

BASS COAST SS NEWS

Dear Parents Carers and Friends of BCSS

The end of any term is always a time for reflection, when you can take a little bit of time to indulge yourself and think back over the last 10 weeks or so.

When we think back to the start of this year, we can still see our new little preps coming into school to start their new big adventure. Everything looks so big compared to them, including their hats, bags and some of the furniture.

After ten weeks they are fully involved with so much that is happening at our school. They have so much energy and enthusiasm which was on full display during our Diversity Day celebrations

Yesterday we were privileged to be invited to the Middles to observe the students presenting their speeches for the Student Representative Council election. Everyone was absolutely amazed by the quality of their speeches and the fantastic ideas they have for our school. Nobody was surprised when some of them told us they had been practising for hours to get it right.

This year the Seniors have really shifted up a gear and they are starting to broaden their expectations and take up new opportunities with confidence. A number of students have gained part-time positions working at businesses in Wonthaggi. It's great to hear them discuss their post-school career ideas and what they want to save up for.

This week a group of eight Senior students and three staff headed off to Myrtleford to participate in the Alpine 100 Bike Ride. That's right, they will be riding 100kms along the Ovens Valley Rail Trail over two days. The group checked in with a video call to our staff meeting last night and they were so excited to tell us what they had been doing. When they checked in, they had nearly ridden 50kms in one day. An absolutely magnificent effort, a testimony to determination and hard work and a great way to celebrate the end of the term.

Next term Chrissie, Terry and Jo will be taking some time off and we wish them all the best on their travels and we hope they come back with some great stories.

Kind regards,

Caroline and Rob.

Dates to remember:

Thursday April 7- Football dress up day.

Friday April 8- Last day of term one, 2 pm finish.

Monday April 25- Anzac day, Public holiday.

Tuesday April 26- First day of term 2.





NEWS- APRIL 2022

Primary SRC elections.

On Tuesday, five students performed speeches to the staff and students in the middle pod explaining why they would like to be part of the Student Representative Council at Bass Coast SS.

The students captivated the attention of their peers and the staff with clear voices and enthusiasm.

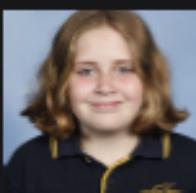
The speeches raised some fantastic ideas and it is looking like we will have some great student input this year from the primary aged students in our SRC meetings.

It was a close result and we would like to congratulate Natalie, Oliver and Chad onto the SRC as our primary representatives. We would also like to congratulate Seth and Matthew for their wonderful speeches.

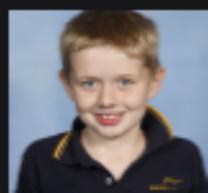
What is a SRC?

A Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group of students elected by their peers to represent all students within the school.

Our Primary SRC Members.



NATALIE



OLIVER



CHAD

Harmony week.

Throughout Harmony Week, our students and educators celebrated Australids cultural diversity while promoting inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The theme of 'harmony' was woven through the programs and activities of the week. The staff and students wore the symbolic colour, orange, had a lively day of exploring different countries and cultures and participated in a magnificent African Drumming workshop, where we came together as one with the beating of our drums!

Everyone Belongs!





From the MUSIC room

Letitia (Music Therapist)

We have been jamming in the music room and keeping the music vibe going this term! Karoke is always a hit and we love our big window where we can perform to people walking by our room. Juniors have been looking at zone matching, practicing impulse control – playing fast, slow, loud (yes we love loud!!) and soft, as well as stop/go. Middles have been working on following directions, reading music symbols and jamming together. Some of our seniors have been working on running our assembly and learning how to play the national anthem together. They are doing a great job! It was so much fun having the African Drumming incursion at school recently!



Week 9, Term 1, 2022

Personal and Social Capabilities

This week, we welcomed our new class member, Chetin! Chetin was excited to join in with his new peers and educators, familiarise with his new learning environment and explore a range of fun and engaging activities.

Welcome, Chetin!



English

With a focus on the letter-sound /p/, the students participated in fun action rhymes, such as Little Peter Rabbit and Popcorn Kernels. They enjoyed the classic tale, Three Little Pigs and made pig masks to help dramatise the story.

On Fridays, our Juniors are divided into two groups to work with our specialists. Zoe's group (pictured below) focused on the core words of the week, 'go' and 'stop' and explored using AAC devices, using functional words to help express ideas, likes and dislikes.



RRRR

Personal and Social Capabilities

In our **Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR)** session, we watched a short cartoon, Giraffes Can't Dance which explored aspects of bullying and kindness. The students identified the emotions attached to the story and started to consider the benefits of resilience.

We also revisited the fun game, Simon Says—practicing the skills of cooperation and leadership.

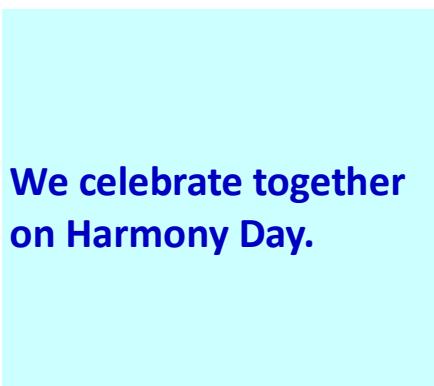
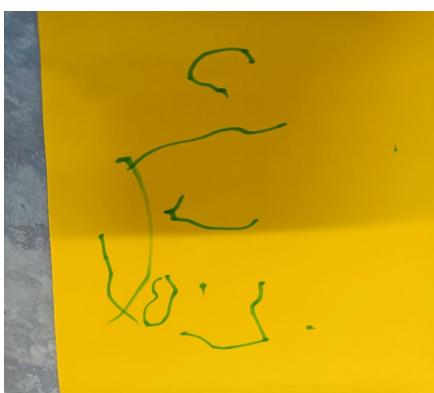
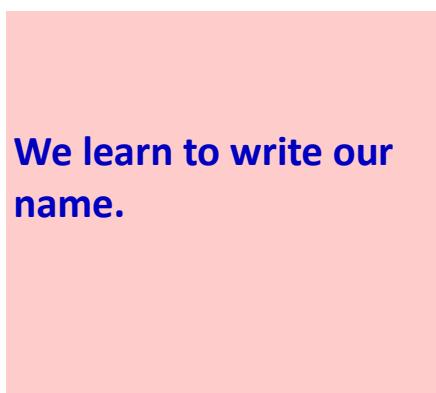
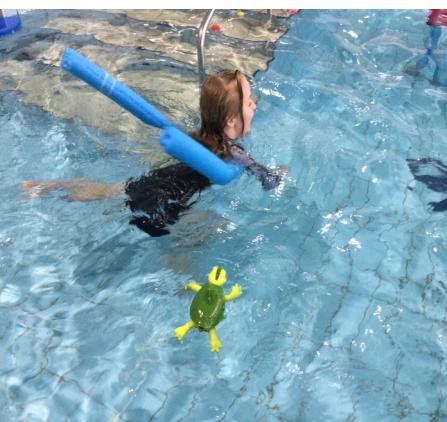
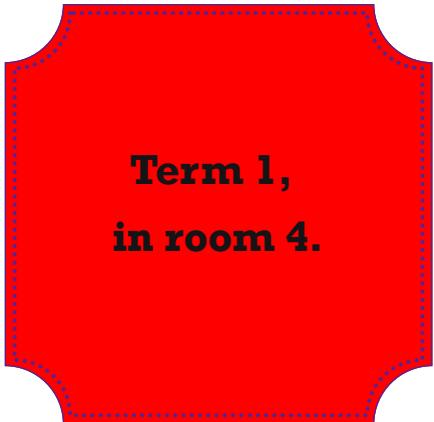
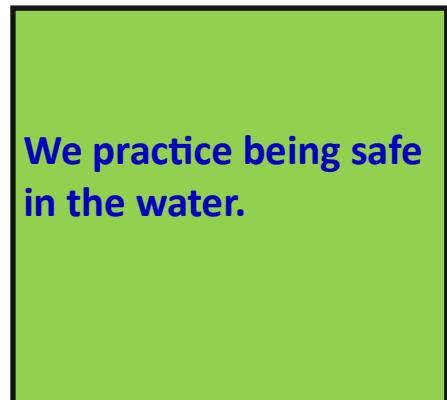
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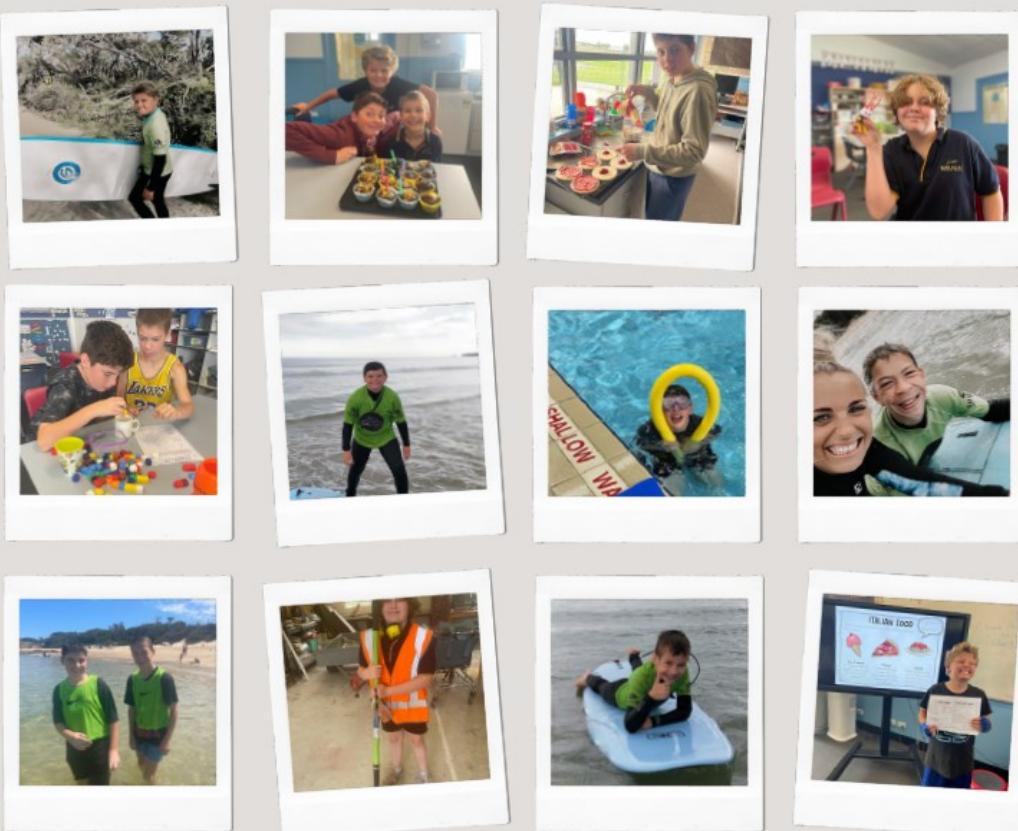
On Tuesday, the Juniors took to the bike track as part of their movement break. The students practiced safety skills by wearing helmets, and demonstrated their willingness to have a go.

Health and Physical Education/ RRRR

Our Friday swimming session was cancelled due to a lack of staffing at the pool. We resiliently took the opportunity to visit a local playground, which helped us all get back into the 'Green Zone'.







term 1 - room 1

"Kids Teach Kids" environmental Program.

On Friday, Senior students, and some of the middle years students visited North Wonthaggi Primary School for the "Kids teach kids" environmental program. They worked with the primary students on different activities which focused on beach erosion and waste management.

We brought a bin from our school to do a "Bin audit" where we picked through using tongs and gloves. We found we were throwing out materials that should be in other bins, such as compost and recycling. This gave our students a good focus for how we can change our schools waste management.

To end the day, all the students wrote an individual pledge on something they can change to look after the environment.





FOOTBALL IS BACK!

Come dressed in your team colours on Thursday 7th of April to celebrate the return of football and participate in an AUSKICK session run by Inverloch Auskick.





HOP Bass Picnic to A Maze 'N Things and Easter Crafts!

The group will be going to have some fun in "A Maze 'N Things Theme Park" and to finish the day, creating some Easter crafts!

DATE

- Tuesday the 12th of April 2022

LOCATION

- ICG Bass & A Maze N Things Theme Park

OUT OF POCKET COST

- \$20 (To be paid prior for tickets)
- NDIS plan charges will be discussed with you to ensure your specific support needs are met

WHAT TO PACK

- Medication and Medication Forms
- Packed lunch
- Drink bottle
- Jacket
- Hat

RSVP by April 1st 2022

Please ensure you wear weather appropriate clothes for the activity



ICG Office

Interchange Bass

Drop off

9:00am

Pick-up

3:00pm

NDIS Benefits and Outcomes

- Social participation in the community
- Meet new people and develop friendships
- Increase your capacity to access your local community
- Development of your life and independent living skills
- Improve and develop your communication skills
- Opportunity to access new activities and try new things
- Selfcare for carers and participants

For further information please contact us

1300 736 765

www.icg.asn.au



HOP Bass Picnic to Phillip Island!

The group will be going to Phillip Island, to visit the chocolate factory, spot some Koalas at the Koala Conservation Reserve and have a picnic lunch at New Haven Public Park!

DATE

- Tuesday the 19th of April 2022

LOCATION

- ICG Bass & Phillip Island

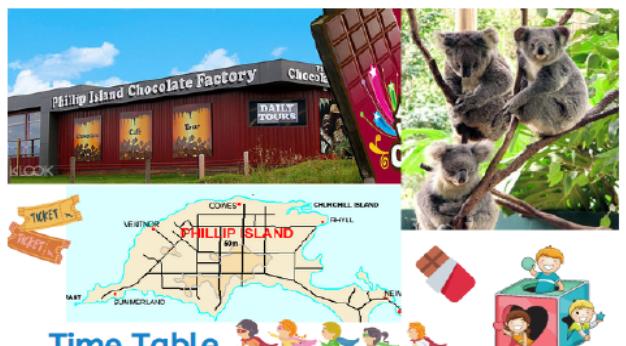
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OUR WALLS
INSTEAD OF
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SCHOOL/TEEN AGES

1HR SESSION \$15
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Will your child start kindergarten in the next 2 years?



Register your interest for 3 and 4-year-old kindergarten

- stay up to date with kinder information
- get notified when registrations open

When kindergarten registrations open (mid-year) Council's Central Registration Team will contact you to complete a registration form. You will only need to **complete one form** for each child to register for all participating kindergartens.

To register your interest or for more information visit
www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder

Hardcopy forms are available from Council offices and kindergartens.

* Kindergarten places are allocated in the year before a child starts kindergarten and in accordance with DET Priority of Access and the Kindergarten Central Registration Guidelines. Kindergarten places are not allocated based on date of registration.



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Our goal is to educate our students to communicate, be kind, be safe and be lifelong learners.

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Have you “liked” our Bass Coast Specialist School Facebook page?

We also have a private group for staff, parents & legal guardians to share stories and photos of the students in a private forum.

Just search for
BCSS Parents & Guardians

Monday April 25th- Anzac day

Tuesday April 26th- First day of term 2

ATTENTION ALL BUS TRAVELLERS

COWES BUS

0439141538

DRIVER: Graeme CHAPERONE: Cathy

GRANTVILLE/CORINELLA BUS

0447 913 555

DRIVER: Doug CHAPERONE: Vicky

INVERLOCH BUS

0400 695 720

DRIVER: Phil CHAPERONE: Kaye

Please contact the school directly 5672 4474 to make any changes to your bus arrangements.