From The Principal

**Term 3 Week 8 2014**

**Have you heard............**
Bass Hill PS celebrated Literacy and Numeracy week with a range of exciting and engaging activities in class and across the school. Students took part in buddy reading, guessing competitions, three dimensional models created from recyclable materials, trivia quiz and a fabulous book character parade. Thank you to the teachers that came up with all the great ideas and worked hard to make our 2014 Literacy and Numeracy weeks so enjoyable.

P-2 students also had a fabulous day yesterday at their athletics carnival. Students were beautifully behaved and enjoyed taking part in running races and a huge range of sporting activities. Thank you to all the teachers involved and a special thank you Miss Sellen, Miss McMaster and Mrs Simiri for their planning and organisation.
This week and next week’s value we are focussing on across the school is:

**INTEGRITY**
Be truthful in what you do and say
Stand up for the person who is doing the right thing
Report the truth regardless of consequences
Do your own work

Celebrating Success
The days and weeks fly by so quickly and we often don’t take the opportunity to stop and reflect on the term and share our successes. There are so many wonderful things happening at Bass each day in classrooms and across the school and it is important to acknowledge and celebrate this. On Tuesday afternoon staff took part in their first ‘celebrating success’ afternoon.

We met in the library and brought along something to share and celebrate that had excited us or inspired us in relation to students, classrooms or the school. Some teachers shared stories, others shared pieces of writing, work samples, photos and video footage. It was a fabulous afternoon and reinforced for me how extremely lucky we are at Bass Hill to have the fantastic teachers we do teaching and engaging our students.

Thank You
We would like to thank all the students and their families that kindly donated money, household items and clothing to our family who lost their home and belongings in a fire.
Kinder Data
I have included some writing samples in this week’s newsletter as I am so very proud and excited by the work happening in the kinder rooms and the progression students in Kindergarten are making in their writing.

Kindergarten teachers at our school are receiving training in Language, Learning and Literacy (L3). This is a research-based classroom intervention that targets text reading and writing. It has been designed to complement the daily Literacy program for students and focuses on exposing students to rich and quality Literacy in their first year of school.

Students receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups of three to four selected students. Students then rotate to independent individual or group tasks and this occurs in the daily Literacy session.

Well Done Kindergarten!!!!

Kindergarten 2015
If your child is starting Kindergarten with us next year can you please visit the office and fill out an enrolment form as soon as possible. Children born between 1st August 2009 and 31st July 2010 are eligible to enrol.

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).

Our Kindergarten orientation sessions will commence early next term and once you have enrolled you will go on a list that will ensure you receive any important information.
This term, the children have been learning about shopping centres. This interest started with children talking about their own experiences at the shops and developed into a large project where they created shopping lists, set up their own shop to play in and created a small scale model of a shopping centre.

Through this learning, children were exposed to many literacy and numeracy concepts through reading catalogues, categorising items, operating a cash register, weighing items, building three-dimensional models and paying for goods with cash or credit cards.

Children also learned about the different roles and responsibilities people in our community have through role play. Children chose to be the customer or shop keeper each day and had a great time working together.

Making Dinosaur Bones with a Sponge.

While investigating dinosaur bones on the internet, children discovered an experiment to make a sponge look like a dinosaur bone. The children discussed the procedure for the experiment and made a poster outlining each step with both text and pictures.

The children then worked together to make the dinosaur bones. They each got a piece of sponge and took turns to make salty water. Children then buried their sponge in some sand and covered the sand with the salty water.

Children let the sand and salty water dry for two weeks. During this time they eagerly discussed the changes to the sand as it began to dry out. When the sand was dry, children discussed what they should use to dig the bones. They discussed the need to use something gentle to dig the bones as they are delicate. They decided to use a paintbrush and a small spoon. The children excitedly dug in the sand and found the sponges had dried and were really hard. They now looked like bones!
Pizza Day
A huge thank you to Najibah Turk, Kerrie Jaber, Helen Sabbagh, Maysa Oueik, Myee Jones and Jo Liu who generously donated their time to help organise our year 6 pizza fundraising day. The day was an enormous success thanks to donations of juice and water from many stage 3 families. Year 6 raised approximately $800 from the fundraiser. This money will be going towards the year 6 farewell in term 4. A special thank you to Jo Liu and family for kindly donating all of the bottles of water for the pizza day and mini fete.

Thank you for your continued support,
Year 6 and the stage 3 teachers

We value teamwork and cooperation

Literacy and Numeracy Week
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.
Thank you to all the classes for helping raise awareness of autism at Bass Hill

We value friendship
**P&C**
Thank you to everyone who returned their chocolate money. There is still money outstanding. If you have not returned your money and or unsold chocolates we would appreciate them back as soon as possible.
Unfortunately we are unable to give you the amount raised until all money has been returned. The 4.5 kilo Toblerone was won by Preetha V from 1T.

**Fete:** 2nd November
**Time:** 10am - 3pm
Don’t forget to purchase your ride bracelets. $25.00 pre paid or $30.00 on the day. This entitles your child to unlimited rides all day.
We are in need of volunteers on the day. If you could spare a little time it would be much appreciated.
**WHITE ELEPHANT STALL**—We are in need of any good quality second hand goods for our white elephant stall. These can be brought to the canteen.

**Clothing Pool**
Stock up on summer uniforms. All items available now. Clothing Pool hours are 9.15am to 10am Tuesday mornings.

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**P&C FACEBOOK PAGE**
If you have a Facebook account, log in and like our page to be informed of what’s happening in our school. Go to Bass Hill Public School P&C (the one with the school crest).

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**We value integrity**

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**INFORMATION MORNING**
Prospective Year 7 students 2016
Tuesday 7 October 2014
at 9.15am in the School Auditorium

Sydney Technical High School, established in 1911, has a proud tradition of student achievement. The school prepares young men who are scholarly and socially responsible. Features of the school include languages, music, visual arts, debating, public speaking and sport. Teaching and learning programs feature higher order thinking and are recognized as best practice in gifted education. The school actively promotes an environment in which student welfare, tolerance of others and strong community values support each student reaching his potential.

**Enrolments:** Students seeking entrance into Year 7 must participate in selection procedures organised by the Department of Education and Communities. For further information contact the High Performing Students Unit on 1300 880 367 or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au.

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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
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