From The Principal

Term 4 Week 4 2014

Have you heard?

Our Kinder dance, junior dance and senior dance groups performed on Monday night at Bankstown Sports Club. This was part of the Bankstown District Dance Festival. They were absolutely superb and represented Bass Hill PS proudly. Congratulations to all performers and a huge thank you to Mrs Taouk, Miss Sellen and Miss Adams for the incredible effort and commitment they have shown. Hours of planning, preparing and organising are put in outside of school to ensure our students get these wonderful opportunities and having wonderful staff that are willing to do this makes me extremely proud.

Thank you, thank you, thank you........

Another huge thank you needs to go to Miss Danaher, Mrs Taouk, Mrs Tate and Mrs Noshie for the enormous amount of effort put into Year 6 mini fete. The learning students have experienced as a result of organising and participating in this day is invaluable. The large number of parent volunteers and donations is also something I am extremely appreciative and proud of. Thank you also to all staff for their help, supervision and flexibility on the day.

To the Year 6 students, you are fantastic!!! The talent, skills, personalities and knowledge you demonstrate when working as a team is an impressive sight. Well Done!!!

Friday
PSSA

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday
Kindergarten Orientation

Friday
PSSA
Kinder orientation

We had our first Kindergarten orientation last week and thanks to Miss Sellen and a large number of staff the day was a great success. Miss Sellen’s extensive organisation and hard work resulted in a fabulous experience for our students and parents of our 2015 Kindergarten group and I look forward to session 2 next week.

Schools are places that allow students, teachers, parents and the community to come together to and be effective partners in the learning process. I am so very proud to be a part of such an amazing school with so many teachers and parents that go above and beyond to ensure students receive the best opportunities possible.

Values

The value we have been focussing on this week and last week is:

**FRIENDSHIP**

Friendship is so important and students have been discussing what makes a good friend. Characteristics such as affection, sympathy, empathy, honesty, mutual understanding and compassion are all important when it comes to friendship. Students need to also understand that the enjoyment of each other’s company, trust, and the ability to be oneself, express one’s feelings, and make mistakes without fear of judgment from their friends ensure friendships last and are valuable for all involved.

Ask your children what they can tell you about being a good friend.
Assistant Principal Position 2015
The Assistant Principal position has now closed and the panel will be meeting to cull applications and interview possible candidates over the next couple of weeks. I will inform everyone of the successful applicant after the process is complete.

School Development Days
Public schools take part in five school development days each year. The first day of the school year, the first day of Terms 2 and 3 and the last two days of Term 4.
School development days assist whole school strategic planning and staff development which contributes directly to the improvement of student learning outcomes through the provision of targeted professional learning activities aligned to departmental priorities and quality leadership practices.
In line with school development procedures, the two additional school development days for teachers on the last two days of Term 4 of each year may be rescheduled with the clear agreement of the majority of teachers within the school.
Staff at Bass Hill PS have agreed to reschedule one of these days at the end of term 4 and instead run 2 afternoon/evening sessions throughout this term to allow us to start working on our 3 year school plan. This means staff will attend 2 whole school planning sessions on Wednesday 12 and 26 November from 3:15 – 7:00pm rather than attending the school development day on Friday 17 December. These planning sessions will allow us as a staff to discuss and start to draft our 3 year school plan. Students finish the year on Wednesday 15 December and will not be affected by this change.

3 Year School Plan – Community Input
2105 will see the implementation of a new way of planning for schools. The new approach to school planning brings together a number of reforms to give NSW public schools greater authority to meet the needs of their communities, to improve the quality of teaching in schools and to improve outcomes for all students. It is highly strategic, focussing on 3 key areas for improvement determined by the school in consultation with its community, to ensure a profound difference to the ongoing growth and development of the school.
It is essential that the community are part of our evaluating and planning process. Surveys have been sent home throughout the year to get parent and community feedback and I would now like to have a discussion with parents and the community in person.
Next week is our monthly P&C meeting and I would like to discuss the planning process and get input and feedback from the community in regards to evaluating current practices within the school and identifying new practices that will link to 3 strategic directions. Anyone that is interested in taking part in this discussion is invited to attend the P&C meeting next week. It will commence at 7pm in the staffroom.

Kindergarten 2015
If your child is starting Kindergarten with us next year can you please visit the office and fill out an enrolment form as soon as possible. Children born between 1st August 2009 and 31st July 2010 are eligible to enrol.
Please bring:
- Child’s birth certificate for proof of age
- Passports and visas for families born overseas
- Proof of residence (e.g. Council rate notice, gas, electricity account or bank account).
Our Kindergarten orientation sessions have already commenced. Upon enrolment you will receive information about the 3 remaining sessions.
Stage 3 News
Last week Year 6 hosted a very successful mini fete. We raised a total of $4,425.40! This would not have been possible without the hard work that Mrs Tate, Mrs Noshie and Mrs Taouk put in to assist students with the planning of the day. On behalf of stage 3 we would like to thank a number of parents that organised, cooked and put together orders for the chicken kebabs. They were absolutely delicious! Your hard work is greatly appreciated. Thank you; Karen Maamari, Najibah Turk, Helen Sabbagh, Elizabeth Andary, Mayssa Oueik, Kerrie Jaber, Ahmed Jaber, Monti Sanoussi, Myee Jones, Jo Liu, Mrs Turk and Snez Kanatlarovski.
A huge thank you also goes to Jade Hocking, her family and Najibah Turk who donated a great amount of items that were sold on the day. Thank you to Jo Liu for the donation of water. Last but not least, thank you to Mr and Mrs Tran for the donation of the jumping castle.
The mini fete would not have been so successful if it wasn’t for everyone working together; students, teachers and parents.
Thank you everyone! The money will be put to good use for the Year 6 farewell and a gift to the school.
Thank you for your continued support,
B. Danaher
Assistant Principal

Kinder Orientation
Last Thursday our 2015 kindergarten orientation began its first of four sessions. Students had a fantastic time engaging in our wonderful activities in the classroom. All the children enjoyed their time at big school and were very excited to report back to their parents about their day.
Parents engaged in a highly successful information session where they were informed about our kindergarten content, Best Start Kindergarten Assessment, school attendance and after school care.
Thank you to all the staff and parents who were involved in the day. We look forward to seeing you Thursday 6 November at our next session.
The focus value for this week has been ‘friendship’. KM have been discussing the qualities that make us a good friend.
Bass Hill X Factor auditions will be at fruit break every Wednesday starting on November 5. The auditions will be held in Mrs Tate’s room. We can’t wait to see Bass Hill’s amazing talent!

Mr Kennedy and Mrs Tate

East Hills Dance Festival
Year 6 Mini Fete
P&C

The next P&C meeting is on the 5th of November. If you have volunteered to help for our Spring Fair it would be great if you could come along to this meeting. The meeting starts at 7pm in the staffroom.

Ride bracelets can still be pre purchased for $25.00.

All White Elephant Stall donations can be taken to the canteen.

Bass Hill Public School

Spring Fair 2014

Dear Families,

The P&C is seeking helpers to donate an hour or two of their time to assist with the Spring Fair on November 22nd 2014.

Please return the attached volunteer form to the school as soon as possible.

Assistance is required:

Saturday 22nd November - Grounds/Fair set up from 8am

Saturday 22nd November - Stall set up from 9am

- Sales from 9:30am
- BBQ from 9:30am
- Pack up from 3pm

Helping out is a great way to meet new people and it is the efforts of us all that will make our Spring Fair successful and we thank everyone for their contribution. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the Fair on Saturday November 22nd.

☐ Yes we are able to assist with the Spring Fair.

Names of participants (persons over the age of 16 only, please)

Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Time available:

Questions? Contact Jo Liu: jo@secondbyte.com.au Please return form to front office
SPRING FAIR! SPRING FAIR! SPRING FAIR! SPRING FAIR!
SATURDAY 22ND OF NOVEMBER 2014 10am – 3pm

Dear Parents,

As the Spring Fair is approaching quickly its time to order your child’s ride bracelet.

This year there will be the following rides:

The Giant Slide
The Lost Temple
Simulator Cinema
Storm Ride
Zoomer
Cup & Saucer
Rocking Tug

That’s 7 rides in total!!!!

Ride Bracelets will cost $25 pre ordered or $30 on the day.
This entitles your child to ride unlimited all day.

Individual rides will cost $5 each.

Bracelets will be available for pick up on the day of the fair.
Please note misbehaviour and not following the ride operators rules will result in loss of bracelet. No refund will be given under these circumstances.

Forms and money need to be handed into the canteen.

Thank you
P&C Committee.

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NAME: ____________________________ CLASS: __________

NUMBER OF BRACELETS: ________

TOTAL: ___________
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Kugatsu Judo—
Now training at Bass Hill Public
Kugatsu judo club is one of the oldest judo clubs in Sydney and Australia and has been involved in the Bankstown community for over 15 years.
Kugatsu Judo Club welcomes general public and caters for boys and girls from the ages of 8 and up. Our training is conducted by qualified coaches with experience at national and international level with some of our members regularly qualifying for the national championships.
Training is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm at Bass Hill Public School Hall (entrance through Clarke St, Bass Hill) Minimum age is 8 years old.
For more info go to http://www.kugatsujudo.com.au/
or find us on Facebook (look for Kugatsu Judo Sydney)
or call David on 0403 861 956