27th February

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
It is with pleasure that I announce to the school community the successful students who have been elected to represent their Grade level on the 2014 Junior School Council. JSC members will be presented with their badges at tomorrow’s assembly.

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- Deena El-Shabasei

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CYBER SAFETY

As parents and educators we are challenged by the opportunities that the digital revolution presents. Whilst twenty four hour online access to information has many positives there are pitfalls that can catch out unexperienced or naïve users. It is for this reason that teaching our children to become responsible digital citizens is extremely important. Just like in a playground, we aim for our students to make decisions that ensure the safety of all. Included in this newsletter is an article with some suggestions about how you can help your children to be cyber smart.

Keep your kids safe online

When your kids start to interact on the Internet -- playing games, watching YouTube videos, socializing in virtual worlds, getting homework help, and searching on Google -- you may feel that you're losing control over your kids' world. The best way to wrap your arms around your kids' online activities is to spend some time with them while they're visiting their favourite sites. Talk with them about what they like and what they don't.

Why Internet safety matters

Kids today can go online from so many different sources, including video game consoles, iPhones and smart phones, and even handheld gaming devices. Young people are increasingly living their lives online, and their digital devices are some of their favourite toys and tools. Shouldn't this new playground be a safe and nice place? With your guidance, it can be. Teaching Internet safety in the elementary years will have lasting rewards for you and your kids.

✧ Internet Safety Basics for Parents

✧ Help your kids understand that they should:

✧ Never share their names, schools, ages, phone numbers, or addresses;

✧ Never send pictures to strangers;

✧ Keep passwords private (except to parents);

✧ Never open email from strangers – it may contain viruses that can harm a computer; and Immediately tell an adult if something mean or creepy happens.

✧ Keep the computer in a central place so you can see what's going on.

✧ Use safe search settings for young kids or think about applying filtering software to limit inappropriate exposure.

✧ Establish expectations and limits about the amount of time your children spend online and what they do.

✧ But, mostly, be involved and have fun with them! Keeping kids safe and teaching them how to use digital technology responsibly is all about staying involved. Start by showing interest in the sites they visit and the games they play and your job will be a lot easier when they start exploring these technologies more independently.
SMS MESSAGING

Many thanks to all parents who supplied us their current mobile contact numbers and to Sarah Wallace our wonderful Business Manager for entering this data into our SMS Global folder. Tomorrow we will send out our very first trial SMS message. Primarily this system will alert parents if the school was to be closed following a Red Alert notification from the Department of Education. Other uses of this system could be to notify parents of event cancellations or for a number of different reminders and notifications.

Graeme Russell
**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

**WEEK 5 ENDING 28th FEBRUARY, 2014**

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<td>Darcy Stephen - for his positive attitude towards school and for being a friendly classmate.</td>
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<td>Kaylah Mitchell - for being so engaged in her reading and practising her CAFE strategy by tuning into interesting words.</td>
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<td>Tahj Garrity - Fantastic recount writing. Always putting in 100% effort.</td>
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<td>Miranda Cogdale- For her focus and improved speed when working in the classroom.</td>
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| Hanna Mesiano - for her outgoing and positive responses to all given tasks. Keep it up Hannall! | Sian Cribb - for her intelligent and creative arguments when discussing persuasive writing topics. Great work Sian!
The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep:
Ryder Nicol—for being a wonderful caring friend, who is always looking out for others.

Grade 1:
Tarj Nichols—for being considerate of others’ feelings. What a thoughtful friend he is to everyone. Well done Tarj.

Grade 2:
Charlotte Dobson—for always having a happy smile and a positive attitude. Awesome Charlotte!

Grade 3:
Emily Fox For always having a positive attitude and looking on the bright side.

Grade 4:
Zephyr Mitchell For having the confidence to nominate for Junior School Council Representative and congratulations on getting the leadership role. You are a star!
Brody Londregan—for his positive attitude towards his schooling and the happy smile he always has on his face!

Grade 5:
Tarni Mays—for having an optimistic approach during Bounce Back sessions.

Grade 6:
Jazmine Lacy—for realising that one bad thing doesn’t mean that everything is negative.
Keep up the optimistic attitude.

Bounce Back!
If you are paying the school fees by instalments, the second payment for plan A $45.00, plan B $70.00 and EMA $30.00 is now due.

February
27th Riley Mitchell
Blake Rule
Brock Riddell
28th Daniel Martin
March
1st Paddy Fimister
Charlotte Torkington
Jye Raistrick
Chelsea Hillier
Taylah Westerman
3rd Brodie Prescott

School Banking News

Thank you to all those that remembered their banking on Tuesday. Can I also ask you all too please remember to get your bank books to the office by 9:30 in the morning so the banking can be completed by 11. Each classroom should have a grey banking bag for your bank books to go in, so your book doesn’t get lost from your class. Can you also please remember to fill in your banking slips with your name, student number and amount your banking. This helps to stop errors being made when putting your money into your accounts.

Exciting News – Donna Menhennet has agreed to be my School Banking Helper on Tuesday Mornings to help get all your banking done in time. Welcome aboard Donna and Thank You!
Please email me at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com or call me, Jacqui on 0417145971 to find out how to get your banking set up so you too can join this wonderful program.

COMPETITION
What are you Saving For? What do you do to earn the money you bank?
Send a letter with your bank book answering these questions and go into the draw for a special prize. There will be 3 prizes drawn on the 25th March and the winners answers will appear in the Newsletter. I look forward to seeing your answers.

Happy Savings
Jacqui
PUPIL OF THE WEEK ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2014

BOUNCE BACK AWARD WEEK ENDING 28TH FEBRUARY 2014
THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL CHESS CLUB

Thursday 27th February 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Chess Club was a very successful program at The Basin Primary School last year and we are very excited to be able to offer it again. Northern Star Chess will again be tutoring our Chess Club with two experienced teachers who run coaching and tournaments each week. Last year students learnt a great deal about castling, dominating the centre of the board, electric fence, chess hugging and point scoring.

Chess club will be running this year in terms 2, 3 and 4. Chess Club is available to grades 2 to 6.

Northern Star Chess will run lessons during Friday lunch times. Lessons run for an hour. The cost for each term varies, though it is usually $6 per lesson for a ten week term.

“We, at Northern Star Chess, believe chess is a rare activity that engages children in a game, while helping them to develop thinking skills and habits that will be useful to them in all parts of their education and lives.”

Amy Hillier and Graeme Russell

My child _________________________ will be returning to Chess Club.

My child [ ] ________________ would like to begin Chess Club.

Parents Name ________________ Signature ____________________________
As part of our ‘Bounceback’ program at the school students are being reminded of the programs core values this Term, with one of them being ‘honesty’.

On Tuesday, I was confronted with the value of honesty. I was out for lunch with my wife as we were celebrating our wedding anniversary. After having our meals we paid the bill and as we got into the car my wife realised they didn’t put our drinks on the bill. That’s on top of getting our meals wrong earlier too! What do you do? We value honesty so walked back in to pay for our drinks.

Though our children weren’t with us this time, as parents we are their greatest source of learning the value of honesty, through both our words and actions. Your children will recognise how valuable honesty is by the example you give to them.

I found a good article for further reading titled ‘Honesty’s the best: Five tips for teaching your child honesty’. The 5 tips given in the article are the following:

- Praise honesty
- Provide consequences
- Don’t ask questions that encourage lies
- Teach them while they are young
- Be an example

The whole article can be found at http://familyshare.com/honestys-the-best-five-tips-for-teaching-your-child-honesty

Richard

School Chaplain
Program Update

St Bernadette’s Pupil Free Day Monday 17th March.
OSHClub will run a Full day program if we have 15 children. This Program is open to all children who attend St Bernadette’s. If you would like your child to attend just go online to enrol and then to make a booking. Bookings must be made by Tuesday 11th March

This Week in the Program
We are continuing to welcome new children and families to our Program.
This week the children have enjoyed making playdough and using it. We used boxes big and small to make variety of different things including a large house and a very glittery robot. Children have been making a variety of different Australian animals including lizards, snakes, spiders, sharks and echidnas. We have also made Australian animal puppets. Children have been involved in many construction projects including lego marble runs and tower building with cups or other blocks.

Can you Help Us
We are in need of the following items
Small boxes
Dolls your children are no longer using
Items for dress ups ie dresses, coats, costumes.

Next Week’s Activities - Australia

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| After Care Activities | Games:- Shp Shark Shore, Walijiji, Sit down stand up Craft:- Dot painted Rainbow snake and kangaroo | Games:- Circle Run Captain and Crew, Number Hockey Craft:- Pancake people, | Games:- Crows and cranes, Block soccer, Koolap Craft:- Boomerangs, Didgeridoos | Games:- Flinch ball, Blob Tag, Dodge Ball Craft:- Desert Sunsets Cookery Club | Games :- Simpsons, All in Tag, Basketball Craft:- Chinese zodiac Science - Slime |

Parent Information

OSHClad program phone:
Coordinator: Jean Bells/Leah Halls
Assistants: Di, Pan, Shazan, Rachelle
OSHClad Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
An important cybersafety message

Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cybersafety and wellbeing.

eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.

eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence.

Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we’ll be integrating cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

We’ll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au