

Wednesday 1st May 2019 - Term 2 / Week 2

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Principal's Report

WELCOME BACK

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of the members of our school community back to Baxter Primary School for Term 2. We have an extremely busy term ahead with NAPLAN testing, Winter School Sports, swimming and much, much more being conducted. I'm really looking forward to this term.

EXCITING NEWS—NAPLAN 2018 RESULTS

As we look to move into NAPLAN testing for 2019, I'd like to share with our school community an email I received a few weeks ago from ACARA, the NAPLAN governing body.

ACARA has identified our school as having demonstrated substantially above average gain in reading and/or numeracy achievement, as measured by NAPLAN.

ACARA congratulated our school community on this achievement stating that an improvement in student literacy and/or numeracy of this magnitude is significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledging.

ACARA also stated that we may be contacted by national or state papers to provide a comment on our achievement.

I'm extremely proud of this acknowledgment and would like to praise all the hard work our teachers and students put in every day to improve learning outcomes at Baxter PS. Well done everyone!

ENROLMENTS & SCHOOL TOURS 2020

I am currently conducting personal tours for prospective parents and we are now taking enrolments for 2020. Any current families with siblings beginning school next year are encouraged to collect an enrolment form from the office and return it ASAP. We will be beginning our first transition session later this term.

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY

On Monday we conducted a special ANZAC Day Assembly in remembrance of all the people who fought in the war for our country.



Our Year 6 students compiled information and put together a commemorative presentation for our school community. Lest we forget.



COMPASS

As everyone would now be aware, we have adopted Compass as our sharing/communication platform for our school community.

On Monday 20th May, staff will be receiving some professional development in utilising the system to generate and distribute student reports. In order to access reports, all parents and guardians will need to register on Compass.

Letters were sent home with all students last term with detailed information and personal login details. Unfortunately we still have several families who are yet to register and may be missing out on valuable information posted by the school.

Over the next 6 months we will be transitioning away from FlexiBuzz with all information sharing to be conducted strictly through the Compass portal. If you need any assistance with Compass or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jaclyn Emmett in the office.

Nick Schneider
Principal

2019 Calendar

Term 1

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 28th June

Tuesday 7th May—Junior School Swimming commences 7/5, 14/5, 28/5, 4/6, 11/6 & 25/6

Thursday 9th May—House Cross Country (whole school)

Friday 10th May—Mother's Day Stall

Monday 20th May—Curriculum Day (pupil free day)

Monday 27th May—District Cross Country (Year 3—6)

congratulations!

Specialist Awards

Well done to Bailey (Music), Tyrus (Music), Alysha (Visual Arts), Charlotte (Sport), Jacob (Sport), Lincoln (LOTE) and Gypsy (LOTE).

Aussie of the Week

01F—Caidyn W

Caidyn is Aussie of the Week because he has shown qualities in and out of the classroom that are commendable. He is a kind hearted class member who helps his friends whenever he can. He is very hard working in the classroom and always works to achieve his best. Caidyn is extremely respectful and polite and is always willing to offer assistance to myself and other teachers.



FM—Max C

It has been a pleasure to watch Max grow into an independent and confident student this year. Max loves being at school and learning. He consistently tries his hardest and takes a lot of pride in everything he does. Congratulations Max on such a positive start to your school life.



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Star Award

Awarded to students in recognition of excellent behaviour and a great attitude! Congratulations this week go to: Eoin, Charlotte, Emmi, Felicity, Connor, Lachlan, Krystal, Curtis, William and Piper.



Parents are more than welcome to come along to watch and support the children run. The children will run a set distance in their age group and will receive a certificate just for completing the course. Every child contributes to their house points just by participating. Those children finishing in the top 5 of their age group for 9 year olds and above will go on to compete in the District Cross Country at Hastings Foreshore on Monday 27th May.

Remember to wear your house colours to school that day – no face paint or coloured hairspray please. So get out and start practising kids – it's a good time to get fit and healthy! A reminder that we will all be doing Cross Country practise, as well as fitness training, during PE over the weeks leading up to the day. Please remind the children to wear their runners on PE days.



A reminder to all parents that your children should bring along a drink bottle to PE. This is particularly useful when they participate in any outdoor activities.

P. E. & Sport News



JOGGING CLUB

It has been a long time since we have had a running club here at school, however commencing tomorrow (Thursday 2nd May) our Jogging Club will operate every Tuesday and Thursday for the first half of lunch. Simply meet myself and my team at the rotunda at 1:30pm. Find your checkpoint card, which will be in the tub - these will be in class order.

Run or walk around the jogging club track and get each lap marked off at the big trees (similar to cross country). When you have had enough, or by the half time bell, just place your card back in your class tub. There will be certificates awarded at assembly for children who reach a certain distance. For example – when you have completed enough laps that would equal 10km, 20km etc. Let's get active and fit together! It will be perfect training for cross country. I cant wait to see you there!

FOUNDATION TO YEAR 2 SWIMMING PROGRAM



We have offered the children in Year F/1 & 2 the opportunity to take part in a "Learn To Swim" Program at the Somerville YMCA / Core 24.

Each lesson will run for 45 minutes on a Tuesday over a 6 week period, commencing **Tuesday 7th May**, the third week of Term 2. Parents are encouraged to attend the pool during lesson times to support and watch their children.

The children should wear their bathers to school under their school uniform. Please do not forget to pack a towel and a change of underwear for your child. The pool will supply a swimming cap for your child also.

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

This year we will be holding our House Cross Country on Thursday 9th May. The junior children will be running in the morning between 9:15am—10am.

The middle school children will run after them between 10:15am and 11am. The senior children will run after recess 11:30am—1:20pm.



National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term well-being of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on their cognitive and academic performance.

The annual event, now in its 20th year, encourages primary school aged children to build walking into their daily routine, by walking to and from school, not just on Friday 17 May, but every day. Please take part where possible. We would love to see the Baxter Community supporting this nation wide event!

Jodie Baxter
Sport & PE Co-Ordinator



DONATIONS NEEDED!

Mrs. Frowd is hoping to start a weekly Lego Club. There has been a lot of interest from the children and we would really like to offer them another lunchtime Club—especially over the colder months.

If anyone has donations of Lego that they can make to the school, please bring them into the office by Friday 10th May. Any donation you can make would be greatly appreciated and will go a long way in assisting with the success of the club!

Music & LOTE News

MUSIC

It was a somewhat quiet start to term 2 in the music room with the short week last week but there is lots to look forward to!

This week the Victoria State School Spectacular (VSSS) mass choir group will begin rehearsals at school. We have 14 students who will represent our school in performances in September at Melbourne Arena. We look forward to our first full group rehearsal at Melbourne Town Hall in July.

The Baxter Primary School choir group also began rehearsals this week. We are learning some new songs and getting ready for performances in education week, later in the term.

The junior school began learning about pitch in music by playing some games to identify high and low sounds. The middle and senior classes will also be learning about elements of music including pitch and tonality.

In the coming weeks our year 2, 3 and 4 students will begin to learn the recorder. I have a class set of recorders at school (which are sterilized between uses). If students have their own recorder that they wish to bring to school on their music day, they are most welcome. If you would like to purchase a recorder to practice at home Cranbourne Music have Yamaha recorders for approximately \$14. I have also seen them in Big W for around \$6!

BERITA INDONESIA (INDONESIAN NEWS)

Selamat! In term 2 in Indonesian we have begun by learning about numbers.

The junior school students have begun with numbers 1-20 and middle and senior students have learned further vocabulary to translate numbers up to and beyond 100.

Each class made an Indonesian die to play simplified board games to practice numbers in Indonesian.

Satu- 1	Enam- 6
Dua- 2	Tujuh- 7
Tiga- 3	Delapan- 8
Empat- 4	Sembilan- 9
Lima- 5	Sepuluh- 10

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the **2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular: Made of Stars.**

The Spectacular brings together government school communities from across Victoria. Fittingly, this year's theme, *Made of Stars*, will feature a galaxy of out-of-this-world performances showing that these students are made of star stuff.

The three-hour live show – involving music, dance, skateboarding and circus arts – will be performed to an audience of around 12,000 people at **Melbourne Arena on Saturday 14 September over two shows at 1pm and 6:30pm.**

Talented Victorian students will feature on stage, while many other students will work behind the scenes, gaining unique, on-the-job, professional experience.

The Spectacular is a creative vision of industry professionals including Creative Director Neill Gladwin, Musical Director Chong Lim AM, 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).

For a fun, family entertainment experience, and to cheer on our students from the audience, be quick to secure tickets when they go on sale at **9am Wednesday 12 June** via www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular

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Child Under 15: \$20
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Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (the 11th ticket is free) by calling Group Bookings on **1300 364 001.**

Victoria Freeman Music & LOTE



To our students who have recently celebrated a birthday, or are celebrating in the next week, we hope you had/have a fabulous day! Felicity R, Connor R, Olivia F, Giselle G, Krissy H, Beau S, Jennifer K, Arthur B, Jett M, Paige D, Tahlia D, Alysha S, Layla S, Tyler W, Emmi W, Seth L, Lachlan W & Curtis W.

Peninsula Uniform Shop

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Term 2:
2nd May 2019
16th May 2019
30th May 2019
13th June 2019

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Open in Room 2 for parents to browse any time.
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Breakfast Club

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

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7. If you are happy with the order, click the 'Proceed to checkout' button
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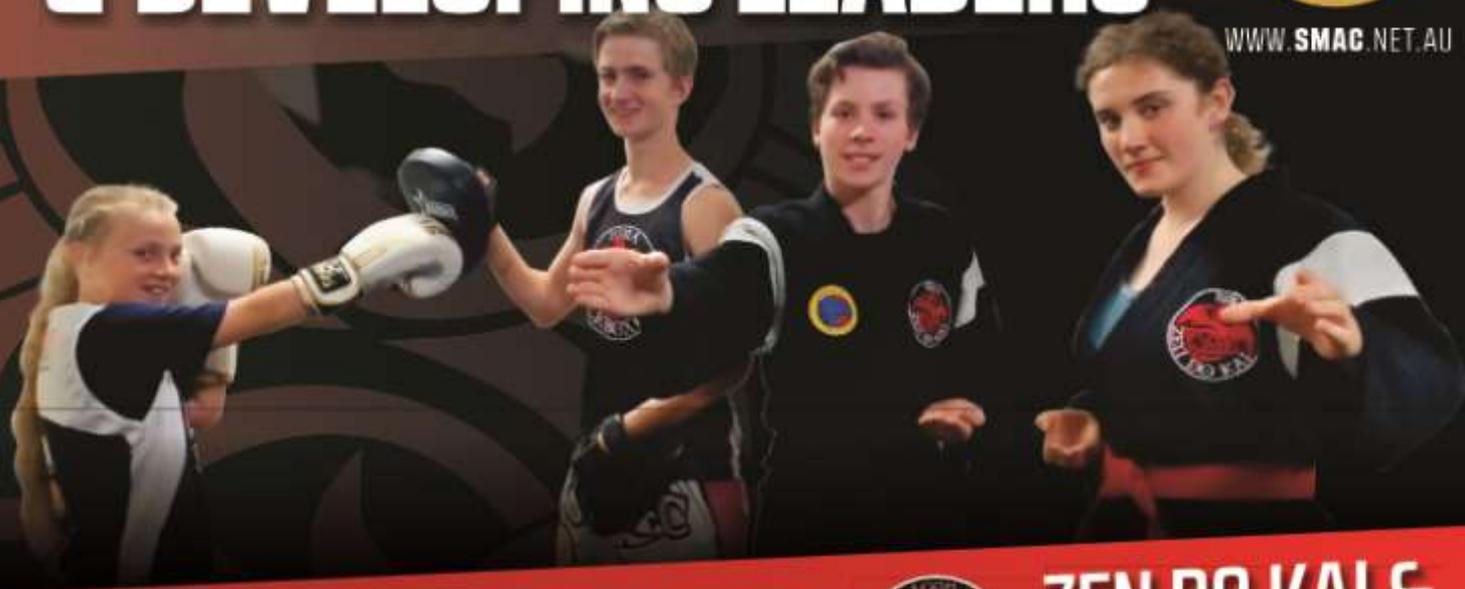
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