the trap door spider in the IMAX movie.
 - Wearing the 3D glasses at IMAX and feeling like we could touch the screen!



REGIONAL ATHLETICS REPORT – 2025

Last Thursday 11 of our outstanding athletes took part in the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Athletics Carnival at Doncaster Athletics Track. To qualify for this high level of competition they had progressed through district and division levels of competition. We are proud to say each competitor gave 100%, with many achieving personal best performances. Thank you to all family members who assisted with transport and came along to lend support. Huge congratulations to Nathaniel M, Jax S Archie D and Holly P who were magnificent in qualifying to compete in the State Championships at Lakeside Stadium Albert Park on Thursday 6th Nov.

800m – Nathaniel M 2nd(Silver), Spencer M 5th, Brody B 7th, Holly P 3rd (Bronze)



200m – Archie D 1st (Gold), Ryan R 6th , Harvey J 14th

4 x 100m Relay – Nathaniel M, Ryan R, Huddy G, James B 4th

High Jump – Jax S 1st (Gold)

1,500m – Spencer M 9th , Holly P 2nd (Silver)

Hurdles – Taya W 16th

Long Jump – Archie D 1st (Gold)

100m – Archie D 1st (Gold)



Prep Excursion to Scienceworks!

Our excited Prep students recently enjoyed a fantastic excursion to Scienceworks! The day was filled discovery as students explored hands on exhibits, experimented with light, sound and movement and learned about the world around them through play and investigation. A highlight was visiting Tinker Town and exploring the interactive Sportworks gallery, where everyone had a chance to test their speed, strength and balance. The Preps were curious, engaged and showed just how much they love learning through exploration! It was a wonderful day of fun, and teamwork. Many thanks to all of the parent helpers who attended on the day.

Here is what some highlights from our students –

‘I liked the bike riding machine that made the skeleton move’ by Leo.

‘I really liked Tinker Town because I was able to build really cool things’ by Leah.

‘I loved Tinker Town because we made a mermaid castle’ by Mia.

‘I enjoyed the pop it wall in Tinker Town’ by Sadie PM.



Week 3 Award Winners - Term 4



THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MARVELLOUS MACHINES

2025

COFFEE

RAFFLE

SAUSAGE
SIZZLE

FOOD
TRUCKS

MARKET
STALLS

KIDS
CORNER

**SUNDAY 23RD
NOVEMBER
10AM – 3PM**

**\$5 ENTRY
KIDS U12 FREE**

**COME & SEE AN INCREDIBLE SELECTION OF
CARS, BIKES, TRUCKS AND MORE!**

**SHOW OFF YOUR RIDE AND REV YOUR ENGINE TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!
INTERESTED IN DISPLAYING YOUR MARVELLOUS MACHINE?
CONTACT US AT MARVELLOUSMACHINES2025@GMAIL.COM OR 9762 1256**

PROUD PARTNERS



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GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

8:30AM TILL 10:45AM

CLASSROOMS WILL BE OPEN
9AM TILL 10:30AM.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS SESSION
GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN STUDENTS
FOR MORNING TEA. DON'T FORGET TO
PACK YOUR PICNIC.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY



8:30AM

START EARLY AND WALK TO SCHOOL
(IF YOU CAN) WITH TEACHERS, STUDENTS
AND SPECIAL GUESTS.

DEPARTURE LOCATIONS

THE BASIN TRIANGLE
MILLER PARK
BATTERHAM PARK

PARKING - IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO JOIN THE
COMMUNITY WALK, THERE WILL BE LIMITED
PARKING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

ALTERNATIVELY PARK OFF SITE AND WALK IN.



Student Voice Fundraiser

Hallowish

This Halloween come dressed
ready to TRICK and TREAT as we
raise money to help sick kids.

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

GOLD COIN DONATION

Make-A-Wish.
AUSTRALIA

At 3pm Student will participate in a
spooky disco dance. Please note there
will be NO assembly on this day.