

Principal's Report

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 and 5 students who completed their NAPLAN assessment last week. Both staff and students dedicated a considerable amount of time planning and preparing for the testing and we look forward to seeing their results in a couple of month's time.

School Council Annual General Meeting

Last night, Baxter Primary School Council conducted its Annual General Meeting to elect office bearers for 2023. I am extremely pleased to make the following announcements:

School Council President: Kylie Bethune

School Council Vice President: Linda Reeves

Treasurer: Carly Millar

Secretary: Liam Fitzgerald

I'd also like to welcome our newest councilor. Leah McOwan, we look forward to her contribution over the next couple of years.

Final assembly and Principal Awards

On Thursday 6th April, the last day of term, we will be hosting our final assembly and Easter Bonnet Parade at 9.15am. After the parade we will also be drawing the winners of our Easter egg raffle.

Parents and guardians, please remember to send your child/ren to school with an Easter egg donation to help support this event.

Enrolment forms reminder

Just another reminder to any parents or guardians with students who have younger siblings at our school. Please organise to collect enrolment forms from our office area as soon as possible. Our 2024 Foundation transition sessions will begin next term.

Curriculum Day Monday 24th April

Monday 24th April has been approved by School Council as being a Curriculum Day. All students will therefore return from school holidays on Wednesday 26th April, as Tuesday 25th April is the ANZAC Day public holiday. Please contact Elysium OSHC if you require their services on this day.

This will be our last newsletter for the term. I hope that all our families have a relaxing and festive Easter break.

Nick Schneider
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 1

Friday 27th January to Thursday 6th April

Friday 24th March—Harmony Day & Easter Egg Donation

Tuesday 28th March —Year 3-6 Beach Day

Friday 31st March —Year 5-6 Lightning Premiership

Thursday 6th April—Assembly 9.15am 34F hosting & Easter Bonnet Parade / Raffle. Final day of Term 1.
Early finish—2.30pm

TERM 2

Monday 24th April to Friday 23rd June

Monday 24th April—Planning Day. Student Free Day

Tuesday 25th April—ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Friday 28th April—Whole School House Cross Country

Monday 8th—Friday 12th May —Junior Swimming Program

Harmony Day 24th March

Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.



In celebration of this special week, we ask the students to wear orange/a splash of orange with their school uniform on Friday 24th March.

Combined with the festivities on Friday 24th March, we ask all families to donate an Easter egg/treat. These will be combined and used to create some fabulous prizes for our Easter Raffle on the last day of Term 1.

We acknowledge the Bunurong people, the Traditional Owners of the land on which Baxter Primary School resides, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Anzac Appeal

BUY A BADGE, WEAR IT WITH PRIDE

Frankston RSL have delivered a variety of badges to the front office. Prices range from \$2—\$5.



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.

Lost Property

We have a number of school jumpers in lost property at the office without names on them. At the end of Term 1, these items will be placed in the second hand uniform shop.

PLEASE take time to label your children's Belongings, as anything misplaced can be returned quickly.

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.

IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

Lunchiez

www.lunchiez.com.au

Lunchiez lunch orders will finish up Friday 31st March for Term 1.

Please be sure to place your orders online prior to 9pm Thursday night.

HOUSE POINTS Congratulations to Green House

10,639
points



Peninsula Uniform Shop

Peninsula Uniforms will next be at school on

Thursday 6th April 2pm

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

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Open in Room 2 for parents to browse any time.

\$5 donation requested.



A colouring competition was handed to every Student to compete in the Ray White Easter Colouring Competition. Please return this to 36 Playne St, Frankston or to the front office by 31st March.

Ray White
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Enter Our Easter Colouring Competition

FOR THE CHANCE TO

WIN

FIRST PRIZE
\$250 LEGOLAND
GIFT VOUCHER

RUNNER UP PRIZE
\$100 LEGOLAND GIFT VOUCHER

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 6th April

Each class will parade their Easter Bonnets after the 9:15am Assembly, hosted by 3/4F.

Each student will go in the raffle to win an Easter hamper from the donations brought in during Harmony Week.

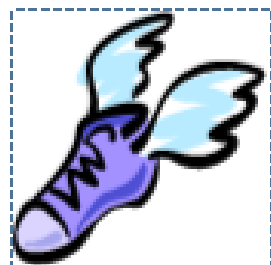
All class prizes will be drawn after the parade.



Thank you to all of our families who are helping to fundraise through the Cadbury boxes.

We have had a lot of success in the selling of the confectionery. If all money raised can be handed to the front office by Friday March 31st, it would be greatly appreciated.





Junior School **House Cross** **Country**



Friday 28th April 2023
9.15am-10.15am

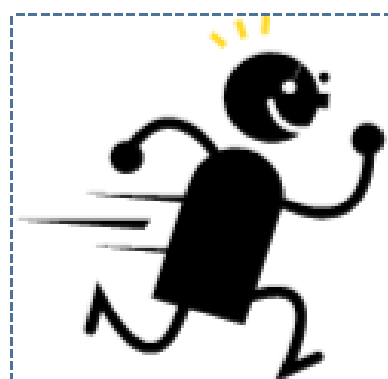
All Foundation, grade 1 & grade 2 children will participate in the day's events.

Each child will earn valuable points for their house colour and receive a certificate of participation.

The top 4 runners from each group also receive a placing ribbon.

Children should wear their **house colours**, (i.e. runners, shorts or tracksuit pants and a t-shirt). No hairspray or face paint please!

Families and friends are more than welcome to come along and support the children. The course will follow the oval jogging club track and each group will run the following distances in this order:-



- Ø Grade 2 girls ~ 3 laps
- Ø Grade 2 boys ~ 3 laps
- Ø Prep girls ~ 1 lap
- Ø Prep boys ~ 1 lap
- Ø Grade 1 girls ~ 2 laps
- Ø Grade 1 boys ~ 2 laps



Boys will encourage and support the girls and then they will swap over and girls will support the boys. Please bring a drink bottle!

Please encourage your child to get out and get fit for the big day.

We want to encourage participation and having a go!

Hope to see you there...

MRS. BAXTER



Middle & Senior **School House** **Cross Country**



Friday 28th April 2023

Middle School Cross Country :-10.15am-11 am.

Senior School Cross Country :-11.30am—1.20pm.

All grade 3,4, 5 & 6 children will participate in the day's events.

We are running the junior school first!

Every child who competes earns valuable House points for their groups colour and receives a certificate of participation.

The first four runners for each age group receive a placing ribbon.

{The top five placegetters (approximately) per event go on to represent the school at the District Cross Country competition at the **HASTINGS FORESHORE**. }

Please wear your **house colours**, (i.e. runners, shorts or tracksuit pants and a t-shirt). No hairspray or face paint thankyou.

Families and friends are welcome to come along and barrack.

The course follows the jogging club track. Each age group runs the following distances:-



- Ø 9 year old girls ~ 1.5 km
- Ø 9 year old boys ~ 1.5 km
- Ø 10 year old girls ~ 2.0 km
- Ø 10 year old boys ~ 2.0 km
- Ø 11 year old girls ~ 3.0 km
- Ø 11 year old boys ~ 3.0 km
- Ø 12/13 year old girls ~ 3.0 km
- Ø 12/13 year old boys ~ 3.0 km



Please encourage your child to get out, be active and get fit before the day. All children should be well rested and have a good healthy breakfast on the day of the Cross Country. Don't forget a drink bottle!

Hope to see you there!!!

MRS. BAXTER
(Sport & PE Co-Ordinator)

REMINDER NOTICE

GRADE 3-6 BEACH PROGRAM

**Tuesday 28th
March**

**MILLS BEACH,
MORNINGTON**

**Children will need to wear their bathers to school
under school uniform.**

**Please ensure that your child has a rashie or
old t-shirt to wear in the water on the day.
Children need to bring a broad brim/bucket hat,
sunscreen, a big snack, a drink bottle with
cold water, a change of underwear and a towel!**






**We will be supplying sausages
in bread for lunch,
also fruit drink.**






**(If students don't like sausages they will
need to bring their own lunch)**

**The bus will be leaving at 9.15am sharp.
We look forward to a fun but educational day out.**

Baxter Primary School

Service Opens 7:00AM
Service Closes 6:00PM
Please arrive by 8:30AM on excursion days

Monday 10 th APR	Tuesday 11 th APR	Wednesday 12 th APR	Thursday 13 th APR	Friday 14 th APR
 Cheryl Carter Monday	 Autumn Day With crunchy leaves on the ground and the weather getting cooler, it must be Autumn. Craft and imaginative play will be our focus today.	 Space Day We will go to infinity and beyond as we celebrate the anniversary of the first human space flight!	 Movies Today we will be traveling to HOYT5 in Frankston to see The Super Mario Bros Movie (PG).	 France Day Bonjour! Today we are traveling to France to learn all about this interesting and diverse culture.
\$75	\$75	\$90	\$75	

Monday 17 th APR	Tuesday 18 th APR	Wednesday 19 th APR	Thursday 20 th APR	Friday 21 st APR
 Soccer Day Goal! Get your kicking feet ready! We are exploring the sport of Soccer today!	 Clip 'n Climb We are travelling to Clip 'n Climb in Berwick for some climbing and physical fun!	 Pokémon Day Got to catch them all! Today we will be exploring the wonderful world of Pokémon!	 TwistEd Science Today children will be travelling to twistEd science in Moorabbin where we will explore science in a hands-on environment.	 Mermaids & Pirates Day Let's set sail! Are you ready for an adventure across the seas? Today is sure to be a lot of imaginative fun.
\$75	\$90	\$75	\$90	\$75

SKIP THE BOOKING FORM... DIGITAL BOOKINGS THROUGH KIDSOFT PARENT PORTAL NOW AVAILABLE

Child Care Subsidies may apply. \$15 late fee applies to bookings made after the 3rd of April. Programs may be subject to change. See Terms and conditions for Cancellation policy.

RETURN FORMS BY MONDAY 3rd OF APRIL

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



PIZZA THIS PIZZA THAT

Thank you to our Principal's Award sponsor for 2023.

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



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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

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.



MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/learn/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>





Ray White

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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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