6th March

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2014
Nominations for this year’s School Council closed recently, with the number of nominees equaling the number of vacancies. Elected School Councilors serve for two years. Our School Council has 13 members made up of eight parents and four staff members. I therefore declare each nominee duly elected to the 2013 School Council -

- Parent and Community Members - Daryl Holden, Sasha Kober, Kim Swindell, Leah Davison, Karyn Mitchell, Marquita Telford will join Fiona Jackson and Fiona Yeomans,
- Staff Members - Andrew Caulfield, Dale Goldsmith will join Lisa MacLean and Marie-Claire Barry

The Annual General Meeting will be held next Monday 17th March where we will hold elections for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and conveners of the four sub committees - Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Publicity and Education.

PREP ENROLMENTS
Dale and I have already started conducting school tours with parents of 2015 Prep students. Nearly all these parents comment on hearing great things about our school in the local community, which is a fantastic. The best form of advertising is word of mouth so keep up the good work everyone and thankyou. If you have a little one starting next year you can pick up an enrolment form at the office.

SUPPORTERS
The school receives wonderful support from a number of companies - the Alchester IGA, Bayswater Good Guys, Athletes Foot, Bakers Delight next to Coles at Boronia and Hand Me Downs in The Basin. At the IGA store all you need to do is place your receipt in our allocated box as you leave the store. When you purchase any goods at Bayswater Good Guys ask for the ‘Bayswater Bucks’ voucher which converts the amount you spend into dollar values for the school. Over the last few years we have purchased several electrical goods including digital cameras and TV’s with these vouchers. At Athletes Foot you’ll receive a discount and at Bakers Delight they record purchases that assist us when buying bread for different events. Hand Me Down in The Basin offer a 5% discount to all school community members.

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 |
DAVID HORNSBY
Last night our staff, along with 60 other teachers from across the Dandenong Ranges Network of schools, completed a series of three Professional Development sessions (7 hours in total) with an amazing literacy consultant - David Hornsby. The focus of his sessions was spelling - how spelling is learnt and how best to teach spelling. I would like to sincerely thank two parents - Wendy Fox and Fiona Jackson who catered for these sessions - the participants were very grateful for the yummy sandwiches and fruit / cheese platters! Thankyou ladies!

EVACUATION DRILL
Last Friday, as part of our Emergency Management Plan and schedule we held an unannounced evacuation drill. All grades assembled on the oval within 4 minutes and everyone was accounted for following the checking procedures. I congratulate our children and staff for the calm and efficient manner we all assembled on the oval.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - LABOUR DAY
A reminder to parents the school will be closed next Monday 10th March for the Labour Day holiday.

PREP FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Next Tuesday 11th March is the rescheduled Prep Family night which will commence at 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Fingers crossed for great weather!

Graeme Russell

AUSSIE SCHOOL PHOTOS
TUESDAY 25th MARCH 2014

Note:  Aussie now takes multiple images of each student on the day.

Parents can choose a standard package in preferred graphic design and return order in permanent sealed plastic bag with payment, to photographer on the day.

OR

Choose to wait for 24 hours to go on-line to VIEW the images taken, CHOOSE the image preferred and CREATE own package to suit personal needs for content and price.

Photographer will give each student a unique on-line log-on code on photo day.

www.schoolphoto.com.au

To ensure photos are included in the bulk delivery to the school, on-line orders should be made within 14 days after photo day.

There is no need to return the pre payment order envelope on photo day if ordering on-line.

ANY QUERIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO AUSSIE CUSTOMER SERVICE . TEL: 03 97076653
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.

More Sports Dates for your Calendars

Friday 25th July—Grade 3/4 Hooptime Basketball, Kilsyth Stadium

Friday 1st August—Grade 5/6 Hooptime Basketball, Kilsyth Stadium

DIVISION SWIMMING

Last Friday Jack Watt competed in the Division Swimming Carnival at Knox Leisureworks. Jack finished 4th in his breaststroke event. To qualify to swim at this level Jack had previously won his event at our district carnival. Well done Jack!

March
5th Max Nicoll
   Briana Kilbride
6th Finn Krygger
9th Hayley Andrew
   Flynn Nielsen-Hughes
#### PUPIL OF THE WEEK
#### WEEK 6 ENDING 7th MARCH, 2014

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<td>Alannah Turner - for always ensuring her work is beautifully presented. Fabulous effort Alannah!</td>
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<td>Monika Ratcliffe For her excellent effort in writing her persuasive piece on why sunny days are magnificent.</td>
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<td>Jhye Smith - for his excellent work with place value in Maths. You always work hard and extend yourself. Top effort Jhye!</td>
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<td>Blake Nicholls - for working really hard to improve his reading and spelling. You are a star Blake!</td>
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<td>Tarni Mays - for her accurate temperature predictions in Chance and Data tasks.</td>
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<td>Cadell Groves - for his excellent work ethic during focussed writing time.</td>
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<td>Jordan Winsor - for his great persuasive arguments during writing sessions.</td>
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<td>Patrick Dunne - for his enthusiastic approach when working on his creative writing. Great to see Pat!</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep: Leah Siegman—for offering support and encouragement to her friends and others in the classroom. Keep up the great work Leah!

Grade 1:

Grade 2:

Abby Wigley—for always caring for her friends and being honest at all times. Great qualities Abby!

Grade 3:

Jacob Neil—for being a kind and caring classmate and for encouraging others. Excellent attitude Jacob!

Grade 4:

Breanna MacGregor—for her kind attitude and for always helping others if they are upset or need help.

Grade 5:

Callum Moore: for his enthusiastic demonstration of why it is important to cooperate when working with others.

Grade 6:

Todd Dowler— for always working co-operatively with his classmates in a respectful manner.

BounceBack!
ATHLETICS TRIALS-Wed 12\textsuperscript{th} March 2014

Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday 12\textsuperscript{th} March we are conducting Athletics trials at school. Children in Grades 3/4/5/6 will have the opportunity to try out for whichever events they choose. These trials will help determine the school athletics team to take part in the District Aths on Tuesday 29\textsuperscript{th} April at Knox Aths Track. Please make sure that your child wears appropriate footwear and clothing on the day and children should also bring hats, sunscreen, water bottles. Parents are welcome to come and watch and if you are able to assist, teachers would appreciate a hand with measuring, recording, raking etc. Age groups are determined by the age children turn in 2014. The 10 years age group is for children 10 years \underline{and under}. Below is a timetable of events for the day.

\textbf{FIELD EVENTS}
\textit{9.10-11.50 on oval}

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\textbf{TRACK EVENTS}
\textit{12.00 –1.00p.m. (Oval)}

Order of events - 100m, then 200m ( 10yrs, 11yrs then 12yrs )
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. Details of how to register are below.

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This Week in the Program
This week the children have play many new and favourite games. We have been making the most of the lovely weather to spend most of the afternoons outside. We have taken many of our craft activities outside under the tree near the playground. We have been painting, celebrating Pancake Day, looked at Chinese New year and are starting a birthday chart. Children have been involved in many construction projects including Lego, marble runs and tower building with cups or other blocks.

Thank you
Thank you to Joanne and her family for the donation of a Spiderman and Superman costume for our dressup. The children will have so much fun playing with these.

Can you Help Us
We are in need of the following items
- Small boxes
- Dolls
- Items for dress ups ie dresses, coats, costumes.

Homework Time
On Monday and Tuesday afternoon we will be providing a set homework time of about 15 minutes. If children do not have homework to they can read a book, do a puzzle sheet, colour in or play a card or board game. Younger children will be given the opportunity to read their take home reader to an older child or a member of staff. Children have always been encouraged to do homework at the program and they will still able to do homework on any morning or afternoon.

Next Week’s Activities- Favourites

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<td>Games:-Blob tag, Simpsons, Dodgeball Craft:- People puppets, Pillow craft</td>
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Parent Information

OSHClub program phone:
Coordinator: Jean Bellis/Leah Halls
Assistant: Di, Pan, Shazan, Rachelle
OSHClub 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.
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 casting, 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 ______________

[ ]
Your PFA @ TBPS

The PFA is the parent run committee which organises fundraising and social events for our wonderful school. We hold casual and friendly meetings once a month. Everyone is welcome to come along, meet other parents, hear news from our principal, and all ideas and opinions are welcomed! If you have preschool aged children, you are welcome to bring them with you.

If meetings aren’t your thing, you can be part of our wider group of helpers and volunteers. Join the list and help out when you can with an hour or two of your time – icy pole days, sausage sizzles etc. Send Jacqui an email to put your name on the list.

nicolls.jacqui.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you’re available when there’s something on, we’ll put you on the roster. It’s great to be involved with activities at school, and your kids will really get a kick out of seeing you there.

What are “The Basin Angels”? The Angels are a group of volunteers who are willing to assist if there is a family within our school in need of a bit of extra help - perhaps due to serious family illness or emergency. We may help with getting kids to school, preparing some meals, or mowing the lawn. If you would like to be an Angel, let us know in your email.

If you think you may be in need of assistance, please talk to Graeme Russell or Jacqui Nicolls

Next PFA meeting – Wednesday 12th March, 9:30am in the multi-purpose room

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Information Nights for 2014

Yarra Hills SECONDARY COLLEGE

The School for Your Future

Mount Evelyn Campus
Wednesday 26 March, 6.30pm

Mooroolbark Campus
Thursday 27 March, 6.30pm

Tours are available from 6.30pm and the formal part of the night, at each campus, will begin at 7.15pm.

Tours of each campus are also available on any day that suits you - please contact the relevant campus to book a time.

Mount Evelyn Campus
15 Burdekin Drive, Mount Evelyn Victoria 3796  P. 9736 3650

Mooroolbark Campus
16 Roxy Road, Mooroolbark Victoria 3138  P. 9839 3800

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Tuesday 9.30am:
Chandler Road Scout Hall, Chandler Rd, Boronia
Thursday 6:15pm
The Basin Primary School (Mountain Hwy)
Wednesday 6:30pm
Brice Park, Cnr Brice and Hull Rd, Mooroolbark
Saturday 7am:
Brice Park, Cnr Brice Rd and Hull Rd, Mooroolbark

For more information contact Tanja on 0417 328 978

Optional recovery shake and tea afterwards to rehydrate and repair
Icy Pole Day
Wednesdays in March

The PFA will be selling Icy Poles in the canteen at lunchtime every Wednesday in March starting from the 5th of March.

The Icy Poles will cost $.50c each.

If you would like your child to have an icy pole please send $.50c with your child to school on the day.

Volunteers are also needed on the day from 1pm-2pm. If you can help please return the below slip.

______________________________
I, ____________________________ can help with Icy Pole Days on Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
(Please circle preference/s)

Email: __________________________
Ph: ____________________________

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001, the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

ACT NOW!
DEADLINE
JUNE 2014

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