HAVE YOU HEARD......

We have some very talented students at Bass Hill PS. Ziad S was named the 2 x NSW Under 10’s Champion for Tai Kwon Do and Issac S was named 1x NSW Under 8’s Champion for Tai Kwon Do. Congratulations Ziad and Issac, what a huge achievement for both of you.

Jared S and William T have also been selected into the Sydney South West PSSA Rugby Union team. Well Done boys you should be very proud.

Welcome
This week I have had the pleasure of warmly welcoming Salina and Rivaldo P and Abu-Rahmaan H and their families to our school community.

Parent Gardening Volunteers
I am looking at creating a list of willing parents/grandparents who are available to spend time once a week or fortnight assisting with our gardens. Please register your name and availability with the office, by phone or in person if this is something you may be able to help with.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P & C MEETING WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE 7PM
School Leaders
Last Thursday, our school captains and prefects attended a leadership day at Olympic Park. This gave them all the opportunity to gain practical tools and fresh ideas to make a significant difference to our school community.

“We learnt how to overcome conflict, face your fears. We learnt how to be a good role model. The best part of the day was learning how to be a hero in your school.” - Jordan T  Captain

Food Allergies
Many students have mild to severe allergies to a variety of foods including but not limited to nuts, eggs, seafood and dairy products. It must be noted that a school is not able to make a blanket ban on nut products or other foods that may be of risk to certain students. To minimize the risk to students we ask that children at the school do not share foods with any child at any time.

Solving Problems at School
From time to time your child may have a problem with another student at school. All parents are asked to ensure that the problem is brought to the attention of your child’s class teacher or supervisor to deal with at school. If you are not satisfied with the class teacher or supervisor’s actions in addressing the issue and resolving the problem, seek a meeting or phone call with the principal. It is critical, and it is policy that parents DO NOT approach other parents to raise student concerns with them directly. All parents are asked to ensure that issues that occur between students are dealt with at school, by school staff.

Reforms to P&C Federation
The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations. Each school’s P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation’s Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation’s Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/az/involvement.php.

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Melissa Proctor
Principal
Preschool and Kindergarten Report

Preschool and kindergarten are having an action packed and exciting term 2. In week 2 our kindergarten students embarked on their first excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm. They had a wonderful day learning about farms, watched the sheep dogs round up the sheep, patted some of the animals, watched a whip cracking demonstration and went on a tractor ride. The day was an absolute success and has provided exceptional opportunities to enrich learning about the farm back in the classrooms. Our students were commended for their wonderful behaviour and willingness to participate in all activities by staff at the farm. Thank you to our dedicated kindergarten staff for ensuring that our students’ first excursion was a fun, engaging and memorable event.

Our kindergarten teachers have embarked on their second year of specialised professional learning in literacy, L3. The teachers work as a team to engage with current research on early literacy development and implement a very structured approach to teaching and learning with all students on a daily basis in reading and writing. I am impressed with the standard of reading and writing in kindergarten this term and look forward to watching all students improve further in terms 3 and 4.

Preschool have also had a busy term with lots of new learning. Last week, they had a visit from a Road Safety Education Officer from Bankstown City Council who provided an engaging and interactive session about road safety. The children learned how to stay safe near the roads and discussed important messages about being safe in and around cars. Each child also had the opportunity to practise the correct procedure for crossing the road on the pretend zebra crossing. Children were further delighted to take home special road safety activity and information bags to share with their families. The visit coincided with Walk Safely to School Day. Thank you to our preschool team for ensuring that our youngest learners were involved in this important learning opportunity.

Jodie Clark
Instructional Leader
STAGE 1 REPORT

This term Stage 1 have been learning all about mini beasts. We have been exploring and describing their features, lifecycles and special attributes. The students in year 1 and 2 have shown real enthusiasm in searching for bugs, and have been coming up with some great descriptive language to describe them in writing. At the beginning of next term we will be taking the students to the ‘Field of Mars’ where they can participate in an invertebrate yard safari.

Mrs Claire Tomlin
Assistant Principal

STAGE 2 REPORT

Literacy support

This term the focus in stage 2 is on literacy and the study of the Roald Dahl book Fantastic Mr Fox. Using our allocated support time we have made smaller groups for our literacy sessions. Both Mrs Noshie and Mrs O’Connor take withdrawal groups at 10am leaving behind smaller class groups in stage 2. We all focus on the same text and concepts but are able to deliver the content at a level more suited to the needs of our group. From regular discussions the stage 2 class, and support teachers are finding the withdrawal of students to be of benefit to everyone. We are hoping to have a stage 2 Fantastic Mr Fox Dress Up Day at the end of the term and will send home details closer to the day.

To complement the literacy groups Mrs Noshie is taking a small group for intensive work for a half hour four days a week. These students have been identified by stage 2 class teachers as needing a little extra help in developing their spelling skills.

Homework

Each week all stage 2 students are given homework. Homework includes learning spelling words and home reading. From time to time it may involve special projects or speech writing. As mentioned earlier in the year through our communication with stage 2 parents we are
encouraging students to choose their own books and read. It appears that many students have
given up home reading so we’d like to remind all mums and dads that stage 2 teachers still
expect our students read each night. Reading material can be anything from comics to novels.
We don’t mind we just want students to read. If students have nothing to read they can speak to
their class teacher.

Behaviour

I’d like to congratulate all our stage 2 students who constantly follow the school rules and do
their very best at school. Unfortunately there are a few students who are choosing to disregard
the school rules or take matters into their own hands. Teachers constantly remind all students
that if they have a problem with another student they are to seek the help of a teacher not an
older brother, sister, cousin or friend. When students go down this path it only makes matters
worse. We want to stress that we take all of our students concerns seriously and do not tolerate
any sort of bullying or misbehaviour. Please speak with your child about the importance of
speaking to a teacher straight away and making the right choices when dealing with others.

Public Speaking

Congratulations to all of our students who recently wrote and delivered speeches in their
classes. Congratulations to our stage 2 finalists Dahlia I, Kara B, Anna S and Jenny T and our
stage 3 finalists William C, William F, Malikah D and Adna H. Your teachers and classmates are
very proud of your achievements and we wish Dahlia, Anna, Malikah and William good luck
when they represent our school at the upcoming district public speaking competition.
Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Kim Fowler
Assistant Principal

REPORT FOLDERS

At the end of this term student reports will be sent home and teachers are now beginning to
prepare these reports. All students need to return their blue school report folder to school as
soon as possible. Kindergarten and new students will be given a folder. If you have lost your
child’s folder a new one can be purchased for $5.00 through the office. Students who fail to
return a report folder will have their reports sent home in a plastic sleeve.

PREPARED FOR WORK

All students must be prepared for work every day. To be a learner students need to bring a
pencil case with a pencil, or pen for seniors, glue stick, scissors, ruler (years 3 – 6) coloured
pencils an eraser and pencil sharpener. Please help your child be a successful learner by
providing them with the necessary equipment and ensuring they have it with them every day.
STAGE 3 REPORT

Stage 3 have been very busy this term learning about Gold and studying the book Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. We are enjoying making connections between the two topics and imagining what it would be like if Willy Wonka could make anything we wanted!

Please ensure that your child has packed their bag with everything they need for their learning each day. This includes appropriate crunch and sip, learning equipment a hat and a jumper. As the cooler months are upon us, please send in a box of tissues to your child's teacher.

If your child still needs to pay for the Claymation incursion please do so promptly. Payments can be made to the office.

Thank you for your continued support.

B.Danaher
Assistant Principal

REMINDER

STAGE 3 DIGITAL ANIMATION IN SCHOOL EXCURSION

To complement the work being taught in English and Technology Stage 3 will be attending a Digital Animation in school excursion. The students will plan a narrative, design a set, film and edit their own digital movie and burn their movies onto a DVD ready to be taken home. This workshop will be held on Wednesday 25th June. It will run all day, with normal breaks for lunch and fruit break. Digi Ed will provide all the resources including computers, cameras, tripods, clay, cardboard and DVDs. This unique opportunity addresses educational outcomes from the Key Learning Areas of English, Creative Arts and Science & Technology. The cost of the incursion is $35.

Please return your note and payment to the payment box in the OFFICE by Friday 13th June.

Payment Options:
Instalment 1: $15 due by Friday 30th May
Instalment 2: $20 due by Friday 13th June
OR
FULL Payment: $35 due by Friday 13th June
Thank you to all the families that supported our Sports Jersey and Cake Stall Day. This type of event would not have been possible without contributions from the community and for that we are grateful.

We successfully raised $696.00 to contribute towards William Taliai’s participation in the Rugby League State carnival in the upcoming weeks. We wish him and the other members of the Sydney South West team all the best.

To help raise awareness of asthma, Bass Hill Public School is holding a Pyjama Day fundraiser on Tuesday 3 June. On this day, students are encouraged to wear their warm and comfortable pyjamas to school and bring a gold coin which will be donated to the Asthma Foundation NSW. Money raised will go towards vital asthma research and asthma support programs.

As always, it is important that students wear shoes that are enclosed. This may include enclosed slippers.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Abbas and Mrs Attia
SRC
SPRING FAIR!  SPRING FAIR!  SPRING FAIR!

WHEN:  Saturday 22nd November
TIME:   10am til 3pm
WHERE:  Bass Hill Public School

The Bass Hill Public School Spring Fair is scheduled to be held on Saturday the 22nd of November.
Rides, food and stalls will be available on the day.
Ride bracelets will cost $25.00 pre order, or $30.00 on the day. Individual rides will cost $4.00 each. There will be seven rides to choose from. A ride bracelet will entitle your child to unlimited rides all day.
For stall enquiries please contact Mrs Nashabe at the canteen.

The next P & C meeting is Wednesday 4th June at 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along as we will be discussing the Spring Fair.
Don’t forget to like our P & C Facebook page to be updated with all the latest events and Spring Fair information.

Clothing Pool

Fleecy zipper jackets will be available next week. During winter boys are to wear grey pants and girls blue bootleg pants. Friday is sport day. **Tracksuit pants are only to be worn on sports days.** Please ensure your child is wearing the correct sports uniforms and sport shoes.

**MATHS GAME TO PLAY AT HOME**

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**VARIATION:**
- Remove cards which are beyond children’s ability, e.g. 8, 9.
- Use addition and subtraction.