Wednesday 2nd March 2016

Congratulations Falcons House!! A huge win at the Swimming Carnival last Thursday night. A big thank you to all of the students, staff and parents who supported the event at North Shore Leisure Centre. Thank you also to Jon and Maria Sieben who were very supportive of our school using the facilities.

The best part of the meet was the resilience shown by all of the students who nominated in the races. The individual champions listed below showed tremendous courage in competing in all strokes. Well done to the following age champions:


The swimming squad will be announced shortly to represent the school at the inter-school competition.

Clubs and Sports

Lunch times are certainly busy at the moment with many clubs starting and sports training happening. Currently there is Environmental, Rugby League, Netball, Code Club, Robotics, Disco, Defence Club and Choir.

It is wonderful to see students taking advantage of the great things that are happening at Bluewater.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

All teachers will be sending out timetables for parents to make appointments for Parent-Teacher interviews. This will be to discuss your child’s progress this year. Please take the opportunity to meet one on one with the teacher. Look out for the notes, or visit https://bluewatess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx

Regards

Chris
PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News

Focus Are You Aware – Week 6, Term 1

Students at Bluewater SS have made a positive start to Term 1!

Every child is aware of how important it is to learn, free from distractions.

In class, we can practise the strategy of “STOP! I have the right to learn, thank you” should someone be interrupting our learning.

The steps to follow are:

1. Use a non-verbal clue (such as holding up your hand) so that the student distracting us can see. This is the least intrusive way to let the person know you are having trouble learning because of their behaviour.

2. If the behaviour continues, say to the person, “Are you aware that you are...?” This gives the person another opportunity to be aware of their distracting behaviour. This statement clearly lets the person know what the problem is.

3. Finally, if the distractions still continue, you should state, “STOP! I have the right to learn, thank you!” Saying this clearly makes it very clear that learning is the reason we are here at Bluewater State School!

Family Contribution Scheme

The P&C are once again running their Family Contribution Scheme. This scheme is used to further assist the school in providing extra resources, facilities, activities and opportunities for the students. Participation in this scheme is not compulsory, however, as an added incentive to participate, if contributions reach $2,500 before the end of Term 1, Mr Anderson and Miss Somerville will be getting slimed! For every $50 received after $2,500, a staff member will also be added to the slime challenge. Payments ($25 per child, $50 maximum per family) can be made at the office (cash only), EFTPOS at the tuckshop or use EFT details provided on the forms that were sent home.

Correspondence Home

If you are looking for a lost letter, newsletter, bus form, notice or booklist, please remember to look on our website. Go to www.bluewatess.eq.edu.au, click on the Support and Resources tab, then Forms and Documents, then Documents. Or use this link https://bluewatess.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx All new information is updated on the website as is sent home with the children.

on the calendar

March:
3rd Defence Family’s Morning Tea
7th Prep Photos
7th Country Fair meeting
8th Rock-It Performance
8th P&C Meeting
14th Parent/Teacher Interviews commence
16th Book Club orders due
18th Free Dress Day
23rd Cross Country
24th Easter Bonnet Parade
Last Day Term 2

If your child is sick at school, will we be able to contact you?

Have your contact details changed? It's important that you let us know!

Please update your contact details, address and emergency contacts if your situation has changed in any way.

Contact the office on 4751 2333 or email admin@bluewatess.eq.edu.au

PREP PHOTOS

Monday 7th March

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.

Conveneancy Allowance

School Transport Assistance Scheme

Conveneancy Allowance is available for parents who choose to not use the bus service but live further than 3.2km from the nearest primary school or 4.8km from the nearest secondary school.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Please check the red box near staff room for any lost items such as hats and lunch boxes!
School Performance Tour for all students

An engaging voyage through Blues, Heavy Metal, Hip-hop and Country, with three larger than life

Tuesday 8th March
$6.00 per student
Cash (in a marked envelope) or EFTPOS to the office

We cannot accept any payments after Monday 7th March

ORDERS DUE BY 16 MARCH

Defence Club has been going great so far, and it’s good to see all the kids coming along to say hi and dropping in to see what we are doing. In the next few weeks we will be keeping busy with our Defence family’s morning tea, Cross Country, Easter craft and party!

DON’T FORGET
Defence Family’s Morning Tea
Thursday 3rd March
9:15am
In the Staff room
Come along for a friendly chat
Meet other families in our community!

Evonne Craven
(Defence School Transition Aide)

Instrumental String

Students are required to have all their equipment by end of term 1.
Tutor books, shoulder rests and rosin are most important.
If anyone has any tutor books for sale/donation please let us know.

We would like to introduce Bluewater School to our new School Age Care Coordinator, Miss Natasha. Miss Natasha is very excited to join PCYC and Bluewater to manage our school age care service. Miss Natasha has an education degree and many years’ experience as a classroom teacher; she will be a great asset. You will very shortly begin to see more of Miss Natasha around Bluewater but less of Miss Shannon as she returns to her duties as School Age Care Area Manager (but she will be back to visit).

It is with great anticipation that we are in the final preparation stages for our very first Vacation Care at Bluewater. The Vacation Care program will be available for families to view from Monday 7th March; bookings will open the same day. Vacation Care has stand-alone bookings on a separate booking form which comes with the program. If you would like to utilise Vacation Care and have not yet completed enrolment forms please collect a pack from the school or enrol online at:
https://bluewatersac.hubworks.com.au
Contact details for PCYC Townsville – Bluewater School Age Care
Mobile 0466 498 360
Email bluewatersac@pcyc.org.au
Facebook https://www.facebook.com/PCYCBluewater/
Shannon McDermott
Area Manager
School Age Care

Country Fair Update

Thank you to the wonderful group of regular Country Fair helpers who came to our first meeting of the year. It would be great to see some fresh faces along with some new ideas for class stalls, community or sporting club displays. If you are involved with any community or sporting clubs and would be interested in setting up a display, please come along to our monthly meetings.

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th March at 2.15pm in the staff room. Please come along.

Donations/sponsorship: Fundraising is a very important part of our Country Fair. Without the amazing generosity and donations from local businesses and families, some of our most popular stalls like the Cent Sale and Dodger Tickets would not happen. I would like to thank Deanna Hardy for taking on this vital role of seeking sponsorship and donations, you are awesome!

We will be having a free dress day fundraiser on Friday 18th March. Instead of a coin donation for being in free dress, please bring a donation of any cleaning products to contribute to our cent sale hampers. This can be any item used to clean the household, car or even the family pet. All contributions will be appreciated.

Thank you!
Tracey Walker
Country Fair Coordinator

Patches of Bluewater
Craft Group

Meet every Thursday at Bluewater Community Centre
9am to 1pm
New people are welcome
Contact Shannon Stanford on 4788 6465

Patches of Bluewater are proud sponsors of 3 x $100 Encouragement Vouchers presented at the 2016 Bluewater State School Christmas Concert

Next P&C Meeting
Tuesday 8th March
6:30pm
In the library
All Welcome!
MUSEUM OF TROPICAL QUEENSLAND

Join Ryan McNaught aka ‘The Brick Man’ for an interactive construction workshop to celebrate the opening of the Towers of Tomorrow with LEGO Bricks exhibition.

Put your LEGO skills to the test and learn the secrets of LEGO design and construction. With LEGO challenges for all ages, adults and families are encouraged to attend.

Bookings are essential as places are limited for this unique opportunity!

Saturday 7th May
1:00pm, 2:30pm and 4:00pm.

Sunday 8th May
1:00pm, 2:30pm and 4:00pm.

Workshops are 1hr in duration.

Note Ryan McNaught will only be available in person for the Saturday Workshops.

Workshop tickets available from the Museum of Tropical Queensland online shop at:


The exhibition will be open to the public from Monday 9 May

Playgroup meets at Bluewater State School the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month (during school term)

9.00am - 11.00am

Cost $3.00 per session

Bring along a healthy plate of food to share.

Come along & have some fun with your child and meet new people in the area. All Welcome

Queensland Nickel Redundancy Support Services
13QGOV: 13 74 68 Country Callback: 1800 543 354

Support available in financial assistance, financial counselling and job seeker services.

Printed information on government employment and income support, family and community services is available at the office.