



The Basin Primary School

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Newsletter

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JANUARY 30th

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

TERM DATES FOR 2020

TERM 1

29th Jan - 27th March

26th Feb—Curriculum Day

SCHOOL PHOTOS:

28th February

TERM 2

14th April - 26th June

TERM 3

13th July - 18th September

TERM 4

5th October - 18th December

FANTASTIC START!

After visiting classrooms yesterday I was so proud of the way our amazing students settled into the new school year. It was wonderful seeing the smiling faces of our students who were eager to start the new school year. To be honest there were a couple in shock realizing the holidays were over. Our focus in these first few weeks is on introducing classroom routines, establishing the 'Expectations & Behaviours' for the year, building strong relationships and creating a positive learning environment.

A very special welcome to all our new Preps plus ten other children across the school and all new families who are joining us for the first time. During February, our Prep staff will be conducting literacy and numeracy assessments on Wednesdays with their new students in preparation for the year. Prep parents will soon be able to book in for this assessment on one of the next 4 Wednesdays.

STAFFING NEWS

A special welcome to Julianne Wilson our new Literacy Learning Specialist & Grade 4 teacher and also to Nicole Snelleksz - Grade 1. We welcome back three Family Leave returnees in Kirsty Glendenning, Nicki Stephens & Jess Leach.

Congratulations to Claire and Luke Saliba on Sadie's safe arrival and to Brittany & Luke Davidson also on the safe arrival of Nate.

Congratulations to Caitlin Eagleton and Shaun on their engagement with an October wedding being planned.

Aaron Thomson (Mr T) will have a delayed start to the year following a water skiing accident and resulting knee surgery that will keep him grounded for a while – we wish him a speedy recovery.

FACILITIES

Over the holiday period the school library was relocated to the single portable building near the Grade 1/2 classrooms, the old library was converted into a classroom, the old shelter shed is being refurbished for the private music teachers to use, our major project builders MAYCON returned to carry out repair work, Mrs Krenn's office floor was replaced with a new level one and lastly a large gum near the staffroom and main path into the school was removed, as it had recently started dropping large limbs.

CURRICULUM DAYS / PUPIL FREE DAY

I would like to inform parents that we have our first Pupil Free Curriculum Day on Wednesday 26th February. We have been able to employ a wonderful and very popular Literacy consultant - Deb Sukarna, to work with us for the day.

ARRIVING EARLY

I would like to remind parents that the school yard is not supervised by staff until 8:45am each day so students should not be arriving until that time. This morning I received a call from a concerned neighbour who assisted a couple of our students at the crossing on Mountain Highway at 8:15am - which is way too early for children to be arriving! OSHCLUB operates in the school from 7am to 9am and from 3:30pm to 6pm and I encourage parents to use this program rather than their children arriving early at school.

SUNSMART

In line with our SunSmart policy students are required to wear a school hat from the start of September through to the end of April. School approved hats provide adequate protection and are available through the office or at the Uniform Shop. Students without a hat will be required to stay in the designated shaded areas. As a way of encouraging students to protect their skin long term we have a 'Hattslotto' program.

MOBILE POLICY

In line with DET's and our student policy, children who bring a mobile phone or a smart watch to school must hand it into the office at the start of the day and collect it at 3:30pm.

'UPDATE ON THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK' – see attachment at the end of the newsletter

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION on AIR QUALITY & WATER SUPPLY ADVICE Jan 21st

'If air quality is affected, schools can take actions to limit the impact of smoke, including keeping windows and doors closed, switching air conditioners to 'recirculate', and establishing a clean room sealed from smoke. Schools do not generally close due to poor air quality. However, under emergency circumstances, schools may contact their Regional Director to consider appropriate actions.'

'GETTING TO KNOW YOU INTERVIEWS'

I urge parents to take the opportunity to organise an interview with your child's new teacher scheduled for **Tuesday 18th Feb from 4:00 – 7:30pm or Wednesday 19th Feb from 4:00 to 6:00pm**. A letter explaining the online booking procedure will be distributed early next week. Interviews are for 10 minutes only and parents should take this opportunity to share information about their children with teachers. It is not an interview where teachers report on academic progress. Parents can arrange further meetings with teachers if required at a mutually agreed time.

Prep parents please note that interviews on Feb 18th and 19th are for families of children in Years 1 to 6. Your child's interview will take place following their Literacy/Numeracy assessment on one of the next 4 Wednesdays.

NO ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

There will NOT be an assembly this Friday as the classroom teachers continue to settle their students into the daily school routines in the first week of the school year.

ATTENDANCE

It is a legal responsibility for schools to keep track of student absences. Our school utilises the COMPASS Management System to record attendance. Parents are responsible for explaining all absences, including late arrivals and early departures. Any parents collecting children before the end of the school day, or at lunchtime, **must have a DISMISSAL slip from the office**. Any parent who goes directly to the classroom to collect a child, without a slip, will be sent to the office to obtain a slip. Parents who have forgotten their login or password, please see the office staff.

COMMUNICATION

The school introduced COMPASS emailing system in 2017. Teachers have the ability to email individual parents and/or all parents with information relevant to their child or class. Parents can also request an appointment with the teacher if they have any concerns. If you need assistance with how to use COMPASS, please see your classroom teacher or the office staff.

PARKING SPEED ZONE

I would ask that all parents old and new to the school that the speed limit in our carparks is 5 kph. This is for the safety of all students, their younger siblings, parents and staff.

STUDENT SAFETY – BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

As The Basin PS is close to the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges we have been placed on the '*Bushfire at Risk Register*'. Should there be a predicted "**CODE RED**" day, school community members will be notified three days prior to the predicted closure. One day prior to the closure day(s) another letter or SMS message will confirm the closure. If the school is closed, nobody will be on site - this includes all staff and students. As the *Out of School Hours Care Program* will also be closed, families will be required to make alternate arrangements for such days. In the next few weeks we will have an organised evacuation drill as part of our Emergency Management Plan.

Could I ask parents whose contact details have recently changed to notify the office please, especially if we need to send you a CODE RED message or your child is sick or injured!

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATED ADVICE ON CORONAVIRUS WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2020

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the situation regarding the emerging outbreak of novel coronavirus has continued to evolve.

The Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer have this afternoon recommended a stronger precautionary approach to managing coronavirus for travellers returned from Hubei province.

This recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any returning student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days:

- following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or
- After leaving Hubei Province.

Schools have been requested to provide providing a copy of the factsheet below to parents.

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

- Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).
- The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

- Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

- All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.
- Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus

The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.
- If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

Call 000 and request an ambulance, and

Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

- Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

- For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>
- For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>
- For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>
- WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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Graeme Russell

Happy Birthday to the following students



JANUARY

2nd Rhett C
Poppy K
Jordana L
3rd Blake M
Ruby J
4th Jaxon T
5th Ashlea K
6th Isabella F
7th Shelby B
Aria G
8th Tadhg G
10th Charlotte H
Charli D
11th Joshua S
13th Ethan K
Zara B
14th Abby B
15th Joshua F
Skye P
18th Matilda R
19th Charlotte D
Lachy G
20th Chelsea H
Emmy J
21st Spencer O
22nd Levi C
Forest K
Ryan M
William D
23rd Rylee H
24th Jake J
26th Sam H
27th Hannah W
28th Isabella C
Lachlan D
30th Zara C
31st Kaixin L



FEBRUARY

1st Andrew B





The Basin Primary School Lunch Order Menu

(Effective Monday January 2020)

Lunch orders are available on a Friday. Please clearly label bags/envelopes with name and class. Where possible please try and enclose the correct money however, change will be given if required. Please note that there is now a 5c charge for paper bags.

SAVOURY ROLLS

Cheese	\$1.50
Cheese and Bacon	\$2.00
Cheese, Bacon and Pineapple	\$2.50
Cheese, Bacon and Capsicum	\$2.40
Cheese, Bacon and Onion	\$2.40
Cheese, Bacon and Mushroom	\$2.40

HOT FOOD

Steak Pie	\$4.00
Vegetable Pastie	\$4.20
Sausage Roll (Plain or Savoury)	\$2.90
Spinach, Cheese and Potato Roll	\$3.20
Party Pies	\$1.20
Party Quiches	\$1.20
Hot Dogs	\$3.10

(Sauce 20c extra)

SANDWICH BAR

(White or Wholemeal Bread)

Ham	\$2.60
Chicken	\$3.20
Strass	\$2.60
Salami	\$2.60
Vegemite	\$1.80
Cheese	\$2.00
Salad	\$3.20

Extras

Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber and Capsicum	40c each
Rolls	30c

Cheese	60c
<u>SNACKS</u>	
Small Wagon Wheel	\$2.00
Gingerbread	\$1.60
Cinnamon Donut	\$1.10
Iced Donut	\$1.30

DRINKS

Juice Man 250ml - Tropical	
- Apple	
- Orange	\$2.00
Water 600ml	\$2.20





Piano Lessons available at The Basin Primary School.

Lessons times are available during school hours at The Basin Primary School and also after school and evenings for children and adults. If you are interested in Piano lessons for your child, or perhaps yourself, please contact me.

Learn music by playing music.

For more information, please contact:

David Bremner
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THE BASIN NETBALLERS

NEW PLAYERS

WANTED

for the winter 2020 season

We are particularly looking for any

Under 11

Under 13

Under 17 players

*but of course, are always excited to welcome any new players
and love seeing our current loyal players back.*

New season starts February 2020

To register your interest or
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