From The Principal

Week 7 Term 2 2015

Have you heard? 

Sporting Champions doing BHPS Proud

Mohamed – Rugby Union
Mohamed is an up and coming Rugby League player who has experienced great success on the football field. Earlier this year, however, he thought that Rugby Union looked like a lot of fun. He decided to try out for the Bankstown District Rugby Union team and was successful in making the team.

Last week, Mohamed joined the Bankstown District team as they played in the SWS Regional Rugby Union Championships at Campbelltown, playing in many games against other school districts across South Western Sydney. The Bankstown team won two games and lost one, unfortunately going down in the grand final 4-6.

Mohamed had a great day, scoring 3 tries for his team and is now waiting to hear if he was successful in making the SSW team. What a great achievement for a young man who is very new to a sport!

Mohamed loves sport and has ambitions to play in the NRL for the Bankstown Bulldogs.

Daniel – Karate
On Sunday of last week, Daniel competed in the 2015 IKO Australian Kyokushin Nationals at Sutherland. He did an exceptional job, winning the 10/11 years age group to become the Australian Lightweight Champion in his age division.

Daniel began karate 3 years ago and has wasted no time in excelling, having already achieved his yellow belt. He is determined to gain his black belt and represent Australia at the Olympic Games.

Daniel is quite the sportsman, representing our school in athletics and soccer. Keep an eye out for him, he is certainly an all-rounder!

Congratulations Daniel! We are all so very proud of you and your achievements!
Ultimo Dance Festival
Congratulations to our dance group who performed at the Ultimo Dance Festival on Wednesday at Bankstown Sports Club! Our team did us proud and performed beautifully. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come and join us for the day. As always, your support is very much appreciated by the students and teachers. A special thank you also goes to Mrs Taouk and Miss Buckland, who have worked very hard with the choreography, costumes and rehearsals to support our students.

Relieving Principal’s message
As we welcome Mrs Proctor back from leave this week, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers, parents and students of Bass Hill PS for a wonderful 5 ½ weeks. It was an absolute privilege to relieve as principal and have the opportunity to be involved in all of the fabulous learning occurring at our school. I was constantly impressed by the quality of learning occurring in each of our classrooms and the professionalism of our teaching staff. As students came to share their work with me each day, it was easy to see how engaged they were in their learning and how proud they are of what they have achieved. What a wonderful school to be a part of!

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.

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/](http://www.basshill-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au/). Throughout term 2 we will be encouraging everyone across the school to subscribe to our newsletter as we gradually phase out paper copies. 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.

_Jodie Clark_
Relieving Principal

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Request to receive paper copy of Tom Thumb

Eldest child’s name: ___________________________ Class: ____________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________
Preschool Blue

One of the children’s favourite experiences at preschool is playing with play dough. While playing with the play dough some children discussed with each other how they thought play dough was made and what it was made from.

To investigate these ideas the children worked together, following a recipe, to make play dough. They measured the ingredients, mixed them in a bowl, watched the play dough change state in a microwave and kneaded it to form the dough.
We value teamwork and co-operation
Preschool Yellow

While discussing building materials of houses children begun to discuss what the preschool was made out of. They noticed the beams in the roof looked like wood. They looked at the big blue pole in the middle of the preschool. What was it made out of? Children suggested bricks, wood, sticks and paper. They looked at a piece of paper and decided it wasn't strong enough to hold up the roof. The children decided to feel the pole. It was cold. It was suggested that it could be made from metal as metal feels cold. It was also suggested that magnets stick to metal. The children got a magnet and went to the pole. The magnet stuck to the pole. It was made from metal. The children then used the magnets to see what else in the preschool was metal.

With lots of magnets on a table the children noticed that some magnets were sticking together and others were not. The children then looked closely at the magnets, sliding them around the table. Through investigating with the magnets the children discovered that putting two north or two south poles together causes the magnets to repel. They also discovered that the magnets are attracted to each other
We value honesty.
This term, students from Years 5 and 6 were invited to attend an excursion to the University of Sydney as part of our partnership with the Compass program. Students engaged in various activities, introducing them to the concept of higher education and motivating our students to think about university as a realistic option in the further.

The following photos were taken of our students during their post lesson in the hall at Bass Hill Public School. This lesson gave the Compass team an opportunity to build greater depth and context to the students’ experience of visiting the university. Compass also hosted a mini graduation ceremony for our students.
NAIDOC Week 2015

We will be celebrating NAIDOC in Week 9 at Bass Hill PS. During NAIDOC Week, the students will be involved in learning activities that build their understanding of the history, significance and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Aboriginal Performance - Ryka Ali

I give permission for my child ____________________________ of class ________ to attend Ryka Ali’s Indigenous Performance in the school hall.

Please find enclosed the $4 payment.

Signed: __________________ Date: ______________

NAIDOC Week Performance

Friday 19th June

All students from Preschool to Yr 6

Cost - $4 (payable to Office with permission note)

Just a reminder that next Friday, 12th June is the last day to bring notes and payments for the Aboriginal Performance.

The incursion will take place in the school hall on Friday 19th June. It is the expectation that all students attend the performance, which will be a unique and engaging learning experience for students.

The signed permission note and exact payment of $4 should be taken to the office.
UNIFORM SHOP
Just a friendly reminder that the uniform shop is only open on a Tuesday morning from 9:15 til 10:00.
This is a volunteers position run by a member from our P&C Committee.
If an order is placed on any other day it will either be filled the following Tuesday or when the canteen staff are available to do so.
All orders will be sent to the child’s classroom.
If anyone has any pre loved uniforms we would appreciate them as there are families in need of these.

CANTEEN
Please remember to add 20c to the total of the lunch order if you are purchasing a bag from the canteen.
Also, when ordering multiple items please send a large lunch bag or send along 2 bags.
Bass Hill Public School
Encouraging excellence and creating confident, creative, lifelong learners

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

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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

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