From The Principal

**Term 4 Week 8 2014**

This week and last week I have had the pleasure of warmly welcoming Justin and Damon K and their family to our school community.

**Have you heard?**
Our Stage 2 students had a fabulous excursion to Cockatoo Island last Thursday. I was so pleased to hear that all students were on their best behaviour, being safe, responsible, respectful learners. Thank you to all the teachers and support staff that attended ensuring everyone had a successful and enjoyable day!

Students from stage 2 and the senior dance group performed at the opening of Kmart at Bass Hill Plaza yesterday. It makes me extremely proud to have parents and teachers comment to me about the superb performance put on by the students and the high standard of behaviour displayed by all.

**Spring Fair**
We had a fantastic day on Saturday at our Spring Fair. I have been at many schools in my career and this is the first school where such a big event has been organised completely by the parents. Many of our parents were at the school as early as 6:30am Saturday morning, setting up and were still there at 6:30pm in the evening, putting things away. To add to this, parents and families across the school volunteered their time throughout the day to support and help out. The organisation for an event like the spring fair takes months and months of preparation and planning and the P&C have done it in such an incredible way. I am very proud and humbled by the supportive and generous parents and families we have at Bass Hill PS. The commitment they have shown and the personal time they have given for our students is something to be celebrated and acknowledged. From the staff and students at Bass Hill PS we cannot thank you all enough!

I would like to also thank those staff members that gave up their time on Saturday to support the Spring Fair. Many staff were at school across the day helping to set up, run stalls and performances and pack away. A special thank you goes to Mr John, our GA, for being at the fair the entire day, supporting and assisting parents.
Values
The value we have been focussing on this week and last week is:

HONESTY
Honesty is an important life skill for all people, but is especially beneficial for children. Young people who adopt honest behaviour are more likely to be successful and less likely to succumb to negative peer pressures. Behaviours and attitudes are highly influential, particularly to children and adolescents. Children who see their parents and peers adopting positive behaviours such as honesty and integrity are inclined to follow their leads and exhibit those positive behaviours themselves.

Kinder Orientation
Last Thursday we hosted our third orientation day for our 2015 Kindergarten students. It was great to have the opportunity to talk to parents and share our school vision and expectations around learning and behaviour. Parents were given the opportunity to hear about the speech and language program we currently run across K-2 and Melanie Payne, our speech pathologist, was there to answer questions and chat with parents. Thank you to the parents of our current Kindergarten students for providing morning tea for our visitors and I would also like to thank Miss Hayley Sellen for her preparation and organisation of the day.

Reports
Yearly reports will go home next Thursday. I am currently reading through and signing all the reports and I am pleased to see many students demonstrating commitment towards our school expectation of being a learner. I encourage all parents to read their son and daughter’s reports thoroughly and acknowledge student achievement and offer encouragement for improvement.

P&C Meeting
You are warmly invited to attend the final P&C meeting for 2014 next Wednesday 3 December commencing at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the Administration block - staffroom.

Kindergarten 2015
It is not too late to enrol your child for next year.
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).

2015 Classes
We are in the process of forming classes for 2015. If your child/children will not be returning to our school next year please advise the office as soon as possible.

Melissa Proctor
### Bass Hill Public School Celebration Days

**Monday 8\(^{th}\) - Wednesday 17\(^{th}\)**

**2014 Celebration Timetable**

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For Women only
In the School hall Mondays and Wednesdays 6.30 -7.30pm
$8.00 per class
Contact Heather: 0451 975 868

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/
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or call David on 0403 861 956