



GEORGE BASS SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 3 2014

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In Week 7 of this term George Bass School will be opening up a new class. Burra will be opening to cater for some of our new students that are enrolling into the school, as well as two of our existing students who will be moving across to join the new class. This move will help us to better meet the learning needs of a number of our students. Kristy Kirkham will be the classroom teacher and Karen Halliday has kindly agreed to move across to support the students as the school learning support officer (SLSO).

Thank you to the players from the Sydney Kings basketball team who provided a talk and a clinic for our students last Monday. Each of our students really enjoyed meeting two of the players and having the opportunity to learn about how to play the sport and what it takes to be a professional basketball player.

A reminder to all parents and students that it is important that each of you are on time each day for school. Lateness is counted as a partial absence by the Department of Education and Communities. A late student also impacts on the learning of not only that student but the entire class as it can impact on class programs. Please endeavour to arrive on time each day.

Flu season is here! Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Help your child practice good hygiene to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective and avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Department.

Please take the time to read the school website, it continues to be updated regularly and provides information about our programs and upcoming events. It also is an easy way to access our school newsletter without requiring the printed version. Type the address below into your browser for more information.

<http://www.georgebass-s.schools.nsw.edu.au>

Peter Skinner
Principal

MOGRA CLASS

What a jammed packed term we have had so far. Already Mogra has learnt about recycling and how we can reuse items through the book "Let's Recycle It". We have performed to a song "Recycle It", with amazing costumes and showcased our drumming skills at our assemblies.

Recently we have introduced new activities into our program. We love riding our school bikes safely around our school's bike track every Thursday afternoon. We are trying very hard to follow the road rules to stay on the right side of the road and stop at the pedestrian crossing.

Another activity is the school-wide introduction of an Accelerated Literacy program. Mogra's program centres on the text 'Where the Wild Things Are'. Reading, writing and spelling activities incorporate the language we hear/read in the text. We are learning all about wild things, wild rumpuses and making good choices.

We were excited to celebrate a very important birthday at the beginning of August. Miss Ebony turned 18 and Mogra celebrated in style. It was a lovely day and one I'm sure Miss Ebony will remember for a long time to come!!!!

Many school-based activities are keeping us very busy. So far, we have celebrated our first Education Week, BAIDOC Day and soon the Trivia Night. How amazing....we are nearly finished Term 3 already!!!!



Introducing the newest member of the George Bass Family: Jamie Ly Dang

Meet Jamie, he was born on the 3rd of August at 6:40 am.

He eats well, sleeps wells and has lungs like Whitney Houston. We can't wait to meet him.

Congratulations Tara and Ty!

FUN WITH THE SYDNEY KINGS



A FEW REMINDERS....

- Trivia Night will take place on Friday 12 September at Yagoona Public School hall. You can purchase tickets at the office, Raffle tickets will be going home soon.
- School Banking is well under way so don't forget to send in the children's Yellow Bank Books and watch the balance grow! Prizes will be awarded to dedicated bankers – Don't miss out! Banking day is



KULA CLASS

It has been a busy term in Kula class. Students started off the term by preparing for Education week. We read an environmental themed book called the 'Big Bear Hug' by Nicholas Oldland. Together we participated in a range of themed activities, including, making special teddy bear biscuits, tree crafts and dancing to the Wiggles songs 'Teddy Bear Hug' and 'Rock-a-Bye your bear'.

Last week, we began a new book called 'What Sank the Boat' by Pamela Allen. We have had a great time recreating the story in our classroom. There has been a lot of singing, dancing and water play. We enjoyed the two week intensive swimming program. It was a lot of fun to be in the pool every day for two weeks and all students improved their swimming skills.

Kula class have been busy preparing our art masterpiece to be auctioned at the trivia night later in the term. Hopefully we can raise a lot of money for our school.

BIDJAWONG CLASS

Term 3 has been a busy term for us all in Bidjawong class! Busy but fun! We've been out and about on lots of excursions, continued our program of community access and even gained a new classmate! Welcome to Bidjawong Mohammed!

Accelerated Literacy! This term in Bidjawong class we have started our Accelerated Literacy program. We are reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. During our "magical" Accelerated Literacy sessions, we are reading, writing, spelling, learning about phonics, vocabulary and grammar and having heaps of fun doing it!

Excursions Galore! Bidjawong has had lots of opportunities to venture outside the school this term. As well as our normal Community Access trips on Monday morning, we have visited Granville South Performing Arts High School to see their Boogie Wonderland performance and to Bass High School to attend their Multicultural Day celebrations. This week visited Bass High School again to see their Questacon Exhibition. These are both valuable learning experiences for our students and valuable opportunities for them to socialise with other students their own age in the community.

Visiting Guests! To top it all off, we've had some amazing people visit the school. During NAIDOC week, we were able to experience an Aboriginal dance group, hear stories, dance with them and even had our faces painted in a traditional Aboriginal style. In week 5 we also had a visit from the Sydney Kings. We got to meet some of the team and play basketball with them.



PUBLIC SCHOOL TERM DATES 2015

We have received several requests for the dates of school terms for next year. Please note down the following dates for when you are planning upcoming vacations:

Term 1:	Thursday 29 January 2015 – Thursday 2 April 2015
<i>Holidays:</i>	<i>Friday 3 April 2015 – Friday 17 April 2015</i>
Term 2:	Monday 20 April 2015 – Friday 26 June 2015
<i>Holidays:</i>	<i>Monday 29 June 2015 – Friday 10 July 2015</i>
Term 3:	Monday 13 July 2015 – Friday 18 September 2015
<i>Holidays:</i>	<i>Monday 21 September 2015 – Monday 5 October 2015</i>
Term 4:	Tuesday 6 October 2015 – Friday 18 December 2015
<i>Holidays:</i>	<i>Monday 21 December – Wednesday 27 January 2016</i>

***School Development days occur at the beginning of terms 1, 2 & 3 and the last 2 days of the year.**