Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to week 6. We have started our journey through the second half of the term. This means most year levels will be working on new units of work in English and Maths. Our students know that to get good results on their report cards they need to achieve well in each and every unit. At this stage, we expect all students could speak with you at the dinner table about what they are learning in these subjects and what their assessment tasks are. We would love to know how these conversations go.

Track and Field Champions

Well done to our Track and Field Team who travelled to the Townsville Sports Reserve last week. By all reports it was a fantastic day and we have lots to celebrate as a school. The boys finished the day in 4th place and our girls worked hard to finish 3rd overall. Mrs. Somerville said that the behaviour of our students was worthy of a gold medal and that our teachers and parents worked well together to ensure everyone was fit to run, throw and jump to the best of their abilities. We have 4 students rewarded with representative honours, Cohan M, Ethan R, Aaliyah R, Olivia E. We wish them all the best at the upcoming NQ trials.

Leadership Camp

The weather gods didn't favour our student leadership team this week. The wind blew wild, the rain moved in and the temperatures dropped to a freezing 20 degrees, meaning it was not possible for the students and teachers to visit Orpheus Island for the senior leadership camp. It was with regret that the camp was postponed for a second time. Mr. Sanderson is working hard to reschedule this event. Watch this space for more information.

Book Week

Next week is Book Week. I'd like to invite the school community to a special parade on Thursday at 9:00am. For the occasion, I'll be dressing as one of the Circus Brothers from the Blinky Bill stories. Basil is the leader of the circus. I spend my time chasing Blinky Bill around the world, trying to catch him and his friends. I believe that Blinky will be the star of my circus and make me rich. I'm not all that successful but that's okay I blame it on my brother, Cyril. I'm not quite sure how I ended up as the antagonist- are people trying to tell me something? Book Week will be a lot of fun for our school community, please join us if you have time.

Have a great week.

Chris Wicks
Principal

The P & C Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month.
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The 2016 Book Week theme is Australia! Story Country

To celebrate Book Week, we will be holding our
Book Week Parade on Thursday 25th August
at 9:15am in the Parade Area

Parents, staff and students are encouraged to dress up as
their favourite BOOK character.

There will be prizes for the best dressed and an
encouragement award for each class.

Students are required to bring their book with them for the
parade as this makes it easier for the judges to recognise
their book character.

Instrumental News

What a great educational and very physical
time nine of our clever instrumental students had at a
primary schools Band workshop held at Hermit Park SS last
month. There were over 150 students in the 2 Bands who
-treated the parents to a wonderful twilight concert.

The music teachers will be handing out certificates of
attendance very soon and will be presented to our students
at parade.

Mr Cook is very happy with most of the students who are
doing lots of home playing (PRACTICE) but some could do a
little more as the Eisteddfod is fast approaching.
(Wednesday the 7th Sep at 9:00 am)

The school has just purchased a new xylophone and snare
drum and our wish list from the P & C is a new clarinet and
new music scores for the Band.

A new group of recorder players has just started and
hopefully they will be part of our 2017 beginner band
students playing trumpets, trombones, clarinets, flutes,
saxophones and a range of challenging percussion
instruments.

Yours in Music
Malcolm Cook

The Arts News

Term 3 is an exciting Term for the Arts. The students are
studying Dance and Drama, and along with their course of
study, the Years 3, 1 and Prep students have the opportunity
to go and view live theatre.

The Year 3s went to see the live theatre production of 'The
Peasant Prince', which is also a book they study as part of
their English curriculum. The students saw how normal,
everyday people could pretend to be someone completely
different. They learned how they could use their bodies to
make themselves look older or younger, depending on the
age of the character they needed to be. Now they get to put
that learning in to practice as they become a whole variety of
characters in their Drama lessons.

The Year 1s saw an extremely entertaining production of
May Gibbs ‘Snugglepots and Cuddlepie’. They saw how actors
could use personification written in to aspects of the book to
become the ‘non-human’ character. The students will have
fun creating their own versions of these characters in their
Drama lessons to come.

The Preps are going on their excursion next week. They are
going to see the musical version of the book ‘There’s a Hippo
on my Roof Eating Cake’ and we are really looking forward
to singing some of the songs on the bus on the way back to
school.

We received a big compliment from The Riverway Arts
Centre Staff after the Year 1s excursion. The Front of House
Coordinator came to see me after the production to inform
me of how impressed she, and all of her staff had been with
the behaviour and theatre etiquette of the Bluewater State
School students. She noted that both groups (the Year 3s
and Year 1s) were beautifully behaved. She also called the
school to tell our Principal and Deputy how much she
appreciated the responsible behaviour of the Bluewater
State School Students.

This kind of praise is not easy to achieve and we should all
be proud of our students who did Bluewater State School
proud.

I know our Prep students will be just as respectful and
responsible when they have their turn attending the theatre.

Mrs Peta Dew

Patches of Bluewater Craft Group

Meet every Thursday at
the 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

Facebook On the calendar
Photos
A letter has been sent home
seeking permission for
photos of your child to
appear on Bluewater
School’s Facebook page.
Please complete this form
indicating whether or not
you give permission, and
return as soon as possible.

August:
25th Book Week Parade
31st Book Club due

September:
1st Father’s Day Stall
14th School Disco
16th Last day of Term 3
Thursday 1st September

Presents will cost between $1 and $10. Each class will visit the stall with their teacher. Please bring money to your class in a named ziplock bag or envelope.

HELP WANTED!

If you have some time spare on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday, we are currently looking for volunteers to assist in our tuckshop. Please see Siobhan at the tuckshop if you are interested.

A note from Chappy Travis:

Hello Bluewater!

Well as most of you would have heard on parade, I will be running a SOCCER ORIGIN event during Term 3. This great event will see students in grade 4 – 6 battle it out against Bluewater staff in three amazing games of soccer over the next three weeks, with the winning team holding up the Bluewater shield for the very first Bluewater Origin games.

We will have 12 students go up against a teacher team, with the student team being picked on parade next Monday from a hat with the GOTCHAS they have earned during the week by showing the Bluewater State School rules of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and RESILIENCE.

Also some great news!!! We have decided on a date and theme for the Bluewater Disco this year. It will be on Wednesday 14th September and will be a pyjama party. So get your best PJ’s ready and come dance the night away with us at Bluewater State School.

With all that fantastic news, I now leave you with this great quote I found about family:

FAMILY like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions, yet our roots remain the same.

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)

Just this past weekend Afterschool Youth went on a combined camp with Bluewater, Bohlevalle and Rollingstone School. We had 63 students, with 17 of them from Bluewater.

The camp theme was the Olympics and the kids engaged in fun games revolving around the Olympic games and learnt about never giving up, when you fail you get up, dust yourself off and try again- as we have seen this year with so many of our Aussie athletes.

Bluewater Afterschool Youth is still on hold at the moment as we finalise our new leaders before they join me on Wednesday afternoons for Fun, Food and God. I will inform all parents and guardians of ASY children as soon as we are ready to go again.

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH CAMP 2016

We are looking for some old pieces of shade cloth (approx. 3m x 1.5m), to help grow seedlings for the Country Fair. If you have some to donate, please see the office.

Buy a book from SCHOLASTIC Book Club to help build our classroom resources

orders are due: Wednesday 11st August

SCHOLASTIC Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit: www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Cheerleaders Beat States Finest

Townsville’s North Queensland Warriors cheerleading group were crowned Grand Champions at the recent Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation event held on the Gold Coast. These girls with one of our own students, Gemma Hawton, took on and beat 40 teams of all age groups to be crowned battle grand champions of the State. They will now go back to the Gold Coast towards the end of the year to compete in the Australasian Pinnacle. Good luck girls, we will all be cheering for you.

![Cheerleader](image)
**Curriculum News**

2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge

26th August is your last chance to complete your Premier Reading Challenge forms. Please hand them in to either your class teacher or at the library. Happy Reading!

**Word Mania**

Congratulations to Ms Best and Year 5B as they have been the top winners for our region for 2 consecutive weeks. They have received a class certificate as well as individual certificates for participating in Word Mania. Good luck for Week 3.

**Oral Reporting**

Oral reporting begins this term in weeks 9 and 10. You will receive a letter from your class teacher outlining dates and times. Please remember to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher to discuss how your child is progressing towards their year level achievement standard for each learning area.

We are just over half way through term 3.

Kaylene Preston
Head of Curriculum

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**“STOP! I have the right to learn, thank you!”**

**PBL Focus – Week 7 and 8, Term 3**

Students at Bluewater SS are aware of how important it is to learn, free from distractions.

In class, we can practise the strategy of “STOP! I have the right to learn, thank you” should someone be interrupting our learning.

The steps to follow are:

1. Use a non-verbal clue (such as holding up your hand) so that the student distracting us can see. This is the least intrusive way to let the person know you are having trouble learning because of their behaviour.

2. If the behaviour continues, say to the person, “Are you aware that you are...?” This gives the person another opportunity to be aware of their distracting behaviour. This statement clearly lets the person know what the problem is.

3. Finally, if the distractions still continue, you should state, “STOP! I have the right to learn, thank you!” Saying this clearly makes it very clear that learning is the reason we are here at Bluewater State School.

**Recycling - 4B’s Bluewater Way project**

The items that we are recycling are:

- batteries (all sorts except car batteries)
- oral health wastes including used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, mouthwash and floss containers and even the packaging that the new ones come in
- We are also collecting the ring pulls from the top of drink cans as these are used to make wheel chairs and prosthetics.

Each classroom has a recycling box to collect the items in.

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**Country Fair News**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Free Dress Day last week, and donated items for our Country Fair.

Thank you to those who have already sold and returned their dodgers. If you would like to sell more, please see the office.

_forms to pre purchase your amusement ride bands will be going out this week, keep an eye out for these notes._
Defence News

This term has certainly been a busy one so far. Three classes at Bluewater have been involved in making some lovely “Thank You” cards, to say thank you to the many Vietnam Veterans for Vietnam Veterans Day on August 18th. They have all done a fabulous job and I know they will be appreciated immensely by the Vietnam Vets. These cards are being distributed all over Queensland, which is a great honour for our Bluewater students.

Defence Club is going strong, with always something fun or yummy happening. Last week we decorated biscuits to look like The Olympic Rings. Today we are having a mini Olympics and next week we will be starting some Father’s Day craft activities.

This term I am running a small group program with the Defence students to develop their resilience muscles and work on skills to use when they come across a tough situation that life may throw at them.

On Thursday 8th September, selected students from year five and six will be attending the travelling “Spirit of the Anzac Experience”. I have been lucky enough to have secured the tickets and win a grant that will cover all costs involved for this excursion. The students have been selected based on their “GOTCHA” data results and their recent performances in class. The Experience is driven by Australian stories and showcases over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, and is highly experiential, with interactive technology employed throughout.

Lavarack Barracks is having an open day on September 3rd, which should be a great day to check out what the Australian Defence Force is all about.

Any defence parents that have concerns or worries about your child’s wellbeing please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always open and you can find me in the building beside the tuckshop.

Evanne Craven
Defence School Transition Aide