Have you heard?
Mrs Tomlin and her husband have welcomed their beautiful little boy Jagger Hudson Tomlin into the world this week. He arrived on Wednesday morning and both mummy and baby are doing great!

Tom Thumb
To keep costs down and to help with the environment we will soon only be sending paper copies of the Tom Thumb home to families that request it. We encourage families to receive this via email. To ensure you receive our newsletter each fortnight, download our school app or subscribe online at our Bass Hill website http://www.basshill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/
If you do not have access to technology and would still like a paper copy please complete the slip included in this week’s newsletter and return it to the office as soon as possible.

From The Principal
A warm welcome back to students, parents and staff! It has been lovely catching up with classes this week hearing about the adventures some families have had over the break and seeing the students happy to be back at school. We have an exciting term of learning ahead.

Education Week
Education Week is a very important week in all NSW Public Schools. Like all public schools Bass Hill strives to ensure every student has opportunities, a sense of purpose and success. Education week is an opportunity for us to showcase the outstanding learning opportunities we provide. I would like to invite everyone to attend our open day next Thursday. We will be having an assembly Thursday morning at 9:30am, a fabulous Multicultural feast in the library at 11:30am and open classrooms throughout the day allowing families to experience firsthand the wonderful learning that occurs. The afternoon will then involve a trip around the world where students can take families and friends and visit each classroom / country around the school. We are encouraging all students, parents and pre-schoolers to dress in their national costume or colours on Thursday to celebrate.

Staffing
I am thrilled to announce that Mrs Carolyn Cuddy was successful in gaining the permanent School Administrative Manager position earlier this week through merit selection. Mrs Cuddy has been relieving in this position since the beginning of this year and it is wonderful that it is now her substantive position.
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning is an evidence-based whole school process to improve learning outcomes for all students. A focus on wellbeing contributes to making school safe, effective teaching and learning environments that enable students to be healthy, happy, successful and productive. Many positive consequences are now in place at the school. These include positive post, caught you being good tokens, principal morning teas, various merit awards, behavior awards etc.

Expected behaviors require teaching just like we teach students to read, write, swim and so on. When implemented well:

- students respond positively as they have been taught what is expected of them
- staff deliver consistent responses to student learning and behaviour
- students feel safe and cared for at school. Their parents, family and community are more involved in their school

Unproductive and challenging behaviour can be significantly reduced for most students.

Positive Behaviour for Learning does not mean that processes or consequences for inappropriate behaviour are not in place. Please understand that teachers spend many hours talking to students about their behaviour - reminding students of the expected behaviour, modelling the behaviour and allowing students to practise and demonstrate the behaviour. If there is still no change, teachers will implement a logical consequence. For example if work is not completed due to inappropriate behaviour then a logical consequence may be keeping students in for part of their play to finish work. Other consequences could include but are not limited to students missing out on certain activities, talking to parents, time off the playground etc.

If the classroom teacher has tried a number of things and the behaviours are continuing, the student is referred to the Assistant Principal leading the stage. The AP then talks with the student, logs the incident on our computer tracking system and determines what will occur. Being sent to an AP may result in a letter being sent home, a phone call to parents, time out or a number of other logical consequences. If the incident is of a more serious nature the AP will then refer the student to the principal to determine what consequence will be put in place.

Whole School Fitness

Current research indicates that increased participation in physical activity leads to enhanced learning and better grades. Evidence also suggests that achieving a threshold amount of physical activity may be necessary to acquire learning benefits, and that participation in vigorous physical activity may further enhance learning.

As a school we are responding to this research and implementing whole school fitness sessions. All classes K-6 participate in morning fitness sessions Mondays-Thursdays. These sessions are high impact for 15-20mins at the start of the day to get our brains ready for learning.
Community Partnerships

Our 2015-2017 school plan, which can be found on our website, has 3 strategic directions.

Strategic Direction 3 - School Learning and Wellbeing: A school with high expectations and collaborative partnerships that are inclusive, informed and supportive

Purpose: To build meaningful partnerships based on trust and mutual respect that work together to set high expectations and improve student learning. To ensure the delivery of effective student well-being programs that allow students to become resilient, lifelong learners that demonstrate a strong sense of personal and social responsibility.

As you can see in strategic direction 3, one of our major goals is to build and strengthen collaborative community partnerships and develop opportunities for the school with outside agencies. The development of a number of these is already underway, with really exciting things ahead for us. I have outlined some of these below.

Sydney University

Our partnership with Sydney University is already underway and students are getting the opportunity to take part in visits to the university, attend a play at the Seymour Centre, family fun days, stop motion animation and a range of other great activities.

Building a Bridge to High School Program

(Building a Bridge to High School Program) is a transition program for Year 6 students. Woodville Community Services located in Villawood was granted funding to run a Building a Bridge to High School Program and our school has been selected to be a part of some fantastic opportunities including:
- Tours of various businesses for Year 6 students and parents
- Motivational speakers on a range of topics
- Cyber safety Information Sessions
- Parent workshops and information sessions
- Active after school programs

More information will be provided once our partnership commences

The Song Room

The Song Room program is based on research that finds arts-based learning makes major improvements in children’s academic performance, their social wellbeing and their participation in school life. It delivers in-school workshop programs in partnership with schools to provide a mixture of activities in music and the creative and performing arts. The Song Room in-school workshops are:
- Conducted by locally employed Song Room Teaching Artists
- Tailored to meet the diverse needs of each school community

Planned based on need, demographics and evidence-based exemplary practice

Our teaching artist, Hernan Yoia, started the program with Stage 2 this week. Stage 2 teachers and students will take part in hip hop, body percussion, beat boxing and rap lessons each week linked to our school expectations.

White Ribbon Breaking the Silence Program

Breaking the Silence is an award-winning professional learning program for principals and senior teachers that support them to embed models of respectful relationships in school culture and classroom activities. These models give students the opportunity to learn and experience respectful relationships, preventing the perpetration of violence against women and girls. The Program supports schools to build on initiatives, policies and curriculum to promote the school as a respectful centre for education. We have been given the opportunity to take part in this wonderful program and become a ‘White Ribbon School’.

Stay tuned for more information in regards to what this exciting opportunity offers.
Clarke Street Bottom Gate
Please be aware that the bottom gate near the Clarke Street crossing will be locked each day at 3:15pm. A teacher will be on duty at the gate every afternoon and will lock the gate when they leave at 3:15pm.

Balls at School
Students are welcome to bring balls to school to use at fruit break and lunch. Please be aware however that if the ball goes up onto a roof it will stay there until the next time roof cleaning occurs. This cleaning is done by the Department of Education a couple of times a year. Due to Work Health and Safety regulations school staff are not allowed to climb up and retrieve things from high locations. Parents and students are also, under no circumstances, permitted to try and get onto the roof to retrieve a ball.

Quote of the Week

Today is a great day to learn something new!
Kakoda Track Memorial Walkway

This week our Year 6 students visited the Kakoda Track Memorial Walkway at Concord. The walkway is a unique tribute to the Australian troops who fought in the World War II Papua-New Guinea campaign. We extend our thanks to the returned servicemen of Bass Hill RSL who so kindly volunteer their time to guide our students on the walk. Their personal stories are something the students will always remember.

We value friendship

Bass Hill Taster Day

All Year 8 students are invited to attend the Taster Day at Bass High next Monday, July 27, 2015. It is an exciting opportunity for students to experience a day at ‘High School’. Students will enjoy at least three different lessons throughout the day. Anyone who hasn’t returned their note, needs to do so by the end of this week.

School Camp

The Stage 5 camp to be held at the Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen, is fast approaching. Last week, instructions were sent home on how to access the online Medical and Consent forms. These need to be completed as soon as possible, so if anyone is having difficulty, please come and see Mrs. Gray. Please continue to make regular payments as the total amount needs to be paid by Friday, August 28, 2015.
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SRC Beanie Day

Thank you for supporting Brain Cancer Research

We value honesty
Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

Please join us for our

**Multicultural Open Day**

Thursday, July 30, 2015

- **School Assembly**
  - Each class presenting
  - 9.30am

- **Open Classrooms**
  - From 11.30am

- **Multicultural Feast**
  - From 11.30am

- **Use your passport to**
  - Travel around the Globe
  - 2.00pm

We would love to see as many parents, family and friends join us on the day.

If anyone is able to provide assistance please return the note distributed last week or give your name at the school office.
We value respect of ourselves and others

Wakakirri is fast approaching and our students have been working extremely hard to learn their dance routine for the 2015 Wakakirri Competition. Students will be performing at Riverside Theatre later this term.

For family members of students taking part in Wakakirri, please ensure that notes and money are returned to the office by tomorrow 24th July. We only have a limited number of tickets available.

P&C
Each family would have received a box of chocolates. This is our major fundraiser for this year. I ask that you please support us by selling at least one box of chocolates. The money raised from this will be given to the school to purchase learning resources for your child to assist in their learning. Chocolates are $1 each and there are a total of 50 in each box. The money for this is due back by Friday the 14th of August 2015. For every whole box sold your child will receive a ticket to go into the draw to win either a huge Crayola basket pack or a 4.5 kilo Toblerone. Both of these prizes will be available for you to see in the canteen. All money needs to be returned to the canteen. Thank you for your support

Canteen
This term you would have received a new price list. Spaghetti will no longer be available and will be replaced by twister bolognaise. This item is halal. Garlic bread is also available for lunch orders. The cost is $1 each.

Snack items
Cheese and crackers 50c
Sultana cups 20c
Bread sticks 10c
Custard cups 60c
**BASS HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2015**

**BREAKFAST**
- (G) Toast – butter, vegemite, jam 50c

**HOT FOOD**
- (G) Low Fat Pie (H) $3.00
- (G) Low Fat Sausage Roll (H) $3.00
- (A) Yummy Drummy $1.20
- (G) Sweet Chilli Wrap (H) $4.00
- (A) Cheese Pizza Slice $3.00
- (G) Twista Pasta (H) $3.50
- (G) Lasagne (H) $3.50
- (G) Sushi Roll $2.50
- (A) Noodles (H) $2.50
- (A) Nuggets (H) 2 for $1.00
- (A) Fish Fingers 4 for $2.00
- (G) Chicken Burger (H) $4.00
  - tomato, lettuce, mayo
- (G) Corn Cup 60c
- (A) Hot Dog (H) $3.00
- (G) Garlic Bread $1.00

**SANDWICHES**
- (G) Ham and Cheese $3.50
- (G) Cheese $3.00
- (G) Cheese and Tomato $3.50
- (A) Vegemite and Cheese $2.00
- (G) Tuna $3.00
- (G) Egg $2.00
- (G) Egg and Lettuce $2.50
- (G) Chicken and Lettuce (H) $3.50
- (G) Salad $4.00
  - Toasted item same 50c extra

**SALAD BOXES**
- (G) Salad $4.00
- (G) Chicken and Salad (H) $5.00
- (G) Tuna and Salad $5.00
- (G) Ham and Salad $5.00
  - all salads contain lettuce, tomato, egg, carrot, cucumber, cheese and beetroot.

**FRESH FRUIT - SEASONAL**
- Fruit bags 50c
- Whole Fruit 90c
- Sultana Cups 30c

**EXTRAS**
- Tomato Sauce 30c
- BBQ Sauce 30c
- Sweet Chilli Sauce 30c

**DRINKS**
- (G) Large Water $1.50
- (G) Small Water $1.00
- (G) Flavoured Milk $2.00
- (G) Juice Foppy $1.00
- (G) Up & Go $2.00
  - chocolate, strawberry, orange, apple
- (G) Plain Milk $1.00
- (A) Quench $1.50

**FROZEN TREATS**
- (A) Bulla Cup (H) $1.00
- (A) Juice Tubes $1.00
- (A) Cooper Dooper 50c
- (A) Freez-E Pop 50c
- (A) Sunny Boy $1.00
- (A) Mooies $1.00
- (A) Icy Pop $1.00
- (A) Sour Sips (H) 40c
- (A) Jelly Sticks (H) 20c

**SNACKS**
- (A) Red Rock Chips $1.00
- (A) Smith Chips $1.00
- (A) Chips (H) $1.00
- (A) Cornitos (H) $1.00
- (A) Jumpons $1.00
- (A) Pretzels 70c
- (A) Rice Crackers 70c
- (A) Delites 70c
- (A) White Wing Cookie 60c
- (G) Pop corn 60c
- (G) Jelly Cup 50c
- (G) Yoghurt cups 50c
- (G) Guitar Cookie (H) 40c
- (G) Fun Bars $1.50
- (G) Custard Cups 60c
- (G) Cheese & Crackers 50c
- (G) Breadsticks 10c

(G) – GREEN ITEMS (everyday food)
(A) – AMBER ITEMS (sometimes food)
(H) – HALAL ITEMS

July 2015
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Eldest child’s name: ____________________________ Class: __________

Signature: ____________________________________ Date: __________

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