Have you heard?

Our district swimmers did a fabulous job representing our school on Monday at the District Carnival. Congratulations to Mikaila K and Makaylee S who have made it to regional for backstroke.

Principal’s Message

Meet the Teacher
Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who came along to our information session and BBQ last week. We appreciate you taking the time to engage with teachers and talk about your child’s learning. The strength of this partnership assists your child’s learning and success at school. If you wish to speak to your child’s teacher at any time throughout the year you are welcome to do so either via a message through the office or contacting the teacher directly through his/her email.

Song Room Community Project
Our school has been given the exciting opportunity to partner with the Song Room this semester for a creative community project. Our stage 2 and 3 students are already involved in the Song Room program working with Hernan, our teaching artist, in hip hop, beat boxing and rap. We are now in a position to offer the community an opportunity to work closely with a teaching artist to help design, create and paint a mural that reflects our school community. Please see the information included in this newsletter for more information on how to be involved.
P&C

The P&C Annual General Meeting was held this week. Welcome to the new 2016 P&C committee;
President: Teresa Bateman
Vice President: Franca Nashabe
Secretary: Nora Alaia
Treasurer: Wendy King

On behalf of the staff and community I would like to thank the outgoing P&C committee for
the incredible work they did in 2015 and the money they raised for our students.

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

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We value integrity

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Student Leadership Team Report

Welcome everyone to week 6 of Term 1. My name is Isaia Tu’ifua and I am your school vice-captain for 2016. I have had a great start to the year being a part of the student leadership team. I have particularly enjoyed helping other students in the playground and showing everyone the expectations while on my canteen duty.

Last week our school held a ‘Meet the teacher barbecue’ which was great for everyone that went. Families had fun talking with each other and the teachers while eating a sausage sandwich and having a drink. I hope you all learnt a lot about your stage group from the information sessions.

For PBL this week we are learning to line up outside our classroom correctly. Don’t forget to stay in two lines, wait for the teacher, sit silently and make sure you’re ready to go back into class once the music has finished playing after fruit break and lunch.

We were lucky to have a visit from some of the Bulldogs players last week. They talked to us about belonging to a group, keeping hydrated and having enough sleep. It was a lot of fun and some students even got prizes.

Enjoy the rest of your week and keep learning!
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lessons continue each Monday afternoon for all students. Over the last couple of weeks students have been practising how to line up and walk as a class in a safe and responsible way. Kindergarten Red shared some drawings of what this looks like.

Students have also looked at showing respect for our school environment by ensuring all rubbish is placed in the bin. 5/6 Turquoise designed some great posters.

Be a Learner
Act Responsibly
Show Respect
Stay Safe
PBL LAUNCH DAY

PBL will be officially launched on Wednesday, March 30. Class activities have been planned for the morning and then a special PBL Assembly will be held from 11.30am in the hall.

An invitation is extended to all parents and carers to join us for this special assembly and a picnic lunch afterwards.

A note will be sent home next week with further details.

UNIFORM

The number of students in full school uniform including a school hat continues to be pleasing.

Please be mindful that black school shoes need to be worn from Monday to Thursday, as do grey school shorts for boys.

Blue sports shorts and joggers are only to be worn on Friday for sport.

ATTENDANCE

We still have far too many students arriving late to school each morning. It is imperative that your children are here on time in order to start their day of learning.

Students who do arrive late need to be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian.

AWARDS

Classes who are seen to be following our school expectations are given PBL Star Awards. Classes cannot be given these awards by their own teacher, they have to be seen doing the right thing by another teacher.

The class who has collected the most awards this term will be announced at the Week 10 PBL Assembly and rewarded with a Pizza Lunch.

Also at the assembly, we will be presenting some of our new PBL badges to some excellent school citizens. To receive one of these badges, students must be nominated by a teacher for always demonstrating a school expectation.

Demonstrate the school expectations at all times. You never know when someone is watching!
Jump online and get an insight into our school days at BHPS on Facebook and Twitter.

Also, get the Skoolbag App to keep up to date on what is happening at BHPS.

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their raffle tickets and donated chocolates for our Easter raffle fundraiser. All chocolate donations and ticket money can be brought to the canteen.
Connections
Creative Community
Mural Project

Do you like visual arts? Would you like to meet other parents at school?

Bass Hill Public School has partnered with The Song Room for a Creative Community Project this semester.

Professional artist Abbas Makrab will be giving a series of free workshops. Join in to learn skills in design and painting. We will work together with Abbas to create a mural by the entrance of the school. The mural will show our pride in our multi-cultural community.

Students will see how we care about school and that will help them learn.

The first workshop is on Thursday 10th March, 9:00AM - 11:00AM. Come along - and bring a friend!

Arabic speakers: Abbas speaks Arabic as well as English!

For more information on The Song Room, you can go to www.songroom.org.au

Our first emergency evacuation drill for 2016
We value friendship

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**Birrong Girls High**

Cooper Rd Birrong  Ph: 9644 5057

**Year 5 and Year 6**

**OPEN MORNING**

Wednesday 9th March

10.30am to 12.30pm

Dear Parents/Guardians and Years 5 and 6 Girls,

You are invited to visit our school on our Open Morning to:

* learn about our school and our achievements
* tour our wonderful school facilities and attractive grounds
* visit classes and speak to students and staff.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Principal
Dear Parent

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) has been held annually since 1978. Your child is invited to enter this internationally recognised competition.

One of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, the AMC was the first competition of its kind in Australia and is now one of the largest of its type in the world. More than 30 countries participated each year.

The competition aims to be accessible to all students from Years 3 to 12, not just the mathematically gifted. There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. The AMC consists of five separate papers, each with 30 questions in the Middle Primary (Years 3 and 4), Upper Primary (Years 5 and 6), Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12) divisions. Time allowed is 60 minutes for the primary papers and 75 minutes for the secondary papers.

Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. All students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

Although it is aimed at the average student, the AMC also identifies gifted students. A prestigious Australian Mathematics Competition medal is awarded to students with an outstanding result, both within a State or country and overall in the competition. All Australian prize winners in 2016 will be given free entry to the 2016 Australian Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad (AIMO), which is the first screening competition for the prestigious Australian Mathematical Olympiad Committee Invitational Program. It is worth noting that Australia’s leading mathematicians aged under 40 were discovered and developed at least partly as a result of participation in the AMC.

The AMC is administered by the not-for-profit Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT), which is under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra. The problems created for AMC papers are set to the highest possible standards by volunteer teachers of the most experienced mathematics teachers and academics in the country. The Australian Mathematics Trust has an unparalleled, unblemished record for the integrity and reliability of its papers.

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**Australian Mathematics Trust – Competition**

This year we would like to offer students in Years 3-6 the opportunity to sit the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) coordinated by the Australian Mathematics Trust. It will be held at school on Thursday 28th July and it takes the form of a written examination. This competition is completely optional and will cost families $6.00 per student.

If you are interested and would like your child to complete the competition, please fill in the slip below and return it to Mrs Newman by Monday 4th April, 2016.

I would like my child ___________________________ of class ___________________ to sit the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) on Thursday 28th July.

I understand that the competition is optional and will cost $6.00.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: _______________