From The Principal

Term 2 Week 1

Principal’s Message

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break with family and friends. Term 2 will be another busy but great term, with many exciting learning opportunities taking place.

I will be taking leave from next Tuesday 28 April until Thursday 4 June. Jodie Clark, our schools instructional leader, will relieve as principal whilst I am away.

Staffing

We say farewell this week to Mrs Tate as she commences her maternity leave. Mrs Tate is a wonderful asset and our school will not be the same without her here each day. We wish her all the best and know she will make an amazing mum! Mrs Angela Rozmeta will be starting on 1/2T on Monday. Mrs Rozmeta worked at our school for a number of days last term and we are thrilled that she is joining the BHPS community.

Mrs Rosemary Adamson will also be away from the school for Term 2. She has accepted a wonderful opportunity to work at the High Performance Directorate and will return to BHPS Term 3.

We also welcome Miss Adrianne Matthews and Miss Victoria Facey to BHPS this term. Both teachers will be working in a support role and I know everyone will make them very welcome!
Office Works
The staff room is currently undergoing an upgrade as a part of the school’s programmed maintenance. Due to the age of the building and the wet weather it was not able to be completed by the start of this term. Staff are currently using an alternate staff room until all renovations are complete.

New Bell system and Changes to Break times
Over the holidays a new bell system was installed. The students loved ringing the old fashioned bell each day last term however it is great to have a new electronic bell and sound system in place.
There have been some changes to break times at our school. The following times will now apply;
Fruit break: 11:00 – 11:20am
Eating time: 1:10- 1:20pm in classrooms
1st Half lunch: 1:20-1:40pm
2nd Half lunch: 1:40-2:00pm

Library
As you are aware Mrs Ford, our librarian, retired at the end of Term 1. Rather than putting a new librarian straight in we are going to take this opportunity to do a complete stocktake of the library and library resources. For this reason students will not attend the library during Term 2.

Newsletter – Tom Thumb
Our Tom Thumb currently comes out fortnightly. 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-schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.basshill-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.

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.
This is a reminder to all of the Years 5 and 6 students to please hand your permission slips for the Discover Uni Day to Mrs Newman as soon as possible. It is a free event thanks to our new partnership with Compass and the University of Sydney.

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**YEAR 6 DISCOVER UNI**

**WEDNESDAY 6 MAY 2015**

10:00am-2:00pm

It’s never too early to discover the amazing things you can do after you finish school. At Discover Uni, students will have the opportunity to explore how university might be part of their future.

Students will develop a basic understanding of why people go to university and participate in fun, hands-on activities in areas such as:

- Science
- History & Archaeology
- Nursing
- Music
- Information Technology
- Law
- Visual Arts
- Business
- Architecture

We value respect of ourselves and others
Sports Jersey Day

All staff and students are encouraged to wear their favourite sports jersey on Wednesday 29th April 2015. Who do you go for? The Socceroos, The Wallabies, The Dolphins or maybe even The mighty Bulldogs? Show your team pride by wearing your favourite sports jersey. A gold coin donation from all who wish to participate is required. Spiders will also be available on the day for $2 each. Help the P&C to raise money to purchase new PSSA uniforms for our school. Can’t wait to see what jerseys you wear!

Teresa Bateman
P&C President