

Principal's Report



Yesterday I received a very exciting letter from the **Honorable James Merlino—Deputy Premier, Minister for Education**. Please see the below excerpt:

"This year, the Victorian Government has announced a \$4.1 billion education package, continuing it's commitment to make Victoria the 'Education State'.

The 2019-20 State Budget provides \$1.8 billion to build new schools, upgrade existing schools and buy land to ensure future educational demand can be met. This includes an investment of \$179.5 million to continue the largest ever removal of asbestos from government schools.

Having modern and up-to-date classrooms and facilities in our schools is a fundamental part of ensuring that every child has the best possible education. We cannot build the 'Education State' without investing in our schools' bricks and mortar.

I am delighted to confirm that the Victorian Government has allocated \$2.581 million to fund a new permanent modular school building at Baxter Primary School as part of the Permanent Modular School Buildings Program.

I have asked the Victorian School Building Authority to work closely with you to deliver this project, ensuring that the new building accords with the school's education vision."

I am expecting a call in the next few weeks to find out further information. As soon as we know exactly what this means, which buildings are affected, timelines, etc, I will share it with the school community.

We are extremely excited by this news and trust you will be too!

ELECTION DAY BBQ

A massive thank you to all of our parent helpers who organised and ran the Election Day BBQ, in particular Erin Ross and Adrian Van Dinteren.

We raised approximately \$500 which will go towards further funding for our electronic sign.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I would like to notify School Council that I will be taking long service leave for the last 2 weeks of Term 2 (June 16th - 28th) Michelle Bremner will be the Acting Principal in my absence and will be attending the June meeting on my behalf.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Now that our school community has become familiar with Compass and it's capabilities, we have decided to take another step towards paperless communication.

Please be advised that as of today, our whole school newsletter will be available through Compass and on our website. If you would still like to receive a printed copy, please contact the office.

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.

Nick Schneider
Principal

2019 Calendar

Term 2

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 28th June

Tuesday 4th June—Junior School Swimming
Upcoming weeks: 11/6 & 25/6

Monday 10th June—Queen's Birthday public holiday

Wednesday 12th June—Wildlife Exposure
Foundation—Year 2 incursion

Last day of term—Friday 28th June (2:30pm dismissal)

congratulations!

Aussie of the Week

4T—Holly W

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



5H—Hayden M

In recognition of your outstanding efforts in encouraging your classmates, being prepared to try your best in all activities and participating in group work with a diverse range of peers. Keep up the great work and you will go far. Well done!



To our students who have recently celebrated a birthday, or are celebrating in the next two weeks, we hope you had/have a fabulous day!

Jacob R, Cooper B, Ashton O and Tali B

Specialist Award

Well done to Kayden (Visual Arts), Jack (Visual Arts), Maddison (Music), Xavier (Music), Ethan (LOTE), Sophie (LOTE), Eliza (Sports) & Heath (Sports).



Star Award

Awarded to students in recognition of excellent behaviour and a great attitude! Congratulations this week go to: Abbie, Coby, Marley, Tayla, Ashton, Ethan, Ruby, Kaitlyn, Kody, Issy, Declan, Harvey & Chloe.



P. E. & Sport News

MDPSSA

Congratulations to the senior children on a competitive morning of sport last Friday against Woodlands Primary School. For round 1 our soccer team and footballers played at Woodlands P.S. The netballers and t-ball team played at home.



The weather was not very kind to us with cold wind and rain setting in half way through the morning. We all had a brilliant morning competing against a much larger school than ours. We certainly proved that for a small school we will remain competitive and give them a run for their money!

Congratulations on our t-ball team on a big win under the guidance of Ms Paulding. Thanks to our parents, friends and families who came along to support us. A big thank you to the families who were responsible for washing our uniforms. We really appreciate the extra assistance.

This week we play against Langwarrin Primary School. T-ball and football will play at Langwarrin, soccer and netball play at home. **Please be sure to bring along a change of clothes and footwear in case it is wet and muddy.** Everyone also requires a drink bottle. Please be at school by **8.45am**. Good luck everyone!

MURDOCH DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday, a squad of children from Baxter Primary School headed off to Hastings Foreshore to compete in the Murdoch District Cross Country. The day was cold, wet and windy and the course was long and muddy in places. The children had a hard time coming along the exposed track in the horizontal rain.

Everyone ran to the best of their ability and participated with loads of determination and enthusiasm. The children were great sports and were there to cheer each other on over the finish line. Well done!

Congratulations to both Sophie and Alysha Walker for finishing in the top 10 in their age group. Sophie came 4th and Alysha 9th. The girls will now compete next Wednesday, back at Hastings Foreshore, to represent the District. What a fabulous achievement!



A huge thankyou also to the many parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support the children. Special thanks goes to our parent helpers, Natasha Lammers, Sally Bagley and Tina Leone for braving the cold and coming out to assist on the bus and trackside.

Further thanks goes to Ms. Andrews, Ms. Kupsch and Ms. Stephens, who not only travelled on the bus with the children but

also supervised, barracked and supported the children throughout the day.

SPORTING SCHOOLS YEAR 5/6 BASKETBALL

Over the following 4 weeks the year 5 and 6's will receive basketball coaching from the team at Frankston Basketball, during their PE time. This week we have the incredible US import, "Najeal Young" as our guest coach. I'm sure the

children will gain great skills and game knowledge by their time with these professional coaches.

MURDOCH DISTRICT GIRLS AFL DAY



This year the Murdoch District will be running a **GIRLS ONLY** Interschool Football Lightning Premiership day at Lloyd Park, Langwarrin on Thursday 18th July 2019.

All senior girls are required to attend the day, which is aimed at inclusion of all girls in physical sport. The girls are encouraged take part in this day as an opportunity to be given a fair go and a chance to experience a predominately, male orientated sport.

The girls will participate in a series of football matches against the schools in the Murdoch District. (Woodlands, Langwarrin, Pearcedale, Somerville, Langwarrin Park & Somerville Rise). This is an extension of our interschool sport program and the winning team on the day will advance through to the next round of competition.



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.

Stay fit and healthy!

Jodie Baxter
Sport & PE Coordinator

An important reminder about the.....



Literacy and numeracy skills lay the foundation for success in learning and in life. The Premiers' Reading Challenge is a practical and fun way for children and students to build these life skills.

Everyone has been registered for the challenge by Ms Frowd so please remember to keep reading with your children and encourage them to read at home.

The book list provides a broad range of books for the challenge. Students, parents and educators can choose appropriate reading material for each challenger.

Happy reading!

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.

Music & LOTE News

MUSIC

There has been lots happening in the music room. Each year level has been learning about music notation.

Students in Foundation and year 1 have been looking at rhythm symbols and learning how to clap or play those rhythms on glockenspiels. They have also been singing and dancing to songs that tell stories. They have especially loved the dress-ups and actions that go with these songs.

The students in year 2 have been learning about music notation and how musical notes are written on the treble staff. We have played interactive games and used rhymes to help remember the order of notes on the treble staff. We also begun to learn how to play recorder and will continue to learn basic recorder skills and note reading for the remainder of the term.

The middle and senior classes have been working on a project on song writing. The students worked in small groups to write their own lyrics. Students in year 3 and 4 had a task to write an advertisement for a 'red bike' which they set to the tune of 'Best day of my life' by American Authors.

The year 5 and 6 students had a much broader scope for their lyrics which was to come up with their own theme and choose their own melody (either a song they know or create their own). This was quite a challenging task for many. The finished songs were very creative and each group recorded a performance of their song.

In the coming weeks the year 2, 3 and 4 students will begin to learn the recorder. The school has a class set of recorders (which are sterilized between uses), however 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 and I've even seen them in Big W for around \$6!

BERITA INDONESIA (INDONESIAN NEWS)

Selamat! In Indonesian we have been learning about colours and also about the different landscapes of Indonesia. Here's some Indonesian vocabulary to practice at home. Don't forget that the letter 'u' is pronounced as a short 'oo' sound (as in good) and the letter 'c' is pronounced as 'ch'.

red- merah	blue- biru	green- hijau
yellow- kuning	orange- jingga	purple- ungu
black- hitam	white- putih	pink- merah muda
brown- coklat	grey- abu-abu	

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

We are proud and excited to have some of our students participating in the 2019 VSSS—*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 12th June** via www.ticketek.com.au/spectacular

Adult: \$40

Child Under 15: \$20

Concession: \$30

Buy 10 tickets and get one adult ticket free (the 11th ticket is free) by calling Group Bookings on **1300 364 001**.

Please note the Baxter Primary School choir group will be seated behind quadrant 2 so the best sections for you to purchase tickets will be section 17, 18, 19, 44 and 45.

We suggest you book early to avoid missing out!

Victoria Freeman Music & LOTE

On a further musical note...



There are some places 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

Peninsula Uniform Shop

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



Term 2:
30th May 2019
13th June 2019

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Open in Room 2 for parents to browse any time.
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& Lunchiez

Lunchiez is a lunch delivery service that specialises in making nutritious food for Primary School age children.

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**Commencing Friday 8th March – Currently available Friday only.
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How to use the Lunchiez website.

1. Logon to www.lunchiez.com.au
2. Click on the bottom-middle of the homepage where it says 'Order Now' in bold green lettering
3. Click on your child's school logo
4. Click on your child's preferred meal option (Warm or Wrap)
5. Fill out the form with your child's name, class and meal options and press 'Add to cart'
6. Click on the 'view cart' button
7. If you are happy with the order, click the 'Proceed to checkout' button
8. At the checkout complete your billing details. If you create an account and save it, you will not have to create an account each time you order.

NOTE: If you wish to place multiple orders, simply go back to the order page and follow steps 3-5 until you are ready to checkout.



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Elysium OSHC is an approved provider and is registered to receive the Child Care Subsidy. Billing cycles are fortnightly and are distributed through our online system via email or post.

To enrol, visit www.elysiumshc.com.au or phone 0406 877 787

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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TIME TO SHINE INSIDE AND OUT

Is your family being impacted by anxiety? If you have not yet sought help or have sought help from health providers with limited success, Sue Stevenson, Certified Meta Dynamics Practitioner and Transformational Life Coach can assist you in either situation.

FREE coaching sessions for local parents or young people available now at the Langwarrin Community Centre. These individual sessions aim to assist young people suffering from anxiety or parents with a child showing signs of anxiety.

Free one-to-one sessions available Friday afternoons between 1:00pm and 4:00pm.

Available dates: Friday 7th, 14th, 21st or 28th June.
To arrange a time please contact Sue on 0410 532 509.

Student Environmental Photography Competition 2019

Inviting students from all over Australia to share with us, through photography, how their environments and communities are responding to climate change and today's environmental challenges. We want images that are compelling and beautiful and that tell stories that will inspire all of us to live a more sustainable life. This competition is open to all primary and secondary students as long as you are studying in Australia. The competition will culminate in an end of year exhibition where visitors can view the winning and shortlisted entries and learn about the environment and the challenges of climate change.



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ANXIETY ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL

Going to school is usually an exciting and enjoyable event for children and adolescents. However most children are occasionally reluctant to go to school or have some anxiety about activities like school camp; it is also normal that at some stage in life most of us will feel anxious when faced with a difficult situation.

Anxiety becomes a problem when it is persistent and prevents a person from enjoying normal life experiences for a long period of time.

You can help your child to cope with anxiety in effective ways and, in doing so, help them develop self-confidence and resilience.

HOW CAN I TELL IF MY CHILD HAS ANXIETY?

Signs of anxiety include:

- Having lots of worries and a strong need for reassurance
- Psychosomatic symptoms which occur before school (e.g. nausea, stomach aches, headaches or shortness of breath). These symptoms will reduce when the threat (fear of going to school) is removed
- Crying, being clingy or fidgeting when nervous
- Sleep problems such as difficulty falling asleep, nightmares or trouble sleeping alone
- Fear and avoidance of a range of different issues and situations.

WHY ARE SOME CHILDREN ANXIOUS ABOUT GOING TO SCHOOL?

Anxiety may affect children at any age. The causes of anxiety may be different for young children than for teenagers:

- Separation anxiety (being afraid to be away from parents)
- Problems at school such as:
 - Being bullied and/or cyberbullied
 - Learning difficulties
 - Social isolation, not fitting in, friendship conflicts
 - Feeling lost at school
 - Fear of getting into trouble
 - Not getting along with a teacher
- New situations like the first day in a new class or the first day in a new school
- Failure – worry their schoolwork will be too hard, they won't be able to keep up, or they won't know the correct answer when called on in class
- Fear of losing a parent. They may think something bad will happen to a parent due to:
 - A parent being ill
 - Family problems and fighting
 - Parents separating
 - Knowing another child who has lost a parent or whose family has broken up

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

It is important not to dismiss your child's anxiety but to help them see that the situations they are worried about may not be as bad as they think.



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- **Remain calm:** you will be better placed to make them feel more confident. Try not to let your child see that you are worried or frustrated
- **Listen to your child:** encourage him/her to share their feelings and fears
- **Don't dismiss your child's feelings:** everyone feels afraid sometimes and your child might perceive this as you not understanding or not caring about their concerns
- **Talk it through:** discuss various scenarios, possible outcomes and ways to handle situations to help your child develop problem solving strategies
- **Let them have a go:** avoid taking over or giving your child the impression you will fight their battles for them. Some children with anxiety are happy for others to do things for them and if you take over, it might stop them learning how to cope for themselves. It also reinforces a perception that they are helpless and that someone will rescue them
- **Remind your child:** everyone makes mistakes and that this is where the best learning comes from
- **Be punctual:** Avoid being late when picking up or dropping off your child up from school
- **Problem solve:** with your child about what is causing the anxiety. For instance, if your child has problems walking through the front gate, arrange for them to meet a friend or use another entrance. If they find socialising in the yard before school starts a source of anxiety, arrange for them to arrive just before the bell.
- **Encourage & reassure:** even if they will be late encourage your child to go to school; reassure them that you will contact the school to explain
- **See the GP:** arrange for a visit to the GP if your child reports persistent physical complaints
- **Be consistent:** have a clear agreement between parents (even if separated) that school attendance is not optional and communicate this in a clear and calm manner to your child
- **Reward:** provide rewards for appropriate behaviour and avoid unintentionally rewarding school avoidance
- **Be clear:** be clear with instructions and requests and consistent with consequences
- **Be involved:** if possible, be active in your child's school through things like the school council or the canteen
- **Support:** model skills for becoming more independent and how to manage appointments, multiple homework tasks and competing demands
- **Seek assistance:** there is assistance and support available. The sooner you talk to your child's school about concerns, the better.
- **Get support:** for yourself if things are feeling overwhelming and distressing

SCHOOL REFUSAL

School refusing children experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school.

School refusal can be very distressing for parents who can find it very difficult to manage and address; it can cause conflict in the home and disrupt routines. Identifying the cause of school refusal can be difficult and there may be a number of factors that contribute to it. Early intervention is essential as prolonged absences from school can greatly impact a child's social and emotional development, academic achievement and vocational opportunities.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Sometimes you may need assistance from professionals who can help anxious children. Discuss your concerns with relevant teachers or wellbeing staff at your child's school. They can help address any school-based issues, refer your child to school counselling services and make recommendations about professional support.

Alternatively, you could seek support from your GP who can assist with a referral to mental health professional such as a psychologist, psychiatrist or therapist. They can help your child overcome their anxiety using mindfulness, improving self-confidence and self-esteem and helping children change the way they think about difficult situations.

TOP ATTENDANCE TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

USEFUL WEBSITES/CONTACTS

Kids Matter - www.kidsmatter.edu.au

Youth Beyond Blue - www.youthbeyondblue.com.au

Headspace - www.headspace.org.au

Reach Out – www.reachout.com

Raising Children Network - www.raisingchildren.net.au

Kids helpline - 1800 55 1800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or [web counselling](#)

Parentline – 1300 30 1300 (8am to 10pm seven days a week) & [web counselling](#) Tuesdays and Thursdays between 11am and 2pm