IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Changes to Routine Early 2016

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**Have you heard?**

Congratulations to Mrs Jurgeit on the arrival of her baby boy Harvey Luke.
Also, congratulations to Mrs Taouk on the arrival of her baby boy Hamilton Elias.

**Principal’s Message**

It is so nice to be back and starting a new year with our school community. Hopefully you all had a wonderful break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. We have many new students and families and staff to welcome to our great school.
In 2016 students and staff will take part in some new and exciting learning opportunities. We have a very clear vision at our school and our fantastic staff are hard at work planning ways to ensure students are successful in all areas of learning and life.

**Staffing**

There have been a number of changes to our staff over the break. Mrs Claire Tomlin, one of our assistant principals, was successful in gaining a position at a school much closer to where she lives. It is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Tomlin. She is an incredible educator and will have a great impact at her new school.

Mrs Brianna Clifford is currently relieving as a preschool transition officer in state office and will return to BHPS in Week 10 of this term.

We are thrilled to welcome a number of new staff into our community. Mr Konakoff, Miss Marnell, Ms Melling, Miss Southwell and Jye have all started with us this year. We have also welcomed back Mrs Attia, Mrs Shehata, Mrs Tate and Mrs Burgess.
Classes and Staffing for 2016

Principal: Melissa Proctor
Instructional Leader: Jodie Clark
Preschool: Sevda Noshie
Kinder: Jessica Western
Kinder: Brenda Melling
K/1 Purple: Hayley Cook
1/2 Orange: Kristen Sellen
1/2 Pink: Deborah Jones
1/2 Jade: Jessica Hall
2/3 Aqua: Renee Burgess M, T, W, Lauren Attia Th, F
3/4 Violet: Victoria Facey
3/4 Ruby: Amy Buckland M, T, F, Katie Southwell W, Th
3/4 Mauve: Samantha Gonnet
3/4 Lime: Narelle Akkawy
5/6 Turquoise: Oliver Konakoff
5/6 Crimson: Melissa Newman
5/6 Emerald: Katherine McMaster
5/6 Magenta: Ashley Vokes

Our special program and support staff include:
Release from Face to Face – Louise Tate, Rosemary Adamson, Gavin Kennedy
EALD and support – Lisa Collins, Sherry Abbas, Alissa McCann
Reading Recovery - Gavin Kennedy
Arabic Community Language - Ragaa Shehata
Early Action for Success Team – Yasmin Coghlan, Kerrie-Ann Marnell
Learning and Support Teacher – Josephine Lombardo
Wellbeing – Leanne Gray
School Counsellor – Patty Kalavritinos

Administration Staff – School Administrative Manager, Carolyn Cuddy, School Administrative Officers – Rhonda Semmler, Jennifer Comito General Assistant – John Govey, SLGO’s – Patricia May, June Baldwin, Pat Martin, Jye Challenor and our cleaning staff – Ann, Karen

Vision Team – Susan Leong, Roslyn Meager, Leanne Newham, Robyn Briggs, Carla Hankinson,
Liz Davidson, Shalini Gupta
Lyn Hickman – Itinerant Support Teacher (Early Intervention)
We value respect of ourselves and others

Executive Staff
Melissa Proctor: Principal
Jodie Clark: Instructional Leader – Supervisor Preschool and Early Stage 1
Louise Tate: Relieving Assistant Principal – Supervisor Stage 1
Amy Buckland: Assistant Principal – Supervisor Stage 2
Katherine McMaster– Relieving Assistant Principal – Supervisor Stage 3
Melissa Newman– Relieving Assistant Principal – Supervisor Stage 3
Leanne Gray – Relieving Assistant Principal – Student Wellbeing
Susan Leong – Assistant Principal Vision

Social Media
We have launched our social media platform this week with an official school Facebook and Twitter page. Both pages will allow us to share our successes and the learning taking place each day across the school. Jump online and get an insight into our school days at BHPS.

Signage
Our new Positive Behaviour for Learning signs are going up around the school. These signs are a result of months and months of planning and include our ship logo to represent the Tom Thumb – the ship explorer George Bass arrived in. I am sure you will agree they brighten up the school and look fantastic!
Student Leadership Team Report

Welcome back to school Bass Hill PS students. My name is Omar Hussain and I am the new school captain for 2016. I'm very excited about being a leader at our school this year. I'm 11 years old and am in Year 6. As part of the Student Leadership Team's responsibilities, we will be aiming to give you a report each time we send out the Tom Thumb.

This week we got to meet our new teachers and classes. I am in Mrs Newman's class which is 5/6 Crimson. We have changed our class names this year and we now all have colours. I learnt that crimson is like a dark red colour.

On Wednesday our team of captains, vice captains and prefects hosted an assembly for the first time for Years 3 to 6. I really enjoyed hosting the assembly and I'm looking forward to being able to read out all of the students' awards.

We have new signs all around the school that tell everyone how to follow our four school expectations. They are in many areas such as the playground, the toilets, in the hall, near the grass area and around our classrooms. They look a lot better than our older signs because they're very creative and colourful. It makes me feel proud of our school.

Yesterday the primary students were keen to try out for our PSSA teams. I tried out for the Senior Boys Basketball team with Mrs Attea. We also have another chance to try out for the teams today which I'm sure everyone is looking forward to. The sports this term are basketball, cricket and softball/T-ball. Good luck to all the students participating.

I'm looking forward to writing another report for you to read soon.

Omar Hussain.

Congratulations to Jack Forrester and Danielle Mamaari for being named prefects this week and becoming part of our 2016 student leadership team.
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Tuesday 26 April 2016 is the scheduled School Development Day for Term 2 however we have applied for a variation to routine so all staff can attend a professional learning workshop with Charity Allen, a Project Based Learning specialist. Therefore please note the change of date. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter so our school is able to attend this wonderful professional learning opportunity.