Wednesday 18th February 2015

Congratulations to the 2015 P & C Committee, we had a strong turnout for the AGM, thank you to the parents who continually give their time to make the school a better place for all students and staff.

A big congratulations to Chuck Berry and Liz Anderson who were awarded Life Memberships to the P & C. Chuck has been with the P & C for 15 years, volunteering for every event, usually the first here and last to leave. Chuck has been a tremendous support for the school, parents, staff and each of the Principals in that time. Liz Anderson has been involved in the P & C for 21 years. From my records that is over 200 P & C meetings. Liz has been involved in organising and supporting every fete, supporting new members, Executive members and each of the Principals in that time.

Without Liz, our P & C and school would not be the same.

Meet the Teacher Night
We will be starting the “Meet the Teacher Night” at 6:00pm in the Parade area, then move on to the classrooms to hear about the year ahead. This is a time to talk about your child individually with other parents in the room. This is a time to understand how the classroom is set up, general questions about routines and expectations. If you wish to speak about your child with the teacher please book a time with them to have an in depth conversation so they can provide more detail to you. The bell will ring at 6:30pm and this is the time to swap classes if you have more than 1 child. If you cannot make it to the night and wish for more information please book a time with the teacher after school or before school.

Swimming Carnival
The swimming carnival will be on Thursday night next week, 26 February. The swimming carnival is for those students that would like to compete for the school in the interschool carnival and want to try out for the swim team.
Principals' Conference
I will be attending the 2015 Principals' Conference on Thursday 26 February and Friday 27 February 2015 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The conference will bring together all Queensland state school principals and senior departmental officers. The theme 'A great school has a great school down the road - Collaborate, Innovate, Elevate' will focus on equipping principals to be system players who: collaborate to respond to challenges; critique, question and support each other; and, share and scale up new and effective practices. The two day event will feature keynote and guest speakers, panel discussions, master classes as well as a conference networking function on the Thursday evening. Attendance for all state school principals is required. Unfortunately will not be in attendance at the swimming carnival.

Trees
A big thank you to Lend Lease Construction & Infrastructure for donating trees to the school. The nature club planted 18 trees today to start the revegetation of dead spaces around the back oval. It is fantastic to have companies and parents looking out for opportunities to work with the school.

NQ Cowboys
We are fortunate to have Braden Uele as our ‘Adopt a Cowboy’. Braden is a junior kiwi representative and is coming through the ranks of the cowboys. Three years ago we had a little krown adopt a cowboy, Michael Morgan. Hopefully Braden will emulate his hero Ruben Wiki BUT play for the Cowboys.

Regards Chris

PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News

Week 4, Term 1

Students at Bluewater SS have made a positive start to 2015! All classes have been studying “The Bluewater Way” and are demonstrating what it means to Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Resilient.

In class, we can practise the strategy of “Are You Aware...?”

Being ‘aware’ at Bluewater, means:

- Understanding that sometimes our behaviours as students can be distracting or disruptive
- Paying attention to, and being responsible towards the routines of the classroom environment
- Understanding that there are many other children in the classroom that we must also get along with

If this strategy doesn’t work, students may need to use the strategy of “STOP! I have the right to learn, thank you!” This makes it very clear that learning is the reason we are here at Bluewater State School.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be closely looking at the “Act of Random Kindness” focus.

Watch this space...

Meet the Teacher Night

Tuesday 24th February 2015

1st Session—6:00 to 6:30pm

2nd Session—6:30 to 7:00pm

Come along and meet your child’s teacher. An opportunity to meet and ask questions. Teachers will be running two sessions to allow parents with more than one child to attend either session.

Adopt-a-Cowboy

Braden Uele

Date of Birth: 09-01-1995
Height: 191
Weight: 112
Position: Prop
Rep. Honours: Junior Kiwis
Junior Clubs: Glenora Bears
Previous Clubs: Sydney Roosters

Born & home town: Auckland
Enjoys: Chilling
Studies: NCEA Level 3
Career highlight: Making Junior Kiwis
Career goal: Be an NRL player
Favourite sportsperson: Ruben Wiki – never say die
Training/ fitness tip: Better never stops

Like

If you are looking for a lost letter, newsletter, bus form, notice or booklist, please remember to look on our website: www.bluewatess.eq.edu.au, all new information is updated on the website as is sent home with the children.

Find us on Facebook and keep up to date!
Swimming Carnival

Nominations have been coming in for the swimming carnival to be held on Thursday 26 February at North Shore Aquatic Centre. Races will begin at 6:00 so we need children to arrive at 5:30 and hope to see lots of parents, grandparents and siblings there to cheer the kids on. There will be a sausage sizzle and softdrinks on sale to raise funds for the Year 5/6 Camp. In the freestyle events we will be holding heats and finals. Hope to see you there wearing your house colours!
(Falcons—RED, Rattlesnakes—YELLOW, Fantomes—GREEN)

PREP PHOTOS
Monday 23rd February

All Townsville school Prep classes will be photographed for the Townsville Bulletin (print date to be advised). Please ensure your Prep child is in FULL school uniform this Monday.

Random Acts of Kindness Award

Sponsored by Red Rooster Deeragun

Clayton Y.

Each week a student is chosen for this award

Thank you again Red Rooster Deeragun

Stringed Instrument Program

We have quite a few students interested in playing a stringed instrument. As this is a new program we are starting from scratch. We need more instruments than what we have to spend. Violas and Cellos will be purchased by the school, and we are purchasing as many violins as we are able to. However if any parents are prepared to purchase a violin for their child, please let us know. Also if there is anyone who has an instrument at home that is not being used and would like to donate them to the school it would be appreciated.

Townsville Guitar School

offers one-on-one guitar lessons for all ages and abilities. We specialise in practical guitar, bass guitar and music theory. Lessons are tailored to each student’s personal needs. When planning lessons we take into consideration the student’s age, musical tastes and reasons for learning. Lessons generally take half an hour and occur on a weekly basis.
Please call 0457 614 936 or email townsvilleguitar@gmail.com to find out more or book lessons.

A note from Chappy Drew:

Wow! We’re into week 4 already! It’s good to see how well students, staff and parents have settled into 2015 😊. The Preps are no longer wandering around in a daze, but rather they’re running around during play times burning up seemingly unlimited energy. I love watching them play soccer - reminds me of a group of sea-gulls chasing after that elusive piece of bread – and they never seem to tire!

AfterSchool Youth (ASY)

(A fun-filled after-school program, Wednesdays 3:00 – 4:30pm, for students in grades 4-6)

ASY is up and running again. The first week back saw 15 students attend and last week we had 21 turn up. Although we lost our year 6 & 7’s from last year, we picked up 8 new students. We are hoping others will join us over the next few weeks. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to know more about ASY. It’s not too late for your child to join in on the fun.

Blessings, and have a great week 😊

Chappy Drew

Patches of Bluewater Craft Group

Meet every Thursday
Bluewater Community Centre
9am to 1pm
New people are welcome
For more information, please ring Shannon Stanford on 4788 6465

Patches of Bluewater are proud sponsors of
3 x $100 Encouragement Vouchers
to be presented at the 2015 Bluewater State School Christmas Concert
Library News
Late last year we received our new home readers, kindly purchased by the P&C. These books will be sent home for home reading. A Big Thank you to the parents and staff, who have been taking books home and covering them. If you could spare some time and would like to help cover our new books, please see Jodie in the library.

Don’t Forget!
Shake Rhubarb ‘n’ Roll
Thursday 26th of February 9:30am
$4.00 per student
Payment required by morning of Wednesday 25th Feb
Healthy Eating plus Exercise = Energy

Parent Information Session:
Sight Words and Reading
Date: Thursday 5th March 2015
Time: 9:15am to 9:45am
Location: Library
Please come along and join us to find out more about the importance of sight words and how you can help your child to be a successful reader in less than 15 minutes a day. One of the best gifts you could ever give your child is to help them to be confident and successful readers. This session will be full of practical ideas and you will be given a booklet you can take away to help you along this journey.

Admin Notices
Student Absences
If you child is ill or unable to attend school, please contact the school on 4751 2333 or alternately write a note for the teacher.

Contact Details
Please update your contact details and address if your situation has changed in any way; as it makes it very difficult to contact you if your child is sick or in the case of an emergency. Could you also please update your emergency contact details if they have changed.

News from 5B
5B have started the year by focusing on the Bluewater Way. We have been learning how to use positive strategies to make sure our own learning and safety comes first. We have also been building communication and thinking skills with Mr Sanderson. This week we have started an exciting English unit exploring Fantasy Stories, as well as getting started with our Reading Groups, Maths, Geography and Science. Here are a few photos of 5B following instructions, working in groups and achieving success.

Mr MacLeod

Flavoured Ice Blocks
FOR SALE on Friday afternoons outside Prep rooms 50c each All proceeds for Year 5/6 Camp

Sausage Sizzle
at Auskick on Friday afternoons All proceeds for Year 5/6 Camp
**Playgroup**

meets at Bluewater State School,
The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month (during school term times)
9.00am - 11.00am
Come along and have some fun with your child
and meet new people in the area.
All Welcome. Cost $3.00 per session
Bring along a healthy plate of food to share.

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**Bluewater P & C News**

**Tuckshop News**

**Meal Deal**

Bluewater State School Tuckshop would like to give the kids a chance to taste foods from different cultures from around the world. This month’s theme will be Asian.

**Wednesday 4th March**

Cost $5.00

- Includes Mini Spring Rolls (6)
- OR Rice Paper Spring Rolls (2)
- Popper or Water
- Rice Snack or Fruit

Order forms and money to be handed into Tuckshop before Friday 27th February. Tuckshop will be open for Meal Deals only on Wednesday 4th March. First break Grade 3-6, Second Break Prep-Grade 2

**Fundraising News**

The fundraising subcommittee are in full swing for the year with Siobhan at the helm. Please support the various fundraising activities arranged by the P&C as all proceeds are used to further improve the resources and facilities at the school.

**Voluntary Contribution:**

You will have received family contribution letters this week – please help us reach our fundraising goals and get your contributions in ASAP – we all want to see a bucket of iced water go over Miss Somervills and Mr Anderson with a bit less hair just before Easter.

**Major Raffle:**

This year’s major raffle will be a family holiday to the Whitsundays and $1,000 cash spending money – tickets will be $2 each and every family will receive a book of 20 tickets in the coming weeks – there are prizes for those families that sell the most tickets.

**Easter Bonnet parade raffle:**

A raffle will also be held at this year’s Easter Bonnet parade (held during last week of term) – there will be some fantastic prizes (chocolate - mmm...) with tickets for this raffle being $1 ea.

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**2015 Country Fair Committee**

Welcome back everyone to 2015 school year. Last year Bluewater School’s Country Fair was a great success with $10,000 raised which was used to purchase extra reading and music resources for students attending our great school. This year we would like to make our Country Fair an even bigger success. We are starting early and would like anyone interested in contributing with some great ideas or maybe you would just like to help out.

We are inviting you to please come along to our first meeting on Monday 23rd February at 2.10pm (after second break) at the library. I will look forward to meeting you and working on some great NEW ideas for our 2015 Country Fair.

Thank you

Tracey Walker
Country Fair Coordinator

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**P&C**

**Life Members**

Congratulations to Liz Anderson and Chuck Berry for becoming life members of the P&C at the recent AGM.

Both Liz & Chuck have worked tirelessly for many years in support of the P&C

Thank you!!

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**How can you get involved?**

The P&C are always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming a member or just want to see what happens at a P&C meeting please come along to the next meeting at 6:30pm on Tues 10/03 (in the library). If you are unable to get to P&C meetings, we are always looking for volunteers in the tuckshop and for people wanting to help out with fundraising events and the Country Fair....