Welcome
This week I have had the pleasure of warmly welcoming Hassan E and his family to our school community.

It has been another very busy and exciting term here at Bass Hill PS and I have really enjoyed getting to know more and more parents across the term. Enjoy the break, take some time to relax and unwind with friends and family and I look forward to seeing everyone happy and healthy next term.

Values
Earlier in the term parents, staff and students were asked to complete a values survey as part of our student welfare action plan. I have collated the results from this survey and am pleased to introduce Bass Hill’s 5 core school values:

- RESPECT
- HONESTY
- INTEGRITY
- CO-OPERATION
- FRIENDSHIP

Students first day back Tuesday 15th July
Next term each value will be introduced one at a time with students, identifying what it means and how it affects the way we act. These values have been defined as what is important to us and will guide and shape everything we do here at Bass Hill.

Values Poster Competition
I would like to encourage students across the holidays to design posters/pictures to represent our new values. Students that are interested can pick a value and draw a picture/poster to represent that value and what it means. Posters can be given to me early next term and some will be used in signage that will be created to put up around the school.

Staffing
Last week our second selection panel met and interviewed for a classroom teacher position. I am pleased to advise the community that Katherine McMaster was successful in the process and accepted the position Friday afternoon. Staffing contacted me earlier this week to inform me that a third vacancy that had previously been put on hold was now also to be filled. Due to just having run a merit selection process, staffing advised that the eligibility list would be activated from last week's panel and as a result Angela Simiri was offered the position of classroom teacher at Bass Hill PS. Both Katherine and Angela are thrilled to be joining the Bass Hill PS community and will start in week 2 next term. Thank you to Mrs Jo Lui and Mr Badih Habib for being part of the panel and the merit selection process.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Many thanks to parents who have met with their child’s class teacher. We value your time and input in the partnership of learning. Interviews continue this week. Many thanks to staff for making a variety of times available to accommodate our families.

Enrolling now for 2015
We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. I will be interviewing prospective parents for out of area enquiries and enrolments next term. In area parents are also invited to book a time with me to discuss their child’s enrolment if they wish. It is great to see so many new faces visiting our school. Exciting times ahead for 2015.

Positive Post
Another round of positive post is being sent out this week. Check your letterboxes to see if you have a positive post letter about your child!

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.

Melissa Proctor
Principal
Preschool and Kindergarten Report
As term 2 draws to a close, I would like to congratulate all of our students on a wonderful 9 weeks of learning and thank our parents and friends for their ongoing support. I have seen so much growth across both preschool and kindergarten this term. I have been fortunate enough to have spent more time in the preschool talking with the children about their learning and interests. All of the children are excited to participate in the engaging activities our teachers provide on a daily basis.

The students in kindergarten have amazed me every day with their reading and writing skills. The standard that they have achieved this term is excellent and I can’t wait to see what term 3 has in store for us. I’m sure that our parents would agree that our students have come a long way in the two terms they have spent with us!

As we reflect on the learning of term 2, the kindergarten teachers would like to provide a more responsive sport program for our students. As such, we will be changing the way we implement sport next term. Kinder sport will now take place on Mondays from 2pm-3pm. This will enable us to structure quality teaching and learning activities at a developmentally appropriate level. We will be building on the fundamental movement skills introduced in class fitness activities and providing opportunities to consolidate and build upon social skills in team based games. Kindergarten students will be required to wear their sports uniform, including sports shoes, on Mondays. Kinder sport will be run by our classroom teachers.

At the end of this week, Mrs Abbas will begin her maternity leave. Mrs Abbas has been an integral member of our preschool and kindergarten team and we will miss her friendly, approachable manner and dedication. We wish her and her husband every happiness as they prepare for the arrival of their first child. Congratulations Mrs Abbas! 

Replacing Mrs Abbas on KA will be
Miss Jessica Westren. Miss Westren has been successful in attaining a permanent classroom teacher position at Bass Hill Public School. Mrs Abbas has been working with Miss Westren to ensure that the teaching program implemented in KA will continue. Please come and introduce yourself to Miss Westren as she begins working with us. She is very excited to be a part of the Bass Hill PS family.

Thank you to all of our families and friends for your support throughout term 2. Have a safe and relaxing break. I look forward to seeing you all back after the holidays.

*Miss Jodie Clark*

Instructional Leader

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**Public Speaking Competition**

Well done to Dahlia Issmail, Anna Suryantoko, William Chen and Malikah Dandan who participated in the local Multicultural Public Speaking competition at Bankstown Public School. They all did a fantastic job at presenting their speeches and should be very proud of themselves. Congratulations to William for receiving Highly Commended in the stage 3 competition.
Stage 2 have been studying the novel Fantastic Mr Fox this term. 3/4F became reporters and reported on the happenings in the valley where the fox family lived.

THE FARM NEWS

Farmers Go Mad

A big hill in the valley has been destroyed by 3 mean farmers. The farmers are Boggis, Bunce and Bean.

Boggis, Bunce and Bean have destroyed the hill with tractors because they are trying to kill the fox family who have been stealing from their farms.

The adorable foxes are very tired from trying to dig and get away from the farmers. The hill is getting smaller and smaller.

The farmers are camping outside the foxhole with 108 people surrounding the hole. They are holding guns.

The farmers are trying to attract the foxes out of the hole with chicken. The foxes have been tempted to go out of their hole. There are many people with a lot of weapons.

Reporters
Anthony and Victor
This week in the valley Boggis, Bunce and Bean are trying to catch a family of cute little foxes. They are using big back and yellow machines that look like sharks. This is making everyone very angry. “We want the farmers to stop this,” said a villager.

“Why are the mean farmers doing this to our lovely valley?” asked another. “We used to be able to go up the hill and look down into the lovely valley. Now we can’t see a thing.”

Mrs Kim Fowler
Stage 3 have been studying the novel Charlie and the Chocolate Factory this term. Here is a wonderful writing sample from stage 3.

Willy Wonka

Willy Wonka is well-known for his out of this world chocolate. He owns a high class business company, from which he is wealthy. Whoever walks past they smell the sweet delicate chocolate which makes their mouth water. Willy Wonka is a successful man in which he is sophisticated and creative. Willy Wonka runs an enormous factory that has other chocolate makers envious of him.

Owning servants makes his life straightforward. Willy Wonka is always smiling and on-the-go. He is eager to show off his chocolate inventions. Willy Wonka is passionate about his chocolate and candy. He has a good flavour for picking out his artistic clothes. Willy Wonka’s clothes are unique and fashionably fancy. He has brown hair, also he fancies elaborate hats. Pointy shoes he owns. Willy Wonka is an organized and constructive man at all times.

In conclusion, Willy Wonka is an all-time multitasking man.

By Basma and Jordan 5/6D
School Photographs

All students should have received their school photos.

We hope you are happy with them and are enjoying showing off your beautiful children.

**Captain and Prefect, SRC and House Captain** photographs are now available to be viewed and ordered at the **Office**.

Please place orders for these photos before the **28th July**.

If you have any questions or concerns about the photos please contact the Office or Ms Adamson.
Stage 1 Field of Mars Excursion.

With the final day for payment being this Friday, it is the last few days the office will be accepting payments for our upcoming excursion.

To consolidate student's knowledge and understandings around minibeasts, Stage 1 will be taking a trip to Buffalo Creek Reserve to take part in an Invertebrate and School Yard Safari. As students walk through bush land they will be given the opportunity to complete a number of sensory activities to explore a diversity of invertebrates and the important role they have in the environment.

The excursion will take place in Week 1 Term 3. Year 1 will attend on Wednesday 16th July and Year 2 will attend on Thursday 17th July.

Cost: $32

Time: Students MUST be at school by 8:40 am as the bus will be leaving at 9:00am sharp and we cannot wait for latecomers. We will be returning to school by 3:00pm.

Students are to meet their class teacher in the primary playground on the silver seats at 8:40am. Your child can also be collected from this area in the afternoon.

What to wear: Full sports uniform with a pair of old sandshoes/runners.

What to bring: A small backpack containing lunch, fruit break, water bottle, hat and jumper.

Please make sure all bags and items are clearly labelled with your child's name. We ask that you do not send your child to school with any money, cameras or toys.

Please return your note and payment to the payment box in the office by Friday 27th June.

MATHS GAME TO PLAY AT HOME

All ages

Sequencing in ascending or Descending order

A deck of cards 1 -10

Each player is dealt four cards face up. The remaining cards are placed in a pack in the centre.

The aim of the game is to be the first player to arrange the cards in ascending or descending order.

Starting with play to the dealers left, each player takes a turn to exchange cards from the pack or discard pile to arrange their four cards in order.

The first player to arrange their cards in order is the winner of that round and receives a point.

The first player to accumulate five points is the winner of the game.
Bass Hill Public School Spring Fair!

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

RIDES!   STALLS!   SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

If you have any pre loved items you could donate to our white elephant stall, they would  
be much appreciated. Stall holders required. Please see Franca Nashabe in the canteen.

We will also be in need of volunteers to assist on the day. If you can spare some time,  
please see Franca Nashabe in the canteen.

A reminder that the Clothing Pool is only open on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 –  
10.00am. On Other days, orders can be handed in to the canteen.

Any pre loved uniforms would be appreciated.

Try our new Cheese and Garlic Pizzas. $3.00 each.