Wednesday 16th March 2016

This term we will be saying farewell to Lucy Capstick, who is heading off on maternity leave. We welcome Teleah Kennedy, who will teach 2B for the remainder of 2016.

Parent/Teacher interviews If you haven't made a time to meet, it's not too late. Please contact your child's teacher to make a time. If you are unable to make the times on the booking sheet, please also speak with the teacher and book a time at a later date.

Update of Student Information and Parent Email Addresses In the coming weeks, each family will receive a current printout of your child's personal details for checking and amending as necessary. Along with this, we would like to add your current email address to our records to allow for report cards and other information to be sent home via email in the future. If you do not have an email address, then a paper copy will be sent home as is normal. Please keep an eye out for this correspondence.

The Easter Bonnet Parade is being held next Thursday 24th. Our P-2 students will show off their Easter bonnets, perform songs and of course the Easter Bunny will visit. If you have not been to an Easter Bonnet parade before it is certainly worth the time to be a part of it. Year 3-6 will not miss out, with each class receiving a basket of eggs personally delivered by the Easter Bunny. Thank you to the P&C for sponsoring this event.

The P & C Voluntary Family Contribution Scheme has once again been a great success. As we have reached our first goal of $2,500, Miss Somerville and myself will be getting slimed after the Easter Bonnet Parade. For each $50 interval above $2500, a staff member will be added to the sliming action!

Keep a watch on our school these holidays With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number 13 17 88.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Over the holidays, the large tree near the tuckshop will be removed and a new path will be constructed, making this area safer for our students.

Have a safe and happy Easter break. See you in term 2.

Regards
Chris

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

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PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning) News

The whole school message for the next two weeks is:

Walk away, Chill Out!
Real Heroes walk away

Part of our positive behaviour learning is to be able to identify when a situation needs to be walked away from. On Monday Mrs Rose’s class, 4B showed the whole school how to walk away and chill out!

Bluewater School students will have discussed what it feels like, looks like, and sounds like when they are angry or frustrated with someone. In class they will have drawn, acted out or brainstormed as a class how to do this.

Staff would love for you to be able to discuss this with your children and see what they would do at home or at school.

We will be having a free dress day fundraiser this Friday 18th March. Instead of a coin donation for being in free dress, please bring a cleaning product donation (per family) to contribute to our Country Fair Cent Sale hampers. This can be any item used to clean the household, car or even the family pet. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

School Cross Country

Wednesday 23rd March from 9am

Wear your house colours!
Falcons—RED, Fantomes - GREEN, Rattlesnakes - YELLOW
Families are welcomed to attend

Easter Raffle Tickets $1
Available from the Tuckshop and at the Easter Bonnet parade.
Four prizes - lots of chocolate!

on the calendar

March:
14th Parent/Teacher Interviews commence
18th Free Dress Day
23rd Cross Country
24th Easter Bonnet Parade
Last Day Term 2

April:
11th First day of Term 2

Term 2:
School starts
Monday 11th April

Mr Anderson and Miss Somerville will be getting slimed at the Easter Bonnet Parade!

$2,525 has been raised through the voluntary Family Contribution Scheme. Thank you to all the families who have contributed. Keep the contributions coming, as more staff members will get slimed. Payments ($25 per child, $50 maximum per family) can be made at the office (cash only), EFTPOS at the tuckshop or use EFT details provided on the forms that were sent home.

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for Windows

All Queensland state school students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home and mobile computer equipment. For more information go to:

A Note from Chappy Travis

Welcome everyone to the end of Term 1!

How fast this term has gone for Bluewater State School. As we approach the first school holidays of 2016, I suspect everyone in the community is looking forward to the break. I pray that everyone’s Easter will be safe, peaceful and full of many chocolate eggs.

Easter is a special holiday, a time to celebrate love, forgiveness and hope. Easter falls close to the beginning of autumn, which is a beautiful time for fresh starts and new beginnings. Sending Easter Cards and warm wishes to friends and family is a wonderful way to celebrate the new season.

For many, Easter is a very special time where they remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Many churches hold Easter services. Here are some invitations from local churches:

**Northside Presbyterian Church:** Good Friday 8:30am & Easter Sunday 9:30am. Both services are in the front room of the Northern Beaches High school’s Hall.

**Northern Beaches Connections:** Good Friday 9:30am, St Anthony’s High School SDC, Deeragun and Easter Sunday Sunrise service 6:00am on the beach at Bushland Beach (end of Mt Low Parkway)

**Northreach Baptist:** Good Friday 8:30am and Easter Sunday 9:30am, 38 Canterbury Rd, Kirwan QLD 4817

May this Easter bring you all together for a great celebration filled with lots of joy, happiness and of course

**CHOCOLATE!!!**

**AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)**

This Wednesday (16th March 2016) the leaders of AfterSchool Youth invite you to join your child/ren for a BBQ afternoon tea from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. This will be followed by the traditional once-a-term Students Vs Parents Soccer Match. If you have other children, please feel free to bring them along too. You will find us in the undercover area (where the school parades are held).

We will be having a special guest joining us for the game, Aaron Mealing who is the Chappy for the Cowboys. He will be speaking to the kids and parents on what it is like to be the Chappy for the NQ Cowboys.

But even more exciting...we will have Chappy Drew dropping in to say hello to everyone, play a fun game of soccer and have a very yummy sausage sizzle.

*Chappy Travis*