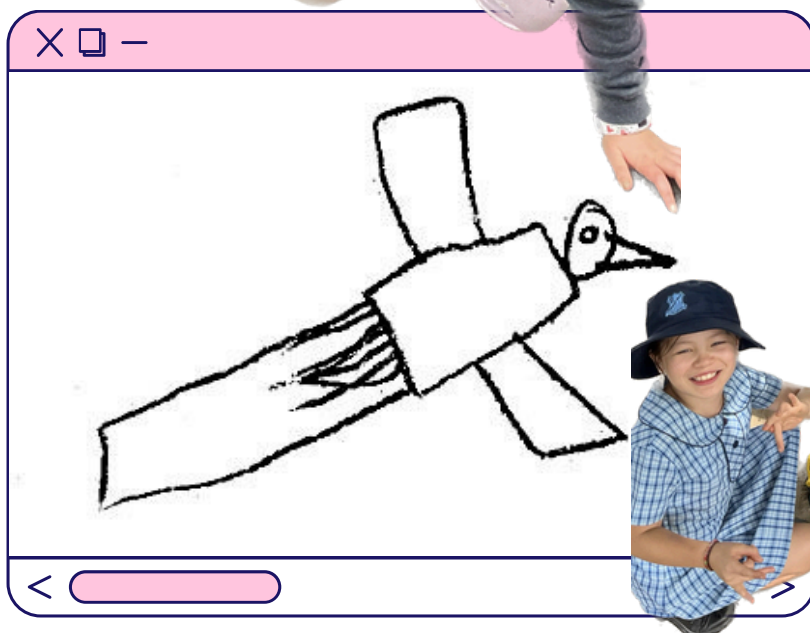


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THIS LAND. THEY HAVE WALKED UPON AND CARED
FOR THE LAND PHBASC LEARNS AND PLAYS ON.**



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Service Admin



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Centre Director



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Admin Assistant



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Lachie
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Megan
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Kean
Roster Manager



Lizzie
Inclusion Support



Taylor
Staff Wellbeing

**WE WOULD LIKE TO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO
ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT, AND EXTEND THAT
RESPECT TO ALL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES
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PENNANT HILLS BASC COMMITS OURSELVES
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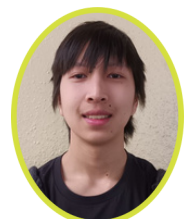
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STAFF MOVEMENTS

After an amazing effort by Taylor Bassett and Chloe Hartman to revamp our WHS practices and the role itself, it is now managed by a single person. Chloe will be assuming all WHS duties (with support when needed) and a new role has been created for Taylor, being **Staff Wellbeing Officer**. Taylor will be focusing her efforts on making sure all staff feel safe, supported and have a go to person for any issues where they may not feel comfortable going straight to the management team.



Chloe Hartman, previously a Senior Team member has accepted a title change to **Assistant Director** and will sign on as a **nominated supervisor**.



Armelle, Senior Team member, was previously doing **vacation care planning** by herself but will be job sharing some of the responsibilities with Chloe, Tim and other staff. This is so she can reclaim some of her administrative work hours to devote to her original role of **Research and Theory**. Armelle will once again be able to add value to our centre by developing our educator's understanding of learning frameworks, learning theorists, pedagogy and improving on our team's documentation skills.



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Hi BASC Families,

After a fun and amazing start to the year, term 1 is coming to a close. The educators here have had a wonderful time playing and learning together with the kids every day and we're so happy to be involved in their young lives. Something that has warmed my heart has been seeing how well the new Kindergarten cohort has started and all of the new friendships being formed at school and at BASC. Big shout out to the years 1-6 BASC children who have welcomed their new schoolmates and set a good example of what it means to be a kind and caring friend.

After a long wait we were finally able to start using our new building this term as an indoor space for child-directed play. Thank you to everyone who donated items and toys which we have used to create a fun and engaging space for the children. We're going to be deciding on a name for the new building next term and want you to have your say in the process. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page and website for updates and polls regarding the naming of the building.

Starting next term, our sign in area will be moving inside Bellthorn Cottage in the main room (near to where the ipad usually is in the mornings). This will provide a much more convenient area to display information and have resources accessible to families. Everything else about the sign in and out process will remain the same, the ipad is just moving a few metres.

If you haven't already, have a look at the vacation care page on our website. We have a great program coming up for the school holiday period from 15th - 29th April. We have 2 excursion days which are capped at 60 places on Friday 19th and Monday 22nd so book in before spots fill up.

I wish you all joy and peace these school holidays and for the start of term 2!

TIM LOVE
CENTRE DIRECTOR



SERVICE NEWS

NEW BUILDING UPDATES

In term 1, we were excited to announce that our new building had been approved for its license by the Department of Education! The children were thrilled to finally have the opportunity to play in this new space. The building was equipped with a variety of toys, including donated items and new purchases, as well as recycled materials. It features a home corner, dress-up area, construction area and book nook. We are now eagerly anticipating the arrival of our new play kitchen and craft tables which will be fantastic additions to the space. The room set up aligns with key theorists' ideas and the outcomes outlined in the MTOP framework, promoting holistic development and meaningful learning experiences for all children at BASC.



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FROM THE ED LEADER'S DESK

This term has been incredibly exciting as we've reintroduced loose parts play into our program. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to our carers, Harriette, Armelle, Lachie, and Megan, who helped source loose parts for construction, bases, and recycled arts and crafts from the local community and Reverse Garabage.

The children have been thoroughly enjoying the summer season, especially playing cricket and exploring our new building and sandpit. Their creativity has been shining as they create intricate river systems in the sandpit, showcasing their imagination and problem-solving skills.

It was a joy to design and paint our new program board, which visually organises our activities for each afternoon. This has been helpful for both the children and parents, allowing them to see at a glance what exciting activities are planned.

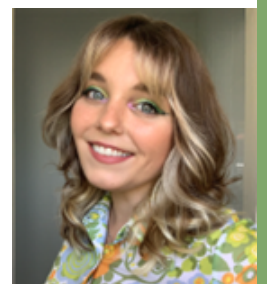
During the holidays, some of the carers helped to paint our new mural display titled "Gentle Hands, Kind Words, Listening Ears." This project not only added a splash of color to our environment but also served as a reminder of the values we hold dear at our service.

Next term, we will be reintroducing the Kids Committee! The Kids Committee will allow children to share their ideas, interests, and concerns, helping to shape our program and environment. It's a wonderful way to empower our children, promote leadership skills, and foster a sense of ownership and community within our service. There will be more updates in the coming weeks on how to get involved!



SOPHIE

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - EDUCATIONAL LEADER



DAILY DIARY HIGHLIGHTS

Loose parts with Sophie + Dylan's praying Manis!
This afternoon the children had the opportunity to do one of their favourite BASC activities - loose parts! [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], and [redacted] worked together to build a cubby home with a "wheel chair parking area". The [redacted] x, [redacted] and [redacted] built a base and utilised team work, problem solving and social skills (Piaget's theories of concrete learning). They made a roof and flag pole station for their BASE. All children involved followed the rules and were well assisted with building helping to support spatial awareness and construction and then the children played confidently + independently in their BASES. Sceptones and Emory used their imagination and creativity to build a 'Apartment' with chairs from the Deck + the gym mats. 2:1, 3:1, 3:2, 3:3, 4:1, 4:2

MAIN ROOM

with Grace N

This afternoon in main room, many of the children loved drawing flowers, penguins, and creating their own books. This included Clementine, [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted]. Additionally, [redacted] W, Vivat and [redacted] enjoyed making paper planes. These activities facilitated development of creativity (0.4.1) and fine motor skills and created an environment for children to use their imagination (04.3, 5.3)

Beading on Deck

Due to there not being enough joss to do the original activity, we decided to do beading which ended up being a really nice activity. [redacted] spent a lot of time beading today because she was doing one really long necklace while other children were doing multiple bracelets like [redacted] and [redacted]. It was a very peaceful activity today and everyone played quite nicely. They used their fine motor skills to bead the string and shared the beads amongst the groups. The children showed their developmental skills through outcomes 1:4, 4:1, 2 and 5:1.
-Bec

New Building w/ Tommy & Jahan

This afternoon we had the new building open for free play. Being able to spend quality with their friends. Being able to choose what they want to do eg. drawing, playing with the multitude of toys. Allow the children to have options which they themselves can choose (outcome 1). [redacted] & [redacted] had a great time drawing. Being in an environment with shared possessions children communicate in order to maintain what they want to do but also allow ours to do what they want (outcome 2) & (outcome 5). I'm glad everyone had fun together with their friends & pray that the children had another great day.

HAMA BEADS

This afternoon in the playroom we enjoyed a relaxing activity of some Hama Beads. A lot of the children loved this activity as it gives them an opportunity to create and use their imagination through production and experimentation. I always love to see the new and unique shapes and patterns the kids come up with! Along with the lovely words of encouragement and compliments they were giving each other through the process. Overall it was a great activity to end the week and wind down! (Outcomes 1:4, 3, 4:1, 2, 5:3)
-Jasmin

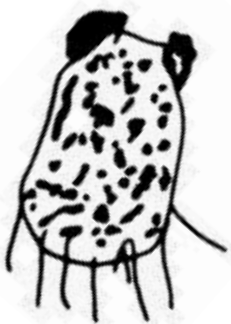
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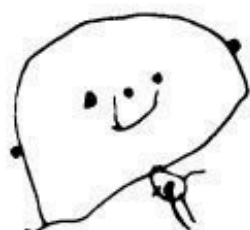
"Taco Cheese Pizza"



Survival Tag on the oval



Sand Pit is always a hit!





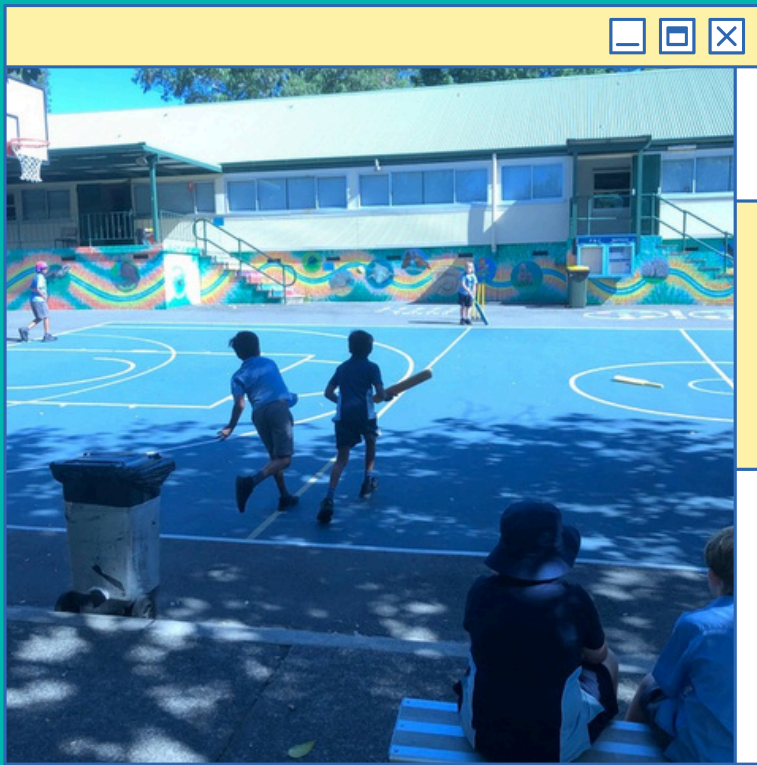
**MAKING RIVERS IN THE
SANDPIT, CONSTRUCTION
AND FREE PLAY IN THE NEW
BUILDING!**





**MUD KITCHEN, NATURE
PLAY, MAZES, GYMNASTICS
AND FELT CRAFT OUTSIDE!**





THIS TERM IN THE MORNING CRICKET
HAS BEEN POPULAR ON ASPHALT,
MONOPOLY DEAL IN MAIN ROOM AND
SNAKES AND LADDERS



KINDY 2024

The kindy kids of 2024 have had a fantastic start to term 1! They were quick to understand the routines of BASC, where we can play in each area, and have had such a great time playing with each other and peers from other grades. We even had to fast-track the procedures we put in place to help the transition to BASC because they got the hang of everything so quickly! I think some contributing factors of this include all the combined warmth and care all the BASC educators have shown them (which has started to develop great reciprocal relationships), all the welcoming and help they have received from other kids at BASC, and all the support their teachers show them each day, helping them feel safe and excited for school. We can't wait to see how they grow throughout the year!!



**WARM REGARDS, LACHIE
SENIOR EDUCATOR**

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APRIL VACATION CARE

15th April

WATER DAY

Grab your swimmers and a towel for the slip and slide! Please don't forget hats, sunscreen and a change of clothes.

COST: \$80.90

16th April

LEGO DAY

Put your construction hats on because today we'll be doing some building challenges.

COST: \$80.90

17th April

SPLENDOUR IN THE BASC

Let's party!
Put on your most colourful outfits, craziest hairstyles and get ready to dance.

COST: \$80.90

18th April

MOVIE MAKING

We will be going on an adventure to the 3-6 site to practice those acting skills and make some films.

COST: \$80.90

19th April

REPTILE PARK EXCURSION

Join us at the Australian Reptile Park to check out all the amazing animals!

COST: \$101

22nd April

MONSTER SKATE PARK EXCURSION

Get ready to get your skate on at the Monster Skate Park.

COST: \$101

23rd April

BASC OLYMPICS

Test your agility, speed and coordination at our BASC Olympics. We will also have 2 hours of bubble soccer from 1-3pm.

COST: \$92

24th April

SCIENCE DAY

Time to get your safety goggles on to conduct some wacky experiments and get a little messy.

COST: \$80.90

25th April

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

BASC will be closed today.

26th April

ROCK CLIMBING INCURSION

Today we will be taking turns attempting to climb a 9 metre rock wall!

COST: \$92

29th April

AUTUMN DAY

Enjoy a relaxing day full of cooking, crafts and outdoor play to welcome in the new season.

COST: \$80.90

APRIL VACATION CARE

MONDAY 15TH - FRIDAY 26TH
(CLOSED ON THURSDAY 25TH)
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - MONDAY 29TH

🌈 What's in store? 🌈

★ Variety of Amazing Services: We've lined up a diverse range of exciting services that will spark your child's creativity, learning, and fun!

🚌 2 Fantastic Excursions: Embark on incredible journeys with two thrilling excursions your children will absolutely love.

💡 Exciting Incursions: Our engaging incursions promise to ignite your child's curiosity and enthusiasm.

Educator-Run Days: Our dedicated educators will lead entertaining and educational activities that your kids won't want to miss.

👀 Check the Program: Don't miss out on any fantastic activities! Make sure to thoroughly review the program to find the ones your child is most excited about.

📅 Bookings Open: Monday, March 25th

Hurry to secure your child's spot! Book via the "My Family Lounge App" now, as we have limited availability:

🚌 60 spots for excursions 📅 90 spots for incursions

📖 Important Info: Take a moment to read through "What to Bring" and "Parent Responsibilities" to ensure your child is well-prepared for each day, and you're aware of your responsibilities during Vacation Care Time.

☀️ Weather Update: All daily experiences will go ahead as planned, unless we notify you otherwise. Your child's safety is our top priority, and we'll make necessary adjustments in case of adverse weather conditions.

🍽️ Packing Essentials: Please pack your child's recess and lunch each day (unless stated otherwise) to keep their energy up for all the fun activities.

🎉 Let the Fun Begin: Don't delay - book now and give your child the gift of an amazing holiday experience. Limited spots are available, so act fast!

We are so excited to see you!

APRIL VACATION CARE

MONDAY 15TH – FRIDAY 26TH
(CLOSED ON THURSDAY 25TH)
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – MONDAY 29TH

What should they bring?

- morning Tea and Lunch
- Water bottle
- Enclosed shoes shirts with sleeves (no singlets)
- Hat
- Change of Clothes



Contact us If you need to make changes to your child's booking via email (vacationcare@pennanthillsbasc.org.au) for information regarding availability and associated fees. understand that bookings and changes made after the cut off date may incur surcharges.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Booking and Payment: ensure you book your child's spot for vacation care in advance to secure their spot.
- Excursion Bookings will close 7 days prior to excursion. There will be a late booking surcharge.
- Cancellation policy: cancellations can be made up to 7 days before the start of vacation care without incurring a charge. After this period, cancellations may come with fee per child, per day.
- Excursion Arrival: Ensure your child arrives before 8:30 am on excursion days, as there are preparations and safety instructions to be given before leaving. We are unable to wait if you are late.
- We encourage you to provide feedback and we welcome any suggestions for future programs. we value your thoughts as well as the children's.

By following these guidelines and ensuring your child has the necessary items, you assist us in making their vacation care experience safe and enjoyable!

FROM THE BASC KITCHEN

OUR MOST POPULAR AFTERNOON TEA THIS TERM

Spaghetti Bolognese

Recipe adjusted to feed 4

- Ground beef: 2 kg
- Canned crushed tomatoes: 1 can
- Tomato paste: 1 small can
- Fresh parsley: a handful, chopped
- Spaghetti: 8 oz (about 225 grams)
- Onions: 1
- Zucchini: 1
- Carrot: 1



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






















































































































































1. Cook the spaghetti according to package instructions.
2. In a large pan, cook the ground beef until browned.
3. Add chopped onions, zucchini, and carrot to the pan and cook until softened.
4. Stir in crushed tomatoes and tomato paste. Simmer for 10-15 minutes.
5. Season with salt, pepper, and any other desired spices.
6. Serve the beef and vegetable sauce over the cooked spaghetti, garnished with fresh parsley.

BABYSITTING LIST

Name	Phone Number	Current First Aid Training	Child Protection Training	Started at BASC
Lachie Rosenblum	Please contact the service for further information	✓	✓	January 2020
Armelle Kolton		✓	✓	September 2019
Lizzie Boxwell		✓		May 2022
Tegan Gravelle		✓		May 2023
Alex Hellstrom		✓		April 2021
Bec Percival		✓	✓	January 2022
Harriette Cusack		✓		January 2023
Cerys Howells		✓		January 2023





































































All staff at PHBASC have current Working with Children Checks (except staff under 18) and experience working with children.

BASC TERM 1 2024 MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Muesli and yoghurt D = Dairy free yoghurt	Nachos H/B/V= Omit meat	Corn thins with spreads	Fruit salad	Mini quiches H/P/V= veggie quiche
	   	   	   	 	   
Week 2	Dips and crackers	Garlic Bread	Fruit salad	Burritos H/B/V= Omit meat	Pizza muffins
	    	   	    	    	   
Week 3	Nachos H/B/V= Omit meat	Fruit Salad and yoghurt	Garlic Bread	Fried rice H/P/V= Vegetarian fried rice	Mini quiches H/P/V= veggie quiche
	    	    	   	   	   
Week 4	Muesli and yoghurt	Apple Crumble	Pizza Muffins	Crackers and Dip	Spaghetti Bolognese H/B/V= vegetarian Bolognese
	    	   	   	   	   
Week 5	Butter Chicken H/B/V= Omit meat	Fruit Salad and yoghurt	Garlic Bread	Spaghetti Bolognese H/B/V= vegetarian Bolognese	Apple Crumble
	    	    	   	    	    
Week 6	Mongolian Chicken and rice H/B/V= Omit meat	Crackers and Dip	Fruit Salad	Pizza Muffins	Muesli and yoghurt
	    	    	   	    	    
Week 7	Garlic Bread	Butter Chicken H/B/V= Omit meat	Apple Crumble	Fruit Salad and yoghurt	Spaghetti Bolognese H/B/V= vegetarian Bolognese
	   	    	   	    	    

Armelle and Alex have collaborated to design our termly menu, ensuring it aligns with Eat Smart Play Smart recommendations. Alex, with his expertise in nutrition, has played a key role in shaping the menu. We're grateful to have Alex as an integral part of our cooking and preparation team at BASC.

BASC TERM 1 2024 MENU

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 8	Fried Rice H/P/V= Vegetarian fried rice	Crackers and Dip	Nachos H/B/V= Omit meat	Pizza muffins	Fruit salad and yoghurt
	   	    	   	   	    
Week 9	Apple Crumble	Mongolian chicken and rice H/B/V= Omit meat	Crackers and Dip	Muesli and yoghurt	Butter Chicken H/B/V= Omit meat
	   	    	    	    	    
Week 10	Nachos H/B/V= Omit meat	Spaghetti Bolognese H/B/V= vegetarian Bolognese	Fruit salad and yoghurt	Apple Crumble	Brownies
	    	    	   	   	   

Vegetables & Legumes	
Fruit	
Proteins	
Dairy	
Grains	

Egg	E
Dairy	D
Vegetarian	V
Pork	P
Beef	B
Halal	H

Key:

Australian Guide to Healthy Eating:

STARS OF THE MONTH

Congrats to these educators on their outstanding work this month. We are continually impressed by the results they produce! All our educators play a crucial role in our team and the wider BASC community. . .

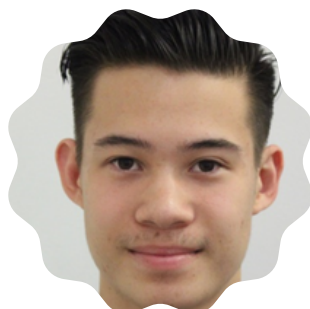
Rohan: exceptional improvements at the start of this term. He has demonstrated remarkable speed and efficiency with set up, as well as a strong sense of initiative



Caleb: for his initiative and proactive approach on the floor. He demonstrates a commitment to professional development outside of program hours and actively engages with the children to create a positive environment



Keean: exceptional efforts in designing and publishing the basic website, and for responsibly handling challenging situations with calm and ease.



A PLACE FOR FEEDBACK

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter, if you have any input or feedback relating to the newsletter or anything else at BASC please feel free to approach staff, send us an email, give us a call, or any other way you can think of to let us know. Parent feedback is highly encouraged regarding anything from routines to programming and suggestions are always welcome and appreciated!



BASC CHILDREN'S SURVEY END OF TERM 1

Child's Name:

Child's Age:

Date: / / 20 _

(This observation is supporting the child's development in: MY TIME, OUR PLACE – Framework for school age care in Australia.)

Our job here at BASC is to make sure that you have a fabulously fun time during your sessions with us. We'd love it if you could complete the following worksheet with your family or friends so that we can make sure your voices are heard loud and clear here at Pennant Hills BASC!

What are your favourite Indoor Activities: (examples :- Building, lego, art and craft, music, dolls and dress ups, games, puzzles, circle games, homework, Xbox, Technology Time, Books, Playdough, Table Tennis.)

What are your favourite Outdoor Activities: (examples: - Cricket, Baseball, Handball, Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Hopscotch, Treasure Hunts, Group Games, Ball Games, Gardening, Eco Activities, mini golf, bubble blowing, Sand pit etc.)

What are your favourite snacks at BASC (Suggestions are very welcome):

What are your goals over the next term? What is something you would really, really like to do or achieve?

Have you got any news or information that you would like to share with us, or perhaps some activities you'd like us to include in our programs?

Thank you so much for completing this work sheet. Knowing what you do and don't like to do makes programming fun activities so much easier! Remember, if you have any ideas or suggestions let me, (Sophie) know – It may be something that many of the BASC children might enjoy! Families, if you're looking for more ways to become involved check out our website and follow the BASC Website Links.