Wednesday 13th May 2015

2015 LEADERSHIP CAMP
We took 12 of our school leaders to Pelorus and Orpheus Islands, visiting Fantome Island; this was a first for Bluewater School. It was an exceptional camp and we challenged the leaders to extend themselves. It was great to see the growth that the leaders displayed, with plans in place for a similar camp in 2016.

NAPLAN
Thank you to Sheree for organising the NAPLAN breakfasts. Although NAPLAN is compulsory, making it as comfortable as possible for each of our students is important.

RUGBY LEAGUE
Our rugby league team played well in the NRL CUP last week. Kelso were too good and have knocked us out of the competition. The next rugby league competition will be the under 10 competition later in the year. Mr Crowdey coached the side with Mrs Caruso and Mr May managing the team.

RUGBY UNION
Our Rugby Union team will be defending their title on May 29 at the Rugby Development Cup. This will be a one day carnival, however Mr Whiteford is organising further competitions with Currajong and an interhouse Cup.

AFL
There will be a gala day on May 28 with the AFL team, we have had a great history in this competition. The 2008 team went on to be the Townsville, Thuringowa, NQ Champions and then came third in the state. This result might be out of our league this year but we will certainly give it a crack.
HIGHLIGHTING BLUEWATER THROUGH PROFILING

Steven Sanderson will be running Profiling for Regional schools at Bluewater School over the next three days. Classroom Profiling is a coaching method to improve classroom practices for managing student behaviour.

The program:
- helps teachers develop, build and enhance positive relationships
- provides tools to minimise inappropriate student behaviour
- enables teachers to create learning focussed classrooms
- data based identification of student behaviours and effective teacher strategies
- Helps like-schools compare data and continually challenge expectations.

Classroom Profiling is quality assured and aligns with national standards for teachers. Research is currently being conducted by James Cook University measuring the impact of Classroom Profiling on the teaching practice of graduate teachers. Steven will be running the training at Bluewater on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Again showcasing Bluewater and our staff.

TRAINING

Staff members will be attending Professional Development in early June. This will require the leadership team attending Friday and teachers attending on the Saturday. Synopsis is below.

Explicit instruction is systematic, direct, engaging, and success oriented—and has been shown to promote achievement for all students. This highly practical and accessible resource gives special and general education teachers the tools to implement explicit instruction in any grade level or content area. The authors are leading experts who provide clear guidelines for identifying key concepts, strategies, skills, and routines to teach; designing and delivering effective lessons; and giving students opportunities to practice and master new material. Sample lesson plans, lively examples, and reproducible checklists and teacher worksheets enhance the utility of the volume.

JOHN LIVINGSTON

It is of great sadness that the community buried John Livingstone this week. I was fortunate to talk to John over a few drinks on more than one occasion and enjoyed his passion and innovative thinking. John was a great mentor and a great Principal. Education in Townsville will be at a great loss for his passing.

ROADWORKS

It was great to come to school this week and see the road works happening on the highway for the Feldt Street intersection. The lobbying by the local community, by Col Leslie and the SAFEST committee has been successful in securing safer roads around the school. Well done to the P & C.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be on Thursday 18 June. Individual envelopes have been sent out to all families. If you have more than one child at Bluewater and would like a family/sibling photo, please call the office and we will send the additional envelope home to you.

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Regards

Chris
PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News

“Lunchtime Legends” is the current PBL focus. Being a “Lunchtime Legend” means that students are: responsible and respectful in the eating area and when moving to play areas.

These are the student expectations:
- Students will be seated when eating. They will ask the staff on duty for permission to go to the toilets/drinks etc.
- Students will leave their lunchboxes in a tidy manner and ensure all rubbish is placed in a bin/recycling container/worm farm bin.
- After the play bell rings, students will remain seated and place their hands on their head when they are ready to leave the eating area. Staff will check that the eating area is clean and then request students walk to the appropriate play area. Students that are still eating are to continue eating if desired.

The PBL team has introduced a ‘Buddy Bench’ as a trial in the P-2 playground area. This buddy bench is used as a great way to show kindness to others when they may not have a friend to play with or talk to. Thank you to Mr Leslie for painting this very colourful bench for our school!

New soccer balls and other bouncing balls have been purchased for students to use in their respective play areas. Students are aware of the expectations around borrowing sporting equipment and we do not encourage children to bring their own sport equipment to school. Thank you to Miss Somerville for selecting really awesome designs for the new soccer balls!

Have fun at lunchtime, legends!

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Choir Rehearsal Times

**Sopranos**
- Monday 1st Break
- Tuesday 2nd break
- Friday 2nd Break

**Alto**
- Tuesday 1st break
- Wednesday 2nd Break
- Friday 2nd Break

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Lost Property

**Missing something?**

Good chance you’ll find it in the lost property box! This red box is located in the eating area and is overflowing with drink bottles, hats and lunch boxes looking for their owners.

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Give it a try!

Congratulations to TRYathletes from Bluewater State School

Six students from Bluewater took part in the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at Riverway Townsville on 3rd May 2015.

- Olivia E
- Jessica E
- Angus H
- Jack H
- Harrison S
- Braydon S

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon will be returning once again in 2016.

For more information on the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon visit www.try.weetbix.com.au
A note from Chappy Drew:
Saddle up and come on down to St Anthony’s Catholic College, Joanne St, Deeragun, where Northern Beaches Connections are putting on a ‘Bush Dance’ ...Saturday night the 30th May. Start arriving from 6:30pm with the dancing commencing 7pm. Hot food, desserts & drinks for Sale. All money raised will go to school chaplaincy programs in the Northern Beaches. Blessings, and have a great week 😊

Chappy Drew

BUSH DANCE
Featuring the band WATTLE ‘N’ GUM

Wear your country gear & come along for dancing, prizes, games and a night of fun
Some extra gold coins will come in handy

6:30pm - Dancing starts at 7pm
Saturday 30th May 2015
St Anthony’s Catholic College – SDC
Joanne Street, Deeragun

Hot Food, Desserts & Drinks for Sale

$12 per person
$30 per Family
Tickets at the door

All proceeds go to School Chaplaincy programs in Townsville’s Northern Beaches

For more information contact Ben Pearson 0419 740 694

Patches of Bluewater Craft Group

Meet every Thursday at the 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 presented at the 2015 Bluewater State School Christmas Concert

Cancer Council
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Bluewater State School will once again be hosting The Annual Biggest Morning Tea Thursday 4th June
In the past this has been a very successful fundraiser for Cancer Council Queensland. Please start thinking about your cakes and cupcake creations you are going to bake. More information to come soon.

Position Vacant
Local business requires a casual housekeeper.
Approximately 6 hrs per week.
Must be fit and healthy.
Phone Janelle on 4778 6118

Playgroup meets at Bluewater State School
the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month (during school term)
9.00am -11.00am
Come along & 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.
Additional resources for the school:
At last night’s P&C meeting it was agreed to purchase:
- 3x 6mx8m collapsible gazebos – these will provide further shade for students at events such as the sports carnival at the end of this term; and
- $9,000 of numeracy resources that will assist students in all grades.

It is wonderful to be able to provide these resources to the school which will be used by all of our kids – this would not be possible without all the fundraising activities that are so strongly supported by the Bluewater school community – thank-you to everyone for their involvement in these activities.

In continuing to support various activities at the school, the P&C have contributed toward the NAPLAN breakfasts (50/50 split with donation made by Woolworths) and provided 20x $10 book club vouchers as prizes for the upcoming biggest morning tea event (raising funds for cancer council).

Fundraising Results:
A big thank-you to Siobhan and her band of helpers that have been so busy lately with a number of fundraising activities that have included the Easter Raffle, Mothers Day Stall and the Major Raffle (Hamilton Island). Without the work of these dedicated individuals the P&C would not be in the enviable position that we are in where we are able to improve the school’s resources and facilities which is ultimately improving all of our children’s education.

Hamilton Island (Major) Raffle:
Winner of the raffle (Hamilton Island holiday & $1000 cash) was ticket # 02199 (Skye Hobbs). Second prize winner of the iPod mini was ticket # 01241 (Julie Deguara). Congratulations to the winners and better luck next year to everyone else.
This year’s major raffle has made us an overall profit of over $8,300. Thank-you to everyone for selling the raffle tickets – every ticket sold added to the success of this fundraising activity. The top 2 ticket sellers each received a Samsung Galaxy Tablet for their efforts – top ticket sellers were Hitchens (Cassidy) Family for selling 300 tickets and the Weiss (Allyra) Family for selling 275 tickets.

Mothers Day Stall:
Hope fully all the mums out there had a wonderful Mother’s Day. Thank-you to all the volunteers (Siobhan and her team) that helped out on the Mother’s Day stall and for all the kids out there that picked up something special for mum. The Mother’s Day stall raised a profit for the P&C of over $1,000.

Pie Drive:
The next major fundraising event for the P&C will be a pie drive that will be held later this term. Order forms will be distributed on 1st June with pies intending to be ready for collection from the school during the last week of this term. More details will be provided when the order forms are distributed in the next few weeks. Start clearing space in your freezer now as these pies are just the thing for winter over the school holidays.

Country Fair:
The P&C’s major fundraising event for the year is its annual Country Fair (fete) that will occur during term 3 (30/10). Volunteers are needed to help out with planning for and running this event. Anyone that is able to help out, can you please contact the Country Fair Coordinator Tracey Walker (via the school office).

Tuckshop State of Origin Meal Deal:
The Tuckshop will be cheering on the Mighty Maroons! We are offering a State of Origin Meal Deal on Wednesday 27th May. $5.00 includes Pie or Spaghetti, popper or water, iceblock or fruit. Order forms will be sent home with this newsletter.

Upcoming calendar of fundraising events:
27/05 - State of Origin Meal Deal
01/06 - Pie Drive order forms distributed
04/06 - Biggest Morning Tea (cake decorators starting planning your cake design). All money raised at this event is for the cancer council.
12/06 - Pie Drive order forms to be returned with money
25/06 (TBC) Pies ready for collection from the school.

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 09/06 (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 (e.g Mother’s Day stall) and the Country Fair.
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