Wednesday 11th November 2015

What a Year! It’s coming to a fast end and 2016 is coming very quickly.

P & C – Thank You
I would like to thank the P & C for their continued support and for making the year run very smoothly. I am in awe of the work that you all do and on behalf of the students and teachers I thank you all for your time and effort. At the November Meeting the P & C provided further funding to the school for Awards, musical instrument purchases and reading/sight word resources. This has been made possible because of those who supported the many fundraising events this year. A massive thank you to everyone for selling tickets, buying tickets, attending the Country Fair and all other fundraising events.

Country Fair
What a massive event this was! Thank you to all the many parents, staff and local businesses for making this our biggest fete ever. A special thank you to Tracey Walker for the wonderful, tireless job she did as this year’s fete co-ordinator. The Country Fair raised approximately $15,000.

Instrumental Music
Thank you to those families who attended the Instrumental Music Information Night last week. Our Instrumental Music program continues to go from strength to strength with the P & C committing a further $1500 to the program. This will enable the school to purchase a few more instruments and hopefully attract more students.

Christmas Concert
The Annual School Christmas Concert including presentation of awards, graduation certificates and the announcement of our 2016 school leaders will be held on Wednesday 9th December at the school. Thank you to the P & C who have contributed $420 to the night’s awards and also to the Patches of Bluewater Craft group for their generous sponsorship of $300 towards our Encouragement Awards. Save this date on your calendars and more details will be out soon regarding time, food and drinks available etc.
Year 6 Graduation Day
The Graduation day has been very well funded by the Friday afternoon ice cup sales. Thank you Nicole and all of the helpers in selling and raising funds not just for the graduation day, but also the camp. It has dropped the price from $25 per student to $6.50 per student. Well done to all involved. A note and consent form has been sent home and payments (EFTPOS available) can be made at the office.

Youth in Print Awards
Congratulations to Samarah C who was runner up in the News Story Primary category in the 2015 Youth in Print Awards. Samarah’s article was on their Leadership camp to Pelorous Island and featured in the Townsville Bulletin earlier this year. Well done Sammi.

2016 – First Day Back
The 2016 school year will now commence on Wednesday 27th January as Monday 25th is a pupil free day.

Enrolments
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, or you have an eligible child entering Prep in 2016, enrolment packs are available from the office.

Remembrance Day
Congratulations to everyone involved in the Remembrance Day Ceremony. It was a lovely ceremony where we took the time to remember the soldiers who served or are serving our country. Student behaviour was exceptional at this event and all should be commended for the way they acted respectfully. A massive thank you has to go to Ms Craven and Ms Appleby for their work behind the scenes in making this ceremony run so smoothly. Finally we were very fortunate to have Corporal Barry Santarossa, one of our fathers, speak to the students about what Remembrance Day means to him, his role while recently serving overseas and where he has served. We thank Barry for taking the time to attend our ceremony.

Regards
Chris and Jackie

on the calendar

November:
11th Anxiety Info session
25th Dental info sessions
30th Year 1,2 Swimming starts

December:
2nd High School Transition Day
7th Voting - Leadership positions
9th Christmas Concert
10th Year 6 Graduation Day
11th Last day of Term 4

January:
27th First day Term 1 2016

SWIM LESSONS

Years 1 and 2
Forms and payment due now.
EFTPOS is available

Dates:
Mon 30 Nov - Wed 9 Dec

Requirements:
✓ Swimming togs
✓ Sun Safe swim shirt
✓ Towel
✓ Sunscreen
✓ Named waterproof swimming bag.
✓ Children with long hair—swimming cap or sufficient hair ties

Optional: Goggles
Tuckshop will be available. Please mark the lunch bags “Swimming”
BLUEWATER STATE SCHOOL
DEFENCE SCHOOL TRANSITION AIDE

15 hours per week
to commence 20th January 2016

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 dependents of ADF members and families to ease the impact of mobility and service related parental absence.

The Role Description and Selection Criteria can be obtained by either collecting from the school office or emailing admin@bluewatess.eq.edu.au. For more information please call 4751 2333.

Applications close 3pm Mon 16th Nov 2015

RECYCLE YOUR OLD BATTERIES AND HELP OUR SCHOOL
BE IN THE RUNNING FOR $1,000!

Bring in any old small batteries to the purple wheelie bin behind the admin building. Car batteries can also be bought to the school—please leave near industrial bin in the Kindy carpark.
Alternatively, they can be dropped off at any Battery World, but remember to say you’re from Bluewater School.

TUCKSHOP $5 MEAL DEAL

Wednesday 25th November

Meal Deal includes
- Homemade pinwheels or spaghetti
- Popper or Water
- Ice block or Fruit

Order forms and money must be handed in to the tuckshop before Friday 20th Nov

1st Break—Grade 4 - 6; 2nd Break—Prep to Grade 3

There is no usual tuckshop this day, only meal deal.

Playgroup meets at Bluewater State School the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month (during school term) 9.00am - 11.00am

Cost $3.00 per session
Bring along a healthy plate of food to share.
Come along & have some fun with your child and meet new people in the area.

All welcome

ROLLINGSTONE JUNIOR LEOS

THE SUPER LITTLE DAY OUT

Activities
Super Slide
Jumping Castle
Sumo Wrestling
Face Painting
Slip and Slide
Dance beats all afternoon
Hot Dogs, Sausages
Ice Creams, Soft Drinks
Best Costume Prizes
Novelty Stall

EVERYONE WELCOME

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER—2:30—7:00PM
AT ROLLINGSTONE FACE PARK—COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tickets are available from: Rollingstone Hall, Community Rd, Balgal Beach, Call 47707855 or 0421583168
OR
email rollyleos@gmail.com for more information

Patches of Bluewater Craft Group
Meet every Thursday at Bluewater Community Centre
9am to 1pm
New people are welcome

For more information, contact Shannon Stanford on 4788 6465

Encouragement Vouchers presented at the 2015 Bluewater State School Christmas Concert

Button batteries – do you have a loaded gun in easy reach?

As the numbers of babies, toddlers and children hospitalised for swallowing button batteries is increasing, Kidsafe Queensland Inc is reitering warnings that because button batteries can kill and cause catastrophic injury, it is akin to having a loaded gun in reach of children. This is not just a choking hazard but deadly - a matter of life and death - because when it stops moving the saliva triggers an electrical current causing hydroxide – and, like oven cleaner, causes severe burns in the oesophagus in as little as two hours then keeps burning through layers of tissue.

For further information, visit