From The Principal

Have You Heard?

Term 2 Principal Morning Tea
Many parents and teachers came together this week to celebrate and reward the positive behaviours of many of our students at our Principal Morning Tea. It is wonderful to see so many students displaying the BHPs expectations and values. Well Done!!

Ramadan Celebrations

Ramadan begins this week and what better way to welcome it than with a student performance and community picnic! Thank you to Miss Malak for coordinating the performance and picnic and thanks also to the families that joined us on the day. Along with those that sent in food for everyone to enjoy!

New Arrival
Mrs Tate and her husband have welcomed the arrival of their beautiful baby boy – Harrison James Tate, born on the 20 May 2015. Mum and Harry are doing great and they couldn’t be happier!
Principal’s Message
After a month travelling the USA with my family, it is great to be back at Bass Hill PS! Thank you to Miss Clark for the amazing job she did relieving in my position whilst I was on leave. I feel very fortunate to have such wonderful people on staff that lead the way and support each other day after day. It is the combined efforts of all staff that ensures the school keeps moving forward and learning is our priority.

National Consistent Collection of Data
All Australian schools are required to participate in the annual Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD or national data collection) from this year. The national data collection has been phased in progressively over the last two years however BHPS was one of 1,700 NSW public schools who voluntarily took part in 2014.

The NCCD is being implemented through agreement between the Australian Government and all states and territories. The national data collection aligns with educational obligations to provide reasonable adjustments for students who need them, in consultation with their parents and carers, under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. The NCCD is based on the professional judgment of teachers about their students and reflects the work of schools in providing adjustments for their students with disability.

Please see the fact sheet for parents and carers included in this newsletter, outlining in more detail what the collection of data involves.

Staffing
Mrs Fowler is currently on leave. The reason for this leave is that she is undergoing treatment for a recurrence of breast cancer. Mrs Fowler is very positive about beating this and is putting all of her energy into getting well. At this point in time we do not know how long she will need to be on leave. Miss Ashleigh Vokes is taking 5/6F while Mrs Fowler is away and Mrs Leanne Gray is relieving as Assistant Principal for Stage 3.

NAIDOC Week
BHPS is celebrating NAIDOC this week with a performance on Friday. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. On Friday 19 June Aboriginal entertainer Ryka Ali will be visiting the school and students will have a unique learning experience that will include a didgeridoo show, native song and dance, art and storytelling. We are encouraging all students to wear red, yellow or black as part of the NAIDOC week celebrations.
Important Message About our Newsletter – Tom Thumb

As of next term paper copies of our newsletter will no longer be sent home fortnightly with students. Our newsletter is a very important communication tool that all members of the school should read. To keep costs down and to help with the environment we are encouraging families to receive it via the school app or through email. You can subscribe online at our Bass Hill website http://www.basshill-ps.schools.nsw.edu.au/ or download the app for free from Apple app store for iPhones and Google Play store for android devices. This will ensure you receive the newsletter each fortnight when it comes out. If you still wish to receive a paper copy you will need to complete the request below and return it to the office this term.

Sad news for our community...
Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Thich family – Hoa, Henry and Jenny. As many of you know Mrs Do fought a most courageous fight – her memory will long live on in laughter and love of a very close family.

Melissa Proctor

Thought for the Week!

We value friendship

Thought for the Week!

LIVE SIMPLY. DREAM BIG. BE GRATEFUL. GIVE LOVE. LAUGH LOTS.

Request to receive paper copy of Tom Thumb

Eldest child’s name: _____________________________ Class: ___________

Signature: __________________________________________ Date: __________

Term 2, Week 9, 2015
On Monday the 15th of June Anna, Jade, Seidra and myself went to Georges Hall Public School for our district public speaking competition. The theme for the competition was Multiculturalism. It was Year 3 and Year 4 who had to present their prepared speeches first which had to be between 3 and 4 minutes. Then they would have a 15 minute break followed by 5 minutes planning time for their impromptu speeches. Their topic was **SURPRISE!**

In the afternoon session, Jade and I competed in the Stage 3 category which was really hard because most of them had memorised their prepared speeches off by heart. They also were very confident in their presentations. Our impromptu speeches were about *Breaking the Rules*.

It was a fabulous experience to compete against other schools and to make it to the district competition. As the adjudicator said to all the competitors "We are all winners at the end of the day".

*By Ali Ismail 5/6 H*

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**Family Photos**

Family photos and now available to be picked up from the office.
P&C News

The P&C would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support this term with our fundraisers. Our term 3 fundraisers will be The Cadbury Chocolate Drive which will be our major fundraiser for the year. We are asking for your support with this by taking a box of chocolates home and selling them on behalf of our school. Also we will be having a disco. This will be held in October and will it be a fancy dress disco. More details of this will be coming home in term 3.

Canteen

As next week is the last week of school please be aware that not all items will be available for lunches. On behalf of the P&C we wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. For our families who will be in the holy month of Ramadan, we wish you a Ramadan Kareem.
Wednesday 22nd July

Wear A Beanie Day!

Bring a Gold Coin Donation to help raise for Brain Cancer!

$2 $1
We value teamwork and co-operation

**FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!**

Know if your child is over a healthy weight?

Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

Go to [www.go4fun.com.au](http://www.go4fun.com.au) or call 1800 780 900 to see if your child could do Go4Fun.
We value respect of ourselves and others.

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Nutrition Snippet

**The simplest way**

...to eat well and prevent disease.

Did you know that eating the right amount of fruit and veg can lower your risk of cancer by 5-12 percent? Yet most adults don’t eat enough of either, particularly veg.

Try to add fruit and veg to every meal:

- Add chopped bananas or strawberries to your brekky cereal
- Add some sliced tomato on your toast
- Munch on some carrot or cucumber sticks at morning tea
- Add legumes like kidney beans or chickpeas to your salad at lunch

*Remember! Aim for two serves of fruit, and five serves of vegetables – every day!*

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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Encouraging excellence and creating confident, creative, lifelong learners
We value friendship

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. Craige, A.Mus.A.
9707 1318 Georges Hall
(off Marion Street, near Bankstown Airport)