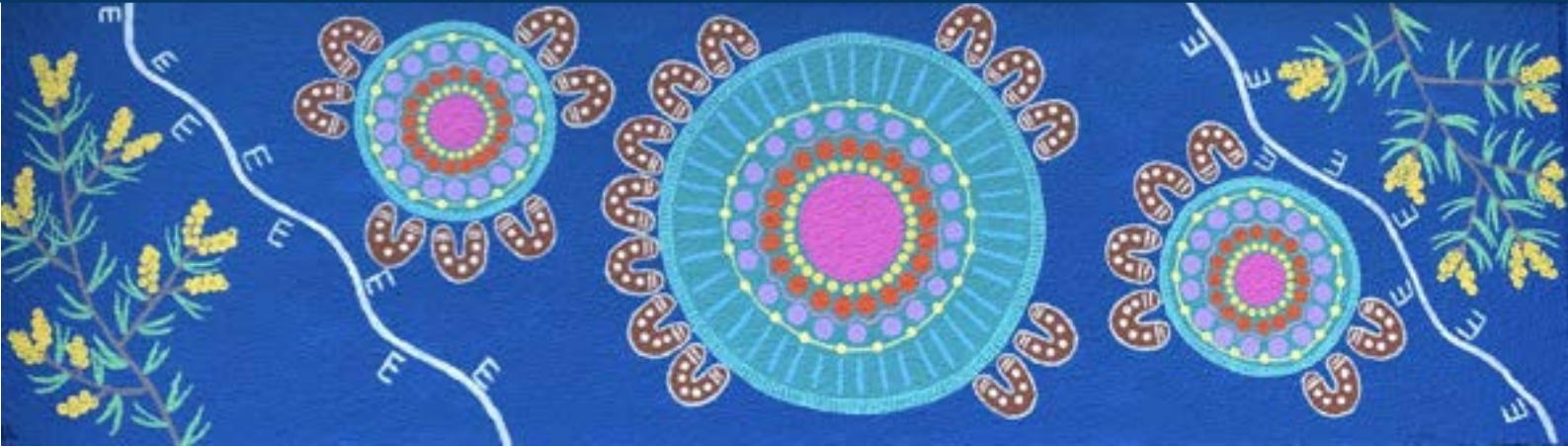




# Bass Hill Public School

Term 1 Week 8



*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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## Principal's Message - Mrs Jahshan



It has been a busy time at Bass Hill PS with a number of activities taking place as we move through Term One at a rapid pace. In Term One, our students have engaged in a number of sporting and other opportunities. I was very proud of our student's behaviour and performance at the Bankstown Zone Swimming Carnival. Our student leadership team then went on to spend a day at the GRIP Leadership Conference. Clean Up Australia Day was a success, with all students demonstrating pride in their school environment.

Our Stage Three students engaged in an Anti-Bullying Talk and our PSSA teams had a chance to compete on Friday, March 8. Our teachers have been very busy engaging in professional learning to ensure high quality curriculum delivery and well managed classroom environments where learning time is maximised. I am very proud of all that our staff and students have achieved in Term One.

### **Bass Hill Public School Staffing Update:**

Congratulations to Miss Mariam Charmand who has been appointed as an Assistant Principal to Bass Hill Public School. Miss Charmand has relieved as an Assistant Principal at our school for an extended period of time and we are excited that she has been permanently appointed to this position. We look forward to Miss Charmand's ongoing support of students at our school as we seek to continually improve curriculum delivery and wellbeing outcomes school wide. I have no doubt that our school community will extend a warm welcome to Miss Charmand.

Mr Chegade will take leave from Monday March 18. Ms Kate Western will take on the role of class teacher to 1C in Mr Chegade's absence. Ms Western has done a wonderful job breathing new life into our Tech Deck and ensuring that all students have had an opportunity to engage with quality literature in Term One 2024.

At the close of 2023, Miss Beatrice Pham was appointed to a new position as a result of a merit selection process. Thank you to Mr Karakatsanidis, who has done a wonderful job supporting our students in Term 1. A process to appoint a new permanent teacher to this position is underway with a view to a Term Two commencement.



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## Principal's Message - Mrs Jahshan



### **A Great Place to Be!**

Bass Hill Public School is one of only 100 schools in NSW to have a Department of Education (DoE) Preschool on site. We are incredibly lucky to have this wonderful asset in our school led by Relieving Assistant Principal Mrs Joanne Jurgeit.

Mrs Jurgeit does an incredible job, ensuring that our Preschool is compliant with legislation whilst providing an outstanding experience for the youngest people at Bass Hill PS.

Mrs Jurgeit regularly works with DoE Preschool Officers as she endeavours to provide an outstanding service to our students, families and the Bass Hill Community.

With the dedication and commitment of Miss Patricia May and some help from Miss Afrah Haddad, our Preschool team are to be congratulated on enriching the lives of our Preschool students. I know that our Preschool graduates of 2023 have experienced a very successful start to Kindergarten in 2024!

Thank you to our Preschool staff and students for having me in the Preschool for regular visits. I especially enjoy a chance to chat with our Preschool students about the events in their day and what is important to them. I have to say, a preferred topic of conversation is – 'What is in our lunch boxes today?' and a lot of our conversations focussed on what great dancers we are.

Thank you to our wonderful Preschool families for allowing us to spend our days with your very important little people. I know that every day at Bass Hill Preschool prepares our students to be engaged and active students and citizens in the future!

### **NAPLAN 2024:**

A very big thank you to Mrs Akkawy for running a smooth NAPLAN process for our Year 3 and Year 5 students in 2024. I would like to commend our students for their efforts and outstanding behaviour as they have participated in the assessments thus far. Thank you to all staff for your commitment to ensuring that our students are provided with the best possible preparation and conditions for completion of the assessments.



# Bass Hill Public School

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From the Assistant Principal Engagement, Mrs Gray

## **Parent Engagement**

Parent engagement is known to lead to improved outcomes for students of all ages. Parents play an essential role as the first educators of children, and ongoing, active engagement of parents and families with the school has a major impact on a child's success. It is closely linked with improved behaviour, higher academic achievement and enhanced social skills.

## **How can we increase parent engagement at Bass Hill?**

### **Build meaningful relationships between families, teachers and support staff**

Our 'Meet the Teacher' BBQ was a great start, but our teachers are always more than willing to meet with you. Touch base after school informally or arrange an appointment through the office for a more formal discussion.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

These will be held next week and are an excellent opportunity for you to share information on your child's strengths and weaknesses, the type of support they have at home and anything that may impact their behaviour at school. Information like this can really help the teacher to meet your child's needs.

### **Home Learning Environment**

Create a space at home where your child can share and practice what they have learnt at school. Encourage your child to talk about their school day.

### **News**

Read our newsletter and school dojo to learn about all the latest school events. Class dojo will allow you to see what is happening in your child's classroom.

### **Celebrate success**

Join fortnightly assemblies where we acknowledge and celebrate student achievement and improvement. Wednesday afternoons, 2.10pm. K-2 on odd weeks, 3-6 on even weeks.

### **Attend events**

Attend sporting and special events. In Week 9, we have the Easter Hat Parade, in Week 10, Harmony Day celebrations and PSSA sport, and in Week 11, our ANZAC Day service. All families are welcome to attend and your children will be so happy to see you at school. We also have regular events in the Community Hub.

### **Contribute**

Come along to a Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) meeting. Find out what's happening at school and maybe get involved - help with our upcoming Mother's Day stall or School Disco. The next meeting is on Thursday 11 April.





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From the Staff of Bass Hill Public School



*To all of our Muslim students and their families,  
We wish you all the blessings of the holy month.  
May this Ramadan bring you joy, health and prosperity.*



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

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 strategies 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!

In this newsletter you'll get an overview of the reading and skills that are typical for students in year 2 and a few ideas to support your child at home. 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, please talk to your child's teacher.

Second graders are becoming independent, active readers who ask questions and think about what they're reading! Here are some of the things a student in grade two can do:

- Notice when a text doesn't make sense, and begins to use strategies such as rereading, predicting, and questioning to understand it.
- Interpret information from diagrams, charts, and graphs.
- Recall facts and details of texts.
- Pose possible answers to how, why, and what-if questions.
- Discuss similarities in characters and events across stories.
- Read and comprehend both fiction and nonfiction.
- Read independently for entertainment and to learn something new.
- Act out a story.





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**Here are some basic things you can do to boost your child's comprehension skills:**

- Try to read at home together every day
- Although your second grader may be reading independently, it's still a good idea to build in some read aloud time. You will continue to introduce your child to more sophisticated vocabulary and stories, including chapter books. Reading aloud is one of the best ways to help children learn about the world and make connections between their own lives and what's in the book — and that helps children see the world with empathy. And last but not least, it's a chance to spend one-on-one time with your child and share the experience of reading and discovery together.
- Keep it fun
- Remember that reading together should spark curiosity, joy, and a desire to explore and learn. Conversations about books should be enjoyable, and not a set of quizzes and questions. As you try some of the activities listed below, remember to keep it light and lively for your child.
- Storytelling and audiobooks count, too
- Sharing family stories out loud and listening to audiobooks are wonderful ways to expose your child to language, how stories are built, and knowledge about the world.



Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held next week, Monday 25 March to Thursday 28 March.

To check teacher availability and book an interview time, follow the instructions on the information sheet that was sent home earlier this week.

Alternately, message the teacher through class dojo or call the office to get an interview time.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about your child's learning.



# What's going on at BHPs?

Term 1 Week 8

## PRECHOOL



In the Preschool students have been enjoying sand and water play.

Through participating in these experiences, students are working on their:

- Sensory development
- Hand eye coordination and fine motor skills
- Creativity and imagination
- Social and language skills.







# What's going on at BHPs?

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## PRESCHOOL



Home corner, marble runs, small world play, construction and parachute games all work on strengthening teamwork, sharing, turn taking, negotiation and verbal communication skills





# What's going on at BHPs?

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## SUPPORT UNIT



In the Support Unit students have been exploring new ways they can play in different areas in our school.





# What's going on at BHPs?

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## SUPPORT UNIT



The trampoline is a favourite place students like to go to play during break times.



# What's going on at BHPs?

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## SUPPORT UNIT



On Tuesday afternoons students participate in Art groups. This is where students move into various groups to be creative with their peers and also mix with different children within the Support Unit.



# What's going on at BHPs?

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## SUPPORT UNIT

Clean Up Bass Hill Day!





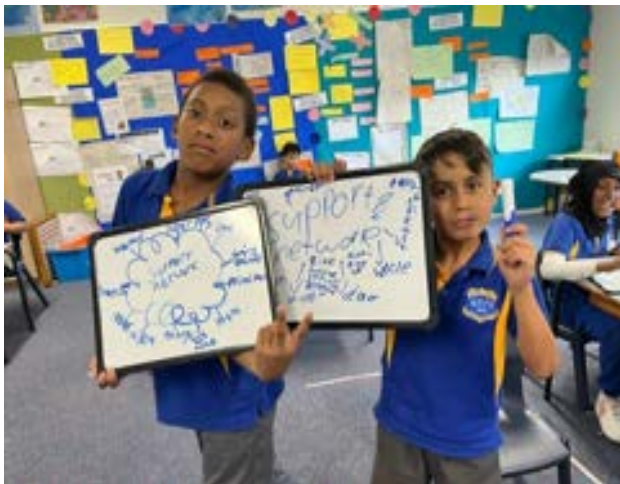
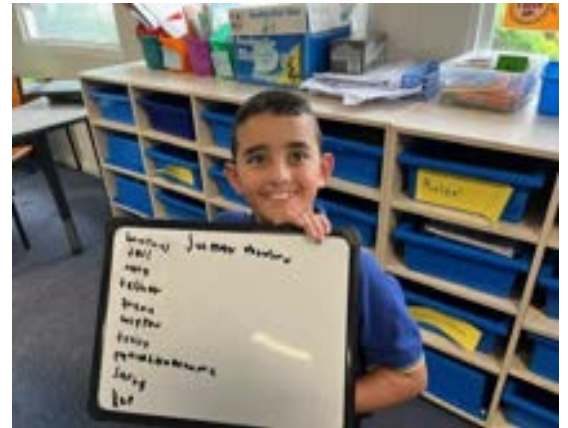
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3-6

## Learning in 4R

In PDHPE, students are learning how to keep themselves and others safe. In this lesson, 4R identified safe adults as part of their support networks.





# What's going on at BHPs?

Term 1 Week 8

3-6

## Learning in 4S





# What's going on at BHPs?

Term 1 Week 8

## STAGE 3 POLICE TALK

In Week 5, Senior Constable Danni from Bankstown Local Area Command visited our school to talk to Stage 3 students about bullying.



### This is what they learnt .....

There are four types of bullying - cyber, physical, verbal and social.  
Hamza.

Physical bullying includes punching, kicking and slapping.  
Sahar.

Verbal bullying includes teasing and talking behind people's back.

A 'bully' is usually a sad or angry person who just wants to make other people feel bad.  
Ibrahim

If you are being bullied, tell a trusted adult.  
Zainab.

Cyber bullying happens online.  
Abu Bakr.

Bullying is repeated behaviour.  
Jaafar.

Call Kids Helpline.  
Rukayah.

Ask your mum or dad for help.  
Khadija.

Social bullying is when you leave people out of your game or conversations.

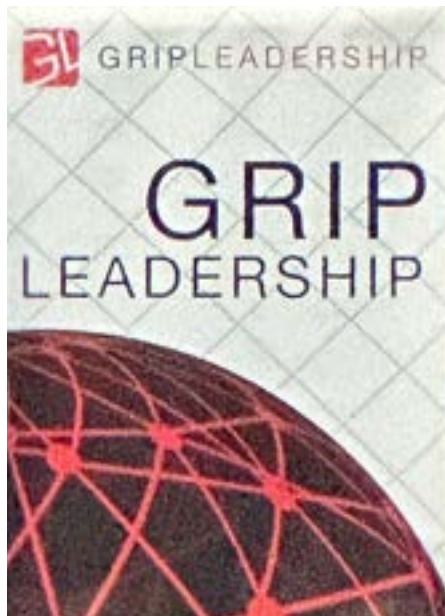




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## GRIP LEADERSHIP



The Year 6 Leadership Team were invited to participate in the Grip Student Leadership Conference. At this event, Year 6 students joined other students from schools throughout NSW and the ACT to participate in a range of leadership learning experiences. The conference included interactive activities, discussions, leadership games and entertainment. The experiences gained during the day helped to build confidence in our students and enabled them to be better student leaders. Thank you for your participation Sophia, Karim, Aya, Brigham and Ahmed.





# What's going on at BHPS?

Term 1 Week 8

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



On Friday 1st March, students from Preschool to Year 6 helped make Bass Hill Public School clean and beautiful. They picked up any rubbish they saw in the playground and tidied up the school grounds for Clean Up Australia Day.



# What's going on at BHPS?

Term 1 Week 8

## SPORT

### PSSA -

Summer PSSA began in Week 6, with teams from Bass Hill Public School competing in the touch football, basketball, T-ball and softball competitions. We had a great first round of PSSA and it was great to see so many students participating and trying their best.

Round 2 of summer PSSA will be on Friday in Week 10. We hope to see you there!

Summer PSSA venues are as follows:

- Boys Touch Football - Thurina Park
- Girls Touch Football - The Crest
- Girls & Boys T Ball - O'Neill Park
- Girls & Boys Softball - Kinch Reserve
- Girls & Boys Basketball - Bankstown Basketball Stadium

This term, we will also be running winter PSSA tryouts in Weeks 9 and 10. Available sports include boys soccer, girls soccer, newcombe ball and netball. The winter PSSA competitions will begin Friday Week 2, Term 2.

### Zone Swimming Carnival -

Congratulations to all the students who represented Bass Hill Public School at the Zone Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day with our students trying their best and racing against students from schools in the Bankstown Zone.

### Zone Basketball -

Congratulations to Paris Soi and Mason Ellyard who were successful in being selected in the Boys and Girls Zone Basketball teams.

In Week 10, they will represent the Bankstown Zone against other zones from Sydney South West at the Zone Basketball Championships.

Congratulations to Abu Bakr Houda who was selected in the Under 11's Zone Rugby League team.





# What's going on at BHPS?

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### EASTER HAT PARADE



**Tuesday 26 March - 11.45am**

It's time to start working on your Easter hat for the parade to be held next week.

Who will have the tallest, prettiest or most colourful hat this year?

Come along and enjoy all the fun of the Easter Hat Parade, when students parade around Area A showing off their wonderful hats!

**Wednesday 3 April - 2.10pm**

Students are invited to wear cultural dress as we celebrate Harmony Day.

There will be a parade and an opportunity to learn more about the backgrounds of students in our school.

At Bass Hill Public School, everyone belongs.

*Harmony Day*



*Everybody Belongs*



**ANZAC DAY**  
*Let's Not Forget*

**Monday 8 April - 9.15am**

Please join us for our annual ANZAC Day assembly in the hall at 9.15am.

We will be joined by special guests from Bass Hill RSL as we commemorate those who fought and died in wars for our country.

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# What's going on at BHPs?

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## COMMUNITY HUB



This week the Community Hub has been quite eventful, with playgroup, cooking classes, Friday Frenzy (breakfast club) and Cert IV education support. Families are always welcome to participate in programs in the Community Hub and are always welcome in the hub for a chat. We would like to thank Foodbank for their continuous support of our breakfast program.





# What's going on at BHPS?

Term 1 Week 8

## ON THE CALENDAR

8	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22
	NAPLAN	NAPLAN Photo Day Preschool Blue & Support Unit	NAPLAN Photo Day Preschool Yellow & K-6 <b>NO 3-6 ASSEMBLY</b>	NAPLAN	NAPLAN
9	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29
	NAPLAN	<b>EASTER HAT PARADE</b> 11.45am	<b>K-2 ASSEMBLY</b> 2:10pm	Moving to High School in 2025 - Expression of Interest forms close today	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
10	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4	Apr 5
	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	ZONE Basketball <b>KOORI CLUB</b>	<b>3-6 ASSEMBLY</b> 2:10pm <b>HARMONY DAY Celebrations</b> Please wear traditional dress or orange		<b>PSSA - Round 2</b>
11	Apr 8	Apr 9	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12
	<b>ANZAC DAY SERVICE</b>			<b>P &amp; C AGM</b> All parents and carers welcome	

### Upcoming Events

April 15 - 29 - Autumn school holidays

April 30 - Students return to school

May 9 - Mother's Day Stall

May 24 - School Disco