27th March

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

April
4th End of term, 2.30 finish

TERM DATES FOR 2014
TERM 1
28th January - 4th April
TERM 2
22nd April - 27th June
TERM 3
14th July - 19th September
TERM 4
6th October - 19th December

PARKING
Could parents using the lower car parking area off Liverpool Road, please back into the spaces to allow for a quicker exit for all and for the safety of parents and students walking to their cars. As you would have seen we have increased the parking area on the left hand side of the internal driveway. In winter last year this area became very muddy, better for 4 wheel drive vehicles. Shortly gravel will be spread around this area.

STAFFING NEWS
We have recently completed two selection processes. I am pleased to inform the school community that Frau Tyrell’s contract has been renewed and Cathy Hanson has been officially appointed to the vacant Office Assistant position.

ENROLMENTS
Our current enrolment is 363 students and this was submitted for the February Census and is the figure that our Student Resource Package (SRP) funding is based on for 2014. There has been interest already for enrolments in Prep for 2015 with over 20 tours already completed with several more bookings in the next two weeks. I urge current families in our school community with a 2015 Prep child to enrol. Forms are available at the office.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - TUESDAY 29TH April
In last week’s newsletter we published an incorrect date for the Parent Information session with Julie Shepherd in term 2. Julie is a well-known Literacy Consultant in education circles and has regularly worked at TBPS over several years visiting us twice a term providing Professional Development and mentoring our staff. In response to recent parent requests the PFA have organised Julie to conduct a parent information session around strategies parents can use at home to assist their children to read. If you would like to attend this session please add your name to the list in a blue folder on the table in the office foyer.
Please note that Julie is speaking on Tuesday 29th of April (not 29th May)
ATHLETICS TEAM
Dale Goldsmith has completed all the trials and retrials to select the 65 strong Athletics team for the upcoming District Athletics Competition early next term. Every team member can be seen practicing their events before school and during playtimes. Of special note are our amazing Grade 6 leaders who are assisting the younger team members.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
Tuesdays School Photographs seemed to go smoothly with experienced photographers able to quickly organise our students into their poses. The photographers made a special point of informing us how cooperative our students were compared to other schools. Our school captains – Zoe and Ben also received wonderful praise for their great work in collecting grades for the photographers.

EASTER RAFFLE
The PFA are again conducting our annual Easter Raffle which will be drawn on the last day of term – Friday 4th April. Thankyou to the families who have already donated Easter Eggs for the raffle and sold raffle tickets. Additional raffle books are available from the office. A very special thankyou to Lisa Rule and Vanessa Stewart who are once again coordinating this raffle. Going by the number of eggs we have already received their will be several prizes.

WORKING BEE/GARAGE SALE
This Saturday between 9-12noon we are holding our first working bee for the year and would love your company if you have an hour or two to spare. Andrew Caulfield sent home a list of jobs we would like to complete including spreading mulch in our two playgrounds. We are also holding a Garage Sale with the hope of reducing the amount of spare furniture we have in our garage. We have old student tables, metal cabinets and shelves along with old teacher desks. See you there!

KNOX RELAY FOR LIFE 2014
A reminder that from 4pm on Saturday March 29th until 10am Sunday March 30th at the Knox Park Athletic in Knoxfield a staff and friends relay team is participating and helping to raise money to support those within the Knox community who are impacted by cancer. I know they’d love the company as they lap the aths track.

END OF TERM
Parents are reminded that Term 1 ends on Friday 4th April. Children will be dismissed at 2:30pm following an assembly commencing at 2:00pm in the multipurpose room. The second term has an unusual first week with children commencing on Tuesday 22nd April following Easter Monday. Friday 25th April is the ANZAC Day public holiday making this first week of term 2 only a three day week at school.

Graeme Russell
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.

Wakakirri forms and deposits are due Tuesday 1st April.

Easter is coming very quickly! Next Thursday April 3rd, we will be taking out our bunny ears, Easter bonnets and hopping into school for an Easter themed free dress day. There will be a parade and lots of fun prizes for best dressed. We look forward to seeing all your wonderful costumes!

The Flower & Garden Show
The school has presented 3 hanging baskets in the Royal Horticultural Handing Basket Competition. Please call past and view the children’s work. The baskets are “Alice in Wonderland”, “The Basin School colours” and “The First Fleet”. A big thank you to Lorraine, Kathy and all the children thoughts and artwork that made 3 magnificent baskets.

March
25th Evan Cribb
    Caitlyn Palmer
26th Chloe Jaques
    Alex Dummett
    Callan Schwarz
28th Abigail Jeffree
29th Xander Raistrick
    Mitchell Scriven
31st Jye Shoebridge
    Lauren Hassing

KNOX GYMNASTICS CLUB INC.
ABN: 64 043 843 155

GENERAL GYMNASTICS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
(Games and circuits which include basic skills)

VENUE: Knox Gymnastics Centre
        4 Mossfield Avenue; Ferntree Gully 3156
        Telephone: 9758 1089

DAYS & TIMES: Wednesday 9th & 16th April, 2014.
              10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

COST: $15.50 per week OR $29.00 for both
       (GST Included)

AGE: 5 years – 12 years (and at Primary school.)

CLOSING DATE: Friday 4th April, 2014.
               or when maximum are numbers reached.
               * Enrolment Forms available from Centre office

ATTIRE: shorts or tracksuit pants & t-shirt;
        bare-footed
# Pupil of the Week

**Week 9 Ending 28th March, 2014**

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<td>for being a supportive and caring friend to an injured classmate. Thank you &amp; well done!</td>
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<td>Lily Daniel</td>
<td>for being a supportive and caring friend to an injured classmate. Thank you &amp; well done!</td>
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<td>Skye Price</td>
<td>for her amazing diary writing. Clever spelling Skye!</td>
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<td>PH</td>
<td>Jennifer Berezy</td>
<td>for quietly working on learning the letter Q. Good girl!</td>
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<td>PW</td>
<td>Erica Clark</td>
<td>for always being extremely enthusiastic towards all class tasks. Awesome attitude Erica!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Aaliyah Lacy</td>
<td>using a range of strategies to help her read unfamiliar words. Excellent reading Aaliyah!</td>
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<td>1D</td>
<td>Taj Shoebridge</td>
<td>his enthusiastic approach to all school activities.</td>
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<td>1/2D</td>
<td>Sarah Johnson</td>
<td>for always being a great listener in class.</td>
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<td>2S</td>
<td>Sarah Hassing</td>
<td>for the excellent presentation of all her work.</td>
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<td>Eliza Hazledine</td>
<td>for always remembering to use her beautiful manners.</td>
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<td>Brayden Stewart</td>
<td>for his quick and accurate addition skills during Addition Bingo.</td>
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<td>2W</td>
<td>Noah Nugent</td>
<td>for sharing his word knowledge when reading the big book.</td>
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<td>William Robinson</td>
<td>for his excellent recount writing showing great structure and sequence! Well done!</td>
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<td>Alex Lee</td>
<td>for his enthusiasm towards all set tasks, your love for learning is infectious!</td>
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<td>Jackson Pollock</td>
<td>for his eagerness and enthusiasm while researching about Australian explorers Burke and Wills.</td>
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<td>Emily Turnbull</td>
<td>for her great attitude towards her learning. Keep it up Emily!</td>
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<td>Zephyr Mitchell</td>
<td>for working hard to prepare his junior school council speech. You are a star Zephyr!</td>
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<td>Amber Gibbs</td>
<td>for a great gold find at Sovereign Hill</td>
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<td>5M</td>
<td>Jai Gibbs</td>
<td>for the fantastic way he has settled into The Basin Primary School</td>
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<td>Josh Ciccone</td>
<td>for showing great enthusiasm and encouragement when gold panning at Sovereign Hill.</td>
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<td>5/6R</td>
<td>Alyssa Hunkin</td>
<td>for her courage to overcome her fears in the mine at Sovereign Hill.</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep:
Evan Hassing—for always thinking positively and keeping his wonderful smile on his face. You’re a superstar Evan!

Grade 1:
Hayden Neil—Consistently coming to school with a great attitude, and always showing cooperation with his classmates.

Grade 2:
Abigail Jeffree—for always wearing a smile no matter how tough things become. Good girl!

Grade 3:
Ted Chettle—for being responsible in his effort to ensure he completes all set tasks, at home and at school. Great job mate!

Grade 4:
Kaylee Allen—for being a mature and responsible student who always lends a hand to her classmates. Thank you Kaylee!

Grade 5:
Cadel Groves— for his enthusiasm and supportive attitude of his classmates. Keep it up.

Grade 6:
Ryan McRoss— For his determination and dedication to continue Athletics practice and classroom tasks with his broken arm. Keep it up.

BounceBack!
LAST WEEKS AWARD WINNERS
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 kind’.

It was November 2012 when a simple act of kindness hit the news worldwide. A photo was taken of a Policeman in the USA helping out a senior citizen. This Policeman ended up going into a nearby shop and bought a pair of socks and shoes which he gave to this senior citizen out on the street who did not have any. You can watch the short interview of the Police Officer from the following link:  http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42nWCEkxzYw

On Monday while I was at school I witnessed an unfortunate incident. One of our students was running down the hill toward the Art Room and tripped, grazing both knees. The other student, also running, didn’t keep going but instead stopped, went up the hill to see if they were ok. This is a timely picture of what it means to be kind.

The ‘Bounceback’ message about ‘being kind’ is the following: ‘Being kind means caring about other people and their wellbeing, and showing support and thoughtfulness to others.’

Oprah.com lists 35 Little Acts of Kindness to make a difference. Here are just a few of them:

- Write a letter to a child who could use some extra attention.
- Put your shopping cart back in its place.
- Let a fellow driver merge into your lane.
- Say "please" and "thank you"—and really mean it.
- Encourage someone who seems despondent.

Richard
School Chaplain
ACTIVE APRIL

What a terrific response we have had to the “Premier’s Active April”. This initiative is aimed at having Victorian’s become more active. With over 25% of Victorian school children considered overweight, establishing the importance of physical activity during childhood can ensure lifelong participation with resulting health, social, economic and environmental benefits. Research also suggests that time in physical activity may improve academic learning outcomes. Active April challenges students, parents and staff to engage in 30 minutes of physical activity on as many days as possible throughout April. This activity can be achieved in countless ways: walking, riding, running, climbing play equipment, training for sporting teams, swimming, household chores, Phys-ed and Sport lessons at school, martial arts, dance, etc. We have established a school team for Active April and would love you to join (there is no cost involved and if there are days when you can’t manage the 30 minutes of exercise that is no problem either). By participating you also become eligible to win prizes individually and for the school. All members of Active April will have received an email about a card that you can print that entitles you to the following:

- 10 free YMVA visits (eg. Knox Leisureworks)
- 15% off at Rebel Sports
- One free child pass to Melbourne Aquarium
- One free child pass to National Sports Museum and MCG tour
- One free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Reserve

Details of how to register are below.

Login/Register activeapril.vic.gov.au

Team ID the-basin-primary-school

Team Name The Basin Primary School

ACTIVE APRIL LAUNCH

To launch Active April we are organising a community walk/run at our school on Tuesday 1st April. The event will be held around our cross country track straight after school next Tuesday (3.35-4.05p.m.) All team members (students/staff and family members) are encouraged to take part if possible. On Wednesday 2nd April at lunchtime there will be a whole school Zumba session for those students who are interested.
School Banking News

It is great to see so many students remembering their banking. Keep up the great work! Hopefully you’ve found the new communication sheets from us easy to follow too, with reminders of what tokens you have, if you can order a reward or even a reminder to fill out your form.

The new rewards seem to be just as popular as last years with people finding it hard to choose between the handball and scented pencils.

As always, 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 or to answer any queries you may have.

Happy Savings
Jacqui and Donna

Piano Lessons

Simply Music is a revolutionary, Australian developed piano learning method that offers a breakthrough in music education. Learn music by playing music.

Classes available at The Basin Primary School. Also after school and evenings for children and adults.

For more information, please contact:
David Bremner
Associate Teacher – Simply Music
0400 065 788
david_piano@hotmail.com
www.simplymusic.com

Singing teacher available

Carli is enrolled in a Bachelor of Music at Monash University, and provides affordable singing lessons for primary students. Carli teaches from home in the kilby South area, in a fully equipped music studio/teaching room.

For enquiries please contact Carli Leishman on 0467555195
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

This Week in the Program
This week the children have set up a shop and had fun being the retailers or the customers. The children have also been busy designing a new OSHClub banner to go on the display wall. Another really popular activity was to design their own colouring in sheets which were then photocopied for the other children to use.

Last Day of Term
School finishes for Term 1 on Friday 4th April. OSHClub will commence at 2.30pm on that day when The Basin PS children are dismissed. The children from St Bernadette’s will be collected as normal at 3.15pm when they are dismissed.

Recycling and Sustainability Program
As part of our recycling program we are looking for families who may like to take our fruit and vegetable scraps home to their chooks or to compost. If anyone is interested please contact us.

Holiday Program
If you are looking for holiday program fun for your children OSHClub runs programs at the many Locations. The closest locations to The Basin are Great Ryrie in Heathmont, Ruskin Park in Ruskin Avenue, Croydon and Knox Gardens, Argleway, Wantirna South. Go to the OSHClub website to download the exciting list of activities that will be on offer and to book in. You may like to check out the list of our other programs and see if there is one closer to your place of work.

At this stage we are not offering a Holiday Program at The Basin but if you would be interested we have a sheet placed next to the Sign in/ Sign out sheet for people to put their names if they are interested. If you don’t attend the program and are still interested phone us and we can add your name to the list.

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.

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<td>Games: Kolap Craft: Easter Cards and Colouring Competition</td>
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<td>Craft: Easter Cards Game: 5 second Rule, Four Corners</td>
<td>Craft: Easter Basket Games: Balloon Games, Go Boom</td>
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Parent Information

OSH program phone: 0428 162 718  OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
Coordinator: Jean Bells/Leah Halls  Assistants: Di, Pam, Shazan, Megan

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.
2014 Croydon Junior Open Chess Tournament

School holidays: Wed 9th April & Thu 10th April
Time: 10am – 12.30pm on both days
Where: Croydon RSL,
       1 Civic Square,
       Croydon

Entry fee: Free
Organisers: Croydon Chess Club
            www.croydonchess.com

Format: All players will play 7 games over the two mornings.
        15 minutes per player per game.
Prizes: Medals and book prizes donated by Croydon Chess Club.
Eligibility: Must be Under 16 on the 1st Jan 2014.
            Players should know the rules of chess.
            Tournament rules will be explained on the first morning.
Supervision: There will be supervision by a retired teacher (Working with Children Card).
            Parents or guardians are welcome to attend.
Food: Please bring your own snacks and drinks.

Contact: ian.birchall@croydonchess.com