Wednesday 18th March 2015

Congratulations to the Bluewater Swim Squad for taking home 2nd Place and the ‘Most Improved’ in the ‘D’ Schools competition. It was a great afternoon and all of the students performed admirably. Thank you to Mrs Searle and Mrs Jackson for their organisation of the squad.

Congratulations to Hudson P for making the Thuringowa AFL Team. Hudson performed exceptionally well at the trials.

We are coming to the end of the term very quickly and there are a number of key events coming up for the school.

One of our biggest events is the Easter Bonnet Parade which will be held on the last day of term. Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will be presenting their bonnets and performing songs and dance. The years 3-7 will have a free dress day and there will be a theme which will be announced early next week.

The P & C Voluntary contribution scheme has been a great success. We have already reached our first goal of $2500, therefore I will have my head shaved and Miss Somerville will get the ice bucket! This will occur on the last day of this term at 10:30am, after the Easter Bonnet Parade. Please come along for a laugh and to see the action!

The staff are also getting behind the scheme and are now volunteering to complete the ice bucket challenge when additional targets are met. For each $50 interval between $2500 and $3000 a teacher will be added to the ice bucket challenge. The students are very excited about this.

Thank you for your support with this Volunteer scheme.
We still have two weeks to go so if you haven’t made your voluntary payment yet we would appreciate you doing this. Cost is $25 for one student or $50 per family. See the office if you need a form. You can pay via cash to the office, bank transfer or EFTPOS to the tuckshop. Let’s see how high we can go and how many staff will get the ice bucket!

Parent Interviews are being held over the next two weeks. Each teacher would have sent home a booking sheet to book a time to come and meet with the teacher to discuss their child. If you are unable to make the times allocated please speak with the teacher and book a time at a later date.

I would like to thank the parents who are utilising the drop off and pick up zone, your patience is vital for the safety of the students. If you are finding the line-up long or frustrating, please time your run later in the afternoon. Cars have moved on by 3:10pm and generally there is a very clear run. I will be clear that I will not allow students to enter cars that are double parked, or allow students to cross the road without adult supervision. I do this because I care about your child and their safety. Cars are dangerous. Like manners, patience is free.

Instrumental music numbers are going strong. The additional musical instruments in the school have cost the school and P & C a considerable amount of money. Care and responsibility needs to be taken if you are utilising the instruments. The instruments cost between $200 and $2500 each. If your child is involved in the instrumental program please reinforce the need to be careful with the instruments. It is fantastic to see some of our students perform each week on parade.

Regards
Chris
A note from Chappy Drew:

As reported in the last newsletter, I will be dropping back from 3 to 2 days a week from the commencement of term two. The actual days of the week I will be here are yet to be decided. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the wonderful donors who over the past two years made the extra day possible...thank you very much! I am also grateful to the government for their continued funding; enabling me to continue working 2 days per week!

AfterSchool Youth: A fun-filled after-school program for students in years 4-6 (Weds 3-4:30pm)

Last week we had our once-a-term ‘Students Vs Parents’ soccer match, followed by a sausage sizzle. The mums were solid in defence, whilst the dads showed their ‘Olden Day’ skills in the forward line. The students, full of energy, were relentless in their pursuit of the ball. The resulting score-line was a fitting 3 goals all.

For the next two Wednesdays (18th & 25th March) ASY will be focusing on the Easter Story!!

Food for Thought:

A woman returning from India gave a speech about her work with some extremely poor families. One man thanked her for coming ‘from Heaven to Hell’ to bring him comfort. He used that expression because he knew almost everyone in Australia lived in a home containing more than one small room, had beds to sleep in, several changes of clothes, food to eat every day, medical help when needed, and an opportunity to learn so that they could earn a wage. To him, living in Australia would seem like living in Heaven. We have so much to be thankful for in this country, and yet many take it for granted. Let’s take time to think of the many blessings in our life, and adopt an attitude of gratitude.

Blessings, and have a great week ☺
Chappy Drew

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday the 16th March, 23 students from Bluewater represented their school at the Interschool Swimming Carnival. All students swam their best and should be extremely proud of their achievement’s on the day.

Heading into the relays we were three points behind Kelso and unfortunately we were unable to catch them.

The students were presented with two trophies. The Most Improved and Second place. Students that swam a place on the day have also been awarded certificates which will be handed out at school.

Thank you to all the parents that turned up to cheer the students on and thank you to Mrs Searle and Mr Leslie for driving the bus.

Once again thank you to all students for your effort and showing everyone the Bluewater Way.

Jenni Jackson

BLUEWATER SCHOOL RUGBY

On Friday the 13th two rugby teams played each other. Col Leslie presented the rugby paddock in perfect condition with it being well grassed and well marked. Mr. Anderson’s team and Mr. Whiteford’s team played a scratch match. A large crowd of parents came to watch their children play and it was good to see.

After a very even first half where both teams were binding and driving to good effect trying to secure the ball for their team to use, the second half was more of an open affair. Very good forward play came from Marcus B, Chris E, Daniel F, Ryan C and Connor W who all drove hard and strong for their teams. Some terrific tackles were made by Jake H, Matty B, Ethan R and Martin H which stopped the momentum of their opposition. Scrum were not as good as they have been in the past so we will have to work on the crouch and binding part for when we look to play other schools at Rugby.

Next term we will hopefully play more matches before the Rugby Development Cup on May the 29th. Bluewater are the defending champions in the Under 11 category. Lots more training will commencing again at the start of the second term in preparation for the big day.

Thanks to all that helped the rugby day to occur.

Grant Whiteford

School Cross Country

Wednesday morning 1st April
Parents welcomed to attend
Students are training before school and lunch breaks
Reminder!
Year 5/6 Camp Cadbury Fundraiser
Parents, if you would still like to order boxes of chocolates please return your forms by this Friday 20th as we are placing the orders next week.

2015/2016 Entertainment books available for pre-purchase.
Available for collection in April.
All proceeds to the Canberra camp 2015

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Admin Notices
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. Sign In is also required for Late Arrivals. 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.

Emergency Contact Details
Please update your emergency contact details and address if your situation has changed in any way; as it makes it very difficult to contact you if your child is sick or in the case of an emergency. Could you also please update your emergency contact details if they have changed.

Volunteer Helpers
All volunteer helpers in classrooms are required to come to the front office and sign in before commencing in classrooms and sign out when leaving the school.

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BLUEWATER FITNESS

• BOOT CAMP
• 1 ON 1 PERSONAL TRAINING
• WEEKLY PROGRAMS
• GROUP TRAINING
• 1ST SESSION FREE!!

Costs:
$15 per session or $40 for 3 sessions per week for boot camp or group sessions.
$30 per hour for 1 on 1 Personal Training and for weekly program.

Contact Luke:
Ph: 0438 277 277 or on “Bluewater Fitness” Facebook Page.
Booking not required for boot camp sessions, just come down and chat with Luke before or after boot camp sessions.

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Badminton
Come & Try Night

Play The Worlds ‘Fastest’ Racquet Sport
Join us at the Townsville Badminton Club for a fun ‘FREE’ evening of Badminton
ALL ages and abilities are welcome!
FRIDAY 20th March
5pm-7pm
Townsville RSL Stadium
Murray Sports Complex

CONTACT US NOW FOR DETAILS
Phone: Lynore 0403 286 566
Townsville Badminton Association

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Come & Sign-Up with the Northern Beaches Barras AFL Club

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Especially Under 12 Players
U6 to U14: Boys & Girls
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TRAINING: 4.30pm to 5.30pm
St Anthony’s Senior Oval, Joanne St Jensen
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FREE – 8.30am Saturday Mornings, all equipment supplied

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Fundraising News

Please support the various fundraising activities arranged by the P&C as all proceeds are used to further improve the resources and facilities at the school.

Voluntary Family Contribution:

Thank you to all families who have supported the Voluntary Family Contribution scheme. We have reached our target, raising over $2500!! Come along on 2nd April at 10:30am (after the Easter Bonnet Parade) to see Mr Anderson having his head shaved and Miss Somerville getting the ice bucket! To keep the excitement going, for each $50 interval between $2500 and $3000 a teacher will be added to getting the ice bucket.

Hamilton Island (Major) Raffle:

This year’s major raffle is a family holiday to the Whitsundays and $1,000 cash spending money. Tickets are $2 each and every family should have received a book of 20 tickets to get the ticket selling process underway. Please bring sold ticket stubs and money raised back to the office. If you are having trouble selling your tickets or you do not wish to sell them, please return unsold tickets to the office as soon as possible. There are plenty more books of tickets for collection from the office for those that sell out of the tickets they have been given. Remember there are Samsung galaxy tablets as ticket seller prizes for the two top ticket selling families.

Easter raffle:

A raffle will also be held at this year’s Easter Bonnet parade (2 April) – there will be some fantastic prizes (chocolate - mmm...!) with tickets for this raffle being $1 ea.

Tickets are also being sold at the Tuckshop up until Wed 1st April

Upcoming calendar of fundraising events:

Thurs 26/03 – Disco Term 1 (evening) - CANCELLED
Thurs 02/04 (last day term 1) – Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Raffle Drawn AND Free Dress Day
Week 1 term 2 – Major Raffle ticket sales close.
Week 3 term 2 (07/05) – Mother’s Day stall

How can you get involved?

The P&C are always looking for new members. If you are interested in becoming a member or just want to see what happens at a P&C meeting please come along to the next meeting. If you are unable to get to P&C meetings, we are always looking for volunteers in the tuckshop and for people wanting to help out with fundraising events and the Country Fair.....

Next P&C Meeting

Tuesday 12th May 6:30pm in the library
Please note there will be NO April Meeting

Playgroup meets at Bluewater State School,

The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month (during school term times)
9.00am -11.00am

Come along and 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.