



Wednesday 8th August 2018 - Term 3 / Week 4 This newsletter is available:

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Principal's Report

Strategic focus

As part of the Principal Report, each fortnight I will be providing the school community with an update of the work completed by staff, focusing on the school's strategic intent towards teaching and learning. I thought I would begin this piece by sharing the goals and associated strategies we are working towards achieving in our 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. This plan in its entirety can be accessed via our website.

Building Practice Excellence

Goal 1 - To improve student achievement and growth in Literacy & Numeracy.

Key improvement strategies:

Develop and consistently implement an evidence based instructional model to the teaching of literacy and numeracy. Collaboratively use data more effectively to differentiate teaching.

Empowering students and building school pride

Goal 2 - To improve student agency and engagement in their learning.

Key improvement strategy:

To build teacher capacity to provide opportunities for student voice and agency.

Building communities

Goal 3 - To foster a school community with a future focused vision and values to improve student outcomes.

Key improvement strategies:

Create a new Baxter Primary School mission, vision and values statement based on the new school strategic plan and with community input.

To build student enrolments, particularly at the Foundation level.

School Council Overview

At our last School Council Meeting we received some training from the Department of Education and Training on School Governance. Good governance strengthens community confidence in the council and helps to ensure the council's reputation is maintained and enhanced. Good governance enables the council to perform efficiently and effectively and to respond strategically to changing demands and educational challenges.

Other information to come out of School Council is to announce that air conditioning is being installed in the Year 3-6 area. This should be happening on the weekend.

The school has also had some repairs completed throughout the Administration and Junior School areas.

Our current enrolments for 2019 are looking extremely healthy, we have 23 confirmed Foundation students for 2019 who have already began transitioning into the school.

Parent Opinion Survey

Can parents please be reminded that the Parent Opinion Survey is still open for those who received a letter a couple of weeks ago. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. We would appreciate as many responses as possible. The survey closes on Sunday 26th August.

Drop Off and Pick Up Zone

A reminder to our parents and guardians that the area behind the staff car park is strictly a "Kiss and Drop' zone. Please refer to the diagram on the next page in the newsletter for further information. "Kiss and Drop' zones are for the safety of children, convenience and to minimise congestion and confusion.

Nick Schneider Principal

2018 Calendar

Term 3 Monday 16th July— Friday 21st September

Thursday 9th August—Book Parade

Friday 10th August—Mt Erin performance (Year 5/6)

Monday 13th to Friday 17th August—Book Fair

Wednesday 15th August—Cinderella Rockerfella whole school performance (day)

Thursday 16th August—Cinderella Rockerfella Kinder performance (day) & Family performance (night)

Friday 17th August—Hooptime (Year 5/6)

Thursday 23rd August—Heath McKenzie (whole school incursion)

Thursday 30th August—'Treasure Hunt' musical performance (whole school incursion)

Friday 31st August—Curriculum Day (student free day)

Wednesday 12th September—District Athletics (Year 3– Year 6)

Saturday 15th September—State School Spectacular (Hisense Arena, Melbourne)

Friday 21st September—Footy Day and last day of term (2:30pm dismissal)

Car Parking

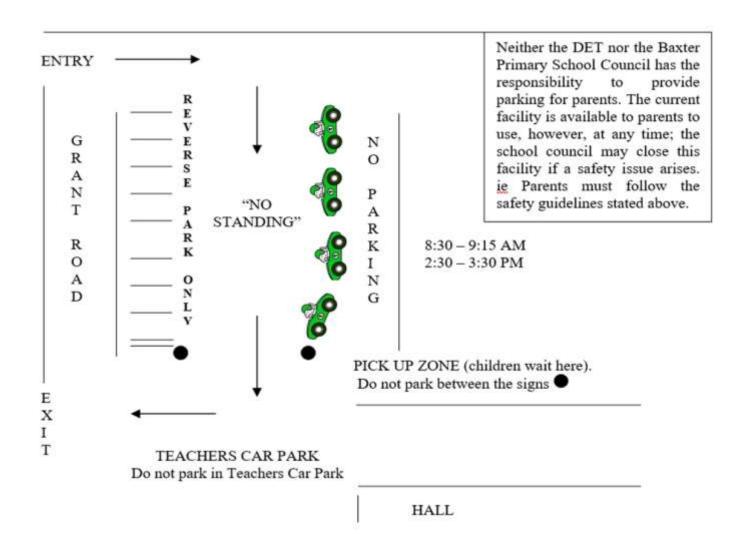
Street parking is available in Baxter-Tooradin Road. PLEASE KEEP BUS BAY FREE.

Off street parking is provided in the area opposite the school with entry from Baxter-Tooradin Road.

Limited parking and a DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE is available in the Grant Road carpark. Please do not park in the teacher's carpark beside the hall.

The General Store/Shell Service Station has developed a new car park area for customers & school parents that will be re-opening soon. Please do not park in areas that trucks and cars need to access the driveways and fuel bowsers.

THE CARPARK OFF GRANT ROAD IS A PICK UP/DROP OFF ZONE. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY. YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE WAITING SAFELY IN THE BUS SHELTER.





School Survey

An exciting opportunity awaits for you to be part of creating the new vision and values statement for Baxter Primary School! We have begun the process of developing a statement that reflects our vision, our values and direction for our future and we need input from **all** of our **school community**.

We want to know your thoughts and hopes for our school's future. Please share with us on this journey by following the link and completing the anonymous, 5 minute survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M53HNNR

Weekly Awards

Congratulations again to everyone who received an award at assembly in the last two weeks.

Aussie of the Week



Pizza This Pizza That

Thank you to our Aussie of the Week sponsor for 2018. Pizza This Pizza That are generously providing a voucher to each Aussie nominated. Please support their business as they are supporting us.

4T- Micah W

Congratulations Micah on being selected as 4T's Aussie. The class nominated you because they see you being willing to play with others, listening in class, trying to help others and being a kind and caring student, who is always ready to learn. Keep up the great work.



Aussie of the Week 5H—Jack M

In recognition of your enthusiasm for learning, curiosity when developing general knowledge and your respectful manner towards others. You have improved your confidence and persistence when tackling challenges. Well done!





Scholastic Literacy Pro Awards





Star Awards

For excellent behaviour and a great attitude.





Super Saver Award

For making a deposit into their Dollarmite Account.



P. E. & Sport News



HOOPTIME BASKETBALL

20 children have been selected to represent the school, on Friday 17th August at the Frankston Basketball Stadium. The children will select their uniforms and numbers on Friday. They have been training hard together at lunchtimes.

The permission notices regarding our district Hooptime Basketball day, went home almost 2 weeks ago. These notices are due back by **Friday 10**th **August.** There will be no extensions granted! A big thank you to Paul Williams and John Howell for offering to coach the 2 teams on the day. All parents are welcome to come along and support the children. I am still looking for anyone who is able to score on the day.

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORT & PE

The children are participating in Track & Field athletics trials during their sport and PE time. Grade 3,4, 5 & 6 Sport is on Friday mornings. It is therefore important that the children wear appropriate clothing and runners on PE and sport days. A change of footwear/socks is recommended also, as the ground is wet and we still need to train!



I am trying to encourage all children to participate and really have a good go at each athletic sport. We are emphasising personal achievements. This week we will be focusing on hurdles. The children will be notified of their inclusion in the District Athletics by the end of August. This year's track and field athletics will be held together on Wednesday 12th September at Ballam Park.

Stay fit & healthy everyone!

Jodie Baxter Sport & PE Co-Ordinator

LITERACY CELEBRATIONS AUGUST 2018

BOOK PARADE

This year's book parade will be commencing on Thursday 9th August at 9:15am in the school hall. Please come along dressed as your favourite **book** character.

This year's winners will receive a certificate for participation and a \$10.00 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. So put your thinking caps on and get those costumes happening! All family members are also invited to participate. The day does not end there as all students will later be involved in a Multi Age activity day. Students will have the opportunity to work with different teachers and peers on the shortlisted books.





BOOK FAIR

The theme for our Book Fair this year is 'Reading Is Out of This World'.

The Book Fair will be held in the library from Monday 13th to Friday 17th August. Sales start at 8:30am – 9:00am and 3:15pm - 4:00pm.

Please note: The last selling day is Friday 17th August at 9:00am.

During this week there will be lots of books, posters and novelties to purchase. There is a free bookmark with every book purchased. Start saving and get some great bargains! Don't forget our very special book character who will be visiting us in the library during sale times.

PERFORM EDUCATIONAL MUSICALS

On Thursday 30th August we have a whole school incursion. Treasure Hunt is a new musical created to celebrate Book Week 2018. Treasure Hunt explores the issues of sustainability and our relationship with the natural environment. It celebrates how books and reading create understanding and bring people of different backgrounds together.

HEATH McKENZIE

On the 23rd of August we have another whole school incursion. Heath's sessions focus on visual storytelling, describing the overall process involved in illustrating a book from start to finish. Heath also focuses on two key areas of huge storytelling power and importance — character design and interpreting text.

HOME WRITER'S PACKS

Once again we will have our Home Writer's Packs. Students will have the opportunity to take a pack home and use their imaginations to create a story of their own.

I am sure the students will be enthusiastic to share their stories with their grade and classroom teacher. Mr Schneider also looks forward to sharing student's stories at lunchtime. We are all looking forward to another fun filled, exciting and creative Literacy Month.

Ms Paulding

We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the 2018 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: With the Beat.

This year's Spectacular will be held at Hisense Arena on Saturday 15 September, with two shows at 1pm and 6:30pm.

The journey of exploration will see Hisense Arena transformed into a mystical Venetian masquerade ball, a wondrous Steam Punk Fairground in a cornucopia of new and old mixed together.

There is something for everyone's musical taste in this year's show, from Macklemore, Imagine Dragons, Sheppard, Tim Minchin, Beyonce to Karl Jenkins.

Talented young skaters, skate boarders, BMX riders, puppeteers, musicians, dancers and singers will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

This is a creative vision of industry professionals including Creative Director Neill Gladwin, Musical Director Chong Lim, Dance Director Deon Nuku, (Scooby Doo, Happy Feet, Moulin Rouge) and Associate Dance Director Yvette Lee, (Dancing with the Stars, X-Factor Australia, Australia's Got Talent and So You Think You Can Dance).

This program – managed by the Department of Education and Training – helps to develop each student's performance skills, discipline, perseverance, cooperation and confidence under the training of industry professionals.

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure tickets.

Ticket Sales

If you wish to see the show you must purchase a ticket via Ticketek.

Tickets for the Victorian State Schools Spectacular: With The Beat are on sale now.

Go to <u>www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular</u> or call 132 849 (NB: No code word is required. Ignore the prompt on the Ticketek page).

Adult \$40 + booking fee Concession \$30 + booking fee Junior (U15) \$20 + booking fee

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (for group bookings please call 1300 364 001).

We hope to see you there!

Mrs Freeman

2018 School Term Dates (Vic Gov't Schools)

Term 1: 30 Jan to 29 March
Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September
Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

Breakfast Club

Thank you to Baxter Woolworths for their continuing support and donations!

Every Tuesday morning our Chaplain Sonia, staff and parents run the program. All kids, pre-schoolers and parents are welcome. It's a great way to start the day!







GROUP KEYBOARD AND DRUM LESSONS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for group keyboard and drum lessons.

These lessons are held during school on school premises and cost \$13.00 for a 30 minute group lesson

If you would like to enroll your child in keyboard or drum lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music, (03) 9801 8991.

Peninsula Uniform Shop

Open alternate Thursdays in Room 2
2:45pm to 3:45pm
2nd August. 16th August, 30th August & 13th September
2nd Hand Uniform Shop anytime

Open in Room 2 for parents to browse.

Gold coin donation requested



Happy Birthday

To all our students who have celebrated a birthday in the last two weeks:

Charlie B, Alicia G, Laura V, Abigail H and Angela S



Foundation Enrolments 2019

Transition is well under way for 2019!

Our new students have enjoyed their first two transition sessions. These sessions will continue each month until the end of the year. This is a fabulous way for our new students to familiarise themselves with the school.

If you have a child starting school next year, or know of someone who is interested in attending our school, please contact the office ASAP for an enrolment form.

On a musical note

There are some spots available for guitar lessons every Tuesday in the music room. Students who practise and can learn 10 songs will be invited to go busking at Bittern market for 1 hour (all donations go directly to the student!).

Anyone who is interested in guitar lessons can pick up an "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST" form from the office.

Your resident guitar tutor, Glen 0437 440 265

RITCHIES Where the Community Benefits

When shopping at Ritchies and by using a community benefit card linked to Baxter Primary School then Ritchies will donate money back to us. These cards/tags can be used at ANY Ritchies store, supermarket or liquor throughout Vic, NSW and Qld by staff, students and their families/grandparents.

If you would like to support our school and you don't already have a CB card/tag please collect one at the registers next time you shop at ANY Ritchies store to use every time you shop. All you do is nominate Baxter Primary School, it's that easy! This is an easy way for us to raise funds for our school with no costs involved.



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After School Care: 3:15pm - 6pm

Please see office staff for enrolment forms or contact us on

0406 877 787 Baxter@elysiumoshc.com.au

Community Notices

HALL FOR HIRE The Baxter Primary School Hall is available for hire on weeknights and weekends by community groups and associations. The hall comes complete with a kitchen, PA system, toilets and is fully heated. Rental contracts may be discussed by calling the office on 5971 1391. Public liability insurance is required by hirers.



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