

Dates to remember:

Junior School News

Tuesday 13th March

March

Sunday 18th

Baxter Community 100th
Birthday Market

Monday 19th

Foundation and grade 1
performance at assembly

Thursday 29th

Easter Parade 9.05am
Last day of term 1

Baxter Community 100th Birthday Market

Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help out at the stalls on Sunday the 18th. There are still a couple of spots requiring helpers.

We are also looking for donations of the following items:

- The Senior School is asking for soft drinks, chocolate bars and second hand soft toys.
- The Junior School is asking for homemade slices, cookies or cakes.

Big Write

Aliens Have Landed

The aliens have landed!
It's distressing, but they're here.
They piloted their flying saucer
through our atmosphere.

They landed like a meteor
engulfed in smoke and flame.
Then out they climbed immersed in slime
and burbled as they came.

Their hands are greasy tentacles.
Their heads are weird machines.
Their bodies look like cauliflower
and smell like dead sardines.

Their blood is liquid helium.
Their eyes are made of granite.
Their breath exudes the stench of foods
from some unearthly planet

And if you want to see these
sickly, unattractive creatures,
you'll find them working in your school;
they all got jobs as teachers!

--Kenn Nesbitt



Think about:

Where were you when they
landed?

How did you feel when you saw
them?

What do they look like?

What will you do?

Who else is there?

What will happen?

Remember:

Start your story in an interesting
way.

Use WOW words, connectives,
openers and punctuation.

Use neat handwriting.

Write in full sentences.

Check and edit your work when
you have finished.

Foundation News

It was another eventful week in the Foundation classroom. All of the children have begun making progress in writing from practising their pencil grips to beginning to sound out words. We have started Handwriting lessons and completed the lower case letters 'a' and 'b'. On Wednesday, we also completed our first Big Write lesson during which the students attempted writing and illustrations to tell a story. Please read through this weeks Big Write topic with your children tonight. The highlight last week was Friday Science with the grade two's when we made playdough.

This weeks sounds are:

'Jj' as in 'Jumping jellyfish' and

'Ll' as in 'Lizards like lollipops'.

Have a great week

Ms McFaul ☺


Grade One News

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend! Last week we said farewell to Mr. Frawley. He completed his Term 1 teaching round with our class but will be returning to do his second teaching rounds with our class in Term 3. In Maths we completed our 2D Shape and 3D Shape topic for the term and will begin the operation area of Addition next week. Class 1B have begun practise for our Aussie of the Week performance and will be performing it with the Foundation class. We will be performing at assembly on the 19th of March and the Aussie of the Week certificate will be handed out at assembly on the 26th of March. Homework Reminder: Please continue to practise their Magic Words. They will receive a star for each colour of Magic words that they achieve and will need to practise the next set of words. Once they have completed all their Magic Words they will receive a certificate at assembly.

Have a wonderful week everybody, Mrs B. ☺

Grade Two News

Hello families,

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend and spent some quality family time together. This week is a busy week due to the week being shorter than usual. The sound we will be exploring this week is i as in . In reading groups children are learning different strategies to use when reading, such as visualisation and using their schema. They are doing a terrific job at learning what these things are. The children will continue to work on their narrative writing, continuing to use WOW words and connectives. In Maths the children will begin work on addition. I am looking forward to teaching them lots of different strategies to answer problems and little tricks to help them find answers quickly. We have been playing lots of group Maths games and the reason for this is not only to let the children have fun and engage with the subject but to make them think quickly.

Please pop in and have a chat if there is anything that you need to discuss with me, my door is always open!

Have a great week

Lori Frowd

*With Thanks Caroline McFaul, Lori Frowd
and Hannah Bolwell.*



THURSDAY 29TH MARCH 2018

On the last day of Term 1, Baxter PS will be hosting an Easter celebration. We will have a parade in the School Hall shortly after 9.00am and our Easter raffle will be drawn. The students can wear anything that represents Easter. They can make their own bonnet, wear a costume or dress up in an Easter theme.

Every child will receive a chocolate egg!

Easter raffle books will be given to every family to sell. There are 10 tickets @ \$1 each with a 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize drawn.

We will be donating a part of the proceeds from the raffle to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

