

## Principal's Report

### STAFFING

In some staffing news for 2019 I'd like to announce that Steven Baxter has been successful at obtaining a position at Dromana Secondary College for 2019. Steve has been an extremely valuable staff member at Baxter PS for 22 years and will be sorely missed. He's really excited about his new challenge and we wish him all the best for the future.

Our Chaplain, Sonia Cann-Milland will also be finishing her role at the end of the year. Sonia has decided to dedicate time to studying and spending more time with her family. Sonia has been with us for 12 years has been a fantastic support to our families. We are currently in the process of appointing a new Chaplain for next year and wish Sonia well in her new endeavours.

We are also pleased to announce that Samara Stephens has been appointed as a classroom teacher for 2019. Samara is currently working with our Year One students and has been a terrific addition to our school.

### COMMUNICATION

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the school is looking to implement Compass as a communication tool for our school community. The staff are really excited at the prospect of this happening.

We currently communicate via the school's newsletter, Flexi Buzz and our school website.

Due to a technical glitch, recently our school newsletter had not been communicated via Flexi Buzz, this error has now been rectified and we apologise for the inconvenience.

We are currently looking at better ways to communicate our calendar of events through the school website to help keep our families informed.

### 2019 SCHOOL PLANNING

If any of our families are moving house or have made arrangements at another school for 2019, could you please notify the school office. We are excitedly planning for next year and it would be greatly appreciated if we could be advised of any changes ASAP.

### THANK YOU...

There has been much happening around the school over the last few weeks—it is a busy end to the year! I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone that has been busy organising and assisting with the pizza lunch, Halloween Disco and donut day. The children have been loving their special treats and we greatly appreciate all of the community support.

### BAXTER FOCUS GROUP

Congratulations to the students who were nominated to represent our Baxter Focus Group:

James F—2F      Miller VD—2F

Bradley H—3A  
Connor A—4T  
Krystal B—5H  
Sian E—6B

Declan C—3A  
Alex C—4T  
Jacob K—5H  
Dash A—6B



## Nick Schneider Principal

### 2018 Calendar

**Term 4      Monday 8th October—Friday 21st December**

**Wednesday 14th November**—Foundation Transition

**Tuesday 20th November**—Choir Performance  
(Karingal Hub)

**20th & 22nd November**—Baxter's Got Talent auditions

**Tuesday 27th November**—Year 3 to 6 Beach Program

**28th & 29th November**—Last 2018 Playgroup sessions

**Friday 30th November**—Year 2 Sleepover

**Wednesday 5th December**—Colour Explosion Fun Run

**Monday 10th December**—Parent Helper afternoon tea

**Tuesday 11th December**—Foundation Transition and  
parent information sessions

**Wednesday 12th December**—Christmas Concert

**Friday 14th December**—Sports Awards Day  
(PAV lunch orders)

**Monday 17th December**—Year 6 Graduation

**Wednesday 19th December**—Class parties

**Friday 21st December**—Last day of school  
(1:30pm dismissal)

# congratulations!

## Aussie of the Week

### 5H — Braden B

In recognition of your determination to have-a-go at activities you would normally avoid, overcoming shyness when participating in large group events and becoming more confident and independent when attempting your work.



## Star Award

Congratulations to our students who received a star award at assembly for excellent behaviour and a great attitude.



## Scholastic Award



### 4T— Amali B

In recognition of your positive attitude towards learning and the consistent effort that you make to improving. Keep up the great work—Well Done!



## Music Award



## Visual Arts Award



### Pizza This Pizza That

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# congratulations!

## Sports Award

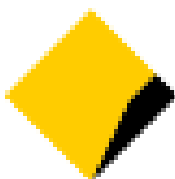


## LOTE Award



## Commonwealth Banking

A reminder that school banking takes place every Friday. Due to the current lack of weekly deposits, we may have no choice but to cancel this in 2019. We view this as a great learning opportunity for our students and encourage all children to continue positive savings habits.



## GIRL GUIDES

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Contact: District Manager, Deb Abbs 9787 5709

Email: [frankston@guidesvic.org.au](mailto:frankston@guidesvic.org.au)



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# THE COLOUR CRAZE THAT'S SWEEPING THE NATION™



Dear Parent/Guardian

**RE: School Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion**

We commence the School Run4Fun Colour Explosion which is as a major fundraiser this term so we do ask for your support. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular **school resources**.

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on **December 5th** starting at **2.30pm**. We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

## **Colour Powder**

The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It's non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

## **How Does My Child Fundraise?**

Students have now received a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as \$10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

## **Student Profile Page**

Create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) which is unique to you. There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.

You can also register for online fundraising. It's the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner. The average raised per student using online fundraising is \$120.

**WIN A SHARE OF \$70,000 WORTH OF FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS.** Create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and enter your unique code found on page five (5) of your Sponsorship Form to see if you're an instant winner. Give your fundraising goal a kick start!

## **How to Order Prizes?**

To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash, online, and if applicable, any **FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS** won using the unique code on page five (5) of the Sponsorship Form. You have two options to place your prize order:

1. Login or create a Student Profile Page at [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au). Once the fundraiser has finished, click the 'ORDER MY PRIZE' button and then confirm your total amount raised and order your prize/s, **OR**
2. Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before **6<sup>th</sup> December**. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a **BLAST OF COLOUR!** Happy fundraising!

Lori Frowd



## P. E. & Sport News



### Walk to school month was a great success!

Walk to school in October has now officially ended. For many families, this was a change to normal school travel patterns. Now the goal is to keep up your new habits. We would also like to thank our teachers for recording our walks on a daily basis and last, but not least, our families for supporting us in Walking to School in October.

Prizes will be presented to the biggest walkers from each class at our next assembly!

Thank you also to Sonia & Mark for helping to organise our breakfast to celebrate the end of Walk to School month. Thanks to those children and families who supported this morning. We were also joined by Darryl & Penny from the Bendigo Bank at Pearcedale who donated a box of fresh fruit to share.



St John's Ambulance visited our school on Tues 30<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 1st November to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained St John presenters lead students from all classes through sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency.

Our junior students learnt about how to identify when there is an emergency, keeping themselves safe, and how to call for an ambulance. Senior students learnt about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Participating students were given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. As well as receiving a first aid certificate. A huge thankyou goes to those families who were able to make a **gold coin donation** to contribute to the work that St. John's do to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

We were able to raise a total of **\$51.70** – well done everyone who participated!



### HOUSE SPORTS

Congratulations to all students who took part in our House Sports last Friday. Every child received a ribbon on the day and contributed house points to their team. RED House came out winners on the day – WELL DONE!

We were entertained by the class relays and also by the participation of the toddlers who took part in the parent/child race. Our grade 4's were excellent companions for the preps in our "buddy race".

Special thanks must go to all of the children who helped with set up & pack up, the teachers who helped with the running of the day, the grade 6's for packing up and especially to our House Captains who were kept extremely busy on the morning setting up, helping with events, looking after children and participating themselves. Thank you also to our parents, families and friends for coming along and supporting the children on the day!

### GET IN2 CRICKET CLINICS

On **Friday 16th November** the children from Year Prep-6 will all participate in Get in2 Cricket Clinics run by Cricket Victoria. This will give the children a "taste" of cricket and an invitation to take part in various cricket programs in the area. The children take part in a 50 minute session of cricket skills and related games.



### HATS AND DRINK BOTTLES

TERM 4 MEANS – "HATS ON!!!" Please ensure that your child is wearing a broad-rimmed or bucket hat at school so that they can participate in sport and PE. Now that the weather is warming up, it is also advisable that your child brings a drink bottle to school to use during our outdoor sessions.



Stay fit and healthy!

**Jodie Baxter**  
**Sport & PE Co-Ordinator**

## Music & LOTE News

### MUSIC NEWS

Over the last fortnight in the music room students have been learning about the orchestra and how different composers use instruments, dynamics and tempo in music to create a mood or reflect a story. Students have watched, listened and responded to pieces by Beethoven and Vivaldi being played by an orchestra.

The students in each year level have begun rehearsing items for our upcoming Christmas concert. This year each grade will perform some Christmas carols as well as another popular song using instruments or dancing as part of their performance.

### BAXTER'S GOT TALENT

The annual 'Baxter's Got Talent' competition will be held next week. Students from any year level are invited to prepare an 'act' for the contest. This could involve singing, playing an instrument, dancing, acting or any other talent. Students can perform individually or in groups. The auditions round will be held during the week of November 19th- 23rd.

Acts will be performed for a panel of students and teachers and the finalists will perform their item at a following assembly. Expression of interest forms have been handed out to students and an extension given to get these forms back to Mrs. Freeman by this tomorrow.

### CHOIR

The Baxter Primary School Choir will be performing at Karingal Hub for their Sounds of Christmas event next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 1:00pm. The performance will be held in the centre court area and the students would love for you to come and see us perform. The choir will also be performing at assembly on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### UKULELE JAM

You are invited to attend a weekly ukulele jam session held in the music room from approximately 8:30am. This is a drop in, casual get together for anyone who feels like learning some basics on the ukulele and having a bit of fun playing along to some popular songs. This session is open for anyone of any skill level. Use one of our ukes or bring your own.



### BERITA INDONESIA (Indonesian news)

Selamat! Students in prep-year 3 have begun learning vocabulary relating to food in Indonesian lessons. We have looked at vocabulary for familiar fruits and vegetables in Indonesian and also translated our favourite foods into Indonesian. The students are looking forward to tasting and cooking some Indonesian foods in the coming weeks.

Here is some vocabulary you can use at home:

apple- apel	carrot- wortel
banana- pisang	potato- kentang
orange- jeruk	cucumber- ketimun
pear- pir	tomato- tomat
watermelon- semangka	lettuce- selada

Tips for correct pronunciation: the letter 'a' makes the 'u' sound as in 'up'. The letter 'u' makes the 'oo' sound as in 'good'.

### Victoria Freeman Music and LOTE teacher

## Happy Birthday

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

Brody W, Holly TW, Madi A,  
Ashton T, Tyrus B and  
Meekah YL



## Peninsula Uniform Shop

Open alternate Thursdays in Room 2  
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Term 4 dates:  
22nd November 2018  
6th December 2018

### 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Open in Room 2 for parents to browse any time.  
Gold coin donation requested.

## Foundation Enrolments 2019

Transition is well under way for 2019!

Our new students have been enjoying their transition sessions. There is one more session and an information session for all new parents, in December. 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.

## A further 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  
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## 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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