Wednesday 17th February 2016

Thank you to all of the parents who met with teachers at the Parent Teacher night. All teachers will be sending home outlines of what they spoke about on the night, in case you missed the opportunity. You are also invited to make appointments with your child’s teacher to discuss how they are going in class and in their work. The teacher-parent-student relationship is a must if we want long term success.

Outside School Hours Care

There are a number of students who are arriving at school well before 8:00am. I would encourage parents to book their children into Before School Care. The school has placed someone on duty from 7:30am however any time before this, students should be in the PCYC OSHC centre. Please contact the OSHC centre on 0466 498 360 or email bluewatersac@pcyc.org.au. This is about ensuring that children are safe and supervised.

Pick up/Drop off Zone

Just a reminder again that the pick-up/drop off zone is not a parking zone, drivers must stay in the car. If we are all patient we can ensure all our students are safe.

Family Contribution Scheme

The P&C are once again running their Family Contribution Scheme, with notes having been sent home this week. This scheme is used to further assist the school in providing extra resources, facilities, activities and opportunities for the students. Participation in this scheme is not compulsory, however as an added incentive to participate, if contributions reach $2,500 before the end of Term 1, myself and Miss Somerville will be getting slimed! For every $50 received after $2,500, a staff member will also be added to the slime challenge.

Regards
Chris
Contact Details - Please update your contact details and address (including emergency contact details) 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.

Medical - If your child has medication that needs to be administered by the school during the day, you are required to present the medication in the original container labelled with the child’s name and prescribed dosage by a doctor and complete a form giving permission for the office staff to administer the medication. If there have been any changes over the holidays in the medical issues for your child, please let the office know.

Money & EFTPOS - Throughout the year money will be required for class excursions, performances, sport, camp etc. Please place all money in a sealed envelope with the child’s name and year level and send it to the office. EFTPOS is also available through the office for these purchases.

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.

Early Departures/Late Arrivals - Please be aware that all children must be signed out by an adult from the office when leaving early. Sign In is also required for Late Arrivals.

Student Absences - If your child is ill or unable to attend school, please contact the school on 4751 2333 or alternatively write a note for the teacher.

School Website and Facebook - If you are looking for a lost letter, newsletter, bus form, notice or booklist, please remember to have a look on our website: www.bluewatess.eq.edu.au. Stay connected with our school events and Like us on Facebook.

School Performance Tour for all students
An engaging voyage through Blues, Heavy Metal, Hip-hop and Country, with three larger than life characters!

Tuesday 8th March
$6.00 per student
Cash (in a marked envelope) or EFTPOS to the office
We cannot accept any payments after Monday 7th March

On Friday 26th February 2016 on the school oval Grades Prep, One and Two students will be given the exciting opportunity to participate in a variety of water activities which coincide with the Upper Primary Swimming Carnival.

Year 2: 9:00 - 9:45am
Prep: 10:00 - 10:45am
Year 1: 11:45 - 12.30pm

All parents and extended family members are welcome to come along and watch the fun unfold.

2016 Inter-house SWIMMING Carnival
Thursday 25 February
5:30pm
North Shore Pool
Spectators FREE

Everyone is encouraged to attend, even if you’re not swimming!
Come along and show your support!

Parents, please be advised that siblings/non participants are NOT allowed in the water at any time.
Children must be supervised by parents at all times to ensure their safety.

Sausage sizzle and softdrinks available for purchase (Year 6 Camp fundraiser)

HELP WANTED!
Welcome everyone to 2016. My name is Tracey Walker and I am the Country Fair Coordinator. Last year our school held a really outstanding Annual Country Fair raising an amazing amount of money. This fundraising helped the P&C purchase extra resources, shade structures, musical instruments and play equipment for our children.

This year in order to make our Annual Country Fair just as successful, we need your help! We are desperately seeking interested people to be on our Country Fair Committee. If you are able to help or have some fantastic ideas, please come to our first meeting on Monday 22nd February after parade in the library. Morning tea will be provided and your littles are most welcome. We will be meeting once a month and need people on our committee and people who would be willing to help with organising class stalls.

Without the help of volunteers we will not be able to run this event. As it is one of the P&C’s major fundraisers as well as being an awesome fun night for our community, we want to make this happen with your help!

I hope to see you there. Thank you

Tracey Walker

on the calendar
February:
25th Swimming Carnival
26th Water Day (Prep - 2)
I would like to extend an invitation to all our Defence families to join me for a morning tea

Thursday 3rd March
9:15am
In the Staffroom
Come along for a friendly chat
Meet other families in our community!
Evonne Craven
(Defence School Transition Aide)

A note from Chappy Travis:
Welcome everyone again to 2016! Another huge warm welcome to all those new to Bluewater State School. For those who don’t know me yet I am Chappy Travis the new school chaplain for Bluewater as Chappy Drew has moved on to a whole new adventure. I am currently at school two days a week, Mondays and Wednesdays.

I would like to give a big shout out to Principal Chris Anderson for allowing me to join the Bluewater team and I am very touched by the big warm welcome I have received from Bluewater staff. I really appreciate how helpful everyone has been in assisting me to find my way around the school and in giving me the school information I require.

As we have many new families to Bluewater I thought this would be a great opportunity to outline what a school chaplain’s duties are. A school chaplain is a person of faith; trained in offering care and acceptance to all, regardless of faith, race, gender or cultural background. They care for students struggling with a wide range of issues, including: friendship, peer pressure, self-esteem, bullying, stress and anxiety.

School chaplains are safe people for young people to connect with at school. They do this through listening and interacting with the students. They are caring, offering support where needed and will keep all things confidential.

I am also here to support students exploring their spiritual beliefs and world views, along with facilitating and providing pastoral care.

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)
Is a fun filled after school program that is run outside school hours on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:30pm for students in grades 4 – 6. ASY is a perfect option for parents/guardians that wish for their children to gain a good understanding of the Christian worldview whilst being cared for by a great team of qualified leaders. If you would like more information or a permission form, then please contact me.

Blessings, and have a great week
Chappy Travis

BOUNCERS BASKETBALL CLUB
Bouncers Basketball Club are seeking players for the 2016 season for the following grades -
Under 8 Girls and Boys, Under 10 Girls and Boys,
Under 12 Girls and Boys, Under 14 Girls and Boys
For more information contact Andrew Camp
0407211973 or go to www.bouncersbasketball.com

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS IS ENDING JULY 2016!!!
PREPARE NOW TO RELIEVE 2017 BACK TO SCHOOL STRESS!!!
Would you like $500 to help pay for school uniforms, books, sporting fees and equipment, music lessons, camps and excursions, or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings dollar for dollar for education costs dollar for dollar, up to $500.
Wouldn’t it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the

Saver Plus Program
To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year, or be attending vocational education yourself
- have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or yourself may have part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment, can also be cash in hand for child minding, ironing, mowing a lawn or similar.
- have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For details on our next information sessions please contact:
Nikki Storey, Saver Plus Coordinator
07 4728-6786 | 0418 201 633
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Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by the Australian Government

Patches of Bluewater Craft Group
Meet every Thursday at Bluewater Community Centre
9am to 1pm
New people are welcome
Contact Shannon Stanford on 4788 6465
Patches of Bluewater are proud sponsors of 3 x $100 Encouragement Vouchers presented at the 2016 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
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