

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are almost mid-way through Term Four. It has been an incredibly busy and productive fortnight here at our school.

Mrs Akkawy and her team have ensured that NAPLAN Assessment has run smoothly for all of our year three and five students. I would like to acknowledge the work of all staff involved in this process as they have ensured that all students have had the best possible opportunity to give their best in the assessments. What a team! I would also like to acknowledge our students who have done a commendable job of completing their assessments for 2022.

This week we finally had enough sunshine to run our cross country. Our students did an amazing job and participated with great enthusiasm. I was incredibly proud to see that all of our students had a go with many surprising themselves at just how well they competed. I was also impressed with the sportsmanship of our students with BHPS students cheering each other along as well as competitors supporting each other throughout their races. Well done Bass Hill!

With cold and flu season upon us, COVID 19 continues to impact our school with many changes to staffing throughout the school week. I would like to thank our school community for your flexibility. Our first commitment is always to ensuring the continuity of learning for our students.

A reminder that students should not present to school if they have cold and flu symptoms. If your child tests positive for COVID 19 please inform the school and ensure that all other household members follow protocol for close contacts as outlined in our previous newsletter this term. If you have any questions regarding COVID 19 and school attendance, please call us on 9644 3431.

Stage 1 Excursion to Sydney Sea Life Aquarium

The Stage 1 team are excited to have organised a visit to Sydney Sea Life Aquarium as part of our English learning program. During the excursion, students will be given the opportunity to view and interact with a variety of aquatic creatures that they have studied. Our aim is to support and enhance student learning in an engaging way. Details of the excursion are as follows:

Who: Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

Date: Thursday 9th of June 2022

Departure: 8:45am - buses will depart at 9:00am sharp. *Students are to meet in area A on their class lines. Your child can also be collected from this area in the afternoon.*

Upcoming Events

May

Sat 21

Year 6 Fundraiser – Election Day BBQ

Wed 25

Mindful May Mufti Day

Fri 27

District Cross Country

June

Fri 3

Winter PSSA Gala Day

Wed 8

Year 6 Fundraiser – Footy Fever

Thur 9

Stage 1 Excursion – Sydney Aquarium

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Return: Approximately 3:00pm

Location: Sydney Sea Life Aquarium, Darling Harbour

Cost: \$30 (includes park entry and bus transport)

What to wear: Full school uniform – comfortable sport shoes

What to bring: A small backpack that contains fruit break, lunch, water bottle, hat and jumper. Students will not have opportunities to purchase food, so please ensure you have packed your child's lunch.

Please return your child's permission note and payment to the office by **Thursday the 2nd of June 2022**.

STUDENT WELLBEING

Positive Behaviour For Learning

Every Monday at morning assembly, students are taught '5 things to remember' for different school settings.

*Last week, our focus was the **playground** and our 5 things to remember were*

Be in the right area

Include others

Play by the rules

Use equipment responsibly

Keep hands and feet to myself



Students are rewarded with raffle tickets on the playground if they can name any of these expected behaviours!

*This week, our focus is the **canteen** and our 5 things to remember are*

Line up

Wait patiently

Know what I want

Have money ready

Say please and thank you



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SURPRISE WEEKLY DRAW

Each week, on any one random day at morning assembly, all students are in a draw for a \$2 canteen voucher. One name is drawn from Early Stage 1, Stage 1, Stage 2 and Stage 3.

To claim the prize, students simply need to do two things

- Be on time for school so that you are at morning assembly
- Be in full school uniform



Congratulations to last week's winners,

Aya M

and

Noah K



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents, please support us by ensuring your child is in full school uniform. Too many students continue to wear alternative jumpers and hats.

Our winter uniform, Monday to Thursday, is

Boys

Grey trousers or shorts
Blue polo shirt
School jumper or jacket
Grey socks
Black shoes



Girls

Blue school pants or skort
Blue polo shirt
School jumper or jacket
White socks
Black shoes

Our winter uniform, on Friday is

Blue school track pants or shorts, white school sport polo shirt, blue school jumper or jacket, white socks and joggers.

A **school hat** must be worn at all times on the playground.

If you are experiencing difficulty ensuring your child is in uniform, please contact Mrs Gray.

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WELLBEING LESSONS

Students are enjoying opportunities for brain breaks as part of our Wellbeing Wednesday lessons.

Each fortnight, classes explore one of the characteristics of a learner.

I am attentive - I actively listen.

I am focused - I maintain my concentration.

I am determined - I have a growth mindset.

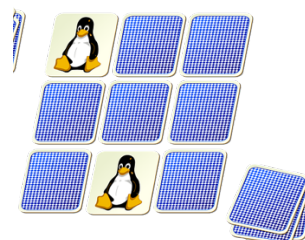
I am collaborative - I work effectively with my peers.

I am creative - I am imaginative and innovative.

Here are some activities to try at home with your children to improve their concentration!

I am focused.

- **Memory Games** - there are many different ways to play, the easiest just being with a pack of cards. Place all cards face down, turn two at a time trying to make a match.
- **Wordsearch**
- **Bingo**
- **Online Geography Games** - help your children become more familiar with the world. These online games challenge your child to identify countries on a world map, as well as recognise flags. Google <https://www.seterra.com/>



IS YOUR CHILD BEST PREPARED FOR A FULL DAY OF LEARNING?

When visiting classrooms, especially in Years 3-6, I am always concerned to see that so many of our students appear very tired.

Not getting enough sleep each night will have a negative impact on your child's ability to concentrate and learn.



It is highly recommended that school-age children have

9 to 11 hours sleep

per day

Is your child getting enough sleep?

5 TIPS TO HELP KIDS SLEEP

- Have an evening routine
- No late dinner or snacks
- Turn off all electronics at least one hour before bedtime
- Keep the room cool and dark
- Read or listen to a story

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

School Assemblies started again this week. Please remember that all parents and carers are welcome to attend as we acknowledge those students who have shown significant improvement in their learning or behaviour.

Assemblies are on again in Week 6 and 8.

3-6 Assemblies

Mondays - 2.15pm

K-2 Assemblies

Wednesdays - 12.40pm



SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY



On Tuesday, we took advantage of the sunshine by holding our annual Cross Country Carnival. All students, 8 years and over, participated in the carnival, running five laps of a modified course. We are extremely proud of the way all students participated, as well as the encouragement they showed towards other competitors.

A huge thank you to Mrs Adamson for her organisation, as well as all of the teachers and SLSO's for their support and enthusiasm on the day.

Our Cross Country Champions for 2022 were



8 and 9 years	Larine T	Kris M
10 years	Rawan D	Hassan H
11 years	Amy T	Hamza H
12 and 13 years	Angela D	Said M



Students who placed in the top six for each race should progress to the District Cross Carnival which will be held on Friday, May 27. Notes will be distributed this week.

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ELECTION DAY BBQ

This Saturday, when families, neighbours and the entire Bass Hill community visit our school to vote in the upcoming Federal election, we will be holding a fundraising BBQ.

Please come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle! All money raised will help our Year 6 students with their end of year activities including the farewell.

So, bring your family and tell your neighbours and friends. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you in advance for your support of Year 6.



Community Hub

Bass Hill Community Hub and Bass Hill Public School would jointly like to thank Community Care Kitchen, Cafe on the Boulevard and Woolworths Bass Hill for your generous donations and contributions to make our Crunch & Sip and our Coffee & Chat a success. Your ongoing support is an asset to our community and our students. We would also like to make a special mention to Sana Atarangi Karanauh, (CCK) Hussine Merundi & Vish Naikar from Bass Hill Woolworths for making it all happen.