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Acknowledgement of Country

Pennant Hills BASC would like to acknowledge the Dhurug and Guringai people who are the traditional owners of this land. They have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years and we thank them for sharing and caring for the land Pennant Hills BASC plays and learns on. We would like to pay our respects to elders past and present and extend that respect to any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples. We commit ourselves to an ongoing journey of reconciliation.

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Reminders

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st April are Staff Development Days. School returns on Wednesday 22nd April 2026. We are fully booked on the Tuesday but do have places available on the Monday.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday 22 April: Earth Day
- Saturday 25 April: ANZAC Day
- Monday 27 April: ANZAC Day Observed (Public Holiday) – SERVICE CLOSED
- Friday 8 May: Mother's Day Celebration
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- 15 – 21 May: National Families Week
- Tuesday 26 May: National Sorry Day
- 27 May – 3 June: National Reconciliation Week
- Wednesday 3 June: Mabo Day
- Friday 5 June: World Environment Day
- Monday 8 June: King's Birthday (Public Holiday) – SERVICE CLOSED
- Monday 22 June: World Rainforest Day
- Friday 3 July: Last Day of Term 2

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From Our Director

This was my first full term here at BASC and it has been so much fun! The standout for this term for me has been the confidence and resilience demonstrated by our new kindy friends. This year group have taken to their new routines with so much enthusiasm and laughter. They have been busy making new friends and interacting so beautifully with our seniors, all with the support of our wonderful Educators.

We are so excited to build on these relationships next term.

Katherine Director

From Our Educational Leader

This term has been defined by child-led agency and a blossoming sense of community. As the Education Leader, my focus has been moving beyond planned routines to see where the children's natural curiosities take us.

Fostering Autonomy and Leadership

The "why" behind our outdoor play this term has centered on Agency. A standout highlight was seeing one of our Year 5 children step into a leadership role, facilitating her own gymnastics classes on the oval. By stepping back and supervising rather than directing, our educators allowed for true autonomy. This build self-efficacy and helps children view themselves as capable mentors and decision makers.

Scientific Inquiry and Collaboration Through STEM Activities

Our STEM activities (particularly slime) were more than just sensory fun. Through experimenting with textures like fluffy, crunchy and glow in the dark, the children practiced the scientific method: hypothesising, testing and observing results. These moments of imagination running wild are actually the foundations of critical thinking and collaborative problem solving.

Cultural Identity Through the Kitchen

Following our family survey, I made a conscious effort to ensure our cooking activities reflected the survey response and the diverse backgrounds of our community. Incorporating dishes like Koulourakia, Pão de Queijo and Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls allows children to see their culture reflected in our service. This fosters a sense of belonging and helps all children to develop an appreciation for global flavours and traditions.

Looking Ahead to Term 2

I want to keep this momentum of collaboration going! Our curriculum is strongest when it is a partnership between educators, children and families.

We want your input:

- what is your child passionate about at home?
- Do you have skill or a cultural tradition you'd like to share?

Please email us or drop a note into the suggestion box next to the iPad at sign in/out. Let's make Term 2 just as child centered as the first!

Armelle Assistant Director/Educational Leader



Term 1 Highlights





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Learning Spotlights

This term, we've seen a beautiful shift toward peer-to-peer mentoring and creative expression.

- **Child Led Gymnastics:** A huge shout out to one of our Year 5 girls who has taken the initiative to run gymnastics classes for the younger children. Seeing her step into this mentor role has been a highlight of our afternoons.
- **Dance with Cerys:** Thursdays have become a high-energy favourite! Children across all year groups have been joining Cerys to learn new moves and build confidence through movement.
- **The "Kitchen & Lab":** From rolling sushi to mixing the perfect batch of glow-in-the-dark slime, our special activities have focused on sensory exploration and life skills.
- **Kindy Project:** We had an amazing time this term watching the Kindy's settle in! We even created a Kindy Project, where they created a paint cover using their hand prints!

Children's Voices

"Cooking is always so fun at BASC!" – Year 2 Child

"Can we please make slime everyday?" – Year 4 Child

"We should go on excursions during the term!" – Year 5 Child
(We hear you! We're looking into it!)

Sustainability and Nature

We are constantly looking for ways to reduce our footprint and connect with the earth:

- **BASC Drive:** Thank you to the P&C Green Team for organising a BASC Drive. We have generously received many games from PHPS families!
- **Compost is Back:** A big thank you to Chris for donating our new compost bin and thank you Megan for setting it up! We are excited to get our waste reduction cycle back on track.
- **Veggie Garden:** Our garden is thriving, and in Term 2, we are launching a Green Team to get children involved in the planting and harvesting process.
- **Earth Hour:** To encourage mindfulness and energy conservation, we've reduced screen time and enjoyed Earth Hour in the afternoons; relaxing with natural light and low energy activities.

Note: Our Mud Kitchen is currently having a "safety makeover." We look forward to its grand reopening soon!

Staffing Updates

We've had some exciting movements within our wonderful team this term:

- **Leadership Roles:** Armelle has officially signed on as Assistant Director, and Eva has stepped into the role of Vacation Care Coordinator.
- **Senior Team:** Cerys and Thomas are now part of our Senior Team and are training as Responsible Persons (RPs). Cerys has also taken on the vital role of Staff Wellbeing Officer.
- **Session Management:** To streamline communication, we now have one designated RP for the entire afternoon session. If you have specific questions at pick-up, they are your go-to person!

Farewells & New Chapters

Sadly, we have said goodbye to some of our long serving staff members :

- **Johan:** After 3 years of dedication, Johan is heading off for a career change. We thank him for his years of service and wish him the very best!
- **Astreia:** Our former Vac Care Coordinator has moved to London for a new adventure. We miss her energy already!
- **Harriette:** A massive congratulations to Harriette, who has started casual teaching at PHPS. We are so proud to see her transition into the classroom!

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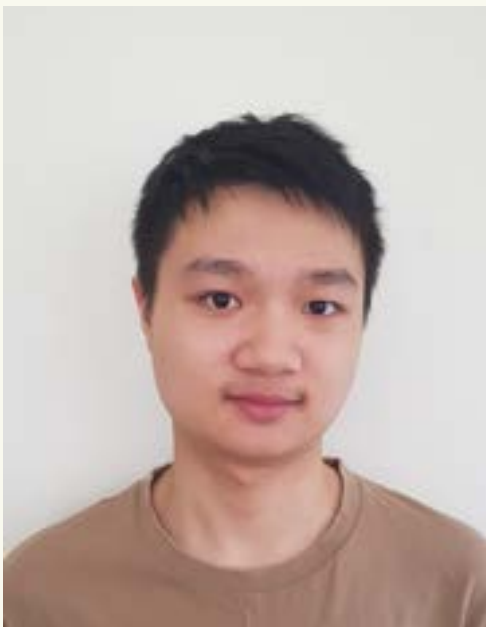
Staff Stars of the Term

Congratulations to our two staff members who we have recognised this term for their achievements :



Astreia Denby :

We want to give a massive shout out to Astreia for her incredible work over the last year. Organising 2 Vacation Care Programs is no small feat! Astreia's meticulous organisation ensured our holiday programs were seamless, diverse and most importantly packed with WOW moments that the children look forward to all term! While we are sad to see her go, we are so excited for her new chapter in London. Thank you for everything Astreia and good luck on your big adventure!



Ashton He :

Ashton has been an amazing member of our service and we want to recognise his incredible work ethic.

- Going above and beyond: Ashton put a huge effort into organising the Year 6 gifts at the end of 2025, ensuring our leavers had a meaningful and memorable send off.
- Safety First: As our WHS officer, Ashton works tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our environment safe and compliant. His reliability and attention to detail mean our educators can focus on what they do best; supervising and engaging with the children.

Thank you Ashton for your dedication and for being such a reliable part of our Senior Team!

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Community Links

Emergency Number

000

Australia's primary emergency call service number for police, ambulance and fire department

Police Stations

Pennant Hills / Eastwood: 9858 9299

Ryde: 9808 7401

Crime Stoppers

1800 333 000

Poisons Information

131 126

State Emergency Services (SES)

132 500

SES is an emergency and rescue service dedicated to assisting the community in times of natural and man-made disasters

Wires

1300 094 737

Wires Wildlife Rescue is the largest wildlife rescue and rehabilitation charity in Australia.

Ausgrid

13 13 88

NSW Rural Fire Service

1800 679 737

HazardsNearMe app

Hospital Contact Details

Hornsby Hospital: 9477 9123

Royal North Shore: 9926 7111

Westmead Children's Hospital: 9845 5555

Local Doctors

Rooftop Medical Practice

Thornleigh Marketplace Rooftop

2 / 263 Pennant Hills Road Thornleigh
8287 3400

Pennant Hills Family Medical Practice

20 Hillcrest Road Pennant Hills

9481 3200

Cherrybrook Medical Centre

Cherrybrook Shopping Village

Shop T05 / 41-47 Shepherds Drive

Cherrybrook, 9484 5676

West Pennant Hills Medical Centre

Thompsons Corner Shopping Village

16-18 Castle Hill Road

West Pennant Hills

9481 7773

Health Engine

www.healthengine.com.au

Book Doctor, GP, Dentist or Healthcare

Specialist Appointments Online

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Raising Children

www.raisingchildren.net.au

Raising Children is a parenting website that has information to help parents and carers keep their children healthy and developing well. Find resources on baby development, health, nutrition, play, safety and sleep. Plain language articles. Backed by science.

Cybersmart - eSafety Commissioner

www.esafety.gov.au

Provides online safety education for Australian children and young people, a complaints service for young Australians who experience serious cyberbullying and addresses illegal online content through the Online Content Scheme

Bullying. No Way!

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Bullying. No Way! provides trustworthy and practical information about bullying for educators, families and young people.

Healthy Kids

www.healthy-kids.com.au

Healthy Kids Association is a health promotion charity which works closely with schools, canteens, government, health professionals, food companies and families to improve access to nutritious food and educate children and families on how to make healthy choices for a healthy life.

KYDS

www.kyds.org.au

KYDS offer free, confidential counselling for young people aged 10 to 18 years of age with no Medicare card, GP referral or mental health plan required. They have a Hornsby office.

Kids Helpline

1800 55 1800

Kids Helpline is Australia's only free (even from a mobile), confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.

Beyond Blue - Youth

www.youthbeyondblue.com

Support for young people aged between 15 and 25 who are experiencing stress, anxiety and depression.

Beyond Blue

1300 22 4636

Beyond Blue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live.

Lifeline

13 11 14

Available 24/7

Provides all Australians access to crisis support and suicide prevention services.

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Suicide Call Back Service

1300 659 467

suicidecallbackservice.org.au

A free nationwide service providing 24/7 phone and online counselling to people affected by suicide.

1800RESPECT

1800 737 732

This 24-hour national sexual assault, family and domestic violence counselling line for any Australian who has experienced, or is at risk of, family and domestic violence and/or sexual assault.

Relationships Australia

1300 364 277

Relationships Australia is a leading provider of relationship support services for individuals, families and communities

Daisy App

The Daisy App connects people who may experience violence or abuse to support services in their local area. It was developed by 1800RESPECT and is free to use and download. It includes some safety features to help protect the privacy of people using it.

NSW Domestic Violence Line

1800 656 463

The NSW Domestic Violence Line provides counselling and referrals to women experiencing domestic and family violence.

Hornsby Kuring-gai Women's Shelter

8411 2046

www.hkws.com.au

We empower women and children experiencing domestic abuse and homelessness through opportunities for personal growth, and the development of life skills. Also crisis accommodation.

MensLine Australia

1300 78 99 78

www.mensline.org.au

MensLine Australia offers free professional 24/7 telephone and online counselling support for men with concerns about mental health, relationships, anger management, family violence (using and experiencing), stress, and suicidal thoughts.

The Sanctuary - The Hills Womens Shelter

www.thesanctuaryshelter.org.au

The Sanctuary provides safe, temporary, supported shelter, for up to 3 months, for women and their children who are escaping homelessness and/or domestic violence.

Services Australia

www.servicesaustralia.gov.au

Services Australia is an executive agency of the Australian Government, responsible for delivering a range of welfare, health, child support payments and other services to eligible Australian citizens and permanent residents.

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myGov

myGov is a secure way to access government services online in one place. This includes

- Centrelink
- Medicare
- Child support
- Australian Tax Office

Child Care Subsidy

Service Australia

Assistance to help you with the cost of child care.

Service NSW

www.service.nsw.gov.au

Service NSW makes it easier for NSW residents and businesses to access government services, including :

- Driving and transport
- Health and care
- Education
- Concessions, rebates and assistance
- Housing and property
- Legal and Police services

Community Migrant Resource Centre (CMRC)

Level 4, 1 Horwood Place
Parramatta, NSW 2150
9687 9901

www.cmrc.com.au

CMRC is a not-for-profit, charitable organisation that focuses on providing specialised support services to newly arrived migrants, refugees and humanitarian entrants.

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

TAFE NSW

amep@tafensw.edu.au

www.tafensw.edu.au

1800 114 707

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is a free service to help eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants to improve their English language skills and settle into Australia.

ESL Class

Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai Community College

9482 1189

www.hkcc.nsw.edu.au

Email: enquiries@hkcc.nsw.edu.au

This course is designed for learners from a non-English speaking background with basic English skills. You will practice your spoken and written English.

SNAICC

Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care

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www.snaicc.org.au

SNAICC is the the National Voice in Australia representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.