

## Principal's Report

### BADGE CEREMONY

It was fantastic to see such a great crowd arrive to witness our ceremony, where our student leaders were presented with their leadership badges.

Assemblies will be held twice a term with the next being conducted on the last day of Term One. More information to follow.

### PLAYGROUP

We are pleased to announce that Playgroup recommences Thursday 11th March from 9:15am – 10:45am. Helen Whitehead will continue to run the program and we're looking forward to using our new Playgroup room situated in the old 3/4 area of the school.

Please contact the office or Helen for further information.

### FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS 2022

We are now taking enrolments for 2022 as we are in the process of planning our Foundation Transition Program. Any parents with younger siblings starting school next year, are encouraged to collect enrolment forms from the school office.

If parents are aware of family or friends considering Baxter PS for 2022 could they please encourage them to contact the school to arrange a personal tour with me. I am thrilled to be conducting personal school tours again for prospective families, now that the restrictions have lifted.

### ATTENDANCE

Every day counts! School success starts with attendance.

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students—academically and socially.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Where possible, please make sure your child attends school every day.

### HOME READING

A few weeks ago I posted on Compass the importance of home reading and the huge benefits 20 minutes a night of reading can make.

Reading to Mum or Dad as they prepare dinner, reading to older siblings, other family members or reading before bed are some examples of how this can be achieved.

Please remember to promote the value of reading at home as we look to improve our reading outcomes here at Baxter Primary School.

**Nick Schneider**  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 1 2021

**Friday 5th March**—Year 5/6 interschool sport  
Somerville PS

**Monday 8th March**—Labour Day public holiday

**Thursday 11th March**—Playgroup commences  
9:15am—10:45am

**Friday 12th March**—Year 5/6 interschool sport  
Somerville Rise PS

**Wednesday 17th March**—Divisional Swimming Finals

**Friday 19th March**—Year 5/6 Lighting Premiership

**Wednesday 24th March**—Family Picnic

**Monday 29th to Wednesday 31st March**—Year 5/6  
City Camp

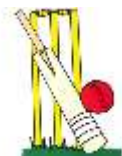
**Thursday 1st April**—Assembly & last day of Term 1  
2:30pm dismissal (N.B. The school bus will not be  
running so please make alternative arrangements)

## BREAKFAST CLUB IS BACK!

Breakfast Club will be offered  
again every Tuesday morning.

Thanks to our Year 5/6  
students who have offered to  
help. Children will be able to  
attend Breakfast Club every  
Tuesday from 8:30am.





## M.D.P.S.S.A YEAR 5/6 SUMMER INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

On Friday 5th March, our senior school students will compete in their first round of Summer Interschool Sports against Somerville Primary School. It looks like being a lovely morning and all teams are geared up with a positive outlook and with great enthusiasm to play.

Our Kanga 8's cricket team and our rounders team will travel on the bus to Somerville PS. Our softball and Newcombe teams will play at home. The children will be playing in their selected sport under the supervision of teachers from both schools.



Next Friday 12th March we play against Somerville Rise PS. Both the Kanga 8's and rounders teams will be playing at home whilst softball and Newcombe will play away.

**\*\*\*It is extremely important that all senior students are at school by 8.45am on Friday morning to be ready to leave on the bus at 9am.\*\*\***

Please ensure that all senior students have their **hat** for Friday interschool sport. It would be a huge shame to see anyone miss out on participating. It is also advised that the children wear runners and bring along their drink bottle. Best of luck this week everyone!

## M.D.P.S.S.A YEAR 5/6 SUMMER LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP—FRIDAY 19TH MARCH

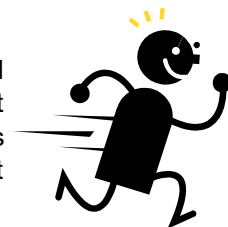
This year our District will be holding a Lightning Premiership (round robin competition) to determine the overall winners of our Summer sports teams. The winners of the Kanga cricket and Softball teams have the opportunity to advance to the next level of competition.

The Kanga 8's team will play at Lloyed Park, Newcombe at Langwarrin Park PS, Softball at Robinsons Rd and Rounders at Pearcedale PS.

If any parents are available between 9:30am and 2:15pm, we would love to see you at your child's sporting venue supporting, and barracking for the Baxter Primary School children. Good luck to all of our teams!

## JOGGING CLUB

It has been a long time since we have had a running club here at school but last week we got it up and running! Jogging Club will operate every Wednesday and Thursday for the first half of lunch. Simply meet Olivia and her team at the rotunda at 1:30pm. Find your checkpoint card 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 (like we do at 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 kids who reach a certain distance. For example – when you have completed enough laps that would equal 10km, 20km, etc. So let's get active and fit together! It will be perfect training for cross country. I cant wait to see you there!

## HATS & DRINK BOTTLES

A reminder to all parents, that your child must wear a broad-rim hat during **Term 1 & 4**. The rule **NO HAT; NO PLAY** applies and children with no hat on at sport time will be asked to play in the shade. We require all children to have a hat available on their sport/PE day so that they may participate in any outdoor activities.



Please check with your child's classroom teacher for a timetable. A drink bottle is also advisable.

**Jodie Baxter**  
Teacher  
Health & Physical Education

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM**

School Name

School REF ID

**Parent/legal guardian details**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  **OR**

Foster parent\* **OR**  Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

**Student details**

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
  - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27th January 2021) or term two (19th April 2021).

## PAYMENT AMOUNTS

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

## HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2021 closes on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



We invite you to our college, the college of the Somerville Community

# OPEN NIGHT

## 18th March

Step 1: Choose a **Principal Address** 5pm or 7.15pm

Step 2: Join a **student-led tour** between 5.30pm & 6pm  
Last tour departs at 6pm



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## Peninsula Uniform Shop

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



**Term 1:**  
11th March  
25th March

### 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

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

**We now also have samples of the new rugby tops in the school office. If you would like to check sizing over coming weeks, please come to the office prior to school starting, or once school finishes.**



## On a musical note...

There are limited places available for students wishing to learn to play guitar. Lessons are conducted at school every Tuesday. Sessions run for half an hour.

Once a student has mastered 10 songs, they have the opportunity to go busking.

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** (please be sure to leave a message)

# Mount Erin College

## OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 30th March 2021

**5pm - 7pm**

Tours will be held at  
**5.00pm or 5.45pm**

Bookings can be made via the  
website or office

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YOU!

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### PLAY THE GAME!

Playing Australian rules comes with a number of benefits to your physical and mental health.



### ENJOY THE GAME!

Playing sport and enjoying yourself is extremely important, particularly at the junior level.

## ENJOY.



## GROW.

### GROW WITH THE GAME!

Team sport is an effective way to develop skills and qualities that are important later in life!



## 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 and toilets. Rental contracts may be discussed by calling the office on 5971 1391. Public liability insurance is required by hirers.



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#### Baxter Childcare Centre

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[www.sparrowearlylearning.com.au](http://www.sparrowearlylearning.com.au)

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or phone 5971 1868

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