



BASS BUZZ

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Bass High School

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which Bass High School stands, the Dhurag people.
We extend this acknowledgment to Elders past, present and emerging.*

PRINCIPAL'S *message*

Term 3 was a term of progress where Year 12 students sat their Trial examinations and Year 11 are about to complete their final examinations. Student literacy has developed through the team of department experts that work alongside our school to improve student reading skills in the area of audience, purpose and vocabulary. Macquarie University and their Ambassadors have been working with our Year 7 students to improve and develop their literacy skills.

Staffing continues to remain one of our biggest challenges. We currently have panels for six teachers along with vacancies for temporary teaching staff. Across NSW there are 850 vacancies for High School Teachers across a number of different teaching areas. I am hopeful that we can encourage more local community members to undertake teacher training to ensure we can meet the learning requirements and needs of our current and future generation of students.

We have school projects in the pipeline that includes renovating the girls toilet block, two new basketball courts with an outdoor roof to one or both courts. The hall is being refitted with two audio visual screens to improve the quality of presentations and performance viewing at whole school ceremonies and award days. A new design for the front of the school is being drawn up that includes accessible entry for parents and families with wheel chairs and prams.

During the term our welfare team have been busy promoting various social issues and topics such as the dangers of vapes, Jersey Day that supports organ donation, Fathers Day and R U OK day. I was touched by the account of a lady at Bass Hill Plaza that was handed chocolates as part of our Fathers Day community project. She mentioned that she had recently lost her father and through this student act was reminded of him giving her sweets in her younger years.

We have been fine tuning our school's mobile phone policy and procedures in readiness for Term 4 implementation. This draft policy will be discussed at our P&C meeting 6pm Thursday 7th September at Bass High School in the teachers common room. Students have been made aware that it is being reviewed and they will be notified of the changes during assembly and Year meeting times before the end of this term. The new school suspension and expulsion procedures has been released in draft for Principal feedback and comment.

Bass High School has been a busy place this term and I would like to thank parents and carers for your participation with parent teacher night, our Year 11 subject selection night, NAIDOC Day and the times you attend our school to make enquires and resolve student issues. This school benefits from a strong home and school partnership.

Martin Toaetolu
Principal



DEPUTY'S *message*

Term 3 has been a particularly busy term with multiple events taking place, including, the NAIDOC Assembly, R U OK Day and the Year 12 Graduation. A strong school focus on the implementation of evidence-based teaching and learning strategies has been at the forefront of the Professional Learning of our teaching staff and this has enabled our students to engage in impactful learning experiences, with a focus on literacy. Students have been able to delve deeply into a number of text types in all courses, unpacking vocabulary, purpose and audience. This will continue to be a focus as we progress into Term 4 and beyond.

There have also been opportunities to inject a bit of fun this term and celebrate reading. Students and staff participated in Book Week. It was pleasing to see a number of students jump on board by dressing up as their favourite characters. We commenced the day with some music and stalls selling delicious treats and then moved on to a book week parade. There was a strong theme of Harry Potter this year, with plenty of wizards and witches!

The term has also seen our sporting team have successes on the field. It is wonderful to see our student body cheering on the team and displaying pride for the Bass Bulls.

Year 12 sat their half-yearly exams in preparation for the upcoming HSC in Term 4. We wish them all the very best - study hard! Year 11 students also completed their final exams. This will see them moving into Year 12 at the commencement of Term 4. Our students have strong support structures available to them through the Senior Learning Centre and various well-being and tertiary programs available to enable them to push through the challenges of their senior schooling.

Bass High School would like to remind parents and the wider school community that Term 4 will bring a complete ban on students bringing mobile phones and using them during school hours. Students will continue to be expected to use the Yondr mobile phone pouches and will be asked to place them into their pouches. Students may have their phones confiscated when instructions are not adhered to. New pouches will be issued next term.

Mr Dimech, Ms Charara and Ms Sheringham, Deputy Principals, would like to wish our whole school community a safe and relaxing upcoming school holiday period. We look forward to seeing students come to school ready to learn in Term 4!

Jeniffer Sheringham
Randa Charara
Timothy Dimech

Deputy Principals



message from OUR LEADERS

With year 12 coming to an end and our HSC right around the corner, we feel many emotions of excitement and anticipation for where we are headed shortly. Our Career Advisors Mrs Hamed and Mrs Chami, have been the key guidance in helping us navigate our uncertainties, making this journey less stressful by helping us explore the numerous pathways to great opportunities whether it be transition programs, alternative pathways to higher education, work experience, and applying for early entries. We feel very grateful for the endless support and encouragement we've been receiving from our classroom teachers throughout our high school journey, especially during our trial examinations this term. During this time, we were able to use our Senior Learning Centre, designed as a quiet learning space with all the necessary resources such as computers and textbooks to help us with our studies.

In our time as school leaders, we had the opportunity to run award assemblies for students who have been recognised for excelling in their subjects. As such our Rose Assembly was a success, celebrating the effort and hard work of students who have been putting effort into their work inside and also outside of school. Here we were also able to recognise students from music classes showcasing their musical talents.

This entire year and our time as prefects was a very enriching learning experience, in which we were able to develop our leadership skills and provide a voice for students. We had the opportunity to hold fundraisers at school such as swimming carnival BBQ, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and athletics carnival BBQ. This helped us raise the necessary funds for our end-of-year formal.





To mark the end of our final year at high school, we hosted our very first Prefect Afternoon Tea (PAT) to foster a better connection with prefect teams in our local community. This social occasion aims to share leadership initiatives amongst schools, work on team-building activities, and bond through our unique high school experiences. This year, we have officially launched our first prefect Instagram page run by our SRC coordinator and members of our prefect team. By proudly representing our school at events such as fundraisers and visiting our local community, we have become more confident in our communication skills and learned the responsibilities of being a part of a team.

We would like to thank our teachers, SRC Coordinator, Careers Advisor, and Learning and Support teachers for helping us grow and guiding us throughout our entire high school journey which has shaped our identities today.

From your retiring prefect team of 2023,

Cedra E M, Kevin P, Anthony H, Lina K, Angelina S, David N, Rayyan E, Khaled M

Senior Student Leadership Team

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION OFFICER



On Wednesday 15th August, Bass High School celebrated NAIDOC week with a BBQ, interactive activities, and a dance presentation arranged by the AEO, Ms Leverett with the assistance of the Welfare team. This was in the presence of Aboriginal Elderly Representative, Auntie Lyn Martin, and the P&C representative, Mr Badih Habib



BREAKFAST

Club

A 'FULL' - FILLING BREAKFAST

Breakfast Club has been an enormously successful initiative since it was first set up in 2020. Students throughout the school have been able to benefit hugely every morning through the support of our staff and student volunteers preparing breakfast - from cheese toasties to Up&Gos, and the occasional fruits and snacks. There is even the option to customise your toast with vegemite, jam, and butter.



In particular, students who wake up extremely early, like our our students who train for football, have benefited from having access to breakfast club as they enjoy a nutritious breakfast after a strenuous training session. Other students who must arrive at school early and have not had a chance to eat breakfast, they too have the opportunity to fulfill their cravings and fill their stomachs which provides them with the necessary energy to start the day.

Ms L. Zhong
Breakfast Club Coordinator



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Unsung Hero: Mr. Michael

Our School's Master Problem Solver and Creative Maestro

In every school, there's a hidden gem, an unsung hero who quietly goes about their business, leaving an indelible mark on the institution. For us, that gem is none other than Mr. Michael, our school's extraordinary General Assistant. He is not just a problem solver; he's a magician who transforms issues into solutions and a multifaceted artist who enriches our lives in countless ways.

The Problem Solver:

Mr. Michael is renowned for his unparalleled knack for problem-solving. It doesn't matter if it's a leaky faucet, a malfunctioning projector, or a logistical nightmare; he's the one we turn to. His "can-do" attitude and innovative thinking are legendary among the staff and students. No challenge is too big, and no task is too small for him. His dedication and commitment to keeping our school running smoothly are nothing short of awe-inspiring.

The Artist:

But Mr. Michael isn't just about fixing things; he's a creative force to be reckoned with. As a famous songwriter and a proud member of a local band, his musical talents have graced our school on countless occasions. Whether it's a soulful ballad during an assembly or a lively tune at a school event, his guitar skills and melodious voice never fail to captivate us. His passion for music is contagious, and it's not uncommon to see students inspired to pursue their own creative interests after witnessing his performances.





The Transformative Touch:

Mr. Michael's creative talents extend beyond music. He has an extraordinary eye for aesthetics, and he's played a pivotal role in making our school a beautiful and inviting place. From creating stunning murals to crafting unique installations, his artistic touch is evident in every corner of our campus. He has turned mundane spaces into vibrant, inspiring areas that reflect the spirit of our school community.

Appreciation and Gratitude:

As a school, we owe Mr. Michael an immeasurable debt of gratitude. His unwavering dedication, problem-solving prowess, and artistic contributions have not only made our school more functional but also a more vibrant and inspiring place to learn and grow. We are truly fortunate to have him as a member of our school family, and our appreciation for his remarkable talents knows no bounds.

In Mr. Michael, we have discovered not only an expert problem solver and a creative genius but also a source of inspiration and positivity. His impact on our school is immeasurable, and we want him to know that he is cherished, respected, and loved by all. Thank you, Mr. Michael, for being the unsung hero who makes our school shine, both literally and figuratively.

ROTARY

Awards

Congratulations to the dedicated staff, talented students, and the entire Bass High School community on the resounding success of hosting the Rotary VET Awards Night. This achievement is a testament to the unwavering commitment and hard work put forth by all involved. Welcoming 45 student award recipients, along with their families, staff from various schools, and Rotarians, showcases the school's ability to bring together diverse communities in celebration of excellence in education and vocational training. With approximately 200 attendees from 20 local high schools, this event has not only honoured outstanding achievements but has also strengthened the bonds within the broader educational network.

The high praise received from Rotarians, parents, and local school staff is a reflection of Bass High School's outstanding qualities. From the physical setting that provided a welcoming atmosphere to the exceptional student assistants and SASA performers, your efforts have left a lasting impression. The symbolism behind the technology, food, and beverages, representing technical prowess and hospitality, underscores the school's dedication to creating a holistic and enriching environment for both students and guests. This achievement is a source of pride for the entire Bass High School community, and it exemplifies your commitment to excellence in education and community engagement.

Well done!





SENIOR LEARNING *Centre*

UTS ACADEMY PROGRAM

Ms. Koutzas and Ms. Chan are incredibly proud of a group of five students who have embarked on their educational journey with U@Uni Academy Program during the Term 2 Holiday from 3rd to 7th July 2023. Witnessing their dedication, enthusiasm, and passion for learning has been truly inspiring. These students have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their studies, actively engaging in discussions, collaborating with peers, and approaching challenges with a growth mindset.

The program runs for two years. It provides a select cohort of students with university experiences, academic support, and opportunities to develop key capabilities that will give you an edge in university study and beyond.

Over the program, students take part in a variety of on-campus experiences and in-school mentoring and tutoring. These experiences will provide industry connections, enhance HSC studies, and help develop skills in areas like communication, critical thinking, and innovation.



YEAR 12 @UTS ACADEMY GRADUATION

In a resounding crescendo of achievement, Bass High celebrated the graduates of our rigorous two-year @UTS Academy Program on the 4th of September 2023! Your unwavering dedication, relentless pursuit of excellence, and countless hours of hard work have led you to this remarkable milestone. As you embark on the next chapter of your educational journey, carry with you the knowledge, wisdom, and friendships forged during your time here. With the world as your canvas, we are confident that you will paint a future filled with success, innovation, and positive change. Congratulations, graduates, for your remarkable accomplishments, and may your future be as bright as the paths you've paved in the academy.

Ms P. Koutzas & Ms V. Chan

Students involved are: Mary Nguyen, Lina Kouch, Angelina Spyropoulos, Yen Dang, David Nguyen, Rayyan Elosman, Miracle Faaleaga, Khaled Meredi, Marwa Alradhawi, Jayden Joe Yin, Alexi Hayek Marquez, and Zachary Ingram.



ENGLISH

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As Year 12 prepares for their final HSC exams, our faculty would like to share some tips with our students to equip them with study strategies for success.

The Tomato Technique

It can often feel that there are too many tasks we need to complete and never enough time to complete them. Try the 'Pomodoro' (tomato) technique to help you manage your time and break up your study into smaller, more manageable chunks.

Here's how it works:

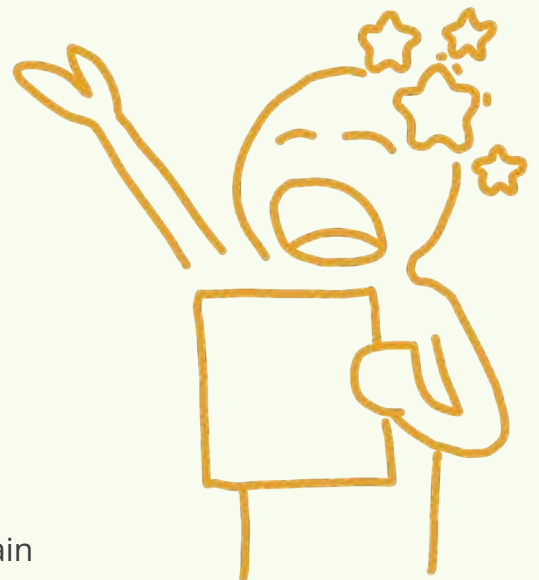
1. Choose a task you need to complete.
2. Set a timer and work on that task for 25 minutes, with no distractions.
3. When the alarm sounds, take a 5-minute break.
4. Repeat the process 3 more times.
5. Take a longer 30-minute break to reward yourself and then start again.



Make it Memorable

Reading and note-taking are not always the most efficient tools for remembering your content. Find active ways of learning that suit you. You might like to try out any of the following techniques:

- Rewrite content in your own words.
- Make flash cards with drawings to aid your memory.
- Talk it through! Start discussions about your content.
- Teach your content to anyone and everyone — your family, your friends, your cat, your bedroom wall! If you can teach an idea or complex problem to someone in plain terms, you have understood it and will remember it well.



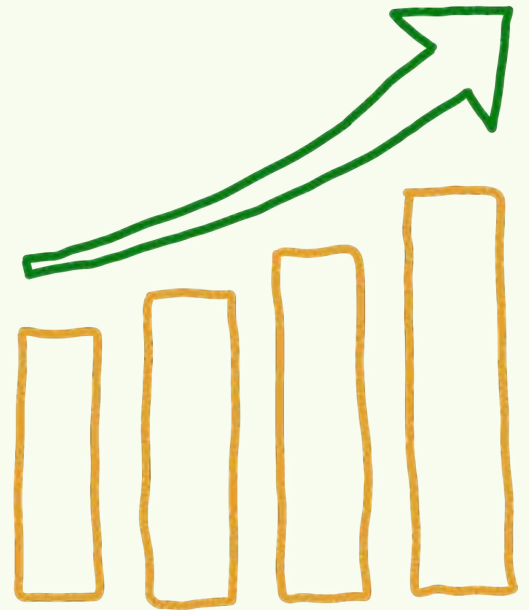


Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Allocate some of your study time to revising with friends. Stay focused, and remember that supporting your friend and helping them revise will improve your own understanding and memory.

Practise Makes Progress

One of the best ways to prepare for exams is to practise with past papers or sample questions. This will help you become familiar with the exam format and the types of questions you will be asked. Try completing questions under exam conditions, and spend time reviewing your answers after the timer is up. Doing this with a friend, as well as asking for feedback from your teachers, will boost your confidence on exam day.



Mindful Time-Outs

Stress is a common experience, especially around exam periods. Reflect on what helps reduce your stress and make time for at least one of these activities every day.

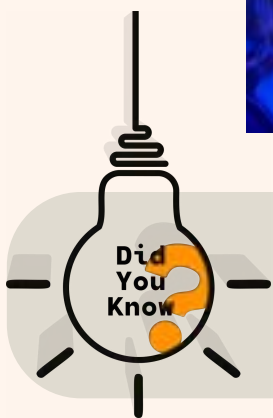
Please feel free to reach out to the English faculty for any additional guidance or support. We wish all our students the best of luck in their upcoming exams!

UNSW GIRLS 'DO THE MATHS' EXCURSION

Last June, 10 students chosen from the year 12 Mathematics Standard 2 and Advanced classes had the privilege of attending the exciting "Do The Math" event held at UNSW, Kensington campus. Students could experience hands-on applications of mathematical ideas in the real world and hopefully engage them to consider a future career in mathematics.

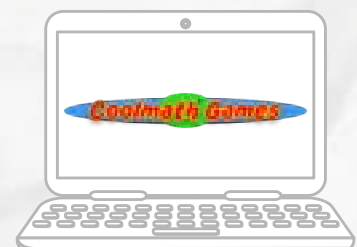
To watch videos from previous events, please visit the link below:

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/science/our-schools/maths/engage-with-us/high-school-students-and-teachers/girls-do-the-maths>



- If you started saving with 1c and then doubled the amount each day then you will have \$5,000,000 in the first month.
- You can only fold a standard piece of paper seven times.

Another website you can hop on to play maths games is Coolmath Games. This is a fun and engaging website designed to help you practice your maths skills. It's interactive interface.



SCIENCE

faculty

TERM 3

The Science Faculty would like to welcome Ms. Charlene Mudita. She has a wealth of experience and is also our new Agriculture teacher. She is an amazing educator and will be a vital part of our wonderful faculty.

This term the Science Faculty has curated some amazing taster lessons to help our Year 10 students to select their subjects for Year 11 in 2024.

The year 10 classes were rotated through 5 different subjects delivered by our expert teachers. This included: Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Investigating Science and Physics. The activities were hands-on and gave our students an insight into what content and assessments are scheduled in Year 11.

Year 12 are coming to the end of their courses and they have finalised all assessments for Bass High School. The students are now in the process of refining their exam techniques in preparation for the HSC next term. We are really excited to help our students excel and do their best in the next coming weeks.

Ms S. Hawkins
Head Teacher Science



PDHPE

faculty

Year 12 PDHPE students have completed the last of their Assessment Tasks, including the Trial Exam. Class time is being utilised for feedback from the Trial exams, revision of the syllabus content as well as exam preparation.

It is highly recommended that Year 12 CAFS and PDHPE students take advantage of Edrolo and Atomi in their preparation for the HSC exams. The Edrolo and Atomi subscriptions (purchased by the school for Year 11 and 12 students) are an excellent resource to assist students when they are revising the syllabus content. It is recommended that Year 12 students watch the teaching videos, use the topic quizzes regularly as part of their study routine and practice writing extended response questions to further prepare for the HSC exams.

In Years 7 - 10 in theory lessons, the PDHPE faculty has been working with the SSS team (Strategic School Support team) to focus on embedding a literacy focus on "Reading - Audience and Purpose" in the theory units. The assessment tasks being completed by Years 7 - 10 will give students the opportunity to design infographics on a variety of topics ranging from Water Safety to Mental Health aimed at a teenage audience.

SPORT UPDATES

Athletics Carnival News

Congratulations to the following students who represented Bass High School at the **Regional Athletics Carnival** at the beginning of Term 3:

Stacey Tulua (Y8), Jasmine Yilmaz Hanson (Y9), Alyssa Ingram (Y10),
Aliana Fasavalu (Y10), Levi Chhun (Y8), Nick Spyropoulos (Y10), Daphne Spyropoulos (Y7).

Congratulations to Talia Yilmaz (Y8) who came 2nd in the 12-14 years 3000m and Emeric Tauolo Fuamatu (Y10) who came 1st in the 15 years Shot Put and Discus events at the Regional Athletics Carnival. This is a great effort by both of these students who qualified for the CHS State Athletics Carnival held at Homebush Olympic Centre.

CHS NSW State Athletics Championships

Talia Yilmaz ran strongly in the Girls' 3000 metres. It was a very competitive race with impressive times for 12-14-year-olds. Talia finished just outside the top 8. A great effort Talia!

Congratulations to Emeric Tauolo Fuamatu who came first in the Boys 15 years Shot Put. Emeric's best effort was over a metre ahead of second place. This is a great achievement. Congratulations Emeric and enjoy being the State Champion for 2023!



RUGBY LEAGUE UPDATE

The St Mary's Cup State Grand Final was played in Week 8 with both the Boys Open and the Girls Open teams winning their way to the Grand Final. The Girls Open team lost the Grand Final in a hard fought game to Hills Sports High School. The Boys Open team had a convincing win over Endeavour Sports High School to become the State Champions for the St Mary's Cup competition in 2023.

The Buckley Shield team had a very close State semi-final game against Cronulla High School in Week 8. The team worked hard throughout the game and it was a very close game with both teams showing moments of brilliance. The Buckley Shield team put in every effort to score the winning try right to the final whistle.

The University Shield team won their State semi-final in Week 6 to progress to the State Final held at Cessnock in Week 9. The team played Chifley College in a very competitive game. Bass High School scored first and played strongly throughout the game. Chifley continued to challenge, but the strong team effort led to a final score of 28-16 with tries to Solomone Tupou, Jerome Goddard, Kevin Pham and Pheonix Godinet and goals to Hassan Rabaa, Ali Karnib and Kevin Pham. Player of the Match was awarded to Ali Karnib and Player of the Series was awarded to Simione Laiafi Congratulations to the team and the coach, Mr. Wilson, for all his time and hard work to not only train the team but also have them play as winning team to earn Bass High School the title of State Champions for 2023.



Lawn Bowls - Sydney South West Champions!

After winning the Sydney South West Championship, the team of four senior boys (without any prior lawn bowls experience) went on to play very competitively and with good team spirit in the State Finals. Congratulations to Anthony Haikal, (Y12), Kevin Pham (Y12), Ali Karnib (Y11) and Jerome Goddard (Y11).

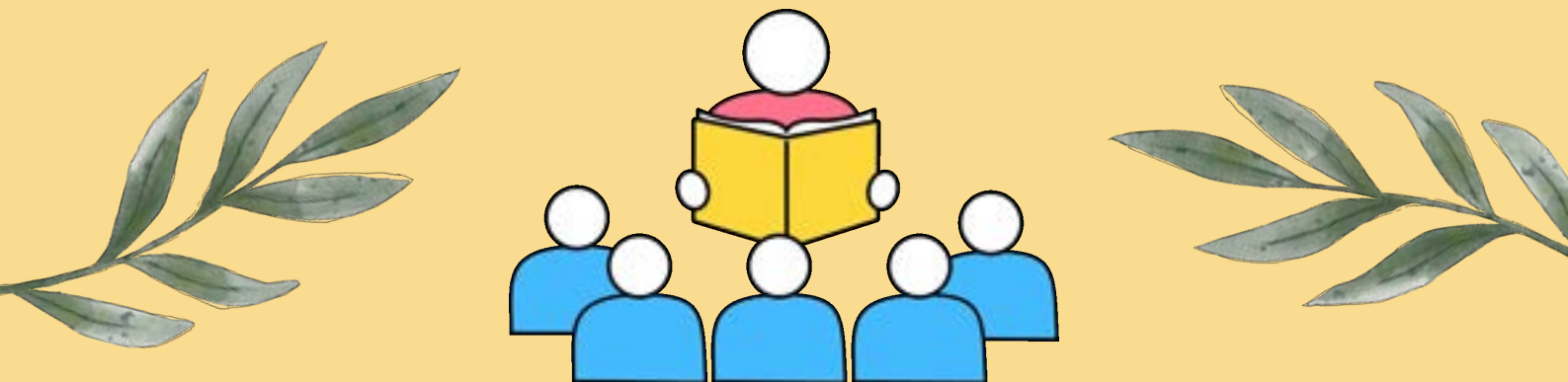


TEACHING & LEARNING

LITERACY & NUMERACY SUPPORT

COVID ILSP tutors have been helping students complete assessments during this busy assessment period. Also, they have been providing in-class and withdrawal support to students in the areas of statistics and arithmetic, reading comprehension, helping understand a variety of concepts in numeracy and literacy.

We would also like to welcome Ms Nasrin Ali and Ms Jennifer Tran as new tutors in the program. Welcome to Bass!



RENAISSANCE READING

Year 7 students are working hard on their Renaissance Reading program during their Literacy lessons in the Library with Mr Davies. The Reading Renaissance program involves students reading library books that match their reading level, and then completing an online comprehension quiz to clarify their understanding of the novels read. Students are encouraged to read for a minimum of 10 minutes per day to improve their overall comprehension levels and vocabulary acquisition.

SUPPORT UNIT

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BUDDY PROGRAM

This Term, SU2 have participated in a Buddy Program with students from our neighbouring School, George Bass. Every Monday, teachers, SLSOs and students spend time catching up on the past week and completing fun activities.

The program has exposed our students to a different schooling environment, as we spent odd weeks at George Bass and even weeks at Bass High. This has helped our students to build the skills needed to adapt to different staff, routines and learning environments.

We have loved helping George Bass with their new garden project, such as washing and painting tyres that will be used as planters in their new veggie patch. George Bass also have an awesome immersion room, with interactive walls and features that our students Ryder and Andrew love (the Under the Sea one being their favourite!).

When George Bass visit Bass, our first stop is visiting the farm - all students love feeding the sheep and chickens over the fence. Students have built up their confidence with feeding the animals which has been great to see. We then make our way down to SU2's classroom for craft and games on the basketball court.

It has been great to see all students across both schools building on their social skills, self-awareness and confidence. There has been some great friendships made, not only amongst the students but staff also. This program will be continuing into Term 4, with activities hopefully involving bushwalking and visits to the local park.

Ms D. Cacciotti
Classroom Teacher



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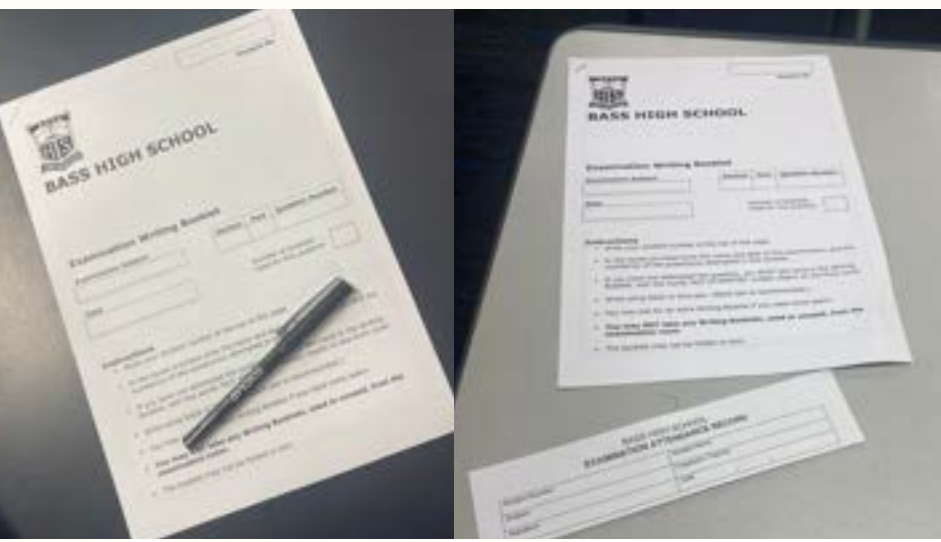
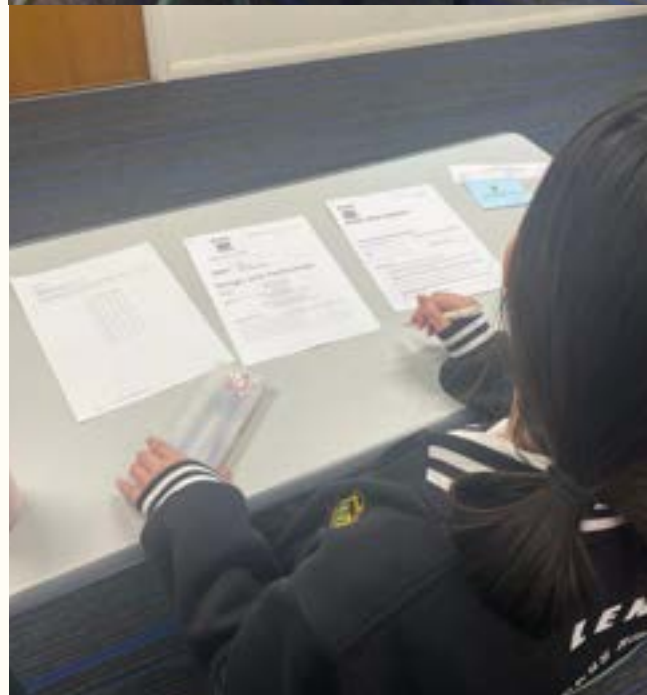
YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMS & PROVISIONS

During Weeks Three and Four of Term Three, the Year 12 cohort sat their Trial HSC Exams in the hall.

Exams can be an exciting and stressful time so the Learning and Support Team have been working with students to alleviate some of the pressure of this time. Many students benefit from special provisions during the exam, and may be eligible for adjustments including small group supervision in the library and/or rest breaks of five minutes per half hour.

Later this term, in Weeks Eight and Nine, Year 11 will also sit exams in the hall. Students with additional health, wellbeing, and social needs may be entitled to provisions during these exams.

If students, parents, and carers would like more information about this process, please contact the Bass High School Learning and Support Team.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Team

BASS HIGH SCHOOL'S BARBERING PROGRAM WINS COMMENDATION AWARD

Bass High School's Barbering Program has achieved yet another milestone, winning the prestigious Commendation Award in recognition of its outstanding contribution to both student development and community engagement. This accolade not only signifies the program's dedication to excellence but also underscores the significance of vocational education in shaping the future of students.

The Barbering Program at Bass High School has long been a shining example of how vocational education can have a transformative impact on students. This award-winning program offers students the opportunity to develop valuable skills in barbering, grooming, and customer service. Beyond technical expertise, students also gain essential life skills such as communication, time management, and professionalism.

One of the highlights of this recognition is the program's role in shaping the future careers of its students. Many graduates of the Barbering Program have gone on to establish successful careers in the industry or pursued higher education opportunities in related fields. The practical experience gained through the program equips students with a strong foundation and a competitive edge in the job market.





BASS HIGH SCHOOL'S BARBERING PROGRAM WINS COMMENDATION AWARD

To celebrate this commendation, the school collaborated with SBS for a special feature on the Barbering Program. SBS, a respected broadcaster, highlighted the achievements of the program and its impact on students' lives in a recent TV story. The segment showcased the students' skills, their journey, and how the program has enriched their lives.

Links to the TV story can be found on our School Stream app and Facebook page. The story not only captures the essence of the program but also sheds light on how vocational education can be a valuable asset in today's educational landscape.

The Barbering Program is a shining example of this philosophy, and the school is thrilled to receive national recognition for its exceptional efforts. Well done, BASS!

Mona Hamed
Head Teacher Student Engagement



SSO *Update*

MS FATIMA

At Bass High School, we strive every single day to ensure that students have an opportunity to have their voices heard. This includes educating young people about mental health and helpful ways to respond to a mental health challenge within themselves or a friend. Currently, the Student Support Officer is coordinating the roll out of the **Teen Mental Health First Aid** training to year 7 and eventually all other respective grades. The outline of the course is as follows:

Session 1: Discuss mental health problems in general, and understand how common and disabling these can be for young people.

Session 2: Students learn about professionals who can help and explore the Action Plan 'Look, Ask, Listen, Help your Friend'.

Session 3: Students practice the action plan and encouraged to get an adult to help.



The Welfare Faculty also coordinated a wellbeing campaign to raise awareness about the impact of **vaping**. Students were able to chat with Welfare Staff about the consequences of vaping and the reality of the ingredients that were found in vapes such as nail polish remover, cleaning products and other poisonous substances.



CLO Update

Bass High strives to embrace our parents and community's interest in their child's educational matters. The school coordinates Parents and Citizens (P&C) meetings as an additional platform of communication for parents to share their feedback on school activities including students' learning and well-being. We encourage high participation from parents to attend these meetings that take place on school grounds every week 4 and week 8 of each term.



For more information, please contact Ms Beydoun.



BASS HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION



P&C Forum in Weeks 4 and 8 of each term
All Welcome

I'd like to share with you these interactive activities for families and children. These are offered by Bankstown Council as a part of community service and support program. Don't miss out on these career opportunities as well!



message from SRC COORDINATOR

Term 3 has been a busy term, as our Student Representative Council (SRC) has diligently organised an exciting lineup of events for our school. These events are designed to promote school spirit, creativity, and inclusivity. Here's a brief overview of what has happened this term!



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY

Our world faces many challenges, crises and forces of division — such as poverty, violence, and human rights abuses — among many others — that undermine peace, security, development and social harmony among the world's peoples.

To confront those crises and challenges, their root causes must be addressed by promoting and defending a shared spirit of human solidarity that takes many forms — the simplest of which is friendship.

Through friendship — by accumulating bonds of camaraderie and developing strong ties of trust — we can contribute to the fundamental shifts that are urgently needed to achieve lasting stability, weave a safety net that will protect us all, and generate passion for a better world where all are united for the greater good.

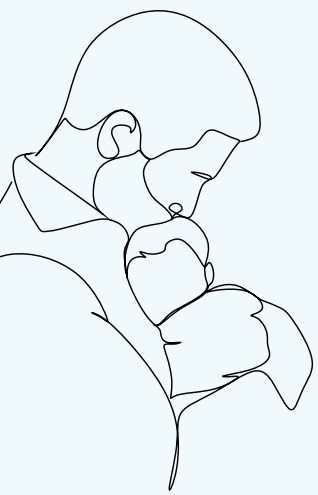


BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, young people across the country participate by attending events at schools, libraries, and bookstores, celebrating at home, and engaging with book creators both online and in person.

This year our SRC students hosted the Book Week Dress Up Day on the 28th of August 2023 which helped promote literary exploration, creativity, and enjoyment of reading and was designed to celebrate the magic of books and storytelling. To make this event even more engaging, students were permitted to wear a costume that reflected a character of their choice.

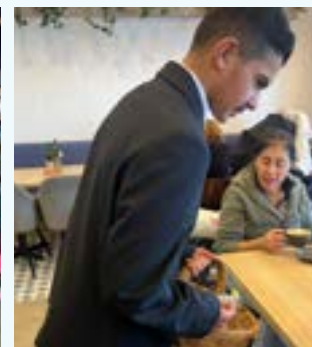




FATHER'S DAY

Dads, grandfathers, uncles, and all-male family guardians are some of our everyday heroes, and on this special day, we'll honour them in style. Our senior SRC had planned a heartwarming event to connect with our local community.

On the 1st of September 2023, a group of Year 7 and Year 10 SRC students headed down to Bass Hill Plaza spreading smiles and making chocolate deliveries to the community in celebration of Father's Day. This was part of our leadership buddy program where our Year 10 students mentored our Year 7 SRC students in developing their communication skills and building their confidence in public.



That's a wrap from SRC for this term! Please stay tuned for more details on future SRC events which we will continue to showcase the incredible spirit of our school! If you would like to keep up-to-date with our school events don't forget to follow us on Instagram @bhsprefects or scan the QR code to the right. If you also have any questions or would like to contribute ideas, please feel free to contact the SRC team or the Student Leadership Coordinator. We look forward to celebrating these events with all of you.



Miss T Ge
Student Leadership Coordinator

CAREERS

News

WSU ALL SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

On Friday 16th June, year 12 students visited Western Sydney University and participated in a variety of workshops addressing different courses available at the university. Students had the opportunity to explore the campus and ask about early entry pathways.



Y9 WORK INSPIRATION EXCURSION

On the 21st and 22nd June, 15 year 9 students attended the Work Inspiration Excursion. This two day excursion provided an insight on how business operate. Work Inspiration is an employer-led program that provides first -hand experience of the world of work in a positive and meaningful way. Students were also provided with the opportunity to engage with employers firsthand.

HAIRDRESSING SALON

On the 26th July, SBS visited Bass High School to capture the delivery of the Barbering program and how alternative learning is engaging students in a positive way. Bass High School are working on providing innovative ways to engage students in the classroom

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Hairdressing Taster Lesson - 18th September
- White Card Training - Term 4 (date TBA)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

AREAS IMPACTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS

LIBYA

DERNA, Libya (AP) — Search teams combed streets, wrecked buildings and even the sea Wednesday to look for bodies in a coastal Libyan city where the collapse of two dams unleashed a massive flash flood that killed at least 5,100 people.



The Mediterranean city of Derna has struggled to get help after Sunday night's deluge washed away most access roads. Aid workers who managed to reach the city described devastation in its center, with thousands still missing and tens of thousands left homeless.

MOROCCO

Across the mountain range that stretches through Morocco to the south of Marrakech, thousands are digging through the rubble of last week's devastating earthquake.

The magnitude-6.8 quake struck near Oukaïmeden in the High Atlas Mountains, about 75 kilometers southeast of the capital.

Three aftershocks followed, and more than 2,900 have been confirmed dead, with that number expected to rise.

Bass High's thoughts and prayers are with our Libyan and Moroccan communities.



IF YOU ARE IMPACTED BY THESE NATURAL DISASTERS PLEASE CONTACT AT
[HTTPS://WWW.DHL.HEALTH.NSW.GOV.AU/TRANSCULTURAL-MENTAL-HEALTH-CENTRE](https://www.dhl.health.nsw.gov.au/transcultural-mental-health-centre)
CREATINGLINKS.ORG.AU

Term 3

EVENTS

EXCURSION/EVENT	YEAR GROUP	TEACHER RESPONSIBLE	DATE OF EVENT
Education Week	All		31/7 ~ 4/8
NAIDOC Celebration	All	Ms K Leverette	16/8
School Captain Election Day	All	Ms T Ge	18/8
AECG Meeting			17/8
Book Week Dress Up Day	All	Ms T Ge	
Jersey Day	All	Ms T Ge	1/9
Father's Day	Y7 & 10 SRC	Ms T Ge	1/9
Women's Health Week			4 ~ 8/9
R U OK Celebration Day	All school	Ms F Taha-Akca	15/9
Year 12 Graduation	12	Ms C Ebeling	21/9
Hairdressing Taster Workshop	9 & 10	Ms S Chami	18/9
Labour Day	Public Holiday	N/A	2/10

upcoming EVENTS



Save the Date!

14 October 2023

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Our P&C committee is organising a Sausage Sizzle on Election Day! This will take place on school grounds starting from 8:00 am till 3:00 pm in the car park.



Stay Tuned for Polynesian Night!

15 November 2023

Meet our P&C President, Mrs Fifita. Mrs Fifita strives to keep the Pacific Islander tradition alive by assisting students with their SASA dance performance and curating attire that best represents their culture. This is highlighted through the many performances choreographed by our students displayed at our Rotary Awards and Polynesian Night. The performances are a testament to our student's connection to their cultural heritage. Cultural practices are inherently collective and shared, Nikki has also extended a welcome to our wider community to attend at the Polynesian Night so they too can celebrate cultural inclusion.





GRADUATING

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The last day of Term 3 is 22nd September 2023.

Term 4 Staff and students return on 9th October 2023

We look forward to another term full of success and progression.

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