From The Principal

Term 1 Week 4

Have you heard?

Our Meet the Teacher BBQ last week was a huge success, with over 450 parents and students in attendance. Thank you to all the families and staff that joined us for the afternoon and a very special thank you to Franca and Baha Nashabe for their support and help on the afternoon and leading up to the event.

Week 4 Value
- Co-operation

Friday 20 February
3—6 Assembly 11.30
K—2 Assembly 2pm
PSSA starts

Week 5 Value
- Co-operation

Monday 23 February
Swimming carnival
Birrong Pools

Friday 27 February
Year 6 Parent information session—Transition to High School

Community Language
I am pleased to be able to welcome Miss Rayan Malek to our school. Miss Malek is a trained K-6 classroom teacher and speaks English and Arabic fluently. Miss Malek will be our new Arabic community language teacher and we are thrilled to have her as part of our Bass Hill PS community.
Principal’s Message

School Leaders
I would like to congratulate our new leadership team for 2015. Our captains, vice captains and prefects have made an incredible start to the year, taking their role very seriously and demonstrating their leadership skills on a daily basis. Some of the duties our leaders now take part in include running morning assemblies, introducing our expectations and focus values each week, helping out in the playground and doing canteen duties to name a few.

Sydney University Compass Program
I am happy to announce that this year Bass Hill PS will form a partnership with Sydney University. The University of Sydney’s Compass - your way to higher education program recognises that students with the ability to succeed in higher education come from all walks of life. Compass aims to encourage primary and secondary school children from under-represented backgrounds to participate in higher education. Since launching in 2009 Compass has engaged nearly 100,000 students, teachers and parents in their schools, communities and on campus.

This year Compass, will be working with Bass Hill Public School in a number of ways. This will include a University of Sydney campus visit for year 6 students and a visit to the theatre for year 4 students. Other opportunities will also be available. For more information visit sydney.edu.au/compass

Family Fun Day – Sydney University
As a part of our new partnership, Compass would like to invite our school to a Family Fun Day for parents and children during the Term 1 school holiday on Tuesday, 14 April 2015, 11am –2pm at The University of Sydney, Camperdown campus.

The Compass Family Fun Day will give parents and students from Compass primary and secondary partner schools an opportunity to access, experience and learn different aspects of university’s life as a place of learning and as part of a wider community. The day will be held during the term 1 school holiday to give a chance for parents and children to experience the day together. Family Fun day is free of charge and refreshment will be provided.

Bulldogs Visit
Last week our Stage 2 and 3 students were visited by Tim Browne, Makahesi Makatoa and Matt Frawely from the Bulldogs. The players spoke to our students about the importance of treating people respectfully, healthy eating and exercise.
AFL Clinics
Students from Stage 1 to Stage 3 took part in free AFL clinics last week as a sneak peak of an AFL Community After School Auskick Program to be run in Term 1 2015.

Our students have the opportunity to take part in this community after school program

COMMUNITY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
Day: Wednesday
Start Date: 25th February, 2015
End Date: 18th March, 2015
Times: 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Where: Bass Hill PS Oval
For more information please see the flyers included in this week’s newsletter.

Newsletter – Tom Thumb
Our Tom Thumb currently comes out fortnightly on a Thursday. This is an important communication tool. To keep costs down and to help with the environment we encourage families to receive this via email. You can subscribe online at our Bass Hill website http://www.basshill-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au/ Over the next term we will be encouraging everyone across the school to subscribe to our newsletter as paper copies will gradually be phased out.

Furniture and Pianos
We have 2 pianos and some furniture we are no longer using. A donation to the school per large item of furniture would be appreciated. Items are to be picked up on or by Monday 23rd February. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Download our Bass Hill PS App
The app can be downloaded from Apple app store for iPhones and Google Play store for android devices. You can also jump onto the school website to learn how to download the app and subscribe to the Tom Thumb.

Parking outside school grounds
It has come to my attention again this week that we have had a number of issues with parking during drop off and pick up times. Please be mindful that you are required to park legally at all times. I also seek your cooperation in respecting the property of others. Our neighbours and families that live alongside or opposite our school need to be able to access their driveways at all times. Please do not park in or across anyone’s driveway when coming to pick up or drop off your children. Respect is one of our school core values and it is important that we respect those in our community.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

During Weeks 4 and 5 our students will be focusing on the value of COOPERATION. In order to cooperate students need clear instructions and boundaries. We can practise cooperation in many areas: at home, at sport, in the library, in the playground, in the classroom, during group work. Teachers will be discussing and modelling this value at school and we urge you to discuss cooperation with your child at home. Playing games, solving a problem together, planning family activities are examples of teaching cooperation at home.

Cooperation-

- is conducive to creating emotional health;
- leads to friendlier feelings among group members;
- promotes a feeling of being in control of one’s life;
- increases self-esteem;
- results in greater sensitivity and trust toward others;
- and increases motivation (Kohn 1992).

Uniforms

As of week 6 school hats will now have the school logo on the front of them. Plain hats will no longer be available. Hats can be purchased for $7.00 from the canteen. Students that have a plain blue school hat will still be allowed to wear them.
P&C news

The first P&C meeting for 2015 will be on Wednesday the 4th of March at 7pm in the school staffroom. This will also be the annual general meeting where all positions will become available. Please come along to this meeting as we are in need of new members. Without the support of the parents and the citizens of our school community we will not be able to have a fundraising committee within the school. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month and generally only go for about an hour. We discuss fundraising ideas to raise money to purchase items and resources for the children and the school. Also without a committee we will not be able to run a school canteen and run the uniform shop. So please take some time and come along for a coffee. Your time will be greatly appreciated.

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that a long sleeve polo is now available. Children will no longer be allowed to wear coloured skivvies under short sleeve polos. The long sleeve polos are the same price as the short sleeve polos. Also a reminder that children are to wear the school polo shirt. Plain blue polo shirts are not part of the school uniform. The clothing pool is open every Tuesday from 9:15am to 10:00am. Orders and money can be left at the school canteen. Thank you to all the parents who have supported our school by purchasing the uniform from the P&C uniform shop. Please remember all funds raised from the uniform shop go directly back into the school.

Canteen news

Hopefully by now you would have all received a new price list. We have tried to keep the prices as low as possible. Only a few items have had a price rise. If you have any questions please feel free to come and see me in the canteen.
**Join Our Team**

COME ALONG AND JOIN IN AN AFL AFTER-SCHOOL CENTRE RIGHT HERE AT SCHOOL STARTING: WEDNESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY FROM 3:15pm – 4:15pm

NAB AFL Auskick is a great way to have fun, meet new friends and get active. For only $39 you will receive four one-hour sessions of skills, games and coaching! You will also get a NAB AFL drawstring bag with footy, activity book and much more including tickets to see the GWS GIANTS play at Spotless Stadium.

How to Register:
1. Visit aflauskick.com.au
2. Enter “Bass Hill PS AFL Auskick After School”
3. Click on your school’s name and follow the steps to register; it’s that easy!

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Start Date: Wednesday 25th February, 2014
Time: 3:15pm
Contact: Greg Talbot (0433045447)
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
or find us on Facebook (look for Kugatsu Judo Sydney)
or call David on 0403 861 956

We value teamwork
and co-operation

PRIVATE PIANO AND KEYBOARD LESSONS
FOR BEGINNERS

Children aged 6+ years and adults
who wish to learn for pleasure
Flexible times for parents - No hassles
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