END OF YEAR REPORTS

End of Year reports will be coming home next Wednesday, December 17th. I would like to thank the staff for their efforts in compiling the reports, as it is never an easy time. Each report usually takes between 1-2 hours to put together and this usually occurs outside of normal classroom and meeting times. Having just read the final report yesterday, I can say with great confidence that our teachers know your children well. It is this rapport with every child that enables our staff team to do the great work that they do and once again I would acknowledge the collective skill of the team.

I would like to acknowledge the amazing work of Andrew Caulfield who prints off these reports and puts in an enormous amount of additional time in setting up the data base and helping teachers with notebook problems. The reporting package we currently use has been unwieldy and difficult to manage and he has done an exceptional job. That said, we will be implementing a new reporting package in 2015. One that we hope will be simpler for us to use, but more transparent for families and will eventually lead to more regular and comprehensive feedback to every student.

STATIONARY PACKS

The children’s 2015 stationary packs can be collected from the office at the time of paying the school fees. Next year the school will be open on Wednesday 28th January and parents can pay for and collect stationary packs on that day as well. On this same day Fiona Jackson will have the uniform shop open between 11:00am to 1:00pm.

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

The Grade 6 students are busy preparing for their Graduation Ceremony next Tuesday. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Kilsyth South Baptist Church for once again making their church available for our graduation ceremony.
HOLIDAY HOMEWORK
I would like to remind parents of the importance of maintaining daily reading habits and practising their times tables at home. Research suggests that students go backwards over the long break if they do not keep up with their reading!

‘MEET THE NEW TEACHER’
Next Wednesday the children will move to their new classrooms and meet their 2015 classroom teacher. We have 4 new classroom teachers starting with us in 2015 and all will be attending on this morning along with 13 new students across the school. Information about your child’s new teacher will be included in the report also being sent home on this Wednesday.

EARLY DISMISSAL – FINAL ASSEMBLY
School will finish for the year on Friday 19th December at 1.30pm following an assembly that will commence at 12:50pm. Sadly we farewell our amazing Grade 6 students who leave us to commence their secondary education next year. As there will be no long “lunchtime” we encourage children to bring a large “snack” to have at the recess break.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP CORRESPONDANCE
Amy Hillier recently sent thankyou letters from the Grade 3/4 children to the camp staff where they recently stayed. Here is the return letter -

“I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to both you and the students. We received your thank you letters/cards today and they certainly made us all smile. I know we all love our jobs and it is always nice to know that we are doing it well. Once again we are so happy that everyone had such a great time and enjoyed the camp. We look forward to having you guys back in 2016 J

Thanks again - Steph”

FIRST CURRICULUM DAY - TERM 1 2015
I would like to notify families that our first pupil free Curriculum day is on Friday 6th March. As LABOUR DAY falls on Monday 9th March this provides families an opportunity to get away for a long weekend. The staff will spend the day with a Lindsay Tighe from ‘Inspirational Coaching.’

PAST STUDENT SUCCESS
Each year around this time we hear wonderful news of ex-students winning awards from their secondary schools. We would like to acknowledge these students in our next week’s newsletter and to do so we need your help. Please contact the office with any news?

Graeme Russell
Tuesday 16th December is the next delivery. $10.00 per bag for Royal Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith and Pink Ladies. If you wish to place an order please send your order and money to the office by 9.30 on the Friday morning.

“THINGS YOU JUST CANT WAIT FOR AT THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL”

Attached to this edition of our Newsletter is a copy of “Things you just can’t wait for at The Basin Primary School” for 2015. The document is designed to give families the opportunity to talk about the exciting events coming up at school both in specific grade levels or school wide building optimism and positivity. If you would like an A3 copy please collect one from the school office.

December
8th Ruby Telford
9th Robbie Chettle
10th Blake Nicholson
12th Jake Stephens
13th Ava-Rose Edwards
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<td>All of Prep B - for a wonderful first year of school. You have worked hard &amp; learnt so much. You should be very proud of yourselves!</td>
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<td>Michia Simmonds - for her lovely writing piece about why she loves her buddy. Well done Michia!</td>
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<td>All of Prep H - for being a fantastic group of Preps this year. You are such a fun group of children Prep H. You have worked so hard and learnt so many new things. Well done all of you!</td>
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<td>Taj Shoebridge - For being such a superstar at swimming the last two weeks!</td>
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<td>Lilly-Ann List - For always doing your best in class. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Hayden Neil - Putting in 100% effort into all school activities with a smile on his face.</td>
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<td>Sonia Curson - for her fantastic picture story book she wrote and illustrated in Literacy Lab.</td>
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<td>Ruby Telford - for her wonderful attitude towards school and always being a super helper in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Logan Lam - for being a superstar in the swimming pool, especially when swimming in his pyjamas! Great effort Logan.</td>
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<td>Rosie Collumbine - For putting in a big effort into all of her work tasks! Well done Rosie! Emily Fox - For her wonderful positive attitude all year, you're a gem Em!</td>
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<td>Travis Hillier - for the wonderful effort he always puts into his learning. You are a star Travis! Maddi Price - for the fantastic PowerPoint she created on tornadoes. Excellent effort Maddi!</td>
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<td>Nik Kanduri - for his outstanding homework on earthquakes. I am so proud of the research you did. Awesome effort Nik!</td>
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<td>Amber Gibbs - for her outstanding Literature response on 'Little Bunnies Melon Patch.'</td>
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<td>Koby Ferriggi - for his excellent leadership demonstrated when helping the Preps at swimming. Amazing work!</td>
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<td>Arun Crowhurst - for being an excellent buddy at swimming and supporting the boys in the chaos of the change rooms. Fantastic!</td>
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<td>Brad Mayfield - for his excellent behaviour and assistance with the junior grades at swimming. Great Work!</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep:
Grade 1:
Payton Ains—For trying hard this term to be better organised and set realistic goals to achieve. I am also so proud of the way you also look after your classmates when they need assistance. Keep up the great effort!

Grade 2:
Grade 3:
Brooke Disney—for being a kind, caring and happy member of our grade. You are a terrific friend to others Brooke and you should be very proud of yourself!

Grade 4:
Claire Dobson—for being an outstanding class member. She should be so proud of her efforts this year. She has such a positive attitude and is a pleasure to teach. Thankyou Claire! 4B are so lucky to have you! You are a star!

Grade 5:
Jack Watt—for showing persistence and determination to improve his handwriting. Keep up the great work Jack!

Grade 6:
Jasmine Woolley—for showing that with a clear mind and a good set of personal goals you can achieve anything. Keep pushing and challenging yourself Jaz!

BounceBack!
WEEK 9 AWARD WINNERS
The Basin Carols By Candlelight.

Saturday 13th December, students from The Basin Primary School are again invited to perform at The Basin Carols by Candlelight, which is an annual community event.

Participating students are asked to meet Mrs Conrau at the side of the stage when The Basin Primary School is called to the stage.

Please note this event commences at 7:30 and school uniform is not required.

Greg Oswald
Wesley Mission Food for Families

Thank you to all the families who have donated to this year’s appeal. We will still be taking donations until Monday the 15th of December.

Boxes are at the office if you would like to donate!

Thanks for the support!

SWIMMING

All of our students are to be congratulated after a successful swimming program. Not only was their significant improvement in confidence and swimming skills the behaviour displayed by our students in public was excellent. The gains students made also included increased independence and social skills. I would like to thank all of our older students who were terrific in assisting younger students throughout the program. Thanks also to staff and parents for their support. Our program could not run without the extra help we receive on the bus and in the change rooms. Achievement certificates will be completed by instructors, returned to school and handed out prior to the end of the school year.
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PFA News

A Big Thank You to all those that came and helped run our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday, especially after the hiccup of mistaken days! Everyone seemed to have had a great day and we took over $2000 which is fantastic fundraising!

This year has seen many of you helping out over the year from washing of art smocks, cooking sausages, running raffles, our lap-a-thon and chocolate drive to icy pole days, grandparent day and book fair and book club as well as Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls and I’m sure I’ve missed a few too. I would like to say a very big and heartfelt thanks to all of you who have helped and provided support throughout the year. You made the role of President an easy and enjoyable one and I hope you all enjoyed your various roles throughout the year.

Have a great and safe break and I look forward to working with you all as part of the PFA next year.

Jacqui

School Banking News

Hi Bankers! Banking has now finished for the year. Thank you all for your regular banking, so far we have raised $494.91 for the school through your regular deposits and we still have money to come from this term. All rewards have now been ordered and should arrive by next week to be handed out before school finishes. Please be aware that if you have ordered a Projector Cup or a Swimming Bag it won’t arrive until next year. Also the Dollarmite moneyboxes ran out and so you may get a different money box instead if that’s what you have ordered. If you would like to swap once you have received it please see me or email me at thebpschoolbanking@gmail.com.

Many of you received certificates this week for your consistent banking through the year and a few more will be sent out next week for those that reached the 10, 20 or 30 deposit milestones. Congratulations to all of you for your achievements and Thank You to Donna for writing them all up.

Have a Merry and Safe Christmas!
A Christmas pageant for the whole family
To Bethlehem and Back

Sunday 14 December • 6.45pm (for a 7pm start)

To Bethlehem and Back is an interactive outdoor journey through the events of the first Christmas in Bethlehem.

Come with your family and friends and be transported to Bethlehem where you will see Prophet, shepherds, wise men and others who were present at the birth of Christ.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Presented by Kilsyth South Baptist Church

Enquiries to David Bremner on 9726 6481 or KSBC on 9762 7332

In the event of wet weather, ‘To Bethlehem and Back’ will be held on the 21st December.

FREE Tennis Family Fun Day

Batterham Park Tennis Club

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When: Sunday, 1st Feb, 2pm- 5pm

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- Hot Shots 3pm – 4pm
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