

Principal's Report

LETTER FROM WILLY—OUR CROSSING SUPERVISOR

Please read below a letter of appreciation from Willy (our Crossing Lady) in response to the generous donations made by our families to purchase her a heated, winter jacket.

Thank you so very much for such a thoughtful gift from everyone involved. I cannot express my gratitude enough. I would also like to thank the wonderful teachers who helped put the lovely book together.

I would like to thank the wonderful children for their great pictures and their beautiful words. I will treasure this and keep it forever.

It has been my great pleasure to work at the crossing with such wonderful families.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

From your Lolly Pop Lady—

Willy

SCHOOL CLEANING

In some sad news, our beloved school cleaner Carol Lewis has officially retired and moved to Queensland, to live with her family. Carol has been our cleaner for 15 years and has never had one 'sick day' since she started. She will be sorely missed. We take this opportunity to welcome our new cleaner, Brandon, to our school.

NAPLAN UPDATE

Early last week I received some preliminary NAPLAN data for our Year 3 and 5 students. Although the process is not complete and the data has not yet been compared to the rest of state/country, the initial scores looked extremely promising. I will share the official results with School Council and via the newsletter, later this term.

FEEDBACK FROM OUR SENIOR EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT LEADER (SEIL)

I would like to share some of the feedback from our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) at the half way mark of this year. This positive feedback is a testament to the hard work from our entire school community.

The school is to be congratulated for the manner in which it maintained a focus on teaching and learning, during a challenging semester marked by staff and student absences, due to ill health. For the most part, intervention programs and the TLI continued to operate, supporting students to bridge gaps in learning that had resulted from the previous two years of Remote and Flexible Learning.

NAPLAN preparation was thorough and very supportive of student confidence and plans are already in place to extend the preparation to current years two and four students in Term 4, to support the administration of the testing early in 2023.

Attitude to School Survey results are cause for celebration, with positive responses in the three targeted areas exceeding end of year targets. An opportunity now exists to

unpack the survey with staff and students and to identify other variables which might be measured in semester two. Student focus groups will be important in gaining insight into how improvements might be made now, rather than waiting until 2023 to commence this work.

Similarly, staff and leaders deserve high praise for exceeding end of year targets set in relation to Reading and Number, at mid-year. Importantly, this has been achieved at every single year level and is symbolic of a successful and well endorsed whole school approach. This is a strong endorsement of the impact of strategies that are in place and again, an opportunity now exists to lift the percentages of students meeting and exceeding expected growth, even further.

Nick Schneider
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 3

Monday 11th July — Friday 16th September

Monday 1st August — Friday 5th August
Junior Swimming Program (Year F—2)

Friday 5th August
Whole School Assembly—Hosted by 34S
2:30pm to 3pm

Tuesday 9th August—Lions Club Quiz Heat

Wednesday 17th August—Book Parade
9:15am

Thursday 18th August—Foundation Transition
Session 9:15am to 10:15am

Thursday 18th August—Year 3/4 Dance Incursion

Monday 22nd August—Friday 26th August
Book Fair 8:30am to 9am & 3:15pm to 3:45pm daily



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is currently being offered to all students every Wednesday morning from 8:30am—9:00am.



Proudly bought to you by Foodbank Victoria & sponsored by Woolworths Baxter.

Book Parade

Wednesday 17th August 9:15am

We encourage all students to come dressed as their favourite book character. This year's winners will receive a \$10.00 voucher to spend at the Book Fair. Get your thinking caps on and your creative juices flowing! All parents, children and other family members are welcome to participate.



Book Fair Week

Monday 22nd August—Friday 26th August
Morning Session 8:30—9am &
Afternoon Session 3:15—3:45pm

Book Fair week will be held in the Library. During this week there are lots of books, posters and novelties to purchase. There is a free bookmark with every book purchased. So, start saving and get some great bargains.

A percentage of the sales will ensure some more fantastic resources to be purchased for our library.

See you there!

Peninsula Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open at school from 3pm—3:30pm every second Thursday, in Room 2.

Thursday 11th August
Thursday 25th August



Orders can also still be placed online through Peninsula Uniforms.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

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

Baxter CFA Colouring Competition

Baxter CFA are offering a Colouring Competition to all Baxter Primary Students

Please see attached worksheets for allocated classes.

Foundation to Year 3 — Fire Truck Worksheet (page 3)
Year 4, 5 & 6 — Call 000 Worksheet (page 4)

Baxter CFA will be providing a winner's prize for each year level.

Please CLEARLY write your full name and grade on the back of the colouring sheet and hand them into your classroom teacher before **Monday 29th August**.

Good luck to all students!

National Pyjama Day—Thank You

A big thank you to all of our students for coming to school in their PJ's on Friday 22nd July and for the generous donations made by our families.

We are excited to announce that we raised just over **\$207** for the Pyjama Foundation, which will assist in offering learning skills to more than 1,000 foster care children, fund education resources and help to provide stable, positive relationships.

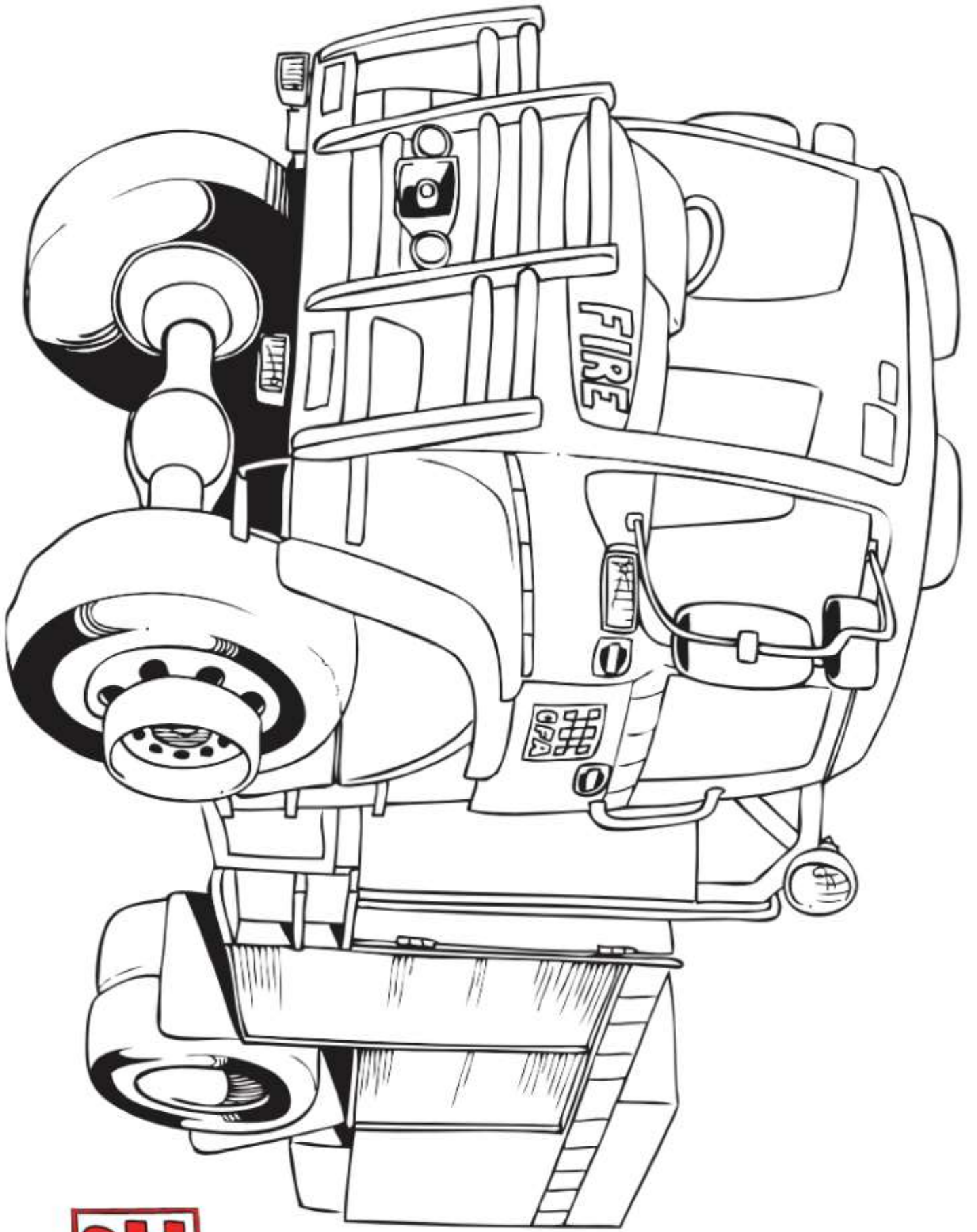


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WEBINAR TOPIC 1

PLAN, PREVENT AND PROTECT

The Cyber Safety Project Team will share insights and practical resources to help support and manage online child safety in the home. Introducing parents to a simple methodology: **PLAN** for the use of technology at home, **PREVENT** unsafe encounters and **PROTECT** children who connect, learn and play online.



WEBINAR TOPIC 2

KEEPING KIDS SAFE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Whilst it is impossible to know the ins and outs of every single social media platform, there are commonalities across social platforms today. Knowledge is power so we will discuss trending platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok and Yolo and provide practical tips that can be immediately implemented to keep kids safe.



WEBINAR TOPIC 3

KEEPING KIDS SAFE WHO GAME

Gaming today is social. It's where young people go to play, connect and communicate with friends. This webinar will uncover the appeal of gaming, expose the ways game developers encourage young people to regularly play and provide practical tips for helping to manage screen time and the development of self-regulation skills in young gamers.

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE CYBER SAFETY PROJECT

Cyber Safety Project has been endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner.





PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS

For parents, step-parents, grandparents, families and carers of children aged 3 - 18 years. Come along for one, two or three sessions.

Free for all. Click on the QR code to express interest in the session/s.

Helping your child deal with emotions

Wednesday 10th August 9.30 - 11.30

Dealing with conflict

Wednesday 17th August 9.30 - 11.30

Building resilience and self esteem

Wednesday 24th August 9.30 - 11.30

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 9.30 - 11.30am

WHEN: August 10, 17, 24

WHERE: The Corner
Wilson's Road
Morningson

COST: FREE

INQUIRIES:
Michelle Brown 0429174150
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Register via the QR or the link
<https://forms.office.com/r/seEylQm4t>



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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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www.sparrowearlylearning.com.au

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