



Snap Shot

Wednesday 28th November 2018 - Term 4 / Week 8

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Principal's Report

STAFFING

We have recently undertaken the recruitment process and are pleased to announce that Trudy Connellan has been appointed our new Chaplain for 2019. Trudy currently works part time at Crib Point PS and comes highly recommended. Trudy will be working with Sonia towards the end of the year for an official handover of the position.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS 2019

The school's Leadership Team met recently and we are proud to announce the following staffing structure for our teachers for 2019. Students were notified in their classrooms today and our 2019 Foundation students will be notified at their next transition session.

Year	Teacher(s)
Foundation	Caroline McFaul
Foundation/ One	Lori Frowd
Two	Michelle Bremner/Jade Dahlstrom
Three	Rosalea Andrews
Four	Liz Taylor
Five	Matt Hardy
Six	Samara Stephens
Music/LOTE	Victoria Freeman
P.E	Jodie Baxter
Art	Bec Thomas

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (AIP)

The school Leadership Team has recently signed off on the 2018 AIP. This will now be reviewed by our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) and we will receive feedback. I will be meeting with our SEIL next week to discuss our 2019 plan of action.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC)

Last week we received formal notification that we have been accepted into the PLC initiative for 2019. We were nominated by our SEIL to participate in this initiative and will receive some significant funding to attend the training.

The Victorian Professional Learning Community (PLC) initiative supports Victorian government schools to build effective PLCs. Participating schools are at the forefront of working collaboratively to improve student learning outcomes.

Victorian PLC schools commit to using a consistent and structured cycle of data-driven inquiry to inform classroom practice. Their leaders give teacher teams - the building blocks of PLCs - time and support to plan, implement and evaluate high-impact teaching and learning programs.

The staff are very excited about undertaking this professional learning to support the improvement of learning outcomes for our students.

FACILITIES

School Council has approved some refurbishment work in Block A (Administration and current Junior School). This is anticipated to be conducted over the school holiday period. We will be re-carpeting the whole block and re-painting the corridor areas. This part of the school was targeted as the most critical area of focus and will certainly improve the overall look of our school facility.

COMMONWEALTH BANKING

Over recent weeks we have had messages in the school newsletter regarding our weekly student banking. Unfortunately we have now had to make the decision to stop Commonwealth banking through the school, due to the lack of participation and interest.

The last day for banking will be this Friday (30th November), when you will also be able to redeem your tokens. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for further information.

Nick Schneider
Principal

2018 Calendar

Term 4

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

6B — Ethan R

In recognition of his inquisitive nature, problem solving attitude and determined approach to pursuing his interests.



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.

Scholastic Award

Caleb B, Alfie T, Charlotte S, Angus K, Sophie W, Beth VD, Daisy H, Rory B, Piper A and Jessica K.



A message from your school banking coordinator:

If your child has collected 10 Dollarmites tokens and would like to redeem them for a School Banking reward item this term, please fill in your child's redemption slip and bring it along to one of our School Banking days before 30 November 2018. This will ensure the reward item will arrive before the school holidays. **Our final School Banking day will be Friday 30th November.** Thanks—Mell Kupsch



Star Award

Alfie T, Matilda R, Evie K, Kaylee J, Jack CG, Olivia B, Emily K and Zaria C for excellent behaviour and a great attitude.



Music, LOTE & Visual Arts Awards

Neven P, Alicia G and Belle B.



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P. E. & Sport News



Walk to school month was a great success!

At last Monday's assembly, we announced the child from each grade with the most Walks to School. The winners received a \$10 voucher from Rebel Sport and a sport's drink bottle. Congratulations everyone!

GET IN2 CRICKET CLINICS

On Friday 16th November the children from all year levels participated in Cricket Clinics run by Tom from Cricket Victoria. This gave the children a "taste" of cricket and an invitation to take part in various cricket programs in the area. The children took part in a 50 minute session of cricket skills and related games. Many thanks to Tom who came along to encourage us all to sign up at our local club. His passion for the game was infectious, his activities were engaging and lots of fun!



BEACH PROGRAM YEAR 3-6; MORNINGTON LIFE SAVING CLUB

Yesterday the children from year 3-6 took part in a Beach Program at Mills Beach in Mornington, run by the Mornington lifesavers. The children learnt many lessons in water safety and also skills and techniques for using boards and life-saving equipment. Activities included boards, wade & swim rescues, beach soccer and flags/sprints.



The children were treated to a BBQ lunch cooked by our own Mr. Schneider. A very big thank you goes to our classroom teachers and SSO's for their time and effort in supervising and running activities.



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

It has been busy and festive in the music room! Students have been learning songs and dances for our upcoming Christmas concert on Wednesday 12th December. As well as all this festive music, students have also been exploring creating and composing our own music.

The junior students used unusual percussion instruments to create sounds of a thunderstorm. They used changes in tempo and dynamics to mimic the quiet and loud sounds of the rain, wind and thunder. The middle school students used glockenspiels and senior students used a range of different instruments to create their own ostinato melody in small groups. Students will continue to work on their melody and add percussion sounds to their songs in the coming weeks.

BAXTER'S GOT TALENT

The annual 'Baxter's Got Talent' auditions were held last week. It takes a lot of courage to perform in front of an audience of their peers and I am so proud of all the students who auditioned. The talent this year was fantastic. It was extremely difficult to narrow the field to a group of finalists who will perform at an upcoming assembly.

Congratulations to these students: Neven, Daisy and Tish, Olivia and Kaitlyn, Maksim, Zaria, Emily, Jeorja, Montana and Rebecca.

CHOIR

Congratulations to the Baxter Primary School Choir who performed beautifully at Karingal Hub for their Sounds of Christmas event last week and at assembly on Monday. I'm very proud of the students involved for dedicating their time to rehearsals and performing so well on both occasions. Thank you to all those parents and families who came along to support us.



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 been learning vocabulary relating to food in Indonesian lessons. We recreated our own mini books of a familiar story- 'The very hungry caterpillar' using Indonesian vocabulary (Ulat lapar sekali).

This week we had a lot of fun tasting some exotic fruits that are common in Indonesia. Students then marked a box next to each fruit to mark 'suka' (like) or 'tidak suka' (dislike).



We tasted papaya, rambutan, nanas (pineapple), mangga (mango), buah naga (dragon fruit) and even durian (known as the king of fruits and famous for its pungent smell).



Thank you to all our families who made donations to help buy all the fruit. Next week we will be cooking Nasi Goreng. We warmly welcome any parents who wish to assist on the day.

Victoria Freeman
Music and LOTE teacher

Happy Birthday

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

Oliver P, Izaiah S,
Junn T and Ruby H



Peninsula Uniform Shop

Open alternate Thursdays in Room 2
2:45pm to 3:45pm



Term 4:
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.

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 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 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. 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 **6th 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

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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