Have you heard?

A group of Stage 3 students recently participated in Marathon of the Minds held at East Hills Boys HS. A superb effort was put in by both teams that attended the day with our boys team finishing 4th out of 36 groups.

Congratulations to our Wakakirri performers who have made it through to the next round of Wakakirri. The students did a fantastic job performing at Riverside Theatre and we are very proud of their efforts. As a result of this, students will be required to participate in another night performance on Wednesday 16th September at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre.

Principal’s Message

Respectful Relationships

Our school values respect and we spend a lot of time talking to students about the respectful ways we interact – student/student, teacher/student, teacher/teacher, teacher/parent and parent/parent. I understand things sometimes happen that may cause a student or parent to become upset however, every conversation that takes place needs to be respectful – calm voices and opinions valued and accepted. Children learn appropriate ways to interact by what they see and hear from adults. It is important that as teachers and parents we remember this and model respectful relationships and appropriate ways to deal with conflict and solve problems.

Visitors

Please ensure that anytime you visit the school throughout the day you go to the office first and collect a visitor’s badge.
Riding Bikes
With the warmer weather coming a number of students are riding their bikes to and from school. This is great exercise and I have no issue with students doing this. However, when riding a bicycle you are required by law to wear an approved helmet securely fitted and fastened. In NSW there are no exemptions from wearing an approved bicycle helmet. If your child does not own a helmet they should not be riding their bike to school. Please also be aware that bikes are not to be ridden on school grounds. Children are to hop off the bike at the gate and walk it in and around the school. I appreciate your understanding and support with this matter.

For further information on this matter click on the following link http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/bicyclists/helmetandgear.html

Road Safety
Please refer to the ‘Driving safely in and around school zones’ posters later in the newsletter that outline the road rules and parking signs that are outside our school. Nothing is more important than keeping our children safe and I ask for your support in following the signs and obeying the road rules each morning and afternoon.

Preschool and Kindergarten Enrolments 2016
Enrolments for both Preschool and Kindergarten 2016 are now being accepted.

Preschool
Parents wanting to enrol their child in preschool need to visit the school office and complete a preschool enrolment form.

Kindergarten
Children born between 1st August 2010 and 31st July 2011 are eligible to enrol for Kindergarten. Parents who would like to enrol a child for Kindergarten next year, need to visit the school office.

Please bring the following;
* Child’s birth certificate for proof of age
* Passports and visas for families born overseas
* Proof of residence (e.g. Council rate notice, gas, electricity account or bank account).

If you would like to complete an enrolment form prior to visiting the office, a copy of both the preschool and kinder enrolment forms can be found on the school website:

P&C Donation
The P&C has generously donated $20 000 towards the purchase of interactive whiteboards or interactive touch screen TV’s for classrooms. I am in the process of obtaining quotes and will let the community know when they have been purchased. The hard work of the P&C in fund raising events ensures our students get better resources in classrooms and across the school.

SASS Week
This week is SASS Week where we acknowledge and celebrate the vital role our administrative and support staff play in our school. These staff members make an invaluable contribution to the success of our school and your children’s education. This week it is an opportunity for our school community to join with me in acknowledging and thanking our office staff, general assistant and SLSO’s. Our school would not run without you!
Quote of the Week

Wishing the dad’s in our community a HAPPY FATHER’S DAY this Sunday!

LAST TERM TO RECEIVE PAPER NEWSLETTERS
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.
P&C
There is still chocolate money outstanding. Please remember that the money raised from these chocolates will be used to purchase resources for your child. I ask that you please return this money as the P&C have paid for your chocolates from their own funds.

Canteen
If you send your child’s lunch order in a brown paper bag and are ordering multiple items please include an extra bag as the brown paper bags are too small to include multiple items. Also please note that the canteen will no longer provide credit for lunch orders. All orders need to be paid for at the time of ordering.

Uniforms
Summer uniforms are ready for purchase. All children need to be in complete school uniform everyday. This includes:
Girls: summer dress or school crested polo, skorts and black shoes
Boys: grey shorts, school crested polo and black shoes.

Pink Day
Thank you to the community for your support with our Pink Day. We have raised $676.00 which will be sent to the McGrath Foundation on behalf of Mrs Fowler.
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Encouraging excellence and creating confident, creative, lifelong learners

PARENTS, for the sake of our students please model good behaviour especially around the school. Children and young people will copy the example you set.

Child Restraint Rules
Children under 7 years of age must be restrained in a suitable and approved child restraint or booster seat for their age when travelling in a vehicle. Always make sure your children are ‘Buckled up’ before driving off.

Minimum penalty $304 and three demerit points.

Drive vehicle using a mobile phone in school zone
Minimum penalty $304 and four demerit points.

Obey the school zone speed limit of 40kmh during school terms.

For further information please contact:
The Road Safety Officer
Bankstown City Council, Ph: 9707 9889,
For further information on penalties and demerit points go to www.roadrules.nsw.gov.au

No Stopping signs
Drivers must not stop in an area to which a no stopping sign applies.
Minimum penalty $304 and two demerit points.

Stopping on or near
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Child’s Cross
- any marked Foot Crossing
Minimum penalty $405 and two demerit points.

Double Parking
Double parking is illegal and dangerous.
Minimum penalty $304 and two demerit points.

Making an illegal U-turn
Minimum penalty $304 and three 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 $159 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 $304 and two demerit points.

Always hold your child’s hand in and around traffic.

“Bus Zone” 警告
除了上落客上下車之外，司機不得停車等候，停車時間不超過兩分鐘，司機及隨車的行人壹律不得停留在車內。
罰款至少為$159，同時扣20分。

在交通繁忙地段，一定要始終牽住孩子的手。

“No Stopping” 標誌
在“No Stopping”（禁止停車）標誌適用的區域，司機不得停車等候。
罰款至少為$304，同時扣12分。

如在下列地方或其附近停車逗留：
- 人行道
- 車廂前停車
- 已經時刻任何人行道
罰款至少為$304，同時扣20分。

並排停車
並排停車（Double parking）不僅違法，而且存危險。
罰款至少為$405，同時扣22分。

違法掉頭（U-turn）
罰款至少為$304，同時扣20分。

“No Parking” 標誌
除了上落客上下車之外，司機不得停車等候，停車時間不超過兩分鐘，司機及隨車的行人壹律不得停留在車內。
罰款至少為$159，同時扣20分。

交通繁忙地段，一定要始終牽住孩子的手。
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 $169 and two demerit points.

No Stopping signs
Drivers must not stop in an area to which a No Stopping sign applies. Minimum penalty $304 and two demerit points.

Double Parking
Double parking is illegal and dangerous. Minimum penalty $304 and two demerit points.

Child Restraint Rules
Children under 7 years of age must be restrained in a suitable and approved child restraint or booster seat for their age when travelling in a vehicle. Always make sure your children are ‘Buckled up’ before driving off. Minimum penalty $304 and three demerit points.

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How do they work:

- **Kiss’n’Go zones** are a safe place to be dropped off or picked up outside your school.
- There is a 2 minute time limit for stopping in the zone. (*Kiss ‘n’ Go zones are enforceable as they are a designated No Parking zone*).
- Watch out for all children using the Kiss’n’Go zone.
- Two minutes gives the kids time to get in and out of the car without holding up too much traffic.
- Ensure children always exit and enter the vehicle from the footpath side.
- Be courteous to other drivers.

In the afternoons:

- Follow your school’s procedures for the Kiss’n’Go zone.
- Delay your arrival until after release time. If you arrive early, you cannot park in the Kiss’n’Go zone.
- Drivers are to stay in the vehicle unless assisting with the loading of baggage and passengers.
- Do not park for more than 2 minutes during hours of operation. If others abuse the zone, don’t follow their lead.
- Do not block intersections or driveways, if the Kiss’n’Go zone is full, drive around the block again or park legally.
- Watch out for all children using the Kiss’n’Go zone.
- Ensure passengers have secured seatbelts before driving off.

Driver tips

- Never double park to pick up children. It is illegal and dangerous.
- Double parking blocks the vision of other drivers, forces the children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.
- Never call out to your child from across the road.
- Do not park in the Kiss’n’Go zone and walk away from your vehicle.
- Park only where parking is permitted.
- Obey the school zone speed limit 40kph during school terms.

Safety around schools

Safety around schools is everyone’s responsibility. Children are often unpredictable and less able to recognise and process the dangers or risks around them.

Children are constantly on the move and

- May zip out into traffic;
- Have trouble judging the speed of cars;
- May behave differently when they are with other children, and forget about the traffic;
- Have difficulty judging where noise/sounds are coming from and make incorrect decisions.

With these thoughts in mind, set the right example - **the life you save may be your child’s!**
Request to receive paper copy of Tom Thumb

Eldest child’s name: _______________________________ Class: __________

Signature: ______________________________________ Date: __________

We value respect of ourselves and others