From The Principal

Term 3 Week 6 2014

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Have you heard............. It’s been a busy 2 weeks at Bass Hill PS
Our stage 3 students had a wonderful time visiting Minnamurra Rainforest this week. It was wonderful to hear positive feedback about our stage 3 students from the tour guides at the rainforest. Well done Stage 3 for representing Bass Hill PS so proudly! A big thank you to the organising teachers and to all Stage 3 teachers and support staff that ensured the day was a positive one.

This week and next week’s value we are focussing on across the school is:

RESPECT
Honouring rules, regulations and the rights of others
Display good manners
Treat others the way you wish to be treated
Consider others in the class, group or team
Look after other peoples’ belongings and the school
We had a fabulous NAIDOC day performance last week. Students were completely engaged learning more about the Aboriginal culture.

Our athletics carnival was a great success with students participating in a range of activities across the day. A huge thank you to the Mrs Adamson and the teachers that helped her organise the day. Thanks also all the teachers, support staff and parents that attended and got involved.

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**Bass Hill PS App**

In order to ensure parents are kept up to date with the most current news at Bass Hill we are in the process of designing a Bass Hill PS app. The app will allow parents, carers and students to access information about the school in an easy to navigate app available to download for both iPhone and Android smartphones. On the app, you will have access to:

- **Calendar** - which will be regularly updated
- **Notifications** - you can allow your phone remind you of upcoming events using the push notifications function,
- **Newsletter** – download the latest newsletter on your smartphone
- **Documents** - giving you access to permission notes which can be downloaded to your phone

Stay tuned for when our school app will be officially launched.

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**Kindergarten 2015**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 are now being accepted. Children born between 1st August 2009 and 31st July 2010 are eligible to enrol. Parents / carers who would like to enrol a child for Kindergarten next year, need to visit the school office.

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).

Once enrolled you will go on a list that will ensure we let you know times and dates for Kinder Orientation
Excursions and incursion payments – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note this change to procedures in the school. As you may be aware, we cost all events – transport/venue entry/visiting performers based on all students attending. We allow for absence due to sickness but we cost it to suit all students in that class or grade. Unfortunately a number of events at Bass Hill have run at a loss. It is for this reason that we ask that you please advise classroom teachers of your child’s attendance or non-attendance by the due date on the permission form.

Due dates are stated so that we can confirm numbers with venues, confirm buses required and pay on the invoices we receive. Students who have not paid and provided a permission note by the due date will be unable to attend and will be accommodated at school to complete regular school work. We are not able to continue to accept money on the day of an event or 1-2 days before nor can we phone parents seeking verbal permission. All payments need to be finalised by the date on the note whether it is for an in school or out of school event. It is also important that student’s full name and class are written on the note before being placed in the payment box. With the NAIDOC performance last week many students placed reminder notes with money but no name or class in the box. This makes it very difficult for office staff to determine who the money belongs to.

Please also be aware in regards to money;
- Refunds can no longer be processed by the school. In the event that your child is sick and cannot attend on the day, a credit can be arranged.
- Where possible we ask that the correct money is enclosed as change will be sent home but not always on the same day as payment.

I know we all forget at times, but the outstanding payments we incur as a school need to be minimised so we can redirect that money to resourcing our school for all students to access. I seek your assistance with this. My aim is for all students to be involved in these organised activities but we must have written permission and payments reach the school by the due date. In the event payment is an issue, then phone the school in advance and ask to speak to me confidentially to arrange a payment plan. Thank you for you cooperation in this matter.

Healthy Eating

It is important that children learn from an early age the importance of healthy eating. At school we reinforce this importance and encourage students to make healthy choices when it comes to food. The nutritional options and choices available to children are crucial to their growth and development. Whether it is their ability to learn or their behavioural attitudes, nutrition plays a key role. When the brain and body get the required nutrition, they both function properly. It is important to remember that our brains biochemistry is determined by food we eat far more than other organs of the body. Nutrition has significant effects on brain function. Protein, iron and iodine consumption all impact on a child’s learning capability and behaviour. It is important to remember that eating habits develop early and most children acquire them from parents and siblings; children don’t develop food preferences entirely on their own, they acquire habits by observing others and by what they have access to, eating healthily in the home can improve your child’s nutritional status.

It would be great if parents and teachers could work together to ensure children bring appropriate foods and drink for fruit break and lunch. Children should be encouraged to bring plain water to school to drink. Sweet drinks such as cordials or fruit juice are high in sugar and are not necessary all the time. Soft drinks and energy drinks are not appropriate drinks for students to bring to school. Snack foods are also something to think about. While the occasional lolly or bag of chips does not do any harm, students should not be eating them before school or all the time. Please ensure your child has healthy snacks and try to limit the amount of chips, sweet biscuits, lollies etc that your child brings to school.

Lunch box suggestions include:
- Sandwiches or pita bread with cheese, lean meat, hummus and salad
- Cheese slices, crackers with spread, and fresh or dried fruits
- Washed and cut up raw vegetables or fresh fruits
- Frozen water bottle or tetra pack of milk, particularly in hot weather.
1S
At A Glance
This term 1S have been busily learning to extend their knowledge and skills in all areas of the curriculum. Below you will see some snap shots of what has been taking place.

Gingaja performance
Elaah’s birthday
Developing comprehension
Working out multiplication problems
Guided reading/literacy groups

Athletics Carnival
Preschool to year 2 will be holding this year’s athletics carnival on Wednesday 3 September. Parents and friends are welcome to come and support their child/ren from 11:30am – 1:30pm on the grass area for some fun activities, followed by a picnic lunch. A note will be going home soon to provide families with the information about the day. We look forward to seeing you there!
Positive Behaviour for Learning
Bass Hill PS is in the process of implementing Positive Behaviour for Learning. “Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support is an organised and tailored system of strategies that supports the social and learning outcomes for students, whilst preventing problem behaviour” (Turnbull, Edmonson and Griggs et.al. 2002).
Bass Hill Public School is committed to the creation of a positive school climate. The implementation of PBL will allow staff to “stack the deck” in favour of appropriate student behaviour and preferred quality of life outcomes. We will be able to move away from consequence driven practices and create an environment where expectations are clear, explicit, taught, practised and reinforced. PBL enables school staff to adopt the most efficient and effective practices for decreasing problem behaviour. PBL systems acknowledge that students need to be taught desired and appropriate behaviour in the same way that we would teach them to read.

PSSA
PSSA has been cancelled this week due to wet weather and the playing fields being closed.

Gingaja - Sean Dewer
NAIDOC week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
To celebrate NAIDOC week, children attended a performance by Sean Dewar. The performance shared many aspects of his culture through demonstration, explanation and participation. Children learnt about traditional cultural dance, dress, didgeridoos, boomerangs, spear throwing, body paint and artwork.
P&C
Our Fathers day stall will be held on Thursday 4th September.
The next P&C meeting will also be on September 3rd at 7pm in the staffroom.
Please remember all unsold chocolates and monies are due back by Friday August 22nd.
Don’t forget to order your ride bracelets (see form attached) it works out cheaper if you pre purchase before the day.

Canteen

If ordering hot noodles (and any extras) please enclose or buy 2 bags as the children cannot manage all the contents in one bag. When enclosing money for lunch orders could you please wrap the money before putting it in the bag. Money is often lost because of paper bags breaking and it is also more hygienic.
A new canteen price list is included with this Tom Thumb. Please note only a few items have increased in price due to an increase from our suppliers.

Revesby Craft Fair
Live Entertainment
Every 4th Sat. of the Month Except Jan & Dec 9am-3pm
*Great Music *Delicious Food *Plants *Beautiful Crafts *Home Grown Goods
Where:
Abel Reserve, Revesby
Alongside Revesby Railway Station
Enquiries: Sandra McDonald:
9605 7924 / 0408 633 181
Email:sandrarick@bigpond.com
www.revesbycraftfair.com

ZUMBA
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/ or find us on Facebook (look for Kugatsu Judo Sydney) or call David on 0403 861 956
# Bass Hill Public School Canteen Price List 2014

## Breakfast
- Toast—butter, jam, vegemite .50

## Hot Food
- Low Fat Pie (H) $3.00
- Low Fat Sausage Roll (H) $3.00
- Yummy Drummy (H) $1.20
- Sweet Chilli Tender $3.50
- Wrap (H) $3.00
- Cheese Pizza Slab $3.50
- Spaghetti (H) $3.50
- Lasagna (H) $3.50
- Sushi Roll $2.20
- Noodle Cups $2.50
- Nuggets (H) 2 for $1.00
- Fish Fingers 4 for $2.00
- Chicken Burger (H) $4.00
- (Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo)
- Corn Cups 50c

## Extras
- Tomato Sauce .30
- BBQ Sauce .30
- Lunch Bag .20

## Drinks
- Large Water $1.50
- Small Water $1.00
- Flavoured Milk $2.00
- (Chocolate, Banana, Strawberry)
- Fresh Juice $1.50
- (Orange, Apple, Apple and Blackcurrant)
- Up & Go $2.00
- (Chocolate, Vanilla)
- Plain Milk $1.00
- Quench $1.50

## Frozen Treats
- Bulla Cup $1.00
- Juice Tubes $1.00
- Quelch Sticks 50c
- Freeze Pop 50c
- Moshi Monster $1.00
- Juice Cups 60c
- Sunny Boys $1.00
- Juicies 60c
- Moosies $1.00
- Icy Pops $1.00
- TNT 50c

## Snacks
- Red Rock Chips $1.00
- Smith Chips $1.00
- JJ’s (H) $1.00
- Cornos (H) $1.00
- Jumppys (H) $1.00
- Mamee Noodles (H) $1.00
- Pretzels 60c
- Rice Crackers 60c
- Sour Cream and Chive Delites 60c
- White Wing Cookies 60c
- Popcorn 60c
- Tiny Teddies 60c
- Jelly Cup 50c
- Jelly and Fruit Cups 60c
- Fruit Cups 50c
- Yoghurt Cups 50c

## Salad Boxes
- Salad $4.00
- Chicken and Salad (H) $5.00
- Tuna and Salad $5.00
- Ham and Salad $5.00

*ALL SALADS CONTAIN LETTUCE, TOMATO, EGG, CARROT, CUCUMBER AND CHEESE.

## Fresh Fruit
- Apple Bag 50c
- Pear Bag 50c
- Orange Bag 50c
- Carrot Sticks 50c
- Whole Fruits 80c

(PRICES OF WHOLE FRUITS MAY VARY DUE TO SEASONAL COST)
SPRING FAIR! SPRING FAIR! SPRING FAIR! SPRING FAIR!
SATURDAY 22ND OF NOVEMBER 2014 10am – 3pm

Dear Parents

As the Spring Fair is approaching quickly its time to order your child’s ride bracelet.

This year there will be the following rides:

The Giant Slide
The Lost Temple
Simulator Cinema
Storm Ride
Zoomer
Cup & Saucer
Rocking Tug

That’s 7 rides in total!!!!

Ride Bracelets will cost $25 pre ordered or $30 on the day.
This entitles your child to ride unlimited all day.

Individual rides will cost $5 each.

Bracelets will be available for pick up on the day of the fair.
Please note misbehaviour and not following the ride operators rules will result in loss of
bracelet. No refund will be given under these circumstances.

Forms and money need to be handed into the canteen.

Thank you
P&C Committee.

NAME: ___________________________ CLASS: ___________
NUMBER OF BRACELETS: ______
TOTAL: ______
We value friendship.
It's time to create!

Bankstown Children’s Festival

“My home city”

Entries are now open for this year's Children's Festival poster competition!

If you are 13 years of age or under then you can enter to win great prizes! There are 2 categories: "nine and under" and "ten and above". Each category has the following prizes:

1st $100.00
2nd $80.00
3rd $60.00
4th $40.00
5th $20.00

Our theme for this year’s poster is "My home city".
Judging of the displayed artworks and prize giving will take place from 2.45pm on the main stage at

Bankstown Children’s Festival
13 September 2014
Paul Keating Park, The Mall, Bankstown NSW 2200
(close to Bankstown Railway Station)

Send your original entries drawn or painted on A4 paper (landscape) by 29 August to:

Children’s Festival Organisation Inc.
14 McEvoy Rd Padstow NSW 2211

Please provide your full name, ages, address, telephone & email, school or group … on the back of your drawing or painting.

For further information please contact:
Kim Vo 0414 545 440

or visit our website www.childrensfestival.com.au