3rd April

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<td>4th End of term, 2.30 finish</td>
<td>The end of Term 1 is already upon us and I would like to thank our students for making the start to 2014 an exceptionally positive one. I have thoroughly enjoyed the term and wish to make a special mention of our amazing Prep children who have settled into school very well and it has been a pleasure to see their confidence grow with each passing week. They are now “part of the furniture” so to speak, which is great to see. On a daily basis I am always impressed with the orderly learning environment of our school. This is due to the children being sent to school “ready to learn” each day, and also our wonderful dedicated staff who create engaging environments, setting high expectations and reinforcing positive behaviours. All grades should be proud of their efforts this term. I would like to thanks our wonderful parents who support our students and teachers in so many ways at TBPS.</td>
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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 |

PLANNING WEEK
This week we have rearranged our ‘Specialist Timetable’ to facilitate a ‘Planning Half Day’ for each Level team of teachers. This enables our teaching teams to spend valuable time together, reviewing their progress in Term 1 and planning learning programs for Term 2. Our teaching teams have a strong emphasis on a ‘collective responsibility’ for all the children in their level and across the school. The teachers also regularly discuss individual student’s progress in team meetings, sharing assessment data and planning together for future learning.

HANGING BASKETS
It is with great pride I inform the school community that the three hanging baskets made by our students under the guidance of Sue Johnson and Cathy Thompson all won prizes at the recent Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. The children involved made many trinkets to decorate these baskets. This is the second year running Sue has entered hanging baskets in our name and each one has been awarded a prize. We received a First, Second and Third prize with one basket also received a special commendation.
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Every Friday morning is a highlight for me, not just getting to go home at the end of a working week and watch the Hawks win another game, but having the "best seat in the house" at our assembly. Standing up the front of our school community I get to see firsthand our students - I am a very proud principal. The respect shown by students is captured in our weekly singing of the national anthem. I am also proud that our students know the words to both verses of our national anthem. To assist our Preps who are still learning the words for Advance Australia Fair listed below are the lyrics to practice with family members at home over the holidays:

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia fair!
In joyful strains then let us sing,
"Advance Australia fair!"

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,
We'll toil with hearts and hands,
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands,
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share,
With courage let us all combine
To advance Australia fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
"Advance Australia fair."

EASTER RAFFLE
Thankyou to all the families who have returned their raffle tickets and to those who kindly made donations of eggs towards our Easter raffle which will be drawn tomorrow at our final assembly commencing at 2:00pm. A very special thankyou to Lisa Rule and Vanessa Stewart who once again coordinated this raffle and spent a great deal of time preparing the raffle tickets and making up the beautiful baskets. There will be over 10 baskets to be won - Good Luck!!

WORKING BEE
A big thankyou to all families who attended last Saturday’s working bee and garage sale. A great deal of work was completed with mulch being spread over our playgrounds, pruning, whipper snipping, blowing and some lopping of branches. Andrew Caulfield does an amazing job organising these events and thankyou to Kate Holden for preparing the sausage sizzle.

KEY TERM 2 DATES
Parent Information Night Tuesday 29th April Julie Shepherd on Reading Strategies
NAPLAN Assessment Tuesday May 13th - Thursday 15th
Education Week Monday May 19th - Friday 23rd
Grandparents Morning Tuesday 20th May
Open Day and Night Wednesday 21st May
Queen’s Birthday Monday 9th June
END OF TERM
Parents are reminded that Term 1 ends tomorrow on Friday 4th May. 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 May following Easter Monday. Friday 25th May is the ANZAC Day public holiday making this first week of term 2 only a three day week at school.

Have a wonderful Easter break and a safe holiday. See you all on Tuesday the 22nd of April.

Graeme Russell

COMO GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND
SAT 12th & SUN 13th of APRIL
Come and visit magical Como Gardens. Take a stroll around the gardens, take a ride on the train or look in awe at George's vintage car collection. There are animals to see and remote control boats on the lake. In the Fairy garden there will be face painting, lucky dips and a stall selling hand made gifts with all profits going to The Basin Primary School. This year's theme in the Fairy garden is Alice In Wonderland.

Hope to see you there.

If you are paying the school fees by instalments, the third payment for plan A $45.00, plan B $ 70.00 and EMA $30.00 is due 28th April 2014.

Happy Birthday to the following students

April
1st Jayde Reynolds
2nd Scarlett Stephens
5th Lily Matthews
Casey Cormack Brown
Joshua Ciccone
6th Aileah Ryan
7th Jada Lacy
Koby Ferriggi
8th Eloise Holden
9th Bethany Weekes
Noah Nuggent
Jai Gribble
13th Teagan Peak
Corran Lock
16th Patrick Dunne
18th Jacob Compton
20th Kian Haysom
WEEK 9NINE
AWARD WINNERS
ACTIVE APRIL

What a terrific response we have had to the "Premier’s Active April". The Basin Primary School team now has over 100 members. It was great to see so many students, parents and staff enjoying our Active April launch with our community walk on Tuesday afternoon and Mr Hartley had a great response to his whole school Zumba session on Wednesday at lunchtime. All members can record their daily activity using the Activity Tracker on the website. It is not too late to join (see details below). 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
The Basin PS - WINNERS!
OSHClub News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

This Week in the Program
This week we have been celebrating Easter. We have made Easter Cards, had a colouring competition, made Easter Baskets and bunny masks and puppets. A really popular activity was grating and melting old wax crayons to make stained glass windows in the shapes of hearts, bunnies, crosses and eggs. Many of our older children have been running games for the other children.

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.

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.

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: Celebrating Easter

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<td>Games:- Octopus, Play ground tiggy, Poison Ball Craft:- Anzac Day Activity Book Cookery Club – Anzac Biscuits</td>
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Parent Information
OSH program phone: 0428 162 718 OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
Coordinator: Jean Bellis/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.
THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
DANCE PROGRAM FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA NIGHT
Date: Saturday 17th May
Time: 7:30pm start

TABLES
6-8 people per table

LOCATION
The Basin Primary School
Multipurpose Room

PRICE
$15 per head

Tea and Coffee and supper will be provided.

BYO
Drinks and nibbles.

BOOKING
Bookings and payment can be made through the school office

LOADS OF FUN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
GOLD COIN PARTICIPATION

DOOR PRIZES

ONLY 18 TABLES AVAILABLE
The Basin Community
Body Transformation Challenge

What are your health goals and dreams? Do you want to lose weight or need to gain weight? Do you want to build muscle? If you want to reshape your body then this is the challenge for you.

Join the next Body Transformation Challenge to be in the shape of your life.

**What you get:**
- Weekly weigh-in and group discussions followed by *optional exercise session*.
- Receive a free meal plan and valuable information about health and good nutrition
- Be assigned a personal wellness coach who will provide you with a full body composition analysis, monitor and support you.
- Meet people who share your goals; inspire others
- Cash prizes for the biggest transformers

**All for just $49**
(We support all healthy methods of weight loss/gain)

**Two Brand new challenges starting in term 2.**
Tuesday 22nd April (10 weeks) at 6.00pm and
Monday 28th April (9 weeks) at 9.45am

Class size is limited, so call & reserve your spot
To Register, or for more information, call Tanja on 0417 328 978 or Jacqui on 0439 322

Claire lost over 10% of her total body weight and 26.6cm of fat. She has re-shaped her body and is living a healthy active lifestyle.
Come and Play

WILDCATS

If you enjoy playing basketball or wish to start playing this popular, exciting sport, you can play every Saturday with The Basin Wildcats.

We cater for all ages from Under 8 up.

Training is held on Monday or Tuesday at the Knox Basketball Stadium or Fairhills Secondary College.

FREE club registration for first season. Under 8 / 10 / 12 players.

If you are interested in playing for the Basin Wildcats call

Jill Bone (Girls) 0415 620 106
Kirsty Ferriggi (Boys) 0411 220 715
Natalie Gourley (Secretary) 0430 031 409

Learn more about The Basin Wildcats at our website

www.basinwildcats.com
Young 3 year old male guinea pig for sale.
"Charlie"
He is placid and loves a cuddle.
Hutch, water bottle, food, and hay all included.
$65.00 cash only.
Here is the link to where the photos can be viewed:
Google+
or email rcerra@yahoo.com and I will send them.

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 kilsyth south area, in a fully equipped music studio/teaching room.
For enquiries please contact Carli Leishman on 0467555195