Wednesday 4th February 2015

I am very pleased to be welcoming parents and students back to a new year at Bluewater State School. I hope you have all had a relaxing holiday and are excited to be returning to school for yet another year. To those families who are new to Bluewater School, I welcome you on behalf of our community and hope that you will all settle in quickly.

I am very excited to welcome new staff to our school, as well as 75 new Prep students and many more new families to the school.

The new staff are:

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<td>Brent May</td>
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<td>Ewan Mcleod</td>
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<td>Head of Student Services (Wellbeing)</td>
<td>Steven Sanderson (shared with Currajong)</td>
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Our full staff list is attached for your reference.

This means that one of our most familiar faces Mrs Rose will not be returning in 2015, she is having some time off due to personal reasons.

With 424 students enrolled at the school in 2015 we have grown to 17 classes. We will receive another classroom building this term, of which Miss Zylstra’s Year 3B class will be moving into as soon as possible. In the mean time they will be utilising the staffroom.

The P & C Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

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Great state. Great opportunity.
2015 Student Leaders

Our student leaders for 2015 will be awarded their badges in the coming weeks. Congratulations to the following students who were successful through the nomination and election process.

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I am looking forward to working with these students, and seeing them grow as leaders.

Road Safety

The SafeSt Committee, subcommittee of the P & C has had great success in regards to the traffic upgrades around the school. As a committee we have lobbied State Members, Local Councillors, Townsville City Council and Main Roads, securing the infrastructure and future upgrades that will meet the needs of the school community now and into the future.

Attached are the new zones, for the safety of students please follow the road signs and use them with care.

There will also be upgrades to the Highway in the coming months, turning into Feldt Street. Main Roads are currently planning and working on the upgrades.

Townsville City Council has also promised future upgrades in the 2017 budget, to existing car parks. This will be very promising for the coming years. I would like to thank all of the members of the SafeST committee for the amount of work that they have undertaken behind the scenes.

Watching the pickup zone in the afternoon, it seems if parents’ time their arrival between 3:10 and 3:20pm, they are able to make quick exits. There will be someone on duty to assist with the students to make quick pickups.

Website, Facebook and QSchools

We have started to place all permission slips and notices home on the website. If you are looking for a note, permission slip etc please go to [https://bluewatess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx](https://bluewatess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx)

Or navigate to Support and Resources, Forms and Documents, Documents.

If you have not ‘Liked’ our Facebook page please go to [https://www.facebook.com/BluewaterStateSchool](https://www.facebook.com/BluewaterStateSchool). A great app if you want to keep up to date is ‘QSCHOOLS’ you can download the app from any of the app stores.

Bus Passes

School bus passes that were not collected from the office were posted on Wednesday 28 January. They should have been received by parents and guardians within the next couple of working days. If by mid next week parents do not have bus passes they will need to contact SUNBUS 4771 9800
Absence and Being Late - the Hidden Impact

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but did you know......

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Sometimes parents ask that the school helps with a child’s work as they are behind and don’t look at the impact of student’s being late or having days off. School and learning starts at 8:55am and finishes at 3:00pm.

Congratulations

It was great to see that one of our former student’s excelling in the sporting field. Andrew Searle captained the Australian Under-18 Touch Football Team at the recent Trans-Tasman Carnival in Sydney. Congratulations to Andrew.

If you have any stories of former students excelling in the academic, sporting or cultural scene please let the office know. It is great to have real life links to success for all of our students.

SWPBL Focus:
“Do the Five” and “Stop! I have the right to learn thank you”

Bluewater State School is a School Wide Positive Behaviour for Learning School which focuses on improving student behaviour and whole school consistency of behaviour expectations across the whole school. There are two focuses that are being explicitly taught in classrooms currently and they are: “Do the Five” and “Stop! I have the right to Learn Thank You”. Please talk to your child/ren about these two focuses and remind them that this is how we deal with things at Bluewater School.

DO THE FIVE
This is a whole school approach which promotes self-management and focuses on individual conflict resolution between students using consistent language.
1. Say “Stop! I’m not your bait!”
2. “I don’t like it when you...” (Say exactly what they said or did)
3. “It makes me feel ...”.
4. Wait for their response.
5. Tell them “Don’t do it again!” (This should be said with a firm voice to convey emotion)
6. If it continues, see a teacher.
7. If that still doesn’t work, see the Deputy Principal or Principal.
8. And always talk to Mum and Dad but remember they will ask you if you did the above process.

STOP! I HAVE THE RIGHT TO LEARN THANK YOU!
We encourage students to say to peers “Stop! I have the right to learn thank you!” when another student may be annoying them or distracting them from learning in their class.

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.
Curriculum News

Last year was an exciting year for Curriculum and the Library. I would like to thank the P&C for supporting our school priority “Reading”.

In semester one, the P&C supported us financially by purchasing new Guided reading books. The new reading books are now being used by classroom teachers to enhance their teaching and enrich your child or children’s love of reading and learning.

In semester two, the P&C supported us again by financially providing the money to upgrade and modernise our Home Reading books. The new home reader books are currently being accessioned in the library by Mrs Wilson. I would also like to thank Jodie Beer for enthusiastically devoting a day each week to help cover all these books. When they are finished, you will then see these new books coming home in your child’s home reading folder.

I would like to sincerely thank the P&C for supporting and prioritising the teaching and learning at Bluewater State School.

Kaylene Preston
Head of Curriculum

A note from Chappy Drew:

Hello and welcome back to those returning from last year; and a huge welcome to those new to Bluewater State School. For those who don’t know me yet, I am Bluewater’s School Chaplain and I am here three days a week (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday).

Since we have many new families to the school I thought I would outline the duties of School Chaplains. A school Chaplain is a person of faith; trained in offering care and acceptance to all, regardless of faith, race, gender or cultural background. They care for students struggling with a wide range of issues, including: friendships, peer pressure, self-esteem, bullying, stress and anxiety.

School Chaplains are safe people for young people to connect with at school. They do this through listening and interacting with the students. They are confidential, caring and offer support where needed.

I am also here to support students exploring their spiritual beliefs and world views, along with facilitating and providing pastoral care.

After School Youth (ASY) is a fun-filled after school program run onsite on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:30pm for students in grades 4-6. ASY is a perfect option for parents/guardians wishing their child/ren to gain a good understanding of the Christian worldview whilst being cared for by a great team of qualified leaders. If you would like more information or permission form, then please contact me.

Blessings, and have a great week 😊
Chappy Drew

Correspondence Home

2015 Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 26th February at North Shore Pool. Nomination form and information note have been sent home, please return with payment (if nominating) no later than Thurs 12 Feb.

Dental permission notes have been sent home. Please complete and return to the office no later than Fri 13 Feb.

Shake Rhubarb ‘n’ Roll performance for all students is on Thursday 26 February. Cost is $4.00 per student. Please send money in a sealed marked envelope or snaplock bag no later than Wed 25 Feb, 12 noon. EFTPOS also available at office.

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Thurs All grades

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New people are welcome

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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.

Bluewater P & C News

Tuckshop News
Just a reminder the tuckshop is now open from 8.30 to 2PM MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY only.
Please make sure you send your tuckshop orders in an appropriate size bag with Name, Class, which break (1st or 2nd). Remember to use separate bags for each break if you are ordering both lunches. Please do not staple or tape paper bags - if you are worried about change falling out you can purchase reusable tuckshop bags from the tuckshop for $10.

UNIFORMS
Our new shorts and skirts look very smart and we have had to re-order the smaller sizes. Current shorts in stock 14, 16. Skirts 8,10,12,14,16. We have placed an order with delivery expected mid to late February.

VOLUNTEERS
We are currently seeking new volunteers for the tuckshop, extra volunteers mean we can move to a fortnightly (possibly monthly) roster. If you can spare time please see Sherree in the tuckshop.

Fundraising
The P&C held a sausage sizzle fundraiser on election day. Thank-you to everyone that assisted with the election day sausage sizzle including those that purchased items from the stall - as with all fundraising by the P&C, all funds raised are used to further improve the resources and facilities at school.
The P&C will also be holding our major raffle in first term. Expect tickets to come home in the next few weeks - keep your eyes peeled!!!

Annual General Meeting
Our Annual General Meeting will be held in the school library on Tuesday 10th February at 6:30pm
The P&C are always looking for new members. How can you get involved? If you are interested in becoming a member of the association, joining a subcommittee or just wanting to see what happens at a P&C meeting please come along to the next meeting (which will include the AGM) at 6:30pm on Tues 10/02. We look forward to meeting lots of new families!!
Rachel Borresen BWSS P&C Secretary

New Playground
While the finishing touches are still required on the new playground (grass), it is great to see the kids in grades 2-6 getting use out of the new playground (flying fox & slides) that was provided by the P&C - nice demonstration video on Facebook Mr Anderson.

Traffic/Parking/Bus Zones
After 12 months of work by the P&C including gathering feedback from parents and lobbying local government, over the holidays the council has implemented changes to traffic infrastructure around the school. The relocated bus stop should eliminate the need for buses to back & fill outside the school and the wider carparks along Ditton St should make these spaces more user friendly. A pick up and drop off zone is now available on Buckby St (at old bus stop location) to hopefully reduce some of the pressure on carparks. While the first week back has been very heavy on car parking, we are confident once everyone settles into their normal routine the benefits of these changes will be realised - thank you for everyone’s patience during the process of having these changes implemented we have also received commitment from the council for more significant works to occur in the next few years - the P&C will be monitoring the effectiveness of the implemented changes before identifying our preferred "major project" to council. As part of the traffic infrastructure changes, the P&C have also arranged for a new entrance gate to be installed adjacent to the new bus stop location and for a concrete path from this gateway to the undercover area - this work should be completed in the coming weeks.
Last year the P&C SafeST subcommittee also lobbied state government to see improvements made to the intersection of the Bruce Hwy & Feldt St - we are of the understanding that an upgrade should occur to this intersection early this year.
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Cleaners - Shirley Morton
                Janette Mullins

Facilities Officer - Col Leslie

Canteen Convenor - Sherree Waters

Chaplain Drew Millar

Class Teachers -
PrepB Margaret Boswood
PrepW Holly Great
PrepS Karen Roberts
Year 1B Stacey Caruso
Year 1W Deb Markham
Year 1S Aron Smith
Year 2B Lucy Capstick
Year 2W Sandy Kerdel
Year 2S Kathryn Cook
Year 3B Adriana Zylstra
Year 3W Colin Horwood
Year 3/4B Grant Whiteford
Year 4B Rose Searle
Year 4/5B Brent May
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Year 5/6B Jasmine de Jong
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