Wednesday 19 August 2015

Congratulations to the Red Track team, a very impressive athletics carnival against some major opposition. A big congratulations to Levi B (100m & 200m), Cohan M (100m), Ethan R (100m), Olivia E (100m, 200m & High Jump) who made it through to the North Queensland Trials. You can see some photos from the day on our Facebook site.

Prep enrolments: Please enrol your prep aged students for 2016 as soon as possible. The Enrolment Management Plan states:

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.

Parents or legal guardians who wish to enrol their child at the school will need to demonstrate that the student's principal place of residence is within the catchment area. Current proof of residency at the address indicated can be provided by way of one of each of the following:

- One primary source - a current lease agreement, or rates notice, or unconditional sale agreement, and
- One secondary source - a utility bill (e.g. electricity, gas) showing this same address and parent's/legal guardian's name.

If the Principal is not satisfied that the documentation provided by an applicant demonstrates adequately that the address stated is the student's principal place of residence, then the Principal may request further sources of proof of residence, such as an additional utility bill (e.g. water) showing the same address.

The Principal may also request a properly sworn Statutory Declaration from the enrolling parent or legal guardian attesting that the student's principal place of residence is the place nominated in the enrolment application.

Applicants should note that a false statement/assertion about the student's principal place of residence may amount to an offence and may be reported to police. The school Principal may refuse to enrol a student in such circumstances.
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 Department 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.

You can view the full Enrolment Management Plan at: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/catchment/plan-b/bluewater-ss.html

To know as soon as possible how many students will be enrolling next year allows Facilities in Brisbane to plan for future buildings and growth. Please enrol.

Hearing and Eye Test: There was an interesting article in the Courier mail in regards to how prevalent Hearing Loss is in our students. http://www.couriermail.com.au/lifestyle/parenting/queensland-prep-shock-one-in-four-kids-has-undiagnosed-hearing-loss/story-fnhp1uv-1227485010147 The article mentioned that tests have revealed that ONE in four Queensland Prep students has undiagnosed hearing loss. When you add that to ONE in five students have difficulty with their eyesight it causes alarms to learning. Periodical eyes and hearing testing is essential.

Regards

Chris

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**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 🎉

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**Scholastic 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.

8:30-9am and 3-3:30pm
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.

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**Daffodil Day**

Yellow Free Dress Day
Daffodil Day - Friday 28th August
GOLD COIN DONATION

Merchandise available for purchase at the office:
- Wrist bands and Bulldog Clips
- Gold Coin Donation

Thank you for supporting this valuable fundraiser
Together we can make a difference

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**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.
PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News

Week 6, Term 3

BE A GERM BUSTER!

We don’t want to spread nasty germs around, so we make sure we have positive attitudes towards cleanliness with food and toileting.

Have a go at this germ-busting quiz!

1. After going to the toilet, we should always:
   a) Flush the toilet
   b) Wash our hands with soap
   c) Dry our hands with paper towel
   d) All of the above

2. When we sneeze or cough, we should:
   a) Cough/sneeze away from other people
   b) Cough/sneeze all over other people

3. Germy places are:
   a) Places where we need to do our business and leave
   b) Places where we should play and ‘hang out’ in
   c) Only found in schools

Keep yourself and others healthy
– be a germ buster!

Canberra Camp 2015

Fifty students from our school recently undertook an educational tour of our national capital. Our students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. This was a fabulous hands on learning experience for our students, with them visiting Parliament House, The Mint, National Gallery, War Memorial and many other fascinating centres.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of this excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $120 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. This rebate was deducted from the cost to parents of the Canberra Camp.

We would like to thank the government for this opportunity for our children.

Stringed Instrument Program

The Stringy’s are putting together a few items for the Country Fair. To help the players feel more comfortable with playing publicly, we are aiming for 100% attendance of lessons with instruments and music. The String players days of the week are now – Sunday, Monday, Violin-day (or Viola-day or Cello-day), Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The aim for practice is to practise at LEAST every second day.

Please bring in any plastic bottle top lids and any foam meat trays for the Year 2 classes. They are needed for science. Thank you!
Father’s Day Stall – Thursday 3rd September

😊 Various items will be for sale ranging from 50 cents to $10. If you would like to send money along with your child, we recommend in a zip seal bag with your child’s name and class on it.
😊 Each class will visit the stall with their class teacher.
😊 Volunteers are needed to make this special stall operate. Please see Siobhan if you can help!

DODGER TICKETS

✔ Thank You to these generous businesses listed below who have kindly donated a prize for our major Dodger Ticket Raffle!
✔ Sellers Prize: The two families who sell the most tickets will each win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet. There are more tickets available at the office if you would like more to sell.
✔ Thank you to the families who have already started to return sold books and those who have returned tickets they did not intend on selling.
✔ Please continue to sell as many as you can! We are hoping to have all of the tickets sold well and truly prior to the Country Fair in October.
Congratulations Angus!

In term 2, Angus H tried out and was selected for the U10’s Townsville Stingers team to compete in the Filippo Mele Soccer Carnival in the July school holidays. The carnival ran for 5 days. This is the first year that Angus has played soccer, so to be selected is a huge achievement. Angus received the All-rounder Award for his team at the end of the carnival, this was for behaviour, excellent manners, training effort, game play and team work and was selected by the team parents, coach and manager.

Angus has again completed Townsville trials and has been successful in gaining a position in the U10’s Townsville Curlews Team that will head to Cairns in the September school holidays for the John Bomben Carnival. This carnival will run for 6 days and the team will play up to 5 games per day.

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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

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SUBWAY SQUIRTS

Football for 3-5 year olds

Register at www.myfootballclub.com.au
For further queries please contact 47 782 955 or email
townsville@townsvillefootball.com.au

North Queensland Football Centre
DATE: 9 week program commencing
Friday 16th October -
Friday 11th December
45 minutes each session
TIME: 5:30pm
WHERE: Broga Park
Murray Sporting Complex
COST: $65
All participants receive shirt,
water bottle, bag and ball just for
attending and a certificate on
completion of the program

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

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.

Alligator Creek Pony Club (ACPC) are hosting the North Queensland Interschool Horse Sports competition on Saturday 10th October. Students are invited to compete and represent your school. Program and nomination forms will be available soon.

The following day Sunday 11th October, ACPC are holding their annual Fun Day and invite riders to make a weekend of it, camp overnight and compete the next day.

**N.B. Both events are Open Days, therefore riders do not need to be Pony Club members to compete **