Harmony Day Invitation
Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. The message of Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs” and by participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. At Bass Hill PS we are asking that all students wear a splash of orange, the official colour of Harmony Day and enjoy a picnic lunch. A P-6 assembly will take place at 9:15am and parents are invited to join us for the assembly and a morning tea afterwards. To ensure we can cater for people, if you are planning on attending our harmony day morning tea please return the note that came home earlier this week.

Contact Details
A medical Information and emergency contact detail form will be sent home shortly. Can you please return to the office as soon as possible.

Uniforms
All students attending Bass Hill PS are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. Wearing our school uniform is a badge of pride and is an important part of being a school student. Our uniform gives students a sense of belonging to a group and creates an identity for the school in the community. Wearing your uniform with pride, means you are half way there to being respectful and committing to what our school is all about.
Girls Summer Uniform
- Dress with capped sleeve
  Or
- Royal blue and gold polo shirt with royal blue skorts
- Royal blue jacket with school crest
- White socks
- Black shoes with black laces
- Royal blue hat

Boys Summer Uniform
- Grey shorts
  - Royal blue and gold polo shirt
  - Royal blue jacket with school crest
  - Grey socks
  - Black shoes with black laces
  - Royal blue hat

If for religious reasons girls need to cover their arms and legs then royal blue undergarments should be worn.

Girls Winter Uniform
- Royal blue bell bottom pants with royal blue and gold polo shirt
- Royal blue sloppy joe
- Royal blue jacket with school crest
- White socks
- Black shoes with black laces
- Royal blue hat

Boys Winter Uniform
- Grey school pants with royal blue and gold polo shirt
- Blue sloppy joe
- Royal blue jacket with school crest
- Grey socks
- Black shoes with black laces
- Royal blue hat

Girls Sports Uniform
- Royal blue shorts or skorts
- Blue and gold polo shirt
- Joggers / sport shoes
- White socks
- Royal blue hat

Boys Sports Uniform
- Blue shorts
- Blue and gold polo shirt
- Jogger / sport shoes
- White socks
- Royal blue hat

All students need to ensure they have the correct school uniform on each day. Coloured sports shoes, fluorescent or brightly coloured laces with black shoes and sports caps are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn to school. Coloured wrist bands are also NOT part of the school uniform and should not be worn to school.

Please support the school by ensuring students wear the correct uniform.

School Survey
A survey has been sent home this week as a way of getting your feedback and your thoughts on the school. I am keen to hear what parents and the community believe is great about Bass Hill PS and also what you would like to see us improve on. There is a box in the office area marked “parent surveys”. Please take the time to complete the survey and place it in the box by Monday 24th March 2014. Your opinion is valued and responses are confidential.

Before School
Teachers are on the playground for duty at 8.30am. Students arriving before that time are to sit on the silver seats outside the office. Students are unsupervised before 8.30am. We thank you for your continued care in ensuring the safety of our students by dropping your children to school at appropriate times.

Arriving late
There are many students arriving late and turning up at the office on their own. Whilst I understand mornings can be very busy most children arriving late come in 5-10mins after the bell. This 5-10mins can mean students miss important information and routines that set up the day. As a duty of care, if a child is late to school, a parent must bring them to the office and sign them in. This is recorded on our database for the Department of Education’s records. If you are unable to sign your child into the office then
please ensure they arrive by 8:55am.

Bus Bells and Dismissal
The bus bell that currently rings each day at 2:55pm will be stopping as of next term. The original bus route has changed and the bus now arrives around 3:10-3:15pm. Students do not need to be leaving class early. No changes will occur until next term and I will continue to remind the community throughout the term through the newsletter.

Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 10th April
12pm in Quad.
All are welcome.

Students are to make their Easter hats at home before the day.

Canteen

Please note:
Sushi not available on Mondays

Reminders:
- 20c extra is required if You need a lunch bag.
- Fish fingers are in lots of 4 for $2
- Nuggets are in lots of 2 for $1
- Plain milk is $1
- Flavoured milk is $2
- Juice bottles are pure Juice $1.50 ea
- Due to a price rise, cup noodles from next term will be $2.50 ea

Clothing Pool
Winter uniforms will be available from the beginning of Term 2. Due to manufactures shortage of materials we are unable to get jumpers and zip jackets in sizes 6 & 8 until mid- April. Clothing pool only has a small amount till then.

P&C
Tickets are still available for our Easter raffle. Thanks to donations from parents, and Retailers of Bass Hill Plaza (Aldi’s, Slice of Middle East, Spring Flora, Peter’s Meats, Nails & Beauty for you, Say it with Roses, TSG) A special thank you to Fiona Dandan for organising the donations from the above retailers.

Next P&C meeting will be Wednesday, 2nd April 7pm in Staffroom. We hope to have a guest speaker from Commonwealth Bank to explain School Banking.

Kindi Farm At Preschool
FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!

Know if your child is over a healthy weight?
Go to www.go4fun.com.au to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Go4Fun is a FREE healthy lifestyle program for kids over a healthy weight to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence.

What is the Go4Fun program?
Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities to get more physically active and they learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or visit www.go4fun.com.au
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

In 2001 the Government introduced the ‘First Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants  ABN 61 712 659 747
www.twelve.com.au  Principal: Derek Nolan CA

Your Family Tax Specialist
In 3/4A we have been learning about Aboriginal dot painting. Dot painting is a type of art native to the Australian Aboriginals. Traditional Aboriginal art is inspired by totems and Dreamtime stories that are part of religious ceremonies and rituals. Every painting tells a different story. After learning about Aboriginal artwork we were able to try out the different techniques used in dot painting to make our own art work.

By Anna and Zoya