From The Principal

Term 2 Week 5

Have you heard?
Our building work is very nearly complete! It has been quite a year with the refurbishment of the administration building. It will be lovely to have a spacious, completed foyer and office area to welcome our families each day. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as these works continued. We are especially thankful for the flexibility and understanding of our amazing office staff, Mrs Cuddy, Mrs Semmler and Mrs Comito who have been relocated on two occasions and still smile through the disruption to their workspace.

Relieving Principal’s Message
We have had a wonderful two weeks at Bass Hill PS with many exciting things happening for all of our students; The Wakakirri group is gearing up for an exciting time ahead with rehearsals starting soon, in preparation for the big event at the Riverside Theatre in August. Wakakirri is Australia’s largest Performing Arts event for schools, involving over 20,000 students across every State and Territory each year.

The aim of Wakakirri is to teach students about themselves and others through creating and sharing stories and by this process develop students’ educational outcomes, lifestyle choices and community awareness. A great story can change the way people think about the world around them and Wakakirri gives schools the opportunity to do just that. Each year hundreds of schools across Australia create Story-Dances for Wakakirri that reflect their students’ thoughts, ideas and aspirations. These stories are performed in professional theatres in front of the official ‘Wakakirri Panel’ who are searching for ‘Story of the Year’. Over 1 million people watch Wakakirri performances each year.

It has been a few years since our last Wakakirri entry and we are very excited to have entered again this year!

Recently, Bass Hill PS held our school Cross Country Carnival. It was great day and we were very lucky that the sun made an appearance after so much unfortunate weather. This week, we are wishing our school Cross Country Team all the very best as they compete at the District Cross Country Carnival at Flinders Slopes on Friday. We are very proud of you all.
Mrs Tomlin
Many students at our school have been working closely with Mrs Tomlin this year. In addition to being the Assistant Principal for stage 1, she is an incredibly skilled educator who works hard to build positive, proactive relationships with students, and helps with them to overcome difficulties that they may be having in the playground, with friends or concerns that they have about learning.

Mrs Tomlin has had to start her maternity leave a little earlier than expected and will be on leave until mid next year, when she returns from maternity leave.
In her absence, Mrs Amber Taouk will be relieving as the stage 1 Assistant Principal this term. Mrs Taouk brings with her great teaching experience across the K-6 range.

The programs that Mrs Tomlin has been running with some students have had to be placed on hold for the moment.

I’m sure you will all join with us as we wish Mrs Tomlin all the very best as her and her husband await the arrival of their first child.

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/

Next term we will be not be producing paper copies unless requested, encouraging everyone across the school to subscribe to our newsletter through our website.
If you would still like to receive a paper copy of the Tom Thumb, please return the slip included in this newsletter to the office by the end of the term.

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.

Jodie Clark
Relieving Principal

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Request to receive paper copy of Tom Thumb

Eldest child’s name: ___________________________  Class: ____________

Signature: ___________________________________  Date: ____________
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 SRC REPRESENTATIVES!

We believe our students will:

- Do their best to help make the school a better place.
- Share information from SRC meetings with their classmates.
- Help their teacher to plan and run SRC meetings.
- Gather ideas and suggestions from their class and bring these ideas to SRC meetings to discuss.
- Make recommendations for their whole class at the meetings, not just their own ideas.
- Organise meaningful and fun activities for all students.
- Act as a positive role model for other students.
- Always follow school expectations and show an understanding of our school values.
WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2015

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2015!

For more information visit  www.walk.com.au
No Stopping signs
Drivers must not stop in an area to which a no stopping sign applies. Minimum penalty $243 and two demerit points.

Stopping on or near
• Pedestrian Crossing
• Children’s Crossing
• any marked Foot Crossing
Minimum penalty $324 and two demerit points.

Double Parking
Double parking is illegal and dangerous. Minimum penalty $243 and two demerit points.

Making an illegal U-turn
Minimum penalty $243 and two demerit points.

No Parking signs
Drivers must not stop unless you are dropping off, or picking up passengers. Maximum stopping time is two minutes. The driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle. Minimum penalty $135 and two demerit points.

Bus Zone signs
Drivers must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a public bus. Minimum penalty $243 and two demerit points.

Always hold your child’s hand in and around traffic
Zumba Fitness
NO DANCE EXPERIENCE NEEDED

WHEN - Mondays and Wednesdays
6.30 to 7.30pm

WHERE - Bass Hill Public School,
Clarke Street Entrance

COST – $10 per class (10 class pass)
Discount available

- All levels and abilities
- Fun and friendly atmosphere
- Ages 12 years and over

ALL ENQUIRIES – Heather Farrugia
0451 975 868
LICENSED ZUMBA INSTRUCTOR

Kugatsu Judo -
New 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

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
(Miss) M. Craie, AMusA
9707 1318 Georges Hall
(off Marion Street, near Bankstown Airport)