



BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE
Newsletter

Boronia K-12 College : Proudly Learning Together

Athletics Carnival



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- 5 APRIL** LAST DAY OF TERM /
YEAR 9 CAMP RETURNS
- 23 APRIL** FIRST DAY TERM 2
- 25 APRIL** ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 2 MAY** CAREERS EXPO

See page 8 for more important dates



Meagan Cook

Our students have been hard at work both in and out of the classrooms across the last fortnight. I have been very impressed with our collective efforts to engage our families and students and build "Our Learning Culture". We had a great night in the Junior School, celebrating our Foundation Students and highlighting key features of the F-6 program. We thank all those families that came to strengthen their partnership with the College.

The highlight of my fortnight was sitting down with Ashley B of Year 9 to discuss what he learnt at the GRIP Leadership Conference last week and brainstorm how he can put this learning into action as a College Leader. Ashley walked away with a plan to strengthen student voice in our College and work on making College events more inclusive and meaningful to a broader range of students. I look forward to seeing him progress his ideas.

Visiting Author Jackie French

I enjoyed hosting visiting author Jackie French last week, Jackie ran a writing workshop for approximately 60 students across the Knox Network. Fifteen schools attended our College and 5 more skyped in to be a part of the experience. It was great to hear all students share the first sentence of a story, Jackie had challenged them to capture her attention in 7-8 seconds. As students shared their ideas I was amazed at their engagement, not only with Jackie, but also with each other, despite being from a range of schools and year levels. Boronia K-12 College students were fantastic ambassadors and role models on the day.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to our Secondary Families for attending our Parent/Student/Teacher interviews this week. Attendance at such interviews are critical to our partnership as they provide an opportunity to discuss

academic progress, shared expectations and the behaviours that contribute to students being successful in the classroom.

Athletics

It was great this week to see students from Foundation through to Year 12 competing for their houses at our annual athletics carnival. Our VCAL students did a great job planning and running activities and events for our F-2 students. As always, despite the competitive nature of the event, the community spirit of our College shone through as staff and students worked together to ensure a fantastic day was had by all.

Knox Schools Expo

Ms Middleton, Mrs Blair and I, along with our student representatives, attended the Knox Schools Expo. Together we highlighted what Boronia K-12 College offers in the secondary years of schooling. There were many parents and students in attendance and a great deal of interest was shown in our College, so much so that we again ran out of brochures. There was an incredible energy in the room as we listened to guest speakers talk about the transition to secondary education and the quality of the schools in the Knox area.

Open Night

Please join us on Tuesday 2 April at 6:30pm for our Open Night. The focus of the night is on the transition to secondary education. During my Principal's address, I will outline features of the Year 7 program and my vision for the secondary school program moving forward.

Meagan Cook
Principal

Year 7 2020 OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Please join us for the Principal's address at **6.30pm** in the **Performing Arts Centre**, followed by a College tour, where you can witness our staff and students in action.

Come along and join us for a school tour.

Secondary School Tours run on **Tuesday mornings** at **9:20am** and depart from the General Office.

Bookings are essential and can be made online at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BASIJ>
or by calling the College directly



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Kathryn Middleton

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

We wish to thank all of the families who attended the Parent/Student/Teacher interviews this week and hope that the discussions that took place and the feedback given were valuable and informative. Going forward, our aim is to expect only the best from our students. We believe that a very important element in helping children to do well at school is to set high expectations. Just as our students' belief in themselves can translate into either high or low performance, teacher and parent beliefs and behaviours can also affect how well they perform at school. Educational research tells us that highly effective teachers are tenacious in their high expectations for all of their students – no matter what the circumstances. This also applies to parents.

Parents Contacting Staff

Staff at Boronia K-12 College welcome parent contact and are more than happy to discuss student progress and help clarify any issues that may arise. If any parent was unable to attend our Parent/Student/Teacher interviews on Thursday 21 March, there are a number of options available to them if they wish to make contact with individual subject teachers. The on-line Compass system is an effective way to monitor student progress, completion of work and attendance at school. The portal can be used as an email link to contact subject teachers or members of the administration team at any time. If parents wish, they can contact staff by calling the school phone number. If the teacher is unavailable, a message can be left on their voicemail. All staff endeavour to respond to these messages in a timely manner. Parents are also able to request a face to face meeting with staff at any time. However, it is important to make an appointment in advance to ensure that the teacher is available.

Athletic Sports

The School Athletics Carnival held on Tuesday 19 March was one of the most successful held in recent years. The weather was warm and many more students participated in a range of events and activities. It was very pleasing to see both staff and students dress up in their house colours and compete for points on the track and on the field. There was a strong spirit of friendly competition throughout the day with students providing support for their team mates.

Not only did students run, jump and throw with enthusiasm, but Ms Case and the VCAL students successfully ran a number of novelty events and activities for the junior school students throughout the day. Well done to all students who competed for the four houses and good luck to those moving onto the next stage of interschool competition – at the District level.



Emergency Management Practice

All schools are required to practise their Emergency Management Plans at scheduled times across the year. This includes evacuations onsite and offsite plus lockdowns during class time and recess/ lunchtimes. We will be practising an 'in class lockdown' between now and the end of term and this activity simply involves students sitting quietly under their desk for approximately 10 -15 minutes under the supervision of their class teacher. Real life lockdowns are very rare and more often than not are a result of a false alarm or an incident in the local area, e.g. a fire with heavy toxic smoke or a police alert. Our staff will guide the students through the practice in a calm and supportive manner.

Uniform

As the cold weather approaches, we wish to remind all students and parents that 'hoodies' are not to be worn as an alternative uniform item. If students have a genuine uniform emergency and are unable to wear their school jumper or jacket on any given day, we request that they wear a plain windcheater or jumper (without a hood) and provide a signed note from their parent or guardian explaining the reason for this. The school has a supply of spare jumpers and jackets for students to borrow if necessary. Our classrooms are heated. We understand that transition to and from school as well as recess and lunch breaks can be chilly. We suggest that students consider wearing a plain white T-shirt under their school shirt for extra warmth. Students who wear trousers may wish to wear stockings or skins under their pants and students are encouraged to wear a school cap for warmth. Once again, we thank the members of the Boronia K-12 College community who kindly donate second hand uniform items to the school. Families wishing to seek uniform assistance are asked to contact Ms. Kath Middleton or Nicole Costa on 9760 4900.

Managing Student Laptops and Devices at Home

My apologies to community members who have read my article on Student Laptop use before (published in the Newsletter 23 March, 2018), however we think it is important to reinforce the important role that parents and guardians can make at home in relation to the appropriate use of computers and cyber safety.

Parents do not need to have good computer skills to help their children make the best use of their laptops. Your interest, support and encouragement is more important than any computer skills!

- Encourage the open use of the laptop - not be hidden away in a private space like a bedroom.
- Remind your child to charge the laptop overnight to ensure it is ready for school each day.
- Spend time with your child asking them to show you the places they use online. Make this a regular, ongoing conversation.
- Discuss strategies your child could use if they are upset by content sent or posted online. Informing you about any such material (rather than just not responding and leaving the site straightaway) should be some first steps your child should take.
- Discuss time limits around appropriate laptop usage (see below).
- Set in place agreed levels of personal information your child can share online. It's important private information such as their name, address and personal images are kept just that – private.
- Remind your child of the importance of keeping their password a secret. More often than not, accounts are hacked by someone known to the account holder using a password they have obtained from the account holder.

- Try not to use the removal of technology as punishment for online issues. International research shows the number one reason young people give for not reporting online issues, including cyber bullying, is because they believe they will lose access to their online technology and communities.
- Talk to the school if any issues arise.



Time Limits

The renowned child psychologist, Michael Carr-Gregg, is a strong supporter of balanced time. Limits on technology use are more about opening opportunities for physical activity or discussions within the family. Greater amounts of the use of technology may be justified in some circumstances depending on the learning being undertaken by the student. Rather than impose specific time limits, therefore, it is important to use these opportunities to remind students of the need to balance using technology with physical activities.

Michael Carr-Gregg suggests for every hour of technology use, children should engage in two hours of physical play. To support a positive approach to limiting late night use of technology, Mr Carr-Gregg suggests establishing a common location where all family devices (including mobile phones) are placed for charging overnight. This removes the temptation

to have devices next to the bed overnight and encourages a routine that ensures devices are ready for the following day.

Safety Online

Children can use the internet for many reasons. These could include finding assistance with school assignments, learning skills, gaining knowledge, meeting new people who share similar interests and keeping in touch with friends. But there are risks. Knowing how to use the internet safely is essential to having a positive online experience. For parents and their children, it is important to know how to apply these skills at home as well as at school. Children access the internet for entertainment, school assignments and to communicate. In doing so, they can also, often unknowingly, place themselves in risky situations. Not all internet users will experience problems.

However, ensuring our children understand and appreciate these risks and have the knowledge and awareness to be cyber safe, is important when accessing the internet at home, at school and in public places.

The College advises that parents/guardians encourage on-going conversations about experiences encountered online, the use of apps and software being used and issues associated with social media. Please find below a list of useful resources for parents:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/educationresources/iparent/staying-safe/socialnetworking/is-there-an-age-limit-for-kids-onsocial-media>

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/screen_time_6-11_years.html

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/bullystoppers/growingupdigital.PPT>

Kathryn Middleton

Assistant Principal - Secondary

Arthur Reed Photos

We will be coming to take the Annual School Photos at Boronia K-12 College on Thursday 28 March, 2019.

Ordering has changed this year, so you do not need to purchase photos before photo day. Instead you will be able to view and select the images of your child to be included in their photo package in our new web shop.

Go online now and follow these 3 easy steps-

- Grab your phone and go to <https://order.arphotos.com.au>
- Enter the image code from your child's individual flyer (supplied before or on photo day)
- Fill in YOUR mobile number and email address. Do this for all of your children at this school.

Register online now to be notified when images are ready to view!

School Photographs will be taken at
Boronia K-12 College
on - 28 Mar, 2019

School Photos - easy as 1 2 3

1. Grab your phone and go to order.arphotos.com.au
2. Enter your school code - **GRP4UNN**
3. Fill in your child's details + your mobile number and email address - **Do this for all of your children at this school!**

1 **2** **3**

That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop
*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details. We are compliant with Australian and GDPR.

SEE photos online before you BUY & customise your photo package
• Mix & Match the images included in your package • Any layout, pose or image • Digital Downloads (multi image)

CAN'T ORDER ONLINE? - COMPLETE THIS SECTION
Complete details on a separate form for each child and returns to school on photo day in a single envelope labeled 'SCHOOL PHOTOS' with your children's names. ENVELOPE ORDERS CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED UP UNTIL PHOTO DAY.

A PARENTS CHOICE - \$54 1- 30 x 20 cm B&W portrait with border 1- 30 x 20 cm portrait with border 2- 18 x 13 cm portraits 4- 10x 10 cm portraits 2- Wallet size portraits 1- Group photo	PACKAGE CHOICES FOR ENVELOPE ORDERS	C PORTRAIT ONLY - \$27 2- 18 x 13 cm portraits 3- Wallet size portraits
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Student First Name: _____ Student Last Name: _____

Year Level (year actual year level not class): _____

I'd like to order package - A B C D

Total Cost of Order - \$ _____

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
A.B.N. 45 527 494 590
Telephone: 03 534 01 490
Enquiries: customerservice@arphotos.com.au

Go online BEFORE photo day to request a sibling photograph!

Sibling Photographs will be taken at
Boronia K-12 College
on - 28th March, 2019

Sibling Photographs

requesting a sibling photo is easy.....

1. Grab your phone and go to arphotos.typeform.com/to/LcJlJK
2. Enter the name and class of the eldest child to be in the photo
3. Enter the names of all other children to be included in the photo

1 **2** **3**

and ONE more thing.....
****You'll still have to REGISTER online at order.arphotos.com.au using your child's individual code to receive notifications****

That's it! You'll receive an email and/or SMS when images are ready to view in our secure webshop

SEE SIBLING photos online before you BUY & customise your photo package
• Mix & Match the images included in your package • Any layout, pose or image • Digital Downloads (multi image)

IMPORTANT - Sibling Photo requests close at midnight the night before photo day

CAN'T REGISTER OR ORDER ONLINE? - COMPLETE THIS SECTION
Complete form below and return with payment to school on photo day in an envelope labeled 'SCHOOL PHOTOS' with your children's names. ENVELOPE ORDERS CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTED UP UNTIL PHOTO DAY.

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		FC PORTRAIT ONLY - \$27 1- 30 x 20 cm portrait

Name of eldest child in sibling photo: _____ Class: _____

I wish to order a sibling photo package - FA FB FC Total Cost of Order \$ _____

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
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Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
25 March	Year 7 Interschool Sports— Volleyball, Baseball and Tennis
28 March	School Photos
29 March	Studio Art City Excursion
2 April	Open Night Year 9 Camp Departs
3 April	Primary District Athletics
4 April	Whole School Assembly Easter Raffle
5 April	Last Day of Term 1 Year 9 Camp Returns
23 April	First Day of Term 2
25 April	ANZAC Day
2 May	VCE and Careers Expo Pop Up Uniform Shop 2.30 to 4pm
9 May	Mothers Day Stall
10 May	Year 9 Taster Day
22 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
24 May	Primary District Cross Country
4 June	Knox Division Cross Country
7 June	F—6 Footy Clinics
10 June	Queens Birthday

DATE	EVENT
11 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Round Robin
14 June	K—6 Disco
22 June	Trivia Night
24 June	Central Australia Trip Departs
28 June	Last Day of Term 2
1 July	Central Australia Trip Returns
15 July	First Day Term 3
26 July	Toastie and PJ Day
2 August	F—2 Dance Program
29 August	Fathers Day Stall
30 August	Lamont Book Fair
11 September	Art Show
20 September	Last Day of Term 3
7 October	First Day Term 4
20 December	Year 12 Elevate: Study Skills

Around the College

Primary Regional Swimming

Congratulations to the 5 year 3 to 6 boys who participated in the Regional Swimming Championships last Friday, 15 March against the best schools in the Eastern Metropolitan Region.

The freestyle relay team of Liam A, Josh C, Jacob E & Matthew J came 3rd in their allocated heat and finished 9th out of the 16 teams overall.

Matthew J also swam an individual backstroke event where he finished 8th out of 17 competitors.

Daniel E brought home 2 medals on the day, finishing 2nd in his freestyle event as well as 3rd in his breaststroke event.

A huge effort from all of the students who should all be very proud of their achievements. Thank you to all the families who came out to support the students on the day.



Technology in Literacy



This week Foundation students mixed up their Reading session with the use of ipads. Each student used an Ipad to explore letters and sounds, follow simple reading patterns and practise applying knowledge of high frequency words.



A snapshot of

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

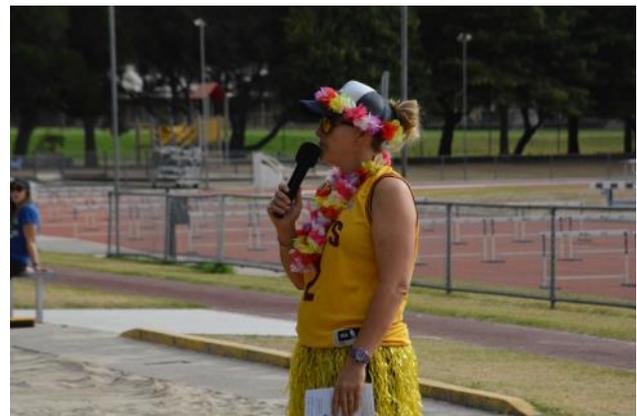


CHANDLER - 941

PATERSON - 797

FREEMAN - 682

HOLLOWS - 669



A snapshot of

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Who is the wellbeing team and what do we do?

The Wellbeing team consists of

Adrienne Tanner, Assistant Principal of Wellbeing and Inclusion

Nicole Costa, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator

James Latu, Youth Worker (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Deborah Ellis, Adolescent Health Nurse (Monday and Thursdays)

As a team we have been working on making wellbeing services much more accessible and creating a wellbeing culture that is inclusive and supportive.

What type of issues can wellbeing help your child with?

- Anxiety
- Struggles with social relationships
- Emotional regulation (e.g. anger)
- Engagement with education (e.g. difficulty getting your child motivated to come to school)
- Family concerns (e.g. family breakdown)

What if my child has the following issues?

- Depression
- Severe anxiety
- Anger management issues
- Bereavement
- Drug and alcohol concerns

If you hold any of the above concerns, the wellbeing team are here to support you and your child get the appropriate assistance by linking you in with external agencies.

Here is a quick reminder of the services and supports the wellbeing team can offer:

- Counselling (short term)
- Doctors in Secondary Schools Program at school on Monday
- Yarra Valley Psychology at school on Tuesday mornings and all day Wednesday (Start date TBC)
- Student Support Services Officers (Educational Psychologist, Speech Therapist and Social Worker)
- Support for students that may be disengaged or at risk of disengagement from education
- Support for families with students with disabilities
- Supporting our Koori students
- Breakfast Club each morning 8:20am – 8:50am in the Performing Arts Centre
- State School's Relief for families eligible to receive uniform assistance
- Wellbeing based programs that support our students with issues such as self-esteem, friendship issues and emotional regulation
- Working actively with our students to workshop ideas and plans around bullying and mental health concerns

Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's wellbeing?

It is best to raise the issue with your child's classroom or homeroom teacher and they will pass this information onto the sub-school leaders for a member of the wellbeing team to begin the process of setting up supports for your child at school or in the community.

Important Upcoming Dates

School Dental Visit

Phase 2: Wednesday 27 March – Thursday 28 March

National Day of Action Against Bullying

Friday March 15

For the second half of last week, we took part in the National Day of Action against Bullying. Our main aim was to shift the focus away from the direct act of bullying and focus on the positive ways in which to approach the situation. We wanted to emphasise the importance of showing and experiencing kindness and gratitude with our students, while taking part in positive conversations in class to define bullying and



positive strategies for our students to utilise.

A lunchtime activity that was popular with a lot of our junior students and some of our secondary leaders, was the gratitude tree. It encouraged students to write down a person, an event or something that they are thankful for in their life. We hope that this is something we can continue throughout the year and we hope that our families will engage in gratitude because...

“When you’re in gratitude, you can’t be in any other state. You can’t be angry, sad or disappointed when you’re being grateful” – Jay Shetty



GRIP LEADERSHIP

.Last Wednesday 13 March, seven Year 5 and 6 student leaders were selected to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference at Melbourne Convention Centre. At Boronia K-12 College we have been working hard on developing and nurturing the leadership skills of our students. These seven students were selected to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference to connect with student leaders from other schools and gain insight into how they can use their leadership skills to their full potential. GRIP Leadership is an independent organisation that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector. GRIP Leadership programs are fresh, practical, interactive and enjoyed by tens of thousands of students each year. GRIP Leadership is endorsed by leaders, educators, politicians and business people around Australia. The students gained a lot of insight through attending this conference and are looking forward to presenting key information to the SRC.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Teachers were looking for students who are 'reflective.' These students give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. They are able to assess and understand their strengths and limitations in order to support their learning and personal development.

The winners were:

Noah, Adam, Marty, Tyson, Jayde, Charlie, Caleb, Mikayla, Emily, Lexi and Matilda.



WEEK 8 Specialist Awards:

ART – Myra

PE – Jacob

SPANISH – Mia



VALUES FOR LIFE INCURSION

On Thursday 14 March our year 5/6 students had an incursion as part of our Who We Are studies. This helped expand their understanding of our Central Idea "Every individual faces changes and challenges as they grow and develop". Our presenter Tim discussed with students topics such as resilience, positive social connections, problem solving and decision making through adolescence. Students were engaged throughout the presentation, getting involved in little games and role plays which helped consolidate their understanding of the topics. We have already seen our 5/6s putting into practise what they have learnt, which has been fantastic!



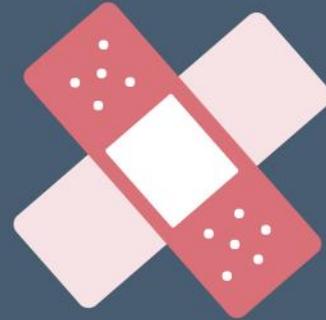
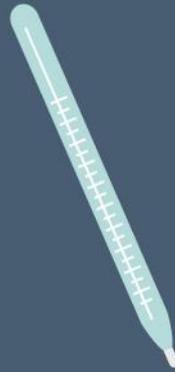
PE / HEALTH

"As part of the year 8 PE/Health program, students are required to teach a group of younger children a particular skill. Today our students worked with the Foundation class to teach them how to kick and handball in AFL.





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FEELING SICK OR UNWELL?
HAVE A MEDICAL QUESTION?

CHECK OUT THE GP IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM



THE GPS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM OPERATES LIKE A NORMAL GP CLINIC AND OFFERS THE SAME ASSISTANCE WITH PHYSICAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND OTHER HEALTH RELATED ISSUES.

OPEN EVERY FRIDAY 8.30AM - 4.00PM

LOCATED OUTSIDE THE JUNIOR SCHOOL OFFICE.
DROP IN TO MISS COSTA IN THE WELLBEING OFFICE, OR
EMAIL COSTA.NICOLE.N2@EDUMAIL.VIC.GOV.AU FOR
ASSISTANCE WITH APPOINTMENTS.



SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS

WHERE: Performing Arts Centre

WHEN: Monday and Tuesday - Cereal, fruit and oats
Wednesday and Friday - Toast, cereal, fruit and
oats
Thursday - 'Toastie Thursday'
8:20-8:50am



A Victorian Government initiative in partnership with Foodbank Victoria

SCULPT YOUR WORLD

Our Year 10 "Sculpt Your World class are doing their coil pots. They needed to create a character and show a particular expression when putting it's face on the pot. We also had some fun on the clay wheels.

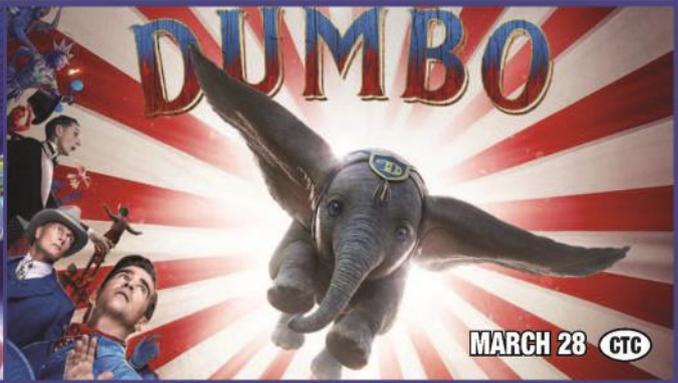


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MARCH 28 CTC



APRIL 4 CTC



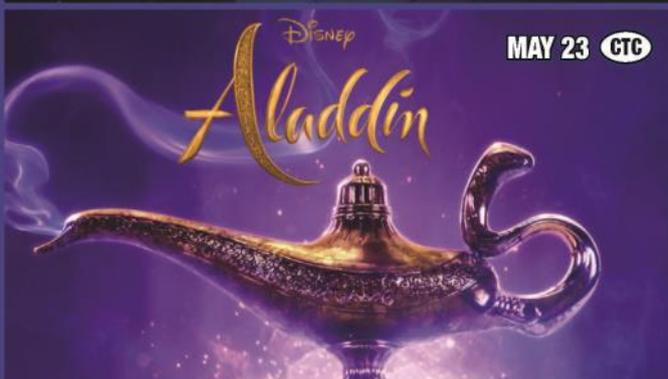
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APRIL 24 CTC



MAY 16 CTC



MAY 23 CTC



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THE BASIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

2019
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MARCH 22 | 23 | 24

It's back!
The Basin
Music Festival
**Songwriting
Competition**
sponsored by
**SACHAR AMOS
GUITARS**

Mountain Highway
and Forest Road,
The Basin

Friday from 6pm
Saturday from 10am
Sunday from 10am

Tickets available
at the festival:
\$15/day or
\$25/weekend

Over 100 gigs in
eight venues (two
ticketed, six free)

Great food and market
in the park, with shops,
cafes, bars and
restaurants

Performance schedule and
venues subject to change!
Please check the website.

TheBasinMusicFestival.org.au



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