

Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone! It has been an extremely smooth start to the school year with all our students and staff settling in well.

School Council

School Council plays a key role in all Victorian government schools. Participating as a School Council member is a rewarding and challenging experience. The School Council supports the Principal to provide the best possible educational outcomes for students. The Council is made up of elected parents and staff members, with the majority being parents. Please refer to the article included in this weeks newsletter for further information.

Summary of the vacant School Council positions 2023

Our School Council consists of 8 parent and 4 DET (staff) positions. This year, there are 6 parent positions and 1 DET position available for the next tenure of School Council.

Nomination and self-nomination forms can be obtained from the office, the positions are for a tenure of 2 years and nominations close on **Wednesday 15th February at 4pm**.

If we receive more nominations than positions, we will need to conduct a ballot. Further information regarding this will be communicated if required. For more information please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Year 6 Student Leaders

Listed below are our Year 6 Student Leaders for this year. I congratulate them on being selected for their role and wish them all the best on their leadership journey.

School Captains

Evie M
Eoin F

Vice Captains

Coby P
Mia W

House Captains

Blue – Jordyn D
Green – Jax K
Gold – Kobi M
Red – Beau A

Other Leaders

STEAM – Maddie A
Environment – Siena R
I.C.T – Aden P
I.C.T Team member – Ryan O
Arts – Ani C
Library – Jacqui H
P.E. – Ivy W
Performing Arts – Liam S

Vision and Values Statement

Baxter Primary School is a caring community where students are encouraged to reach their full potential and become successful citizens.

Working together we aim to build a community of responsible and resilient learners who strive to achieve academically, creatively and socially.

We value being KIND, RESPECTFUL, INCLUSIVE AND ENCOURAGING OF OTHERS.

Nick Schneider Principal

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1

Friday 27th January to Thursday 6th April

- Friday 10th February**—Excel Music lessons commence
- Wednesday 22nd February**—Parent Teacher Interviews Year 3-6; 1.50—5.30pm
- Friday 24th February**—Badge Ceremony Assembly 2.30—3:15pm
- Wednesday 1st March**—Parent Teacher Interviews Foundation—Year 2; 1.50—5.30pm
- Monday 13th March**—Labour Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday 15th March**—NAPLAN commences
- Friday 17th March**—School Photos
- Friday 17th March**—Assembly 12WD hosting 2.30—3.15pm
- Monday 27th March** —Foundation students start full time
- Wednesday 29th March** —Year 3-6 Beach Day
- Friday 31st March** —Year 5-6 Lightning Premiership
- Thursday 6th April**—Assembly 34F hosting (time TBC) & final day of Term 1. Early finish—2.30pm

School Uniform

Please ensure all children have their hats in their school bag or locker.



This is a requirement for Terms 1 & 4.

All uniforms should be labelled with student's names—we have had number of students already misplacing items.

TREAT DAYS

Treat Day will be held every **Friday** this term.

Treats will be sold at the canteen during lunchtime play and will range from 50 cents to \$1.

If you are happy for your child/ren to purchase a treat, please send them to school with small change.

Thank you to all of our parent helpers for making this possible!

On a musical note...

Anyone who is interested in weekly guitar lessons can give me a call on the number below. Please be sure to leave a message if I am unable to answer your call and I will respond ASAP.

Glen
0437 440 265



Peninsula Uniform Shop

Peninsula Uniforms will next be at school on **Thursday 6th April**.

Orders can also be placed online through Peninsula Uniforms or purchased directly from their shop in Carrum Downs.

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Open in Room 2 for parents to browse any time. **\$5** donation requested.

Working with Children Checks

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 go to 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 and classroom activities (e.g. reading).

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.

Lunchiez

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

You can start your order by selecting the school's logo at the top of our home page.

You can order in advance and for more than one student.

All meal items are just

\$6.00

and 0.75cents of that gets donated back to the school!

We have a really simply three point focus:
Use the freshest ingredients - Be green and continually sustainable
Provide great nutritional value in each meal

Our menu changes every term and the Term 1 menu will include:

Wraps Pizza Pinwheels Sushi

www.lunchiez.com.au

All orders must be in by 9PM the night before to ensure delivery the next day.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is currently being offered to students every Wednesday morning from **8:15—8:45am**.

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

If there are any parent / carers that are available to assist with Breakfast Club on a **Wednesday** morning from **8am-9am**, please contact the front office.



Privacy Collection Notice

Information for students, parents and carers

The Department of Education (the department) values your privacy and is committed to protecting the personal and health information that schools collect.

All school staff must comply with Victorian privacy law and the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). This notice explains how the department, including Victorian government schools (schools), handles personal and health information.

On occasion, specific consent will be sought for the collection and use of information, for example, for a student to receive a health service. Our schools are also required by legislation, such as the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, to collect some of this information.

Throughout this notice, 'staff' includes principals, teachers, student support service officers, youth workers, social workers, nurses and any other allied health practitioners, and all other employees, contractors, volunteers and service providers of the school and the department.

On enrolment, and during the ordinary course of a student's attendance at a school, schools will collect information about students and their families for the following purposes:

- educating students
- supporting students' social and emotional wellbeing, and health
- fulfilling legal obligations, including duty of care, anti-discrimination law and occupational health and safety law
- communicating and engaging with parents
- student administration
- school management
- supporting policy in relation to student education and wellbeing.

If this information is not collected, schools may be unable to provide optimal education or support to students or fulfil legal obligations. For example, our schools rely on parents to provide **health information** about any medical condition or disability that their child has, medication their child may take while at school, any known allergies and contact details of their child's doctor. If parents do not provide all relevant health information, this may put their child's health at risk.

Our schools also require current, relevant information about all **parents and carers** so that schools can take account of safety concerns that affect their children. Parents should provide schools with copies of all current parenting plans and court orders about or that affect their children and provide updated copies when they change.

When parents enrol their child in primary school, they will be asked to provide personal and health information in several ways, including via the Enrolment Form, the [School Entrance Health Questionnaire](#) (SEHQ) and the [Early Childhood Intervention Service](#) (ECIS) Transition Form.

The **Enrolment Form** is used to collect information that is essential for the purposes listed above, and requests information such as:

- **Emergency contacts** – Individuals parents nominate for a school to contact during an emergency. Parents should ensure that their nominated emergency contact agrees to their contact details being provided to the school and that they understand their details may be disclosed by the department if lawful, e.g. in the case of emergency communications relating to bush fires or floods.
- **Student background information** – Information about country of birth, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin, language spoken at home and parent occupation. This information enables the department to allocate appropriate resources to schools. The department also uses this information to plan for future educational needs in Victoria and shares some information with the Commonwealth government to monitor, plan and allocate resources.

- **Immunisation status** – This assists schools to manage health risks and legal obligations. The department may also provide this information to the Department of Health and Department of Families, Fairness and Housing to assess immunisation rates in Victoria, but not in a way which identifies students.
- **Visa status** – This is required to process a student’s enrolment.

All schools may use departmental systems and online tools such as apps and other software to effectively collect and manage information about students and families for the purposes listed above.

When schools use these online tools, they take steps to ensure that student information is secure. If parents or carers have any concerns about the use of these online tools, please contact the school.

School staff will only share student and family information with other school staff who need to know to enable them to educate or support the student as described above. Information will only be shared outside the school (and outside the department) as required or authorised by law, including where sharing is required to meet duty of care, anti-discrimination, occupational health and safety, and child wellbeing and safety obligations. The information collected will not be disclosed beyond the school and department without parent consent unless such disclosure is lawful.

When a student transfers to another school (including Catholic, independent and interstate), personal and or health information about that student may be transferred to the next school. Transferring this information is in the best interests of the student and assists the next school to provide the best possible education and support to the student. For further detail about how and what level of information is provided to the next school, refer to the: [Enrolment: Student transfers between schools](#)

Schools only provide school reports and ordinary school communications to students, parents, carers or others who have a legal right to that information. Requests for access to other student information or by others must be made by lodging a [Freedom of Information](#) (FOI) application.

To update student or family information, parents should contact their school.

For more information about how schools and the department collect and manage personal and health information, or how to access personal and health information held by a school about you or your child, refer to the: [Schools’ Privacy Policy](#)

Attendance

EVERY DAY COUNTS...

Attending school, every school day, enables students to participate in the school’s educational program as well as develop their social skills. Regular attendance enables the school to:

- plan an organised educational program that is delivered in a consistent way and has continuity
- facilitate shared student learning experiences that support the educational program, monitor student progress and adjust the educational program to meet student needs

It is a requirement that all late arrivals and early leavers be signed in/out through the front office. Absence notifications can be added directly by a parent through Compass or by contacting the office absence line on 5971 1391.

Please be advised that student attendance is monitored daily and absence queries will be followed up with parents, as required. Students will continue to be recognised for outstanding attendance, every term.



School Council Elections - Information for Parents

WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

WHO IS ON THE SCHOOL COUNCIL?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category – members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. Department employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. Councilors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME INVOLVED?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term one each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO STAND FOR ELECTION?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term one each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Department employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

REMEMBER

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

Instrumental Music Lessons



Excel Music provides your school with weekly group and private instrumental music lessons at an affordable price and offers the convenience of having lessons held during the school day on the school premises.

With over 16 years of experience, we pride ourselves on providing quality lessons in a safe, fun and supportive learning environment. Our established and proven curriculum allows students to learn at their own rate with emphasis on note-reading and progress.

Why Should Students Learn Music?

- To enhance their education experience that will enrich their lives
- To develop co-ordination through sight and touch
- To improve concentration and listening skills
- To stimulate creativity
- To assist their studies as research has shown that students studying music may excel at maths and applied sciences
- To build confidence and self-esteem through performance
- To increase general knowledge and open the mind
- To give a musical grounding in preparation for secondary schooling
- To cultivate motivation as music enables children to reach ongoing benchmarks and goals
- To offer the opportunity to receive musical scholarships for secondary schooling
- To foster social interaction and team spirit through group learning and ensemble playing

Enrolment Details – Please Complete

To enrol your child - simply complete the following details and email it to music@excelmusic.com.au or fax (03) 9801 8992.

Parent's Name:

Address: Postcode:

Phone Numbers: (H) (W) (M)

Child's Name:

School: Suburb:

Grade: eg. 3 / 4 B Date of birth: / /

Email:

Instrument: Keyboard / Drum * (Please circle)

I agree to my child attending Excel Music's lessons and as such give permission for my child to be released from the care of the school to the care of the Excel Music teachers for the duration of the music lesson. I agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of Excel Music as varied from time to time and as attached and to pay all Lesson and equipment fees as and when they fall due.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

Terms and Conditions for Group Music Lessons

Lesson Structure and Price Guide (Price Includes GST)

Group Lesson Price:	\$15.00 per weekly lesson
Private Lesson Price:	\$25.00 per weekly lesson
Music Book Price:	\$17.95-\$29.95 + postage

Only one book per family is required as long as siblings are in the **same** book price bracket. Students are not required to bring their music book to lessons.

Excel Music will provide lessons during the hours of 8.30am to 4.00pm (inclusive of recess and lunch times if agreed to by Excel Music). Excel Music provides all musical equipment for use in lessons however, families must purchase flutes prior to the commencement of lessons due to hygiene considerations. Lessons missed due to school activities or teacher illness will be made up or credited at the discretion of Excel Music. No refund will be provided for missed lessons outside the control of Excel Music or the School. Excel Music reserves the right to vary lesson times and to provide multiple lessons in lieu of single lessons if required.

When to Pay

Once your child has been enrolled, you will be sent an invoice for your child's first term's lessons.

Payment is due within two weeks after your invoice has been received. Please note: your first term's invoice will include a charge for their first music book. Once this book has been completed, you will be notified about purchasing a second book.

When are invoices sent out?

Invoices are sent out at the beginning of every term. The cost per term varies due to the changing number of weeks per term.

How to Pay

Once you have received your invoice, you can pay Excel Music by BPAY, Credit Card or direct bank transfer. Please do not give money to your child to pass on to the Excel Music teacher or give payment to the school office. If you have any queries or concerns regarding payment of fees, please do not hesitate to ring Excel Music directly on (03) 9801 8991.

Please note: accounts must be paid in full by the due date. Lessons may be discontinued until payment of invoice(s) is received in full. In the event that an overdue account is referred to a debt collection agency, and/or law firm for collection, the Parent/Guardian shall be liable for the recovery costs incurred and if the agency charges commission on a contingency basis, the Parent/Guardian shall be liable to pay any commission payable.

Enrolment- Please read carefully

Once your child is enrolled in lessons, enrolment is ongoing from one term to the next including one year to the next. This means that your child will continue to be enrolled in lessons (and lesson fees will be payable), unless we are otherwise notified in writing by you. Lesson fees are payable even if your child does not attend the lesson/s.

How to Cancel Your Child's Music Lessons

If you decide to cancel your child's music lessons, you will need to notify Excel Music in writing 2 weeks before the next school term begins. Should your child discontinue lessons prior to the end of the term, no refund will be available.

Further Parent Information:

Progress reports are provided at the end of Terms 2 and 4 each year. Excel Music accepts no liability for loss or damage sustained as a result of providing music lessons to your child or to the School. By signing the Enrolment Form, you agree to release Excel Music, its owners, employees, contractors, and agents from all claims and losses in any way concerning the goods or services provided by Excel Music that you may have at any time now or in the future. Excel Music reserves the right to cancel lessons at any time and has the right to discontinue lessons to any student/s at any time in its sole discretion. Excel Music does not guarantee the performance or progress of any student. You are most welcome to contact your child's music teacher or telephone our customer line on (03) 9801 8991 to review your child's progress, discuss queries or raise any concerns you may have.

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Must meet all eligibility criteria:



Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*



Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)



Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*



Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

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THE EDUCATION STATE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



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Pizza This Pizza That are generously providing a voucher to each winner and we greatly appreciate their ongoing support.



Ray White
FRANKSTON
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Community Notices

HALL FOR HIRE The Baxter Primary School Hall is available for hire on 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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ENROL YOUR CHILD TODAY

When attending Baxter Childcare Centre, your child will experience a high quality program with caring, qualified educators.

- **Open 6:30 am- 6:00pm**
- **Care for Children 6 weeks to School Age**
- **Nutritious Meals provided by our Service Cook**
- **Nappies Provided**
- **Kindergarten Program**

Children are our focus, we are committed to guiding and encouraging each child through their early years to have unique and meaningful experiences.

Please contact our Service Manager to make arrangements to have a look around and meet our team of friendly educators, or alternatively just drop by

Baxter Childcare Centre

111 Baxter Tooradin Road

Baxter VIC 3911 Ph. 03 5971 1651

For more information visit our website

www.sparrowearlylearning.com.au

Baxter Kindergarten and Children's Centre



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