Wednesday 11th May 2016

NAPLAN
NAPLAN is well underway, the good and the bad of the system is for all to see. I spoke at Monday’s parade about it being a bit like going to the dentist, it’s not something we look forward to but we have to do it. Bluewater has done significantly well over the last 8 years however it is a test on students literacy and numeracy skills not on the child as a whole. We can’t lose sight of this as we continue to improve.

STEAM
Bluewater has been selected as a STEM regional school. As you know I have been advocating for STEAM, Science Technology Engineering Arts and Maths instead. As Paul Keating said “Science and Maths are for the brain but the Arts are the soul of the nation” I also believe that the Arts help students communicate. You can have the best theory or invention in the world, but if you can’t communicate what it does and says then you are in trouble. We have a phenomenal Art Teacher in Mrs Dew and she is certainly finding creative ways to allow students to communicate their thoughts and knowledge through innovative ways.

We have purchased 2x 3D Printers which we are looking forward to utilising. Look out for some of the great projects that students will be able to design. Students will be able to use Tinkercad at school and at home and create designs. It’s a lot of fun and I am sure will be a great resource used within the school in many creative ways.

Leave
I will be taking leave from the 16th June for two weeks. Ms Somerville will be acting Principal and Mr Blake will be taking on the deputy role.

Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students
The Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students will be going through a review this year to ensure that it is current and reflective of what we do at school. In the interim we will be applying the current Responsible Behaviour Plan until it is completed.

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you to all of the parents who helped at the Mother’s Day Stall. It is great to see so many people giving a hand. The stall raised over $1500, which the P&C will be using towards purchasing additional cold water coolers for the students.

Chris
Ceramic Art Works

In Term 4 2015, the students in years 5 and 6 participated in a Ceramic Arts unit. The Perc Tucker gallery is now exhibiting these works of Art.

The gallery is open from 10am till 5pm week days and 10am till 2pm on Saturdays.

The art works will be on display from now, until the 2nd of June. I highly encourage everyone to go along and have a look at the display.

Peta Dew
Arts Teacher

Correspondence Home:
If you are looking for a lost letter, newsletter or notice, please remember to look on our website. All new information is updated on the website as is sent home with the children.

For letters/notes: https://bluewatess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx

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Gold Coast
Family Holiday!

Bluewater State School P&C Major Raffle

1st Prize: 5 night holiday at Sea World Resort & Water Park for 2 adults and 2 children, unlimited entry for 2 adults and 2 children to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild and $1,000 cash

2nd Prize: Samsung Galaxy Tablet 16GB

One book of raffle tickets has been sent home for each family and we would appreciate you selling the book if you are able to. Please return sold tickets and money to the office. **If you are unable to sell them, please return them as soon as possible so that others can sell them.** This year the two families who sell the most tickets will receive a Samsung Galaxy Tablet. Thank you for supporting Bluewater School by selling these tickets. All proceeds to the Bluewater State School P&C.

on the calendar

May:
10-12th NAPLAN
16-20th Book Fair
24th School Photos

June:
9th Biggest Morning Tea
14th P&C Meeting
22nd Athletics Carnival
24th Last day of Term 2

School Photo Day
24th May

Order envelopes have been sent home.

Sibling photo envelopes are available at the office

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2017 ENROLMENT
SCHOOL TOURS and OPEN DAY

Join us to experience learning and life at Northern Beaches SHS!
Our school tours will provide an opportunity for you to walk through the school campus viewing the main facilities and visiting classrooms, talk to our students and meet school staff.
All members of the family are welcome to attend.

When:  Wednesday 8th June 2016
Where:  Meranti Street Deeragun Townsville

Bookings are essential – contact school office on 07 4751 7111

Personalised Class Tours run at:
8:45am, 9:15am, 9:45am,
10:10am and 12:00pm

After-school hours Group Tours run at:
4:00pm and 5:00pm

Tours depart from the school office

ENROLMENT PACKS
AVAILABLE AT SCHOOL OFFICE
BOOK FAIR
The Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school
16th-20th May

Our Book Fair theme for Term 2 2016 is Monster Book Fair: Reading is so much fun, it will give you goosebumps! This season’s Book Fair will be an exciting celebration full of hundreds of books kids want to read.

Book Fair will be open before and after school between 8:30-9am and 3-3:30pm on the 16th-20th of May. Books can be purchased during these times.

Scholastic Book Fair is a great way to fundraise for new books for our school.

Each class will have the opportunity to view all of the books available at Book Fair. Children will then write a wish list to take home to their parents.

Regular school attendance

Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child gets a better chance at life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day:
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse. Illness, doing work experience, competing in a school sporting event or going on a school excursion are reasonable excuses for being absent from school.

Principal decide if the excuse given for your child’s absence is reasonable.

Avoid keeping your child away from school for:
- birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts.

Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.

While it is a last resort, it is important to understand that you may be prosecuted if your child is not attending school regularly.

What should I do if my family is going on a holiday in school time?
You are encouraged not to schedule holidays during school time. If your family holiday is during school time, let the school know in advance and talk about what arrangements can be made for your child. Depending on the circumstances the school may be able to provide tasks for your child to complete while they are absent or assist you to organize an exemption from schooling.

Do I need to let the school know if my child has been away from school?
Yes, you must let the school know the reason why your child is absent from school, if not beforehand, then within two school days of their return to school.

Having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?
- won’t get out of bed in the morning
- won’t go to bed at night
- can’t find their uniform, books, school bag
- slow to eat breakfast
- haven’t done their homework
- watching TV
- have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in
- it’s their birthday.

A set routine can help
- have a set time to go to bed
- have a set time to get out of bed
- have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- set a time for daily homework activities
- speak about school positively
- be firm, send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term!

What should I do if my child won’t go to school?
You should contact the school as soon as possible for advice and support.

Bluewater’s Biggest Morning Tea
Thursday 9th June 9:15am

Cancer Council Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

ENROL NOW 2017 Prep Enrolments
If your 2017 prep aged child has a sibling at this school or you live in our catchment area, (http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/), please see the office for an enrolment pack.

Update of Student Information and Parent Email Addresses
Each family has received a printout of your child’s personal details for checking and amending as necessary. Along with this, we would like to add your email address to our records as the preferred method for sending reports cards and other information home. Please return this information as soon as possible as report cards will be issued at the end of this term.
A note from Chappy Travis:

Hello Bluewater! So we have hit Term 2 full steam ahead and we are marching towards the next school holidays very quickly.

The Dodge Ball Tournament is moving along, with 30 teams including a Teacher team battling it out for the top spot and to take their place as the best Bluewater Dodge Ball Team for 2016. I will keep parents/guardians posted and reveal the winners on parade when the tournament has ended. The winners will be awarded a free movie ticket each at Event Cinemas which should come in handy for June/July school holidays. They will also have their team immortalised on Chappy’s Amazing Tournament shield trophy that will be displayed at the school.

May is also the time for CHAPPY WEEK and I will be holding a GUESS THE JELLYBEANS competition with a GOLD coin donation to help raise money for Bluewater SS chaplaincy. All are welcome to have a go, but only one guess per person. If you are good with numbers and love jellybeans, come to my office across from the tuckshop and put your number in. If I am not there, please leave your name and guess on my desk. I will be revealing the winner/s on parade on 23rd May.

Great news! Northern Beaches Connections is also holding a TRIVIA NIGHT on Saturday 14th May at 7pm at St Anthony’s High School. The cost is $15.00 per person and all proceeds raised go to school chaplaincy programs in the Northern Beaches. Come along for prizes, games and a night of fun. I hope to see you all there to help support chaplaincy.

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)

Afterschool Youth Term 2 is back and going strong! We have been averaging 20 – 25 students each Wednesday which is great to see. We will continue a journey with the kids through Super book and the stories from the Bible.

It is a fun filled after school program on Wednesdays from 3 – 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.

We are working out a date for the ASY camp. Once finalised, I will start sending out permission forms. Remember all students from Grade 4 – 6 are welcome even if they do not attend ASY on Wednesdays.

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Meet every Thursday at
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