**MAY 7th**

- **May**
  - 7th: District Aths
  - 11th: House Cross Country
  - 12-14th: Naplan
  - 18th: School Council
  - 19th: Grandparents Day
  - 20th: Open Night
  - 22nd: District Cross Country
  - 29th: Dance Fair Gr 5

**TERM DATES FOR 2015**

**TERM 2**
- 13th April—26th June

**TERM 3**
- 13th July—18th Sept

**TERM 4**
- 5th Oct—18th December

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**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL WINS GOLD**

Once again this year a group of enthusiastic students at The Basin Primary School prepared three ‘theme based’ hanging baskets for the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.

These students are members of a lunchtime art group who work with enthusiastic parents who enjoy sharing their love of art and craft... The hanging baskets depicted the Chinese New Year, Snuggle pot and Cuddle pie and Snow Glow. The children were awarded FIRST PLACE for their Snugglepot and Cuddlepie hanging basket and the Snow Glow basket received a THIRD PLACE.

A big thank you to Sue Johnson, Cathy Thompson, Fiona Jackson and Lauren Wite who provide such a wonderful opportunity for these children each week. A picture of these students and the hanging baskets are featured on the front page of this week Boronia and Basin Community News paper. Congratulations girls - our school community is so very proud of your achievement!

**NAPLAN TIMETABLE**

NAPLAN is short for National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week students in Years 3 & 5 will undertake the national tests in Literacy and Numeracy. Schools, students and their parents will receive the results later in the year. We wish our students well especially our Year 3’s who are experiencing this form of testing for the first time. I would like to acknowledge the Grade 3 & 5 teachers who have spent additional time preparing our students for NAPLAN and I congratulate them for their supportive approach to assisting their students. If parents have concerns about their child undertaking these assessment tasks please speak to their teachers.

The 2015 NAPLAN testing schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday 14th May**: Writing; Language Conventions (spelling, grammar & punctuation)
- **Wednesday 15th May**: Reading Comprehension
- **Thursday 16th May**: Mathematics
MOTHER'S DAY STALL
Thanks to Fiona Jackson and our Parents Association volunteers for arranging the recent Mother’s Day stall, providing many options for the children to surprise mum with on Sunday morning. It was lovely to see the children deciding which gift to purchase. The stall is not a fundraiser, just a time honoured tradition to enable students to independently buy a present for their mum. Best wishes to our mums (and grandmothers) on Mother’s Day, when we get to officially declare ‘love you.’ Girls and boys don’t forget to give Mum an extra big hug on Sunday morning and make sure she gets the chance to put her feet up.

FAIRHILLS DANCE COMPETITION
Dancers from Year 6 competed in the Fairhills Dance Competition on Friday night. Our team of enthusiastic dancers had a great time and delivered well planned and rehearsed dance routines. Our Troupe team gained first place and Mia Lee came third in her individual routine. Thankyou to Colin Hartley and his team of staff and parents helpers who supported the girls leading up to and during Friday night’s competition. Members of our Dance Fair team are - Kaila Swindell, Jordan Bushcheinen Isabella Davison, Briana Kilbride, Amber Kleijn, Lorilei Ahern, India Phillips, Willow Oakley, Tamara Johnson, Jessica Bleakney, Maya Lee, Jayde Reynolds, Tarni Mays, Miranda Cogdale, Mickaela Wagstaff and Kasey Driscoll. Congratulations girls – we are so very proud of you.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS
Today is a very big day for our Athletics team and school as they compete at District Athletic competition at Knox. Our athletic team have been amazing practising before and after school and during playtimes to prepare for this event. We wish all our team good luck and have a great day!

CONCERT TICKET SALES
I urge parents who have not purchased concert tickets to go on line ASAP and purchase their tickets. Both nights are already 75% booked! As previously advertised our School Concert is being held on two nights – Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18thJune at Yarra Valley Grammar’s - George Woods Performing Arts Centre. Tickets are $15 per ticket - our students do not need a ticket! We require the children to perform on both nights so with that in mind, families will need to decide whether to buy ticket(s) for both nights or one night and arrange with other family members or friends to transport their children. A reminder to parents that the online booking of Concert Tickets is through TryBooking www.trybooking.com/HOXX

CRAZY HAIR DAY
The Junior School Council team have organised a Crazy Hair/ Dress up day on Friday 15th May in support of the Leukaemia Foundation. Please bring a gold coin donation which will raise money for those affected by leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma or other blood disorders. We look forward to seeing you get creative and crazy with funky clothes, colours, scrunchies, sparkles and spikes!

Leukaemia Foundation
WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
SCHOOL FEES

If you have elected to pay your child’s / children’s school fees by instalment, the third instalment is now due. Plan A $45.00 or Plan B $70.00 per child. Please send your payment to the office.

Apple Man

Friday 8th May is the next apple delivery. If you wish to place an order please make sure your order and money are handed into the office by 9am on Friday. Pink Ladies, Royal Gala, Granny Smith—all apples $10 per 5kg bag.

May

3rd Tylah Chrystal
4th Isabella Davison
5th Zoe Hill
   Mason O’Sullivan
6th Allanah Major
7th Charlie Dodd
8th Alexandra Bray
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<td>Sarchi Wallis</td>
<td>for the effort you placed in having a go at our Chesterfield Farm recount. You should be proud of yourself!</td>
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<td>Addie Evans</td>
<td>for being a kind and helpful classmate. Thank you Addie!</td>
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<td>Paige Draf \textit{f}in</td>
<td>for always going out of her way to help others in the classroom. Keep it up Paige!</td>
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<td>Kate Wiersema</td>
<td>For displaying excellent effort in her weekend writing. Amazing job Kate!</td>
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<td>Aysha Burnside</td>
<td>For not giving up with her writing. You can do it Aysha!</td>
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<td>Lily Daniel</td>
<td>For your delightful piece of writing about Pink Ted. It was beautiful!</td>
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<td>Rose Cox</td>
<td>for her excellent verbal explanation of when to use specific spelling rules. Great work Rose.</td>
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<td>Abbey Reynolds</td>
<td>for confidently answering questions and continually believing in herself. You are awesome Abbs!</td>
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<td>Heath Major</td>
<td>For the awesome effort he has put into learning his 9 times tables. Excellent persistence Heath!</td>
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<td>Ruby Telford</td>
<td>For being kind and helpful to her classmates. You’re awesome Ruby!</td>
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<td>Abigail Jeffree</td>
<td>for the terrific work she has put into her narrative writing. I particularly like how you use ‘brilliant beginnings.’ Well done Abil</td>
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<td>Indi Davison</td>
<td>for his outstanding homework presentation. His weekly effort is a credit to him. I am so proud of you Indi! Keep up the fabulous work!</td>
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<td>Mia Crowhurst</td>
<td>for always applying herself to all tasks and completing her work to a fantastic standard! Well Done Mia, keep it up!</td>
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<td>5S</td>
<td>Tyson Wright</td>
<td>For always putting in 110% effort into our NAPLAN practice sessions and sharing your wonderful story writing.</td>
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<td>Isabella Davison</td>
<td>for outstanding responses in literacy this week. Top work Izzy.</td>
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<td>Lorilei Ahern</td>
<td>for the outstanding effort she puts into all her work. You always give 100% and set a great example for others. You are a star!</td>
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<td>6H</td>
<td>Jessica Bleakney</td>
<td>for showing great focus and work ethic during fraction rotations. You are making great improvements.</td>
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The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

This week's topic for Bounce Back has been about looking on the bright side of life, being hopeful and optimistic in hard times and looking for things we can be thankful in our life. Well done to our Bounce Back award winners for your great attitudes!

Prep:

Grade 1:

Ava-Rose Edwards for always being such a bright and happy student who brings so much enthusiasm to school. You find the positive in everything Ava-Rose and your ability to look on the bright side of life is marvellous!

Grade 2:

Rachel Wiersema for always wearing a bright, smiley face even when things become a bit difficult. Take care and we hope your arm is feeling better soon.

Grade 3:

Casey Cormack-Brown for coming to school with a smile and continually persisting with a smile to have a go and do his best. You are a terrific role model Casey. Thank you for being a constant bright light to our class.

Grade 4:

Grade 5:

Kaylee Allen for being such a positive role model. You always present with a wonderful smile on your face!

Grade 6:

Josh Gill: for not letting injury deter his enthusiasm for giving 100% in all physical education activities. You always look on the 'bright side of life' Josh!

BounceBack!
For me, growing up with a step Dad wasn’t always easy and in those childhood/teenager days my Mum became a person so critical to my life. Even though there were days I didn’t appreciate what she was doing, I always knew she was there for me during those times and is still a willing helper and cheering me on today. I know I can rely on my Mum!

To all Mums, though appreciation isn’t always given, know you play a significant role in your child’s life.

Here are just a few quotes about Mums from people you may know:

“It’s a funny thing about mothers and fathers. Even when their own child is the most disgusting little blister you could ever imagine, they still think that he or she is wonderful.” —Roald Dahl

“There’s no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.” —Jill Churchill

“I remember my mother’s prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.” —Abraham Lincoln

“My mother was the one constant in my life. When I think about my mom raising me alone when she was 20, and working and paying the bills, and, you know, trying to pursue your own dreams, I think is a feat that is unmatched.” —Barack Obama

“You sacrificed for us. You’re the real MVP.” —Kevin Durant

Richard
School Chaplain
HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
Monday 11th May 2015
9.10a.m.-1.00p.m

Dear Parents,
At school students have been training in preparation for our annual House Cross Country Event. This event will take place on Monday 11th May around our school grounds.
All students will have the opportunity to participate and every competitor will be awarded a ribbon after the race. The children earn points for their house group depending on their finishing position. If your child has a shirt in the colour of their house group, we would like them to wear it to help the spectators identify competitors (Miller-Red, Chandler-Yellow, Doongalla-Blue, Ferndale-Green). I have some coloured bibs and colour bands for any children who need them. The children from Prep to Grade 3 will compete in grade levels, while the Grade 4/5/6 children will compete in age groups (determined by the age turned in 2015). The reason for this is that we use this event to select our school team for the District Cross Country (Which is to be held on Friday 22nd May at Knox Park). The program of events is set out below. We hope to see you there.

Dale Goldsmith
Phys-Ed and Sport

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

9.10a.m.  11 years Boys (3 laps)
9.25a.m.  11 years Girls (3 laps)
9.40a.m.  12 years Boys (3 laps)
9.55a.m.  12 years Girls (3 laps)
10.10a.m. Grade 3 Boys (2 laps)
10.20a.m. Grade 3 Girls (2 laps)
10.30a.m. Grade 2 Boys (1 lap)
10.40a.m. Grade 2 Girls (1 lap)
11.00a.m. Recess
11.35a.m. Grade 1 Boys (1 lap)
11.45a.m. Grade 1 Girls (1 lap)
11.55a.m. 10 years Boys (2 laps)
12.05p.m. 10 years Girls (2 laps)
12.15p.m. Prep Boys (1 shortened lap)
12.25p.m. Prep Girls (1 shortened lap)
12.40p.m. Presentation
THE GOLD STARS

WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE & Thursday 18th June

2015 SCHOOL CONCERT – TICKETS

Tickets are selling fast, with just under 200 left for both nights. Don’t miss out on your chance to see this great show.

Tickets can be purchased 2 ways;

1) **Online through** [www.trybook.com](http://www.trybook.com) - head onto the following link [www.trybooking.com/HOXX](http://www.trybooking.com/HOXX) and follow the prompts given. Tickets can then be printed directly from your home computer and you can select your own seats.

2) **Personally through the school office** – Simply head into our school office and purchase your tickets through Sarah and Cath in person.

All tickets are $15 each.

If you have any question please contact the school office on 9762 1256.