The 2015 Canberra Camp has been a fantastic trip so far. You can follow the students exploits via the Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/BluewaterStateSchool. Today they head to Perisher Valley in search of snow. Some of the places they are visiting are Parliament House, War Memorial, Governor General’s House, Questacon, National Geoscience Centre, Australian Institute of Sports, The Mint, National Gallery and many other Canberra centres.

Incidents: Last week we had the unfortunate circumstance of having two serious incidents in the Townsville area. At a Townsville School last Thursday afternoon a student was approached after school by two men in a car. The student was very responsible and immediately ran off. This highlights our shared responsibility to constantly be vigilant as families and as educators to give the personal safety messages about Recognise, React and Report. Bluewater has not been immune to incidents, we had two reports of suspicious activities around the bus stops in our area this year. However, thankfully, once checked out by police both incidents were innocent and cleared of any wrong doing. The important message, through the Daniel Morecombe curriculum was received by students as they recognise, react and report.

Outside School Hours Care Survey: Thank you to all parents who have filled out the survey for Outside School Hours Care (Before School, After School and Vacation Care). Details if you still want to fill in the survey are in this newsletter. At this stage we are investigating what support it would have, if we meet regulations and if it is viable. I am hoping to start in 2016, but there are a number of hurdles to jump over, so watch this space.

Prep enrolment for 2016: If you have not yet made arrangements for Prep enrolment for next year, could you please do so. It is important that we have the number of students in our area that will be attending Bluewater next year. This will help with facilities and with transition programs in term 4.

The Challenge Games were held last week, an opportunity for students that live with disabilities to compete against others and to celebrate their uniqueness. I am very proud that Jacob H blew away the state qualifying times for his category in the 100m, 800m and long jump. He will be attending the State titles later in the year. Good Luck Jake.

Red Track: Next week on Wednesday, a team of 75 students will heading to the Townsville C Schools Athletics Carnival. (based on school enrolments). This will be our biggest team ever. It was not long ago that we were competing in E Schools. Good luck to Mrs Jackson and the students competing.

The 2015 NAPLAN results have arrived and your child’s results will be sent home soon.

Regards
Chris
Challenge Games

Last Wednesday and Thursday some of our students represented our school at the challenge games. They had a great time participating in a variety of track and field events across the two days, with Jacob Holohan successfully trying out for the Queensland team in shot put, 100 metres and 800 metres.


Mrs Browning was so proud of them all... we even made the news when we received our trophy!

BOOK WEEK

The theme this year for Book Week is "Books Light up Our World". The Book Week parade will be held on Thursday 27th August at 9:15 in the undercover area.

Students and staff come dressed up as a character from their favourite book.

Prizes for the "Best Costume" and "Encouragement Award"

To win a prize, students must parade around with the book their character is from.

Happy costume making 😊

BOOK FAIR

Scholastic Book Fair is a great way to fundraise for new books for our school.

Book Fair will be open before and after school between 8:30-9am and 3-3:30pm on the 24 - 28th of August. Books can be purchased during these times.

Each class will have the opportunity to have a look at all the books available at Book Fair. Children will then write a wish list to take home to their parents.

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. It makes it very difficult to contact you if your child is sick or in the case of an emergency.

Random Acts of Kindness Award

Sponsored by Red Rooster Deergun

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Showing great sportsmanship at Challenge Games towards team mates and other competitors

Each week a student is chosen for this award

Thank you again Red Rooster Deergun

Now offering breakfast from 7am everyday
PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News
Week 4, Term 3

Students at Bluewater SS have made a positive start to Term 3! 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!

YEAR ONE STAR GAZING NIGHT

Thank you to all of those who attended our Year One Star Gazing night. It was great to see so many of you. Unfortunately, the weather gods did not want to play the game and due to the cloud cover, we were unable to do any star gazing. The astronomers have offered to return on Wednesday 12th August. A second letter will be going home regarding this. Once again, thank you for showing your support.

Year One Teachers and Mr. Sanderson

Cancer Council Daffodil Day

Friday 28th August

Bluewater School will be selling merchandise to support Cancer Council Queensland.

More details soon

Prep Enrolments 2016

Have you enrolled your eligible prep (born 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011) for 2016 yet?

See the office as soon as possible for an enrolment pack.

‘Transition into High School’ Program

Year 6 students will visit Northern Beaches State High School on Wednesday August 19th. All students regardless of which high school they are intending to enrol in are expected to attend this day. Students will experience some high school activities with the students from Bohle Vale SS and Rollingstone SS.

Students can be dropped off at Northern Beaches SHS by 8:15am and picked up at 2:30pm. Alternatively, a free bus will be provided that will depart Bluewater SS at 7:50am and return at 2:30pm. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher.
Music/Band

Our band will be performing at the Eisteddfod in Week 9 and will practice performing to the school at parades on Monday in Weeks 7 and 8.

We will set up our stands and music at 8:30 and run through our songs until parade is ready to start.

The children and I are really looking forward to playing STAR WARS & EIRE CANAL.

Yours in music
Mr Malcolm Cook

Year 4B are collecting all used oral health products and the packaging in an attempt to win $1000 for our school. Please send in all used toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss containers and the boxes/packaging that the new items come in.

Please bring in any plastic bottle top lids and any foam meal trays for the Year 2 classes. They are needed for science. Thank you!

During a class project, Jorja from 3B learnt that some animals are suffering and she would like to try and make a difference.

Did you know that the RSPCA is a non government, not for profit community based charity?

What can we do to show our Bluewater Spirit?

Throw some pet food or toys in your weekly shop or go through your linen cupboards for old towels and bedding.

Let's actively make a difference to animals together!

Thank you

Townsville Primary School Sports

Softball

Allyra W Year 4 played in the primary schools sports tournament in Charters Towers on Sunday 26th and Monday 27th July.

Allyra represented Thuringowa Schools against The Whitsundays, Charters Towers, Herbert River and Townsville.

By the end of the Tournament, Allyra was awarded the Most Valuable Player award for the Thuringowa Team.

RED TRACK

Wednesday 12th August

The team has been selected and permission notes have been sent home. Please return these ASAP.

Correspondence Home

If you are looking for a lost letter, newsletter, bus form or notice, 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!

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.
2015 Country Fair

The P&C’s major fundraising event for the year is its annual Country Fair (fete) on Friday 30th October. Volunteers are needed to help out with planning for and running this event. Anyone that is able to assist in any way, can you please contact the Country Fair Coordinator Tracey Walker (via the school office).

Next meeting
Tuesday 11 August 6:30pm—In the library

The Bluewater School and P & C are investigating the need for before, after and vacation school care. If you can complete the survey this will allow us to go to tender and make an informed decision on the use of the facility.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJ76LMQ

Please note that we are only in first stages of the process. We are looking at obtaining a licence and tender for 2016.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE - Bluewater State School Survey
Web survey powered by SurveyMonkey.com. Create your own online survey now with SurveyMonkey’s expert certified FREE templates.

Support your local school

Woolworths Earn and Learn

It’s simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at your local Woolworths.

We are then able to redeem our Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for our school.

You’re invited to

KIDS FEST
Where: Sunday 16th August 2015
Where: Toolakea Park, Toolakea Beach Rd, Toolakea
Time: 9:30am until after lunch
What to Bring: picnic blanket, chairs / rug, sunscreen, hat, friends
There will be plenty of games and drinks will be provided.

For more details contact
Jeremy and Sandy Bell - 0415 001 460 or 0415 598 162
www.northernbeachesconnections.org

Re-Cre8Tiv Kids

Art Classes

Bluewater State School

5-12 Yrs $15/class 3:30-4:30pm
6 Aug Tie Dye (bring white shirt)
20 Aug Recycled Rag Pots
3 Sept Plastic Bottles Revamped
17 Sept DIY Chalkboards

www.facebook.com/northernbeachesconnections
Bookings Sandra 0415 601 130
recreate8tiv@gmail.com

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

Bluewater Community Centre

Twilight Markets
Friday 8th August 4pm—8pm
Stalls, food, face painting, pony rides, petting farm, plants, jewellery, handy craft, poultry display and more