Wednesday 10th June 2015

Biggest Morning Tea
A brilliant and successful morning for our community. Thank you to all of the staff, parents, students and community members who contributed to the day. In total we raised over $2885 for the Cancer Council. There were over 175 entries with 23 of them going to auction. Thank you also to Laura from the Cancer Council for joining us on the day. Congratulations to Mrs Paterson and thank you to the P & C for organising one of our best events.

School Photos
School photos will be on Thursday June 18. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

Athletics Day
Athletics Day is on Wednesday 24 June. The students have been preparing running trials at lunch time and in PE. Our upper students have been learning to face paint house colours and logos during visual arts. It has been a great way to look at techniques and colour variations with a purpose and should make the day special. I want to thank the P& C for the purchase of three new shade structures, which will be used on athletics day.

Moderation
Last Thursday we were host to Currajong State School who came here for moderation. The staff enjoyed showing each of their year level peers their classes and talking about their teaching. The feedback was tremendous and our staff are looking forward to visiting Currajong classrooms next term.

Staff Changes
Nicole Browning Special Education Teacher will be taking long service leave until the end of term. This is due to personal reasons and we are currently trying to fill the position.
Mathematics resources

A big thank you to the P & C for the purchasing of extra maths resources. Mathematics is a very abstract thinking process and the ability to have concrete materials to manipulate, play with and use helps students develop a better understanding.

National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All Government departments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools participated and all schools will be collecting data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not forward on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Prep Enrolments

If you know of people that are eligible* to enrol that have prep age children for 2016, please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible. This will allow decisions to be made in Brisbane in regards to additional buildings and resources etc. Currently we have 31 Prep students enrolled for 2016.

*Eligibility- Any student, whose principal place of residence is within the school’s catchment area/s, is (subject to the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006) entitled to enrol at the school. The school Principal will reserve places for students who move into the catchment area throughout the school year.

Other students who are entitled to enrol as if in-catchment:

The following groups of students will be entitled to enrol, even though they may reside outside the school’s catchment area:

- Children and young people who are subject to child protection orders that grant guardianship or custody to the Chief Executive Officer of the Dept of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (Child Safety Services)
- Siblings of current students at the school (excluding siblings of Program of Excellence students). Where a school has both a primary and secondary campus, siblings are only entitled to enrol in the same campus as the currently enrolled student
- Students whose parent or legal guardian is employed by the school
- Students who live outside the catchment area and are verified with a disability can enrol in the school to attend the specialised disability program if it is the closest program to their home and meets their individualised needs
- Students who have been excluded from another school, dependent upon the conditions related to the exclusion, subject to agreement of the Regional Director.

Regards

Chris
PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News

"Taking Care of Business"

We have been learning about, and discussing, the importance of ‘Taking Care of Business’ when using the school toilets. This means that students are being taught about:

- **Germy places** – not to spend extra time unnecessarily in these places
- **Personal hygiene** – flushing toilets, washing hands with an appropriate amount of soap after every toilet visit
- **Toilet etiquette** – using the toilets and leaving, respecting people’s privacy, respecting property in the toilet blocks, being responsible for noise levels in the toilet blocks

We expect all students at Bluewater State School to show responsibility when using the toilets.

Bluewater P & C News

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.

Pie Drive

Order forms were distributed last week for our annual pie drive. As outlined on the forms, all order forms are to be returned (with money) no later than Tues 16/06 (if possible try to get them back by Fri 12/06). All items (pies, lamingtons & peach blossoms) are made locally by Mal’s Pies (same supplier as last year) and will be delivered to the school frozen (same as last year). All items that are ordered will be available for collection from the school in the afternoon on Thurs 25/06 (second last day of term) – please make arrangements to ensure all pies are collected by 3:15pm on Thurs 25/06 as we are unable to store them for you. Start clearing space in your freezer now and order up big as these pies are just the thing for winter over the school holidays.

Upcoming calendar of fundraising events:
- 16/06 – Pie Drive order forms to be returned with money
- 25/06 – Pies to be collected from the school in the afternoon by 3:15pm

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 14/07 (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.
Curriculum News

In Week 10, Semester 1 report cards will be handed out. Teachers are currently evaluating student work based on assessment tasks from Term 1 and 2 in English, Maths, Science, Geography, History and Civics and Citizenship (for Year 3 to Year 6 students only).

Due to the implementation of the Australian curriculum, report card results may also reflect students' 'learning curve', in terms of the change in expectations for learning in their year level.

This is not cause for concern, as teachers are adapting and adjusting their teaching/learning to ensure that students receive the necessary prior knowledge and are supported through their learning tasks.

For further information on the Australian Curriculum standards, visit the online curriculum at http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/

Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland are becoming more familiar with a 5-point scale (e.g. A-E) process for reporting in all schools.

The system schools are using, refers to attainment standards called "benchmarks of achievement". So what makes an "A", "B", "C" etc. is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade.

This is what you could consider the new difference for a "C" really means:

A "C" means that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate age level.

A "C" means that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level at school. The best description is to say that a "C" means that the student's academic development is exactly where it needs to be.

That means attaining a "C" for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for your age level.

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an "A" or "B". These grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class. They are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of higher order thinking for their year level.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's academic achievement, please make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Kaylene Preston
Head Of Curriculum

Athletics Carnival
Wednesday
24th June

Wear your house colours!
Fantomes: Green, Falcons: Red
Rattlesnakes: Yellow
Coloured Hairspray available on the morning for $2

Parent helpers needed to assist with events, please contact the office as soon as possible.

If you are able to help out over lunch time with the Tuckshop Meal Deals, please see Sheree at the tuckshop.
A note from Chappy Drew:

Anyone feeling cold! Winter has finally arrived...and isn’t that lovely rain very welcome! 😊

Recently Northern Beaches Connections put on a Bush Dance to raise funds for School Chaplaincy in the Northern Beaches area (consisting of Bluewater SS, Bohlevale SS, Northern Beaches SHS & Rollingstone SS). On the night $1500 was raised (Fantastic!), which will go to the Local Chaplaincy Committee, to then be distributed between the schools. So a very big “Thank You” to Northern Beaches Connections 😊.

After School Youth: Next Wednesday (17th June) ASY are having their Term2 ‘Parents Vs Students’ soccer match; followed by a sausage sizzle. In the previous 5 matches, parents and students have won 1 match each, with 3 matches being drawn. We encourage parents to come along and join in the fun (even if you do not intend playing in the soccer match you are still encouraged to come for the BBQ 😊)

Blessings...and have a great week 😊

Chappy Drew

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**Tennis Townsville’s School Holiday Clinic**

**JUNIOR CLINIC FOR ALL AGES TEACHING TECHNIQUE, BALL SKILLS, GAME PLAY (AND MATCH PLAY FOR THE OLDER CHILDREN)**

The Junior Clinic is a great way to fill in the holidays with fun and exercise! The program is suitable for children of ALL ages (4-16 years) and abilities.

**When:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
7th to 9th July, 2015

**Time:** 3:00pm - 5:00pm

**Where:** Tennis Townsville, 32 Burke Street, North Ward

**Cost:** $72 per child or $144 for 2 or more siblings.
Casual rate is $26 per session.

***Please bring a hat / water / sunscreen

To register contact: Townsville

Sponsored by:

32 Burke Street, North Ward / Ph: 4721 5129
PO Box 5036, Townsville QLD 4810
E: tennis@tennisstownville.org / www.tennisstownville.org

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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.

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4B are collecting all oral health waste to send away to be recycled. The school that collects the most will win $1000 so please send in all your old toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and even the packaging that the new ones come in as it all counts.
Final race meet before the World Championships

SEE THE Australian DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM LIVE

2015 SWIMMING AUSTRALIA GRAND PRIX TOWNSVILLE JUNE 18-20

FREE ENTRY
Long Tan Memorial Pool
Heats 9 - 10:30am
Finals 4 - 5:30pm

Australia's best swimmers battle it out in the pool over two action-packed days of competition

Bluewater STATE SCHOOL

Nothing but the best

WILLOWS ON WHEELS
ROLLER DISCO

All proceeds go towards the 5/6 Canberra Camp

$12.00 PER PERSON
25TH OF JUNE
6PM TO 8PM

Fully supervised activities
All family members welcome to skate
Food available from the canteen
Come along and have some fun!

72 Harvey Range Road, Condon

Please purchase tickets from the office
FROGS
(Fun, Recreation, Outdoors, Games and Surprises)
School Holiday Program

When: 9am-3pm - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of every school holiday
Age: 7yrs to 17 yrs
Holiday Dates: JUNE/JULY 2015
Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 1st July
Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th July
Fees:
Support fee: $20 per hour/$120 per day
(NB# If you would like to enquire about assistance for funding please contact Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre: 1800 052 222)
No fee for Cootharinga participants with FROGS funding
Activity fee: $5 per day for cost of activity materials for each participant
Venue: Northreach Baptist Church
38 Canterbury Road, Kirwan.
Facilities: Fully Air Conditioned, fenced playground, accessible toilets
Service Delivery: Maximum 15 participants, group ratio 1:2 participants
Transport: Transport is not provided to and from venue. Parents are requested to drop off and pick up children. If a day trip is planned parents will be asked to drop their children directly to the location of the activity. All trips will be within Townsville surrounds.
Food and other provisions:
Parents to provide Morning Tea and Lunch daily and
Hat, sunscreen, change of clothes, swimmers, towel, all aids, medication
(if required).
Activities:
Painting, gift making, dancing, board games, craft, music, singing,
storytelling, cricket, handball, basketball, soccer, boccia, bowls and much more
Day Trips: parks, water parks, playgrounds, Strand, swimming, library etc.
Enquiries:
Sala Vateitei 4773 2172 Mobile: 0488 727 222
LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE, BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

North QLD Wildlife Carers Hall
Aitken Street, Aitkenvale
OPEN DAY
Saturday
13th JUNE 2015
11am - 3pm
FREE ENTRY
\nLIVE REPTILE DISPLAYS
\nMONSTER RAFFLE
\SAUSAGE SIZZLE

PO Box 1182, Thuringowa Central, QLD 4817
Email: nqherpsociety@gmail.com
Bluewater State School Leadership Camp 2015  
Written by Samarah C (5/6B)

We all have those amazing experiences throughout our life. We remember them forever as happy memories. Bluewater Leadership Camp 2015 was one of them for me. Friendships grew stronger, we learnt lots of new things about ourselves, our peers, and the environment in which we live in. We also had a tonne of fun.

On the 6th-8th May, eleven of our twelve school leaders and five adults (including our Principal Mr Anderson) camped on the magnificently beautiful Pelorus Island. It was incredible. Clear blue water, lush vegetation, and a cooling breeze. Everything was so untouched by human life, we could really appreciate nature’s gifts.

We had so much fun on this beautiful island, participating in many team-building and leisure activities. We played lots of games including team-building and leadership skills. We also went tubing, snorkelling, kayaking, made catapults and had many boat rides! We even saw a baby reef shark swim by while we were doing the dishes in the ocean!

Another great experience was visiting one of the islands, Fantome Island. Bluewater State School uses this island’s name in our school sports houses. Our school houses are Rattlesnakes, Falcons and Fantomes. Fantome Island used to be a leper colony, and we learnt lots about the disease, and had a little tour of the colony area. Our knowledge of this disease and its effect on humans and their life really made us think and appreciate how good life is today.

We had a great time on Pelorus, and we are so thankful for everyone who helped organise this amazing trip. We are so grateful and lucky to have had the opportunity to participate in the 2015 Bluewater Leadership Camp, and wish good luck to next year’s leaders.

ARTIES & STOCKLAND ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

We had a lovely afternoon on Thursday 28th May listening to seven of our wonderful students perform for the Preps to Year 3 and their teachers. Kayla Gosling from Arties Music gave the students some great feedback and the 3 place getters are eagerly looking forward to the big competition.

First: Olivia H (Flute); Second: Indiana S (Flute); Third: Darcy D (Drums)

Encouragement: Emily Y (Guitar and vocals)

Thanks you to Arties Music for providing this wonderful opportunity to our students.