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A huge congratulations goes to William Taliai who has been selected in the Sydney South West Sports Association Rugby League team. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish William the best of luck at the state carnival next week.

Welcome
This week I have had the pleasure of warmly welcoming Samuel Cuyatti Rojas and Danny & Sue Moe and their families to our school community. I am happy to see everyone else return happy and healthy. I hope everyone had a relaxing break and is feeling refreshed and ready for another great term at Bass Hill Public School.

Term 2
Term 2 is a short term of only nine weeks and it includes one public holiday, the long weekend, Monday 9th June. This term students in Year 3 and Year 5 sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy, NAPLAN, from 13th to 15th May. We also have;
- Mother’s Day stall, Wednesday 7th May

Staff Development Day
Last Monday teaching staff actively participated in rich professional development that will directly impact on your child’s learning. Our focus for the day included behaviour, welfare, leadership and values. To complement our student welfare policy and practices our school will adopt five key values that the community, staff and students collectively vote on to determine. Teachers and students have already discussed and selected the values they feel are most important and it is up to our school community to help decide which of

Mother’s Day Stall – Wednesday 7th May
these we adopt. Values influence the way we think and act and our values will guide us and be evident in all we do at Bass Hill PS. It is a very exciting time at Bass Hill PS as we are defining the culture of our school and articulating what we value as a community.

Please read and complete the values survey that has come home with the newsletter today.

**Principal Morning Tea / Caught you being good**

This term we are introducing a new system in the school that rewards student’s positive behaviour. Students will receive ‘caught you being good’ tokens in class and on the playground when they are demonstrating the 4 school expectations;

- Be a Learner, Act responsibly, Show Respect, Stay Safe

When students receive tokens they write their names on them and they go in a "Caught you being good" box. In week 7 each term, two tokens are drawn per class and these students, along with their parents will be invited to attend a morning tea with the Principal as a reward.

**Welfare Policy**

One of our focuses this year is to reflect on and evaluate the schools welfare and behaviour processes and systems. Staff have had a number of discussions around positive behaviour and expectations and as a starting point we have developed a new welfare policy. This policy reflects our commitment to student welfare and contains guiding principles that represent fundamental beliefs about our community. The new welfare policy was presented to the P&C at our meeting last term and parents had a discussion about it and provided feedback. I have included a copy of the policy with this week’s newsletter.

**Assemblies**

There will no longer be separate assemblies for K-2 and 3-6 every week. Assemblies will still take place on Fridays from 11:30-12:15pm but they will now be whole school assemblies and take place in weeks 3, 6 and 9 only. Parents are invited to join us.

**Anzac Ceremony**

On Tuesday we marked Anzac Day with a memorial assembly. I was very proud of the way students conducted themselves. It was a sombre event and everyone showed a great deal of respect.

**Changes to Bell Times**

Changes to bell times and breaks have commenced this week, allowing teachers to maximise learning time in the first 3 hours of school when student engagement is highest.
The new bell times and breaks are as follows;

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<td>9-11am</td>
<td>Morning Session (including 5-10min crunch and sip at 10am)</td>
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<td>Fruit Break (All students sit down in the playground for the first 10mins of fruit break to eat. After 10 mins the teacher on duty allows students to move off and play)</td>
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Please ensure your children have some cut up fruit or vegetables for crunch and sip each day. Crunch and sip takes place at 10am and provides an opportunity for students to re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration in the classroom. Crunch and sip is not meant to be a disruption to learning time as students continue to work, listen and learn whilst snacking on some fruit or vegetables. Peaches, mangoes or other juicy and sticky fruits are not appropriate for crunch and sip. Cut up carrots, apples, grapes, celery, capsicum, cucumber, strawberries, cherry tomatoes are some examples of the types of fruit and vegetables suitable for crunch and sip.

**Parent Teacher Interviews, Student Reports**

Please be aware that student reports go home this term and our 2014 Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted in the final week of term. More information about this will follow in later newsletters.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Melissa Proctor  
Principal
On behalf of the P&C we would like to thank everyone who supported our Easter fundraiser. In total we raised $900 profit. Also a big thank you to the following businesses who supported us;

- Fruitopia – Bass Hill
- Woolworths – Bass Hill
- A slice of the Middle East – Bass Hill
- Peter’s Meats – Bass Hill
- Florist
- Jeweller
- Beauty for you – Bass Hill
- Aldi’s – Bass Hill
- Anytime Fitness – Bass Hill
- Ronis – Bass Hill
- Salvation Army – Chester Hill
- Mina Bay Seafood – Bass Hill
- Spring Flora
- Say it with roses
- Barber’s edge
- Nails & Beauty for you

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on the 7th May. Join our facebook page to see what items we are selling – Bass Hill Public School P&C.

The canteen does not have a credit system. Money needs to be included at the time of ordering. Unfortunately lunches will not be sent to your child unless it is paid for. You will be contacted to provide lunch.

New lunch time are as follows;

- 11.00 – 11.30 Fruit break
- 1.30 – 2.00 Lunch time

Please note: Due to OH&S rules the canteen can not reheat meals sent from home. This is due to cross contamination, which can be dangerous to children with allergies.

**Kinder Farm Excursion**

On Thursday 8th of May Kindergarten will be taking a trip to Calmsley Hill Farm to consolidate their learning across all Key Learning Areas this year. The children will participate in a range of enjoyable experiences, including feeding the animals, milking a cow and taking a ride on a tractor.

The cost is $32 which includes entry to the farm a bus with seatbelts and an iceblock at the end of the day.

All payments must be made via ‘payments’ box in the office by Friday 2nd of May.

Any money brought in after Friday 2nd May will not be accepted. If you are having difficulty paying in full, please see Miss Clark.

**Revesby Craft Fair**

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