Wednesday 28th October 2015

2016 Prep
Our Prep Open Day was held this week. Thank you to all parents and prospective preps who attended one of the two sessions. We look forward to having you at Bluewater in 2016. If you have not yet enrolled your eligible child, please see the office as soon as possible for an enrolment pack.

Instrumental Music Night
The Instrumental Music Information Night will be held on Wednesday 4 November at 6pm. This is for interested parents of 2015 Year 2 – 5 students for participation in the Brass, Wind, Percussion and Strings Program.

Classes and Staffing for 2016
Details regarding staff placements for 2016 will not be announced to parents until 2016, with class lists being placed on the school noticeboard at the office on Friday 22 January. As most of you are aware, I never make promises or guarantees regarding your child’s placement. There are a number of factors we need to take into account when constructing class lists and if we were to take into account everybody’s preferences and wishes it would make things far too difficult. If you have an educational reason about your child’s placement for next year, please make an appointment to see me and I will be more than happy to sit and talk with you.

If your family is moving from our school at the end of this year and not returning in 2016, please let the office know as soon as possible to assist with class placements for next year.

Likewise, if you know of families moving into our catchment area, let them know what an awesome school we are and that they can collect an enrolment pack from the office. We will require two documents for proof of residence – ie rates notice, utilities account, tenancy agreement.
Australian School Sports Championships  We would like to congratulate Jacob H for being selected to participate in The Australian School Sports Championships for both the 100m & 800m events. He will be travelling to Brisbane in December for a two day training camp and then onto Canberra for the four day competition meet. We wish Jacob all the best for these events and look forward to hearing his results.

Country Fair  Congratulations to the following sign makers who have won a free ride wristband for the Country Fair. Aimee -Jo, Amaya, Cecilia, Jorja, Jordy, Adamson family, Curuso Family, Buckingham family, Maddy, Mckenzie, Olivia and Patric. Thanks to Kelly from Amusements Plus who donated the wristbands. Well done to everyone who entered and thank you to Chappy Drew for helping to judge. This competition was very well supported this year by all of the students.

See you at the Country Fair!

Regards
Chris

PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News
Week 4-6, Term 4

Be allergy aware

Do you know someone with a food allergy?

Here are a few things YOU can do at school to help keep everyone safe.

- Wash your hands after eating.
- Your food and drink is your own, keep it for yourself.
- Tell the teacher straight away if your friend is feeling sick.

Let’s all be allergy aware!

Day for Daniel
Wear RED this
Friday 30th October

Day for Daniel is a National Day of Action to raise awareness about child safety and protection.

No donation - just wear RED

School Performance Tour
for all students
Friday 6th November
$5.00 per student
Cash or EFTPOS to the office.
We cannot accept any payments after Thurs 5th Nov

Acts of Random Kindness Award
Sponsored by Red Rooster Deeragun

Each week a student is chosen for this award

Thank you again Red Rooster Deeragun
Now offering breakfast from 7am everyday

NO TUCKSHOP
this Friday
30th October
due to staff and volunteers being involved in Country Fair preparations.

SWIM Lessons

Please return forms and payment to the office as soon as possible. EFTPOS is available.
A note from Chappy Drew:

Can you believe it, term 4 is well underway and I am looking forward to the fabulous Bluewater Country Fair this Friday evening. As per the last few years, the ‘Dunking Bucket’ will once again provide entertainment and opportunity for students to ‘drop a bucket of water’ over the head of their ‘favourite’ teachers and other guest volunteers. I would like to thank the Country Fair Committee for once again allocating proceeds from this attraction to the Chaplaincy Program here at Bluewater SS.

After School Youth: ASY started off term 4 with a weekend camp. Combining with Bohlevale and Rollingstone’s ASY, we camped out in tents at Shalom College’s campsite, Big Crystal Creek. We had 20 students from Bluewater, 16 from Bohlevale and 9 from Rollingstone; along with 16 leaders.

It was a fun-filled weekend, with the students mixing well together. We all ate very well, thanks to Carol and her helpers. The students were kept busy with great activities, and swimming in the crystal-clear water of Crystal Creek was definitely a highlight. Even having to relocate some students from their rain-soaked tents at 2am Sunday morning to a large undercover shelter-shed could not dampen the wonderful camp spirit.

Year 3’s: As per previous years, we are inviting Yr3 students to come join ASY for the last 6 weeks. If your child is interested then please contact me for a permission form or to find out more information.

Take Care, and see you at the Fair!

Chappy Drew

Instrumental Music Information Night

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument in 2016? Find out all you need to know about learning an instrument through school. Prospective and current students and families are welcome.

WHEN: Wednesday 4th November 6:00pm
WHERE: Bluewater SS, Staff room
WHO: Parents of 2015 Year 2 - 5 students interested in participating in the Brass, Wind, Percussion and Strings Program.

Current instrumental students will be performing on the night

Yours in Music

Malcolm Cook and Belinda Fairbank

Bluewater State School Defence School Transition Aide

15 hours per week
to commence 20th January 2016

Bluewater State School is located 25 km north of Townsville (North Queensland). The school has 430 enrolments with a growing defence presence. We are seeking suitably qualified applicants for a part-time Defence School Transition Aide.

The Defence School Transition Aide (DSTA) will provide information and support and develop a range of activities for dependants of ADF members and families to ease the impact of mobility and service related parental absence.

The School is seeking an applicant who is self-motivated and directed, with excellent communication skills. A Positive Notice Blue Card for Child-Related Employment is essential.

Interested applicants are invited to submit an application to the Principal at the.principal@bluewatess.eq.edu.au by addressing the selection criteria and providing a CV with current referees. The Role Description and Selection Criteria can be obtained by either emailing admin@bluewatess.eq.edu.au or collecting from the school office. For more information please call 4751 2333.

Applications close 3pm Monday 16th November 2015

Country Fair News

WE NEED YOU NOW!!

To make our Country Fair happen, we need help!

The following classes desperately need helpers at their stall.

All Prep classes, Year 1 classes, 2S, 3A, 3B, 3W, 4B, 5B, 5/6B, 6B

If you can’t commit to an exact time but keen to help, please let your child’s teacher know ASAP. (For your info, instrumental performance will be between 5:30-6:00pm)

Remember that the stall with the most registered volunteers on the night wins a class pizza party. This year there will be two winners, one class from Prep - Year 2 and one from Year 3 - Year 6. Looks like 2S, 2W and 4/5B are in the running at the moment!
Townsville PCYC is very excited to be working in partnership with Bluewater State School to provide a quality School Age Care service based at the school. Townsville PCYC will manage the service which will operate inside the school grounds and will provide Before and After School Care and Vacation Care.

PCYC employs fully qualified educators who facilitate a fun and engaging daily program. On a daily basis children will have the opportunity to engage in organised physical activities or creative projects as well as the option of free choice imaginative play.

PCYC also offers a nutritious breakfast to our early risers at Before School Care and a healthy afternoon snack at After School Care.

At the start of November, PCYC will make enrolment packs available at the school office for interested families to collect and complete. As we get closer to opening the service PCYC will hold information sessions for interested families.

For further information please feel free to contact Shannon McDermott (Area Manager for School Age Care) at Shannon.mcdermott@pcyc.org.au or phone 47 819 106.

**RECYCLE YOUR OLD BATTERIES!**

Get ready for cyclone season by checking the batteries in your Emergency Kit and then bring in 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.

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**Patches of Bluewater Craft Group**

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

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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.