

## Principal's Report

### FAREWELL

It is with great sadness we farewell 2 of our staff members who are taking up new roles at other schools.

Our Chaplain Trudy Connellan and Education Support staff member Helen Whitehead have made a huge impact on the students at our school and we wish them well in their new endeavours.

### NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 5 students who completed their NAPLAN testing this week. I was delighted to see the students putting their best foot forward and trying their hardest.

Results will be shared with parents later in the year when they are made available.

### ANNUAL REPORT

Baxter Primary School's Annual Report for 2020 will be presented at our School Council Meeting next Tuesday night. Any members of our school community are welcome to attend the meeting, where the report will be presented and tabled.

School Council meetings are held at 6pm.

### OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE

We are awaiting local council approval for the installation of a shade sale on our new outdoor learning space. It is located between the library and our new building.

Once this has been completed, teachers will be able to take their students outside to utilise this fabulous area.

### ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL SURVEY

The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Our students in Years 4—6 are required to complete the survey which will be conducted in the next 3 weeks.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

An important Compass reminder went out earlier today in regards to school uniform. Children are expected to come to school in uniform every day. I have noticed in recent weeks that this is slipping so I would just like to encourage all families to read the Compass notification and contact the office if you have any questions.

**Nick Schneider**  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 2 2021

**Monday 19th April to Friday 25th June**

**Friday 14th May**—Walk Safely to School Day

**Monday 24th May**—Murdoch District Cross Country  
Year 3—6 selected students only

**Thursday 10th June**—Willum Warrain Excursion  
Year 3—6

**Friday 11th June**—Willum Warrain Excursion  
Year F—2

**Thursday 17th June**—Cyber Safety Parent Information  
Session 7—8:30pm

**Friday 25th June**—Last day of Term 2  
2:30pm finish

## BREAKFAST CLUB



Breakfast Club is currently being offered to students every Tuesday morning at 8:30am. If you would like to assist please contact the office on 5971 1391.

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## Compass Events

A quick reminder that the following events require consent on Compass:

- Murdoch District Cross Country  
Year 3—6 selected students only
- Willum Warrain Visit—Whole school



**The last day of term is Friday 25th June and school will finish at 2:30pm.**

Elysium OHSC will be running an after school program on the day, so please contact them for further details.

**Please note: There will be no bus at the end of the day.**

## HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY 2021

What an amazing day we have had for our House Cross Country. The children looked fantastic in their House Colours and I was so impressed with their positive attitude towards the day. Even the children who are not normally inclined to go running were happy to take part in their group's event. Some were surprised by how well they ran, while others simply couldn't believe that they completed the distance. It was also lovely to see grades out supporting one another.



A very big thankyou goes to our incredible team of teachers and support staff who all assisted on the day. Thankyou also to the **Sport & House Captains** who helped with the set up of the track and oval and for assisting with the junior school. They ran with, and encouraged many of our younger runners and made them feel more comfortable. It was wonderful to see so many parents and families supporting their children – glad you could make it! You created such a wonderful atmosphere for the children. I hope everyone had fun and enjoyed the sunshine.

The final results for the day were:

**4<sup>TH</sup> RED—240**      **3<sup>RD</sup> GREEN—220**      **2<sup>ND</sup> BLUE—201**      &      **1<sup>ST</sup> GOLD—197**

CONGRATULATIONS GOLD HOUSE!

The following children from the middle and senior school have been offered the opportunity to compete at the **Murdoch District Cross Country** held at **Hastings Foreshore** on Monday 24th May.

9yr old girls;	Tali, Siena, Matilda	9yr old boys;	Caidyn, Beau, Hayden, Riley, Moby
10yr old girls;	Evie, Bri, Mia, Madi, Charlotte, Beth	10yr old boys;	Coby, Aden, Jax, Eoin, Bailey, Kobi
11yr old girls;	Jett, Peyton, Kaylee, Kirra	11yr old boys;	Miller, Tyson, Curtis, James, Cooper
12/13yr old girls;	Ruby, Daisy, Holly, Giselle, Tahlia	12/13yr old boys;	Lincoln, River, Dylan, Jack, Brad, Declan

**PERMISSION FORMS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON COMPASS & DUE BACK BY MONDAY (17th May).**

Well done and good luck to you all.



## MDPSSA SENIOR SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

Last week the Year 5 & 6 students commenced their winter interschool sports. For round 1 we played against Woodlands PS. Our netball team played at home, while our footballers and soccer teams headed to Woodlands PS. All teams played hard and put in a great effort. Although we had no wins, the children had loads of fun and I heard many positive comments about the morning. It was so good to see some parents come along and support the children – we loved having you there!

Thankyou to those parents who offered to wash our wet and dirty uniforms. We rely on parents to volunteer to take on this job so that the workload is shared. A reminder that children cannot wear jewellery when playing these sports and they should bring a change of footwear & socks as we will sometimes be playing in the wet – it is winter sport after all.



This week we play against Somerville PS. Netball will play at home, soccer plays at Somerville PS. and footballers play at Fruit Growers reserve (Somerville). **Please make sure children are at school before 9am.** Good luck everyone!



**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.**

**Jodie Baxter**  
Teacher  
Health & Physical Education



**FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021**

# Baxter Primary School Parent Information Session



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ 7:00pm - 8.30pm

## LEARN, CONNECT & PLAY SAFE ONLINE

For children today, growing up digital is a whole new world. Learning safe practices and strategies for maintaining a positive digital reputation starts in the home. It takes a village to raise a child, so understanding what your children are learning at school is crucial in ensuring the messages are consistent and ongoing.

This session aims at providing parents and guardians with the insights and important information about popular social networking platforms and the online world that young people today have access to. Building a positive and healthy family environment where digital use is encouraged but managed effectively can be a tough balance. We will discuss ways you can ensure your children stay safe through making use of an application's privacy settings and help them to build positive digital habits through your family's digital user agreement.

### WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

-  Living, learning, connecting and playing online safely
-  Social networking safety 101
-  Managing cyber bullying, help seeking strategies and resources
-  Making use of app and game settings to take control when things go wrong
-  Starting the chat about digital safety in the home
-  Establishing and maintaining a safe digital environment in the home

### PROUDLY PRESENTED BY:



**TRENT RAY**

Educator & Microsoft  
Learning Consultant



**SAM MACAULAY**

Educator & Cyber Safety  
Curriculum Specialist

## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Baxter Primary School is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
  - a modern user-friendly interface
  - rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 17 September 2021.

Children from Foundation to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)



## ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS FRIDAY 14 MAY 2021

WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 14TH MAY 2021 !

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- \* Walking with them the whole way to school • If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop • If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise, like walking with your child, not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic. Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for this Friday!



## 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)

## Peninsula Uniform Shop

Open alternate Thursdays in Room 2  
3pm to 3:30pm



**Term 2:**  
20th May  
3rd June  
17th June

### 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

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

## Working with Children Checks

### Parents Volunteering in the School Environment:

In order for our school to be compliant with the WWCC Act and receive notifications on the status of Volunteer Working with Children Checks, your WWCC must be linked to Baxter Primary School.

### Parent action required:

Please log onto [www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) and check that your WWCC is current and is linked to Baxter Primary School. Please link your WWCC to our school so that you can be eligible to assist on excursions.

Some parents have been struggling to do this, due to our school address. Please ensure you use **120 Grant Road, Baxter 3911** — this is the school address recognised on the system.

Your co-operation with this essential task is greatly appreciated.



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### GROUP KEYBOARD LESSONS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for group keyboard lessons.

These lessons are held during school on school premises and cost \$13.00 for a 30 minute group lesson.

If you would like to enroll your child in keyboard lessons, please obtain an enrolment form from the school office or contact Excel Music, (03) 9801 8991.

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Banana Cut Paws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pumpkin Bones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peanut Butter Carrot Paws	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed Bag	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



### Bird:

	# Bags 100g	# Bags 300g
Seed Cakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PBBJ Sticks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oat Twists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Orange Fruit Balls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed Bag	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



### Cat:

	# Bags 100g	# Bags 300g
Tuna Hearts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Salmon Drops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carrot Catnip Bites	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cranberry Buttons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed Bag	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



### Rodent:

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Grain Cakes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pumpkin Nibbles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit n Nuts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheerio Chunks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed Bag	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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# HAVE YOUR SAY!



## Recreational MTB and BMX Facilities Strategy

- Where should dirt jumps, skills parks and pump tracks be located?
- Are skill development programs needed?
- What should a community education plan include?
- How can we work with riders to manage jumps?

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Baxter VIC 3911 Ph. 03 5971 1651

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### Baxter Kindergarten and Children's Centre



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