

### PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a positive return to school in Term Three for our students and staff at Bass Hill Public School. While we have only been back at school a short while, we are already well into a number of programs that support our students' learning, health and wellbeing.

At Bass Hill Public School, we are committed to ensuring our students have access to every opportunity and as such all students have the chance to participate in the Fit Futures

sporting program at no cost to families. This program provides all students K-6 with weekly skills sessions focussed on improving fundamental movement skills. These sessions are run by a fully trained teacher and allow our students an opportunity to learn a number of key sports skills including team-work and cooperation whilst improving fitness.

Our Hip-Hop program was a huge success for our 3-6 students in semester one and we look forward to extending the program for our K-2 students in semester two. Our Hip Hop program is school funded with students participating in weekly lessons that not only build students' skills but their confidence as well!

Next week we look forward to engaging in our Education Week activities and the following week our Athletics Carnival will take place. It certainly is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting term! While it is wonderful that we are able to participate as a school in so many different activities, I would ask parents to be mindful of the increasing rate of COVID cases in the community. To support our school please keep the following in mind:

-Maintain physical distancing when visiting our school and consider wearing a mask

-Keep students at home when they have even mild symptoms and test for COVID 19

-If someone in your home has COVID 19 please let our front office know on 9644 3431 that your child is a close contact. Close contacts who attend school must take a RAT test each morning and return a negative result before attending school.

I'd like to thank our community for your ongoing support as we continue our commitment to providing a safe and welcoming school for all students and families.

### Upcoming Events

*Aug*

**1 - 5**

Education week

**Tues 2**

Book Fair

**Wed 3**

Jeans for Genes day

**Thurs 4**

Career Expo Day

**Mon 8**

Commonwealth Games

**Wed 10**

P-6 Athletics Carnival

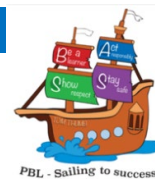
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## STUDENT WELLBEING

### PBL ASSEMBLY

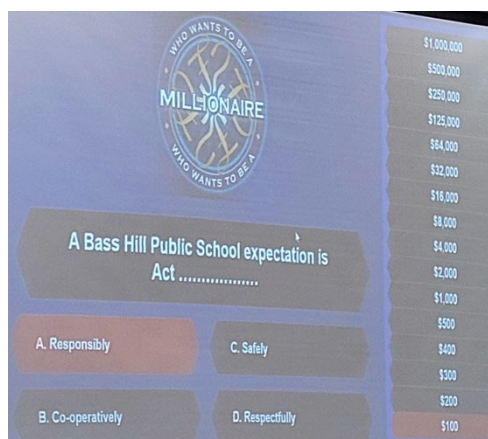


The Term 2 PBL Assembly, held in the last week before the holidays was a lot of fun.



Our school captains and vice-captains, Hamza, Lily, Omran and Ekaterini did an amazing job leading the assembly. We are so lucky to have such outstanding role models leading the way this year.

We started the assembly with a game of 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' All students had an opportunity to answer questions about things learnt in PBL throughout the term.



Our 'School Expectations' joined us again and participated in some 'Brain Break' games, firstly against our captains and vice-captains, then against some teachers.



Working collaboratively to unjumble letters and spell a word.





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Showing focus and determination  
to complete a challenging task.



The 'Expectations' also presented our PBL awards and badges to students who had consistently demonstrated the appropriate behaviours throughout Term 2.





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These students received awards from our RFF and Support teachers.

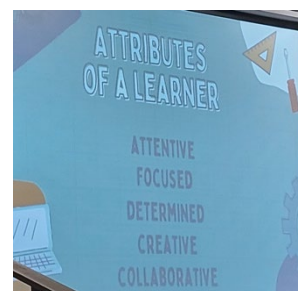
Congratulations!



Well done to the students who received their 'Crewmaster' award.

I wonder how many students will reach Admiral by the end of the year.

We watched a slideshow presentation that highlighted our students demonstrating the characteristics of a learner. They were attentive, focused, determined, creative and collaborative. Thank you, Miss Southwell, for another great presentation.



We concluded our assembly with a sing-a-long.

Students sang 'Try Harder' as our K-2 students waved streamers in our PBL colours.

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Congratulations to our PBL Badge winners for Term 2:

	<i>Be a Learner</i>	<i>Act Responsibly</i>	<i>Show Respect</i>	<i>Stay Safe</i>
Support	Amira	Gisele	Jonathan	Sohrab
KB	Raqiatou	Amir	Fawaz	Abir
KJ	Muhammad	Lea	Waleed	Lara
K/1D	Nada	Jawahir	Kian	Mecca
1M	Raca	Zein	Mariam	Mikayla
1/2P	Evelyn	Emily	Siraj	Shahed
2C	Isabella	Ali	Ihab	Justin
2Y	Mustafa	Khadar	Zeynab	Oula
3S	Hadi	Wafa	Zeinab	Farah
3/4C	Ahmed	Mohamed Amir	Ibrahim	Safiya
3/4N	Havana	Kris	Leah	Farouk
3/4G	Angelique	Avele	Aya	Isaac
4/5V	William	Sumayia	Brooklyn	Toby
5/6A	Mohomad	Nhu	Priya	Razan
5/6L	Juliana	Hamza	Ayah	Maryam
5/6O	Omran	Rawan	Sienna	Andrew

*A sincere thank you to the parents who attended the assembly. Our students are very proud when their positive behaviour is acknowledged and it is even more special when parents and carers are there to share in the moment.*

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## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Over the past two weeks at morning assembly, we have focused on '5 things to remember' during the following times:

### *When moving around the school ...*

Walk in two lines  
Face the front  
Hands to yourself  
Stay in your spot



### *When eating lunch ...*

Stay with your class  
Everybody sitting down  
Hold all equipment  
Put rubbish in the bin  
Wait to be dismissed

## New Class Award

This term, we have introduced a new award which will be given out by all teachers, including class, RFF and support teachers, as well as the school executive.

The 'Class Award' allows us to celebrate achievement, effort and improvement every day. At Bass Hill Public School, we set high expectations for learning in every classroom and we want to regularly acknowledge those students who are striving to achieve them.

When students receive an award, they remove the small section at the bottom and place it in their class box for the end of term draw. Students then bring the award home to share with you. Please take the time to praise your child and talk to them about why they received the award.



## Assemblies

Assemblies will continue to be held on the even weeks during Term 3 - Weeks, 2, 4, 6 and 8.

The 3-6 Assembly is on Mondays at 2.10pm.

The K-2 Assembly has moved to Thursdays at 12.50pm

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## WELLBEING

This term, our Wellbeing lessons will focus on Social Emotional Learning. To begin, students will learn to identify and discuss different emotions. Later on, they will learn strategies to help them cope when those emotions become more intense.

Students will be working in mixed groups for these lessons, helping them to build positive relationships with students from other classes. The lessons will be led by our Year 6 students, giving them an opportunity to further develop their leadership skills.

Last week, Mrs Gray, Miss Southwell and Miss Habib worked with the Year 6 students to determine and discuss the qualities and skills they thought a good leader should possess. Confidence, positivity, communication, organisation, knowledge, collaboration and empathy were high on most student's lists.



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Students also had to work together to form shapes or letters.

This allowed us to see which students were good communicators, good organisers and good collaborators!



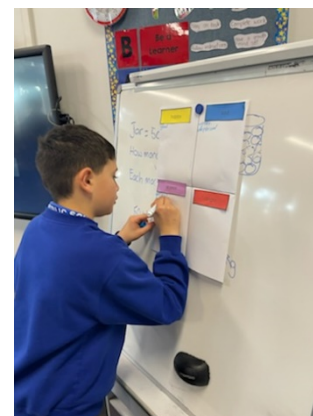
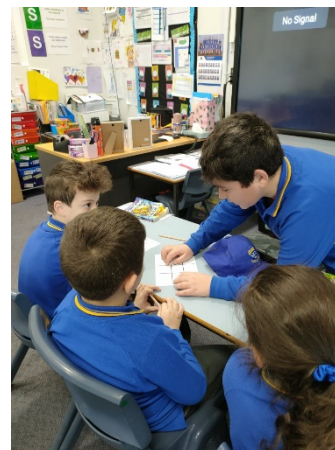
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## Congratulations Year 6!

This week, on Tuesday afternoon, we held our first Wellbeing session. All teachers were very impressed by the way Year 6 led their groups and also by the participation of all students.



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## ATTENDANCE



## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**Check the time your school starts.  
DON'T BE LATE!**



In our first week back at school, we had **over 120 late arrivals**. Being late to school, even just by ten minutes can have an effect on your child's entire day.

When children are late, they miss ....

- opportunities to socialise and play with friends before the bell
- important messages about the day and future events at morning assembly
- morning routines in their classroom that welcome and prepare them for the school day
- important instructions for the first lesson

When children arrive late, they often enter their classroom when everyone is settled and already working. It can be disruptive for the class and unsettling for your child.

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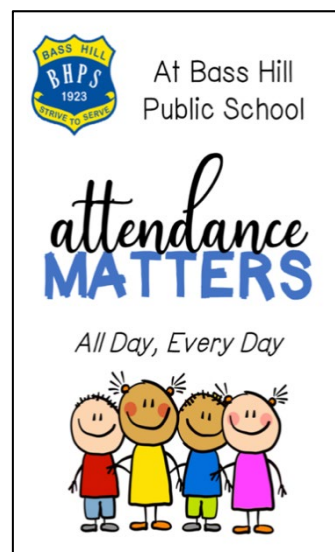
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Please make an effort to have your child arrive on time every day.



Parents and carers must provide an explanation for every whole day and partial absence. You can provide an explanation by ...

- sending a letter or doctor's certificate
- responding to our text message
- messaging the teacher through Class Dojo
- returning any attendance note that is sent home.



## ANNUAL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION Years 1 - 6

Last week, an information pack was sent home with all students. The students will prepare their speeches at home and will be presenting their speeches in class in weeks 4 and 5. School Finals will be held in weeks 6 and 7.

## YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

All Year 1 students in NSW department schools will be required to complete the mandatory Year 1 Phonics Screening Check from 2021. Schools complete the assessment mid Term 3. The 2022 assessment window is 8 - 26 August (Term 3, Weeks 4 - 6)

### What is phonics?

Phonics is the relationship between letters and sounds and is vital in learning to read. Some children struggle with learning to read so it is important that these children are identified quickly so teachers can plan for any specific support they may need.

### What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short, quick assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics. Your child will sit with the class teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. These words include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The test normally takes a few minutes. If your child is struggling the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

### Why use nonsense words?

The assessment includes pseudo or nonsense words to see if the student is able to use their knowledge of blending to read a word rather than their memory of having seen that word before.

More information

If you have any further questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.

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## EDUCATION WEEK - AUGUST 1-8

Please ensure that you read about all of the events happening next week during Education Week. It would be great to see all of our students participating in every event!



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Week 3	Monday 1/8/22	OPEN DAY 	Parents welcome from 11.40am. Wear your class country colours.
	Tuesday 2/8/22	Book Fair 	Bring money to buy books or stationery.
	Wednesday 3/8/22	Jeans for Genes Day 	Wear jeans and bring a gold coin donation.
	Thursday 4/8/22	Career Expo Day 	Dress up as what you want to be when you are older for our parade!  Pizza orders available for lunch.  First Nations Cultural Event Smoking Ceremony
	Friday 5/8/22	Normal Sports Day 	Wear your sports uniform.
Week 4	Monday 8/8/22 	OPEN DAY BHPS Commonwealth Games 	Parents welcome from 11.40am. Wear your class country colours.



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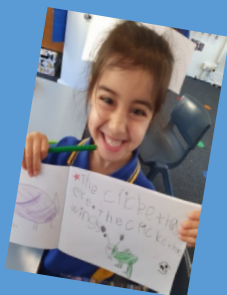
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*Creating confident, active,  
lifelong learners who  
engage in meaningful  
learning in a safe,  
supportive, respectful and  
inclusive environment*



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