Bass Hill Public School Tom Thumb

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Principal’s Message

Professional Learning
Staff had two amazing days of learning last Friday and Saturday. Charity Allen, PBL Consulting, facilitated a workshop on project based learning. Project Based Learning encourages students to investigate, solve problems and work collaboratively to engage with and respond to complex questions – the skills necessary for the future. Discussions and learning also centred on inquiry based learning and the critical role of relevance and connection. The content of the 2 day workshop links directly with our school plan and strategic directions. Rich professional learning for teachers has a direct impact on the quality of the teaching presented to our students. On behalf of the all the staff I would like to thank parents and carers for their cooperation with the change of date to allow this learning to take place. It is greatly appreciated.

High School Students
I am more than happy to welcome former Bass Hill students onto our site to visit teachers and to pick up younger siblings. In the last week however, incidents have occurred which demonstrated inappropriate behaviour. Visiting students who choose to act inappropriately on our school site will be required to pick siblings up from a gate entrance and will not be welcome on site. Students involved have been spoken to and if it continues to occur relevant high schools will be informed. If you have high school children that are coming onto school grounds to pick up siblings or visit, please remind them of what is expected.

P&C Annual General Meeting
Our next P&C meeting will take place on Wednesday 2 March at 7pm in the staff room. Please be aware that this will be our Annual General Meeting where we thank and farewell our 2015 committee and vote in our new 2016 committee. All parents and carers are encouraged to attend our P&C meetings and are welcome to run for a position on the committee. Our P&C work extremely hard to support the school and raise funds that go straight back into the school to purchase resources. Please think about attending our next meeting and becoming a part of the P&C. It is a great way to get involved and share in discussions about what is happening in the school.

Parking
Parking around our school is difficult. I seek your cooperation in taking care of where you park your car at drop off and pick up times. Please be mindful that you are required to park legally at all times. I also ask that you show respect for our neighbours and the property of others by not parking in or across driveways. Respect is one of our school core values. The staff car park on Clarke Street is strictly for staff and wheelchair access. I ask that you drop your child before or after school via one of the many access gates around the perimeter of the school. Please do not pull into school driveways. Your child’s safety and the safety of every other child at Bass Hill PS is my responsibility.

To avoid costly fines pay close attention to the parking signs and conditions around the school. The council ranger and police will be monitoring drivers closely. Please also be aware that the ‘drop and go’ zones operate under the same conditions as ‘no parking’ zones. They require
We value integrity

We have students who bring their mobile phones to school each day so as they can contact parents to note safe arrival to school and travel arrangements on the way home. I am fully supportive of this. I do ask however we adhere to cyber safety rules and school expectations. It is a security measure that all mobile phones are handed in at the office on arrival to school each day and picked up on the home time bell. Please support us by reinforcing this with your children.

Have a great week everyone
Melissa Proctor

Bass Hill Public School is a White Ribbon School
The White Ribbon Oath: never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

Reminder
Parents, please check that all school clothing is correctly labelled with your child’s full name.
E.g. Mary Smith
This will help us to return any lost or misplaced items to their rightful owner as quickly as possible.

Mrs Lombardo
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons have recommenced for all students K-6. Each class participates in lessons every Monday afternoon which focus on the explicit teaching of expected behaviours.

In the past weeks, students identified our four school expectations and discussed how they can be demonstrated across all school settings.

SHOW RESPECT
- Listen to others Destiny
- Show care to others Angela
- Keep the classroom tidy Asenaca
- Listen to the teachers Mady

STAY SAFE
- Stay in bounds Aneesa
- Walk sensibly Daniel
- Walk around people’s games, not through the middle Fatma
- Keep hands and feet to yourself Mohammad

BE A LEARNER
- Do your best work Daniel
- Bring your equipment Moey
- Be organised Felika
- Finish all of your work Duara

ACT RESPONSIBLY
- Be kind to others Sonya
- Respond to the bell Aya
- Include others Rayanne
- Use equipment appropriately Zaya

ATTENDANCE
Please ensure that your child arrives to school before the morning bell at 8.55am. This will give your child an opportunity to interact with their peers and then be ready to start the school day on time with their class.

Any students late to school must be signed in at the office by a parent.

Lateness to school is regularly monitored.
We value friendship

My name is Kara Bradley and I’m 11 years old. I am proud to be your school captain for 2016. Welcome back to school all of the teachers and students, especially new students at BHPS this year. I hope everyone is settling into their new classrooms and enjoying the time spent getting to know each other. Well done to all of the students who made it into one of our PSSA teams for this term. I am actually going to be a part of the Senior Girls Cricket team with Miss McMaster.

Congratulations to the new house captains and vice captains for our sporting houses – Wentworth, Blaxland, Macquarie and Lawson. Good luck to everyone going to the swimming carnival. I hope your new sports house captains help cheer you on in the races and teach you new chants to sing while your teammates are swimming. Go Macquarie!

I have already had the chance to help run one of our primary assemblies and I’m looking forward to doing it again this week on Wednesday. I’m really enjoying the new responsibilities I have as school captain such as raising the flags every day, writing this report for you and I get to start helping out on duty at the canteen this week.

Thank you for all of your support so far and keep learning!

From Kara
Thank you to everyone who has supported the school by purchasing school uniforms from the uniform shop.

Most uniforms are now restocked and ready for purchase. We are waiting on bootleg pants for girls as they are in the process of being made and size 6 sports shirts can not be restocked until May.

If you order uniforms through the school office or canteen, your child will be given a uniform slip which they will need to take to the office to pick up their order. Uniforms will no longer be sent to classrooms and the uniform shop will take no responsibility for lost or damaged uniforms once they have been picked up.

This term the P&C will be running an Easter raffle. Tickets have been sent home. They cost 50¢ each or $5 for the book. Extra tickets are available from the canteen.

We also ask if families could donate chocolate eggs for the raffle hamper prizes.

Thank you.
East Hills Girls Technology
High School

"EDUCATING GIRLS FOR A TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURE"

ENROLMENTS
FOR YEAR 7, 2017

An invitation is extended to parents of Year 6 girls
to meet staff, students and parents on -

Wednesday, 24th February 2016 at 1 pm
or
Wednesday, 24th February 2016 at 6pm

Please arrive at 6pm to view students’ work and our excellent school
facilities. Information session will begin at 7 pm.

Our school, while honouring its heritage and traditions, is future-focused. It
offers a technology rich learning environment which inspires girls and
young women to aim high and achieve their potential. Our school has an
excellent reputation for high academic achievement, innovation and
student leadership. There is an extensive curriculum with a wide range of
course choices and opportunities in the arts and sports. Last year our
school celebrated 60 years of exceptional education.

We invite you to visit our school

Lucas Road, Panania
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Email: easthillsg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Good Beginnings Play2Learn Playgroup at Sefton Community Centre

Good Beginnings will conduct Play2Learn Playgroup sessions at the Sefton Community Centre every
Thursday during school terms in 2016. Commencing on Thursday 18 February, the sessions will run
from 9.30-11.30.

Good Beginnings playgroups provide support, information and advice for parents as well as a wide
range of fun activities for the children (aged 0-5). A specialist Early Childhood Educator and a Family
Support Worker run each group.

Good Beginnings brings all its own resources, and we will make the most of the space available to

us – in the case of the Snow Hall, we will use the play equipment at the front of the hall.

If you are interested, just turn up!

The Sefton Community Centre is on Batt Street in Sefton.

For more information, please contact Phil Smith on 0412 338 687
Information Evening

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to our 2016 school year. We look forward to working with you to strengthen the partnership between home and school, ensuring that all students at Bass Hill Primary School are successful.

To welcome all our families and to share our learning goals for 2016 we would like to invite you to an information evening on Wednesday 24th February from 4.00 – 5.30 pm.

The Information Evening would include a stage based information session. The information sessions would allow you the opportunity to meet the teachers across the stage as well as learn about the exciting things happening in your child’s classroom across the year. Information sessions will be held in the following locations across the school:

- Kindergarten – Miss Westren’s Room
- Stage 1 (grade 1 and 2) – School Hall
- Stage 2 (grade 3 and 4) – Mrs Akkawy and Mrs Burgess’s rooms
- Stage 3 (grade 5 and 6) – Miss McMasters room

At the conclusion of the information session we would like to invite all families attending the sessions to join us under the COLA for a BBQ. **Vouchers will be presented at the information sessions to each family member in attendance which they may redeem for a free sausage sizzle and drink (all sausages will be halal).** Due to numbers we ask that only immediate family attend the information evening.

To assist us with organisation and catering for the evening please provide the number of family members and the stage information session you will be attending below and return it to the office by Friday 19th February.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Teachers
Bass Hill Public School

Melissa Proctor
Principal

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Information Evening

Family Name: __________________________ Number of family members attending: ________________

Stage Information session you will be attending (please circle):

Kindergarten  Stage 1  Stage 2  Stage 3
Welcome back to the 2016 school year. To ensure your child(ren) are prepared for learning this year each student will be required to bring a variety of supplies. Please ensure all items are clearly labeled with your child’s name. All students require a library bag and a school hat.

Early Stage 1 - Kindergarten
- 2 glue sticks
- A packet of whiteboard markers
- Box of 12 euro (for classroom use)
- Liquid soap (for classroom use)
- Packet of baby wipes
- Paint shirt
- Old magazines and shopping catalogues

Stage 2 - Years 3 and 4
- One pencil case
- 4 x lead pencils
- Coloured pencils
- Crayons (2 boxes)
- Tissues
- A sharpener with a container
- 2 x large, dry glue sticks
- An eraser
- A packet of highlighters (4)
- A ruler
- A packet of whiteboard markers
- Personal wipes such as Betadine wipes
- 2 boxes of tissues (for classroom use)
- One liquid pump soap (for classroom use)

Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6
- 2 blue pens
- 2 red pens
- 2 black pens
- 2 nib lead pencils
- Pencil eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- 1 pencil case
- 2 glue sticks
- Pair of scissors
- 30 cm wooden or plastic ruler (not bendy)
- Rulers
- 2 highlighter pens
- 2 whiteboard markers
- Coloured pencils
- Marker pens (optional)
- Headphones (optional)
- USB
- 36 page A4 book (for homework)
- Box of tissues
- Packet baby wipes
- Liquid pump soap

Please ensure your child(ren) bring in the necessary items as soon as possible. You may also need to purchase additional sets of disposable items throughout the year. If you have any questions regarding these items, please contact your class teacher or stage leader.

Thankyou
Stage Leaders

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