Congratulations to Jacob H, who has made the North Queensland Team in Athletics for students with disabilities. Jacob will be representing North Queensland at the State Trials in 800m, Long Jump, Shot Putt and 100m. Congratulations to Jacob and we wish him all the best at the State Titles.

Parent Interviews
Over the next couple of weeks teachers will be conducting parent interviews. I want to outline some things to consider when speaking with your teacher.

- How is your child progressing this term?
- What are your child’s strengths?
- What areas can they improve on?
- What is the teacher doing to help in these areas?
- What can you do as a parent to help in these areas?

Also ask about or report on:

- **Homework** (I believe as Principal, that homework should be short, sharp and be work that is being done in class throughout the week. Students should be able to explain to you what they have been learning about. Students should be reading lots of different texts and often).

  If Homework is a battle and it is World War 3 every afternoon, then please talk to your child’s teacher. Homework should be a time when you can enjoy your child’s learning and it is a celebration of what they are doing at school. If it is not, school will be a turn off for you and them. This is not what we want. If your child is committed to outside activities like arts, sports, caring for elderly, then please talk with the teacher about limiting their amount of homework.

- **Social concerns** – if you have concerns about social wellbeing of your child, then ask:
  - How does your child get along with others?
  - Is there anything you should know about your child’s social/emotional progress?

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

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Nothing but the best
Future Contact

- What is the best way for parents to contact teachers if they are concerned or need to give information to the teacher about concerns they are having at home?
- Ask about the learning walls, goal setting and differentiation that the teacher and students work on.

Do not ask about other children, they have their own parents to ask those questions. Focus on your child. Remember the best way to support your child’s education is by working together. Enjoy the interview.

Visits from Schools

We have been fortunate to have had some special visitors to our school in the last two weeks. We have had the Regional Master Teachers meeting. Master Teachers were placed in schools around the region as part of the Government initiative to improve teaching practice. Mrs Preston and I hosted the Master Teachers from around the region and spoke to them about our school improvement. We also took them on a tour of classrooms and observed some of the teachers in action. They were very impressed with the work that Mrs Preston and all of our teachers have been doing.

On Monday we had the Leadership team from Belgian Gardens State School observe as the Master Teachers did. The team had glowing reports about the school. It is great to show off the excellent work that is happening here at Bluewater.

After School Care

We will know in Term 4 if we have Outside Hours School Care (OHSC) in 2016. Tenders close soon and a successful tender will be chosen through a panel. OHSC is something that will be well used by our community.

Father’s Day

Have a great Father’s Day to all the Dads and Grandfathers that are involved in the school. I am sure you will enjoy your special day on Sunday.

Regards
Chris

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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 | Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day at Bluewater raised $930!
Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in Daffodil Day 2015.
All proceeds will go directly to Cancer Council QLD and will be invested in cancer research and providing support for cancer sufferers and their families.
Together we can make a difference and create hope for a cancer free future for all Queenslanders.

Office Signing Out/In Book For Students

Please be aware that all children must be signed out by an adult from the Administration Office when leaving early. This is a safety precaution in case of a Lock Down or Emergency Evacuation. This procedure must be adhered to, to ensure the safety of students.

Student Absences
If you child is ill or unable to attend school, please advise the office on 4751 2333 otherwise the school will contact you to confirm their absence.

Have your contact details changed?

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.
Curriculum News

2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge
I am delighted with the response from Bluewater students in the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. As well as being fun, the challenge aimed to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to READ widely for pleasure and learning, to develop their imagination, and to cultivate a passion for literature. This year, we had a remarkable 120 (1/4 of our Bluewater students) reading record forms returned. Congratulations! During term 4, every student who returned their completed form will be presented on parade with a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

Book Fair
It was wonderful seeing the excitement the children displayed towards READING when visiting last week’s Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to the Bluewater families for their support and to Mrs Wilson for organising such a special event.

Learning Goals especially in reading
Do you know whether your child achieved her/his reading goal for Term 2? Do you know what your child’s reading goal is for Term 3? If you don’t, please ask your child and contact your child’s teacher to find out. When school and home work together the outcome for our children is much more positive and more likely to result in improved results.

Oral Reporting
Please remember to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher to discuss how your child is progressing towards their year level achievement standard for each learning area.

Happy reading,
Kaylene Preston
Head of Curriculum

PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News:
Week 8, Term 3

BEAT THE BELL, BEAT THE TEACHER!

To be responsible and respectful toward being punctual and organised when lining up.
During class time, teachers will revise Bluewater school’s expectations and ask the following questions:

- Where does your class line up before school?
- Where does your class line up after lunch time?
- When playing, which bell reminds you to line up? Is it the first or second bell?
- What do you do prior to lining up?
  - Collect lunchbox
  - Go to the toilet
  - Get a drink
  - Take off your hat
- Did you beat your teacher to class line by the second bell?

CHALLENGE: Can you beat your teacher to be organised and on time?

Thank you to the Environmental Club for the great work you are doing in getting ready for the fete stall and getting the veggie patch and herb garden up and going. Well done!

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.

5/6B along with Conversation Volunteers Australia recently visited Bluewater Creek to help reduce the Tilapia population.
Book Week Parade

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for supporting our Book Week Parade. As always we had some very creative costumes.

A BIG Thank you goes out to Mrs Kent, Mrs Anderson and Mrs Riesenweber for the hard job of judging.

BOOK WEEK WINNERS

First Place “Best Costume” received a $15 book Club voucher, one student from each class.

Also, second place, $10 voucher awarded to one student in each class for the “Encouragement Award”.

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Congratulations Bluewater!!

Book Fair sold $6,383.00 worth of books; our school has earned $2,234.05 worth of new books for our library.

Our ‘Guess the M&M’s’ winner was Josh K. Josh guessed 783 and the correct amount was 781.

Josh receives the M&M’s and a book of his choice.

Bluewater P & C News

Father’s Day Stall
TOMORROW 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.

Country Fair News

DODGER TICKETS

A big thank you to all students and their parents who are doing an amazing job selling tickets. There are Samsung Galaxy tablets to give away to the two highest ticket sellers. If you have any ticket books that you are unable to sell, please return these to the office as soon as possible.

HELP WANTED!

We need volunteers to help with preparation of class stalls and also volunteering on the night. Can you help with set up/pack up? Please see Tracey Walker (or via the school office). Many hands make light work!

STALL DONATIONS

We are currently asking for donations for:

Preps Tombola Stall: These are small items that can be placed in a zip lock bag. eg novelty toys, hairbands, arts and craft materials etc

5/6B Plant Stall: Any cuttings, plants and pots please.

Notes will be sent home this week with further details of class stalls and donations needed.

If you have any items, please bring them in to your class teacher and a Country Fair committee member will collect from their class.

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

Please continue to bring these items in as the competition runs all year!

Do you have any spare cardboard boxes suitable to be used for moving and storage? Please contact the office.
Representative Netball

Caitlin R is representing the top Townsville Under 10 netball team. Caitlin plays Goal Shoot and Wing Attack. She is going down to Ipswich with the team to play in the state championship over the holidays. She has been selected from the trials in Townsville and has been training for hours on Saturdays in order to be ready to play at the higher level in her team. Caitlin will be playing around 10 games a day during the championship.

RECYCLE YOUR OLD BATTERIES!

Bring your old batteries to the purple bin behind the admin building.

Car batteries can be dropped off at any Battery World, remember to say you’re from Bluewater School.

Cricket Sign On

Northern Beaches Cricket Club is located at Kilcorne Park in Mt Low.

Sign on is open for children in all age groups as well as senior players.

Age groups are T20 Blast (under 12, beginners), Under 11, 13, 15 and 17.

For more information please contact Julie Sullivan on 0431353531 or Julie.sullivan@pdmanagers.com.au.

Season commences for juniors in Term 4.

Or to sign on, online for juniors U11 upwards go to: http://form.jotform.com/form/52163081262851?

Or for T20 Blast go to:

2015 Inter-Schools Equestrian Competition

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 available from Christine Klahfer on 0431 157 191 (AH) or email secretary@alligatorcreekponyclub.com.au.

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**

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.