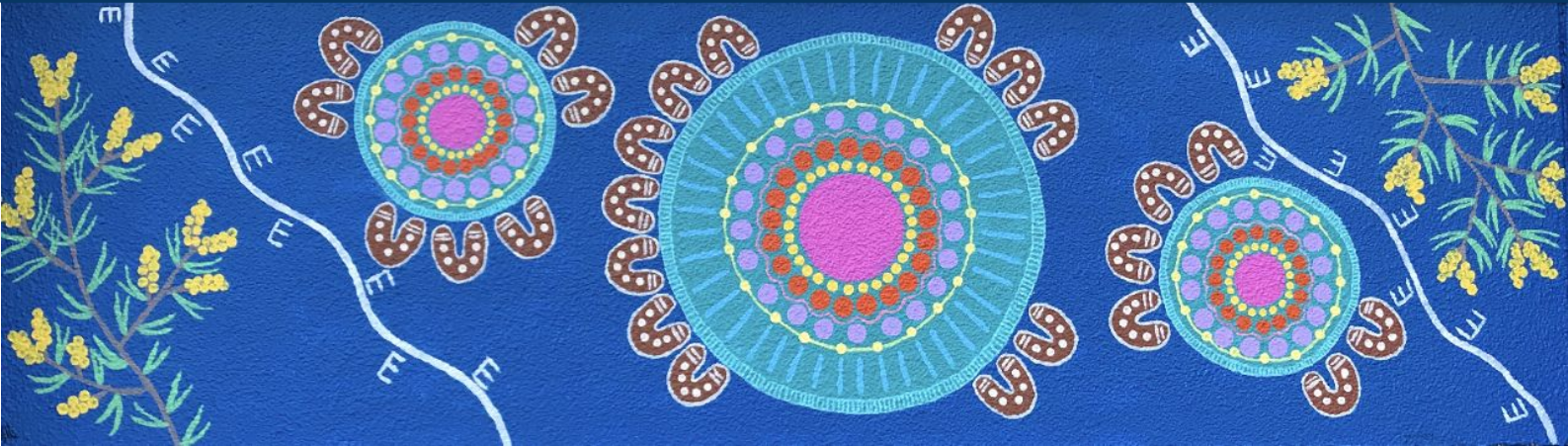




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We at Bass Hill Public School acknowledge the Dharug People as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, connect, learn and grow on today.

Together we live, discover and respect the connections to land, water, skies and community. We commit ourselves to nourish and empower future aspirations of all who meet here today with a mutual respect fostering authentic relationships between all, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and non-Indigenous Australians.





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From The Principal, Mrs Jahshan

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you to the 2024 School Year. Our students commenced the new year in their 2024 classes and have enjoyed a start to the year focussed on learning and forming relationships with new teachers and classmates. As I have moved around our school it has been wonderful to see all students enthusiastic and engaged at school, from our youngest students in Preschool through to our Year 6 students in their final year of Primary School.



As we move into 2024, let's collectively focus on improving student attendance.

Every day matters for your child's learning. In recent years we've seen too many students miss a day of school here and there. Missing school for students means missing time with friends, an important maths lesson or getting picked for a sports team. With days missed, years are lost.

Students are required to attend school every day, whether it's the first or last day of the term, Mondays, Fridays or days dedicated to sports carnivals, school excursions and incursions.

Help us make sure your child is achieving their best and stays ahead in their learning with regular school attendance. The more time your child attends school, the greater their opportunity to learn, make new friends and improve their wellbeing.

If your child is absent from school, please let us know why as soon as possible, even if it's just a few minutes at the start or end of the school day. Of course, there will be times when your child is unable to be at school (like when they are unwell). Medical appointments should take place outside school hours where possible and family holidays should be taken in term breaks.

If your child is feeling anxious about coming to school and you need support, please reach out to me directly. Our staff are here to work with you and your child to help them attend school each and every day. There are also helpful resources for parents and carers on the [Every Day Matters website](#).



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From The Principal, Mrs Jahshan

Thank you again for working with our teachers and support staff to make sure your child is at school, on time, every day.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

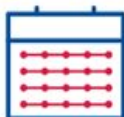
and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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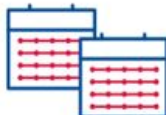
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

education.nsw.gov.au

School Drop Off and Pick Up at Bass Hill PS

A reminder that our school gates open to students at 8:30am. Students should arrive at school between 8:30am and 9:00am when classes commence. Please remember that teachers are not on duty to supervise students before 8:30am.

The school day at Bass Hill PS finishes at 3:00pm. Please ensure that you arrive at the school on time to collect your child/ren.

We ask parents and carers to drive safely near and around our school. It is important for student safety that drivers adhere to the road rules. Please park only in legal parking spaces and do not park across driveways.



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From The Principal, Mrs Jahshan

Playground Upgrade

In 2024 our school will undergo a significant playground upgrade. Our Softfall area will be replaced with new play equipment for our students. This improved outdoor learning environment will allow our students a safer, modern and exciting environment in which they can play and grow. We anticipate that construction will start in Term Two.

School Uniform

A big thank you to our P&C for ensuring that our students look amazing in their school uniforms. Thank you to our parents for making sure that our students wear full school uniform Monday-Friday. Please continue to encourage students to take pride in our amazing school and wear their uniform including their school hat proudly every day.



Boys

Grey school shorts
Blue school polo
Grey socks
Black shoes
School hat

Girls

Blue skort
Blue school polo
White socks
Black shoes
School hat



The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Orders can also be placed at the school office.

Please feel free to reach out should you require support purchasing uniforms. We are happy to talk to our families as we want all of our students to dress in the correct attire at school.



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School Staff 2024

Executive Team

Principal	Mrs Amiee Jahshan
Assistant Principal Engagement	Mrs Leanne Gray
Assistant Principals Curriculum & Instruction	Mrs Diana Mansour, Mrs Narelle Akkawy
Assistant Principals	Mrs Joanne Jurgeit - Preschool Mrs Jacqueline Zreik - Support Unit Ms Mariam Charmand - Kindergarten to Year 2 Miss Samantha Gonnet - Year 3 to Year 6

Classes

Preschool	Mrs Joanne Jurgeit, Mrs Hayley Cook (W)
KS	Ms Katie Southwell (M-Th), Mrs Kristen O'Neill (F)
KT	Miss Nina Trieu
K/1Y	Mrs Yasmin Coghlan
1C	Mr Peter Chehade
1M	Mr Andrew McMahon
1/2T	Mrs Sophie Thomson (M-W), Mrs Alicia Stayte (Th-F)
2D	Miss Elise D'Abrera
2J	Mrs Deborah Jones



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3A	Mrs Sherry Abbas
3/4D	Miss Skye De Gouveia
4R	Miss Fatema Reslan
4S	Ms Angela Simiri, Mrs Amar Adhami (every 2nd Friday)
5/6E	Mrs Nadine El-Jamalaoui
5/6N	Mr Ahmad Nashabe
5/6R	Mrs Donna Reberger
5/6S	Mrs Hesiba Semawy

Support Unit

K-6K	Mr Peter Karakatsanidis
K-6M	Mrs Sally Karanasios (M-T), Mrs Chloe McGeogh (W-F)
K-6Z	Mrs Jacqueline Zreik, Mrs Sally Karanasios (F)

Support Staff

RFF Teachers	Mrs Elizabeth Atasever, Mrs Alicia Stayte, Mrs Amar Adhami, Mrs Sarah Elkordi
Learning and Support	Mrs Josephine Lombardo, Ms Kate Western
EAL/D	Mrs Kateryna Maloney, Mrs Patricia Moses, Mrs Laura De Nobrega
Community Language	Mr Wassek Obeid
School Counsellor	Mrs Heather Smith



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Administrative Staff

School Administration Manager

Mrs Carolyn Cuddy

School Administration Officers

Mrs Nuccia Raco, Mrs Emma Ugur, Mrs Monique Terry

School Learning Support Officers

Mrs June Baldwin
Mrs Samar El Nabousi
Mrs Sandra El Nashar
Mrs Afrah Haddad
Mrs Rawaa Hussein
Mr Aidan Manowski
Miss Isabella Mansour
Mrs Patricia May
Mrs Feda Najjarine
Mrs Cindy Nakalevu Eldick
Mr Finn Neilsen

Community Hub

Mrs Mecca Laalaa, Mrs Sandra El Nashar

General Assistant

Mr John Govey



All students and their families are invited to 'Meet the Teacher' on Wednesday 21 February between 3:30pm and 4:30pm.

Free sausage sizzle for everyone!

We hope to see you there.



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From the Assistant Principal Engagement, Mrs Gray

Specialised Programs

Our school is very fortunate to partner with some outstanding providers who facilitate excellent opportunities for our students. The programs they provide aim to build student's confidence and self-esteem, whilst enhancing their engagement with the curriculum, especially in PDHPE and Creative Arts.

This year, students may experience

Hip-Hop Lessons

For many years, students have participated in hip-hop lessons with specialist teacher, Mr Hernan. The learning always culminates in end of semester concerts which the entire school community enjoy. Which class will win the trophy this year?



Songroom

Our partnership with Songroom gives our students an opportunity to work with specialist music teachers. Last year's concerts with Mr Watego featured students playing drums, and keyboards, whilst others sang.

This term, we welcome Mr Marin, a new teaching artist who also specialises in music.

RESPECT

For the 8th year, Craig Taunton and the team from Outloud will work with a group of Stage 3 boys to write, perform and record their own original song about respectful relationships. Congratulations to all of the boys who are part of the program this year.

outloud



Fit Futures

Physical education lessons are provided to students, developing their movement, ball and game skills. Enthusiastic participation in order to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle is promoted in all programs.



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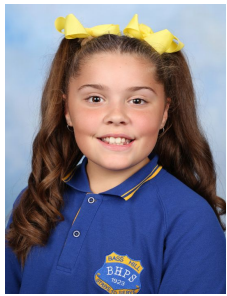
From the Assistant Principal Engagement, Mrs Gray

Student Leadership Team 2024

What a great start to the year for our Leadership team. They hosted last week's first K-2 Assembly and Ms Charmand was very pleased with their efforts. We look forward to seeing them lead our first 3-6 Assembly this week.

School Captains

Sophia & Karim



School Prefects

Aya, Ali, Brigham & Ahmed



Bankstown Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Bass Hill at the upcoming Bankstown Zone swimming carnival Nada, Nicole, Logan, Zak, Aleeza, Abu Bakr, Tamer, Muhannad, Rama, Ameenah, Teigi, Zak, Havana, Jaafar, Sydrah, Khadija, Aya, Ali, Lujane, Madina and Paris.

PSSA Sport

Students in Years 3-6 are currently trying out for summer PSSA teams. If selected, students will play games against other schools in Terms 1 and 4. Summer sports include Boys and Girls Basketball, T-Ball, Softball and Touch Football.



If you would like to know more about Bankstown Zone PSSA, please visit the website

[Schools – Bankstown Zone PSSA \(primarysport.com.au\)](http://primarysport.com.au)



What's going on at BHPS?

Term 1 Week 4

ON THE CALENDAR

4	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23
			SONGROOM commences - Stage 2 3-6 ASSEMBLY 2:10pm MEET THE TEACHER BBQ	RESPECT program commences	PSSA TRYOUTS 3-6 students
	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Feb 29	Mar 1
		Scripture classes begin today	K-2 ASSEMBLY 2:10pm Bankstown Zone Swimming Carnival	GRIP Leadership Day for Captains and Prefects	Clean Up Australia Day
	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8
6			3-6 ASSEMBLY 2:10pm SRC Years 3-6 announced High School in 2025 Enrolments open today	P & C Meeting All parents and carers welcome	PSSA - Round 1
	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15
			NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN
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Upcoming Events

March 13 - 25 - NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5

March 20 - School Photo Day

March 21 - Harmony Day

April 2 - 5 - Parent/Teacher Interviews



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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY - MARCH 1



CLEAN UP BASS HILL PS DAY!

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP
OUR SCHOOL BEAUTIFUL.
FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024.

CLEAN UP
AUSTRALIA DAY

GLOVES WILL BE
PROVIDED.



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From the Assistant Principals, Curriculum & Instruction, Mrs Akkawy & Mrs Mansour

One of the most important gifts we can give our children is to help them learn to read and write so that they can succeed in school and beyond. Confident, active readers are able to use their reading skills to follow their passions and curiosity about the world. We all read for a purpose: to be entertained, to take a journey of the imagination, to connect with others, to figure out how to do something, and to learn about history, science, the arts, and everything else.

Learning to read is complex. Children don't learn one reading-related skill and then move on to the next in a step-by-step process. Instead, they are learning to do many things at the same time: decoding, reading with comfortable fluency, absorbing new vocabulary, understanding what the text says, and discovering that reading is pleasurable and builds knowledge about the world.

In the coming newsletters we will be sharing reading and writing for children K-6. We hope these guides give you a better understanding of what it takes to learn to read (and write) and how you can help your children grow as readers, writers, and learners!

We will begin with the newest members to Bass Hill Public School, our kindergarten students.

Below is an overview of the reading and writing skills that are typical for 5-year-olds. Remember that children develop at different rates, so don't be worried if your child isn't doing some of these things yet. If you do have concerns, talk to your child's teacher.

Reading

- Understands left-to-right and top-to-bottom orientation for books and print.
- Recognises and can name all uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Enjoys being read to and can retell simple stories or what they learned in informational texts.
- Uses descriptive language to explain and explore.
- Recognises letters and letter sounds.
- Begins to match spoken words with written ones.





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- Identifies and uses rhyming words.
- Can recognise beginning sounds and sometimes middle and end sounds in simple words.
- Recognises some taught “sight words,” e.g. *a, the, I, my, you, is, are*.
- Correctly answers questions about stories read aloud.
- Makes predictions based on illustrations in stories.

Writing

Independently writes many uppercase and lowercase letters.

Writes own name (first and last).

Begins to write some words they use and hear often.

Uses invented spelling — children at this age are translating the sounds of spoken words into writing.



Tech Deck

Students in Years 1-6 made a visit to the tech deck last week for a story and literacy activity with Ms Western. **Please ensure your child/ren bring a library bag each week** so that they can borrow books to enjoy with you at home. Kindergarten will visit in a few weeks.





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PRESCHOOL

Welcome to our new preschool classes. Children have been participating in experiences to become familiar with each other, their educators and the preschool environment. This helps to develop a sense of belonging to their preschool class, which is one of the three themes of the Early Years Learning Framework.





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PRESCHOOL



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SUPPORT UNIT



Welcome back to all our students.



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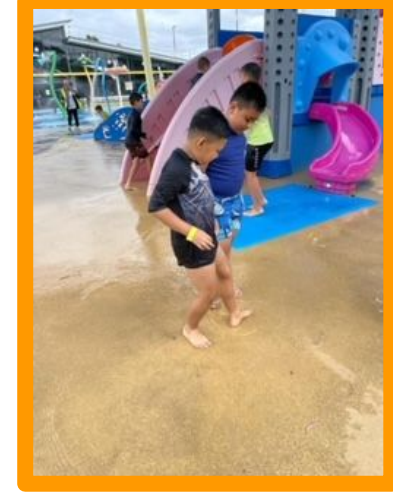




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SUPPORT UNIT



Mr Karakatsanidis, Ms Samar and Ms Cindy took our primary students to the swimming carnival. Lots of fun was had in the water, splash park and pool.



What's going on at BHPS?

Term 1 Week 4

K-2

KT

What a great start everyone in Kindergarten has made to school. We are amazed by students' enthusiasm and adjustment to school routines. It's been wonderful to begin the day with smiling faces that are happy to be at school!



Our friends in KT have been busy building new friendships and working on important skills such as sharing and turn taking through play-based learning.





What's going on at BHPS?

Term 1 Week 4

K-2

KS

This fortnight, we welcomed our new kindy students! Students came with big smiles and a great eagerness to be part of big school!



Kindy have been busy learning all there is to being a student at Bass Hill Public School, as they learn how to line up in two lines and even attending their first ever assembly!





What's going on at BHPS?

Term 1 Week 4

K-2

K/1C

In K/1C we have been focusing on getting to know each other and building relationships. Students have been learning about school routines and what it means to 'Be a Learner'. K/1C also created some fabulous self portraits.





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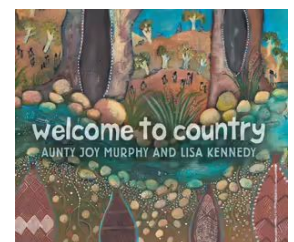
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1C, 1M & 1/2T

Introducing **1/2 Terrific!** We have had a great start to the year enjoying lots of getting to know you activities and jumping into our learning.



After reading 'Welcome To Country' by Auntie Joy Murphy - 1C & 1M made their own 'Welcome to 1M & 1C' posters.





What's going on at BHPS?

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K-2

2D

Students in 2D showing their fantastic 5 L's and our wonderful class web on the first day of year 2!



In Art, students have been creating self portraits using oil pastels. 2D also had an amazing time visiting the library this week and practising their legendary lines!





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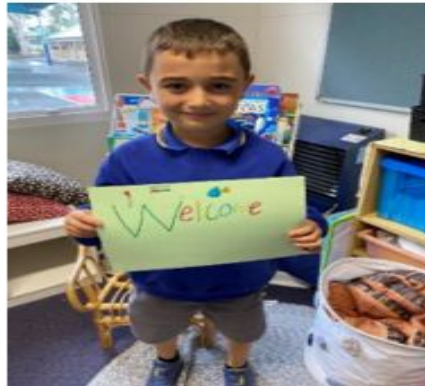
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2J Welcomes You

2J have settled in well to their new classroom and are learning to move between the top part of the school and Softfall during the breaks. The students have been practising making legendary lines and wonderful walking. 2J are making new friends and learning to follow the school expectations. Keep doing your best 2J.



This week we read the book 'Welcome To Country' and talked about welcoming others. 2J would like everyone to feel welcome in our classroom.





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3-6

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all Stage 2 and 3 students! We're very excited to be back for another year of growth, exciting learning opportunities, events, and extracurricular programs.

It's been a positive start to the Term as our students embrace new learning experiences, adjust to routines, and get to know their new classmates. Meanwhile, PSSA tryouts have kicked off, and we're eagerly anticipating round 1 of the summer season!

This term brings some exciting opportunities for our students. Stage 2 students will be participating in the Song Room Program with Mr. Marin, while Stage 3 students will be diving into the Hip Hop Program with Mr. Hernan. We can't wait for our end-of-semester concerts where they'll proudly showcase their performances!



PSSA Tryouts





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English in 4R



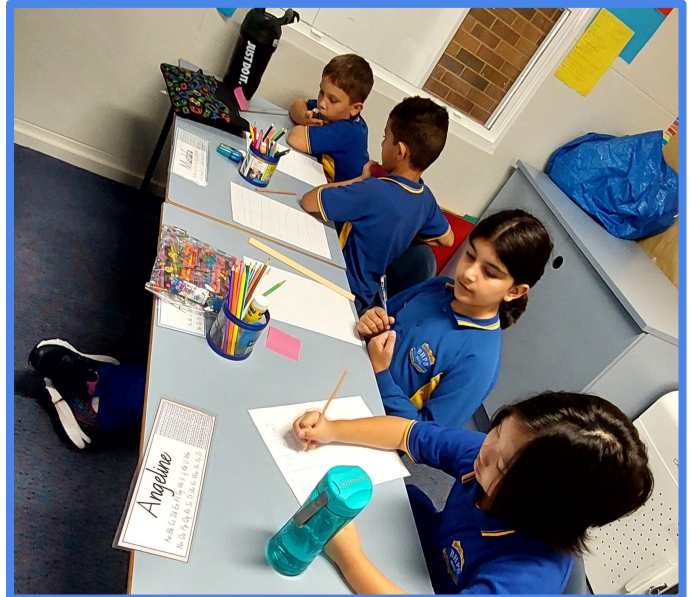
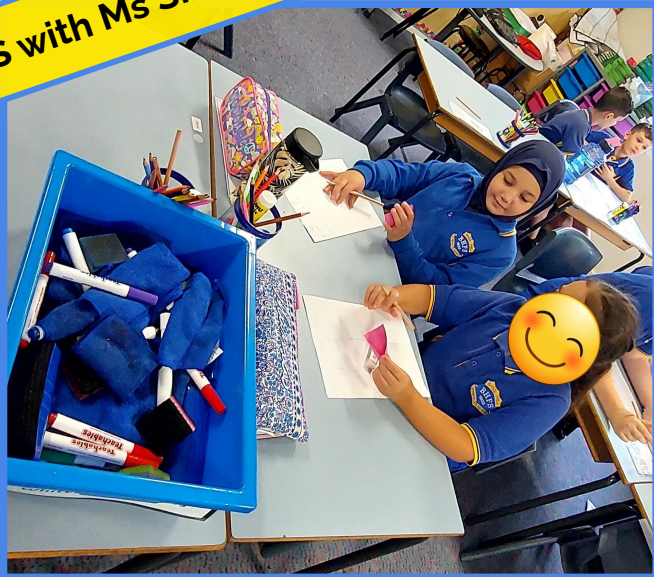


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4S with Ms Simiri

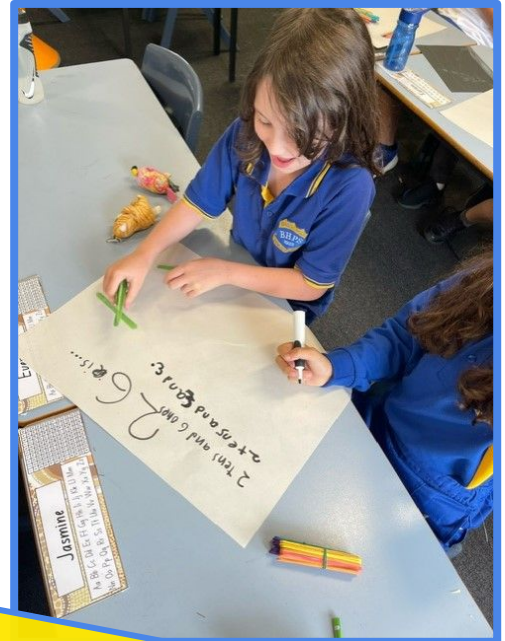




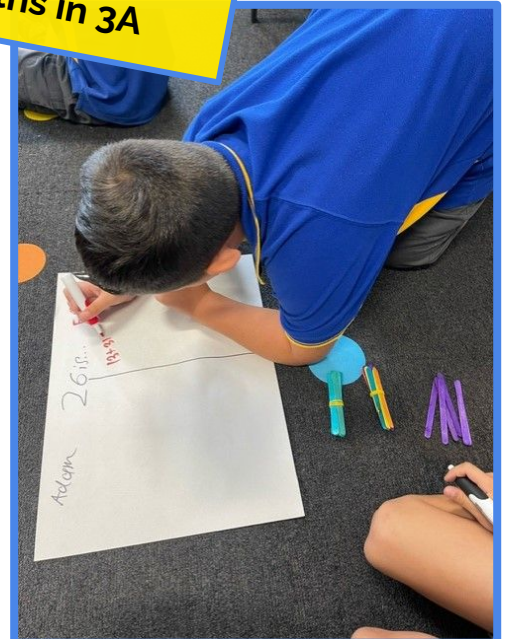
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Maths in 3A





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Art in 5/6S

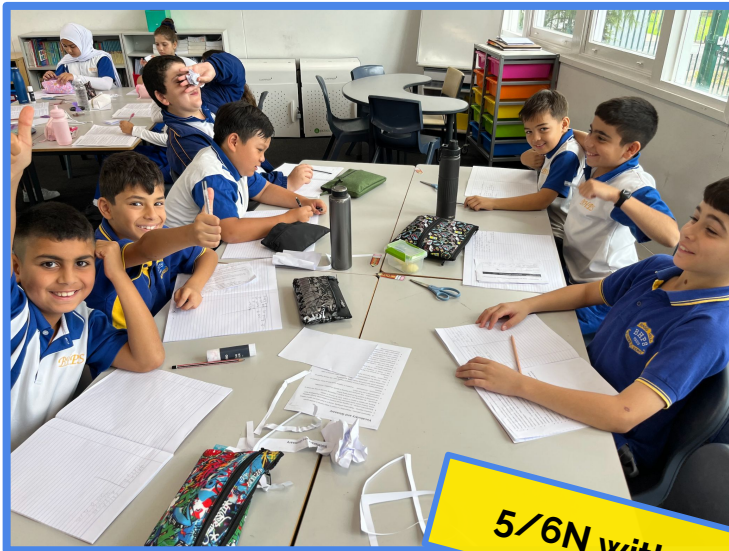




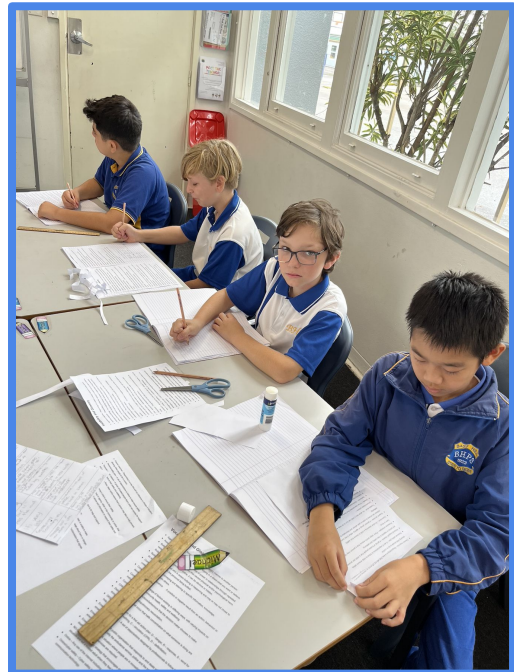
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5/6N with Mr Nashabe





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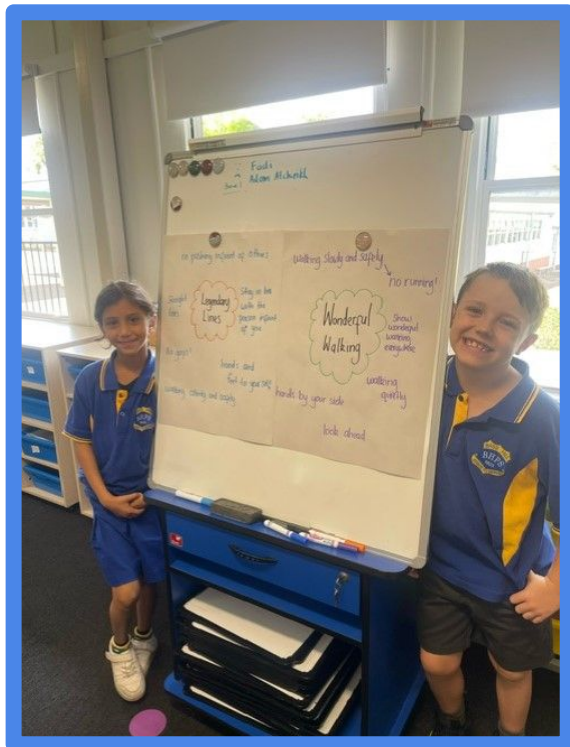
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THE BASS WAY

Tremendous Transitions

Wonderful Walking

Legendary Lines



As a school, we are striving towards achieving these three key goals.

Both Stage 2 and 3 students have been practicing these routines and engaging in discussions to understand what they involve.

← Here's how 3A describe Legendary Lines and Wonderful Walking at BHPS.



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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

In Week 2, Bass Hill Public School held our annual school swimming carnival at Birrong Leisure Centre.

It was fantastic to see so many students taking part in races and trying their best. We also had many students enjoying the spray park throughout the day. A big thank you to all the students who attended for representing our school in a positive way and following our school expectations.

Thank you to all teachers who attended and helped run the day. We appreciate all your hard work in making sure everything ran according to plan.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the carnival to watch their children. It was fantastic to see you all there.

The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on the 28th of February at Birrong Leisure centre. Students who have been chosen to represent our school will be informed and receive their notes next week.





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SWIMMING CARNIVAL



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