Wednesday 31 August 2016

Dear Bluewater State School Parents and Carers,

Welcome to week 8, another busy time for our school. Yet again we have been busy participating in sporting events, preparing for camps, hosting amazing school celebrations and working hard on curriculum, teaching and learning. It’s a proud time of the week when I’m able to pause and reflect on all the wonderful things that are on offer to our school community. Here are a few moments to be proud of:

**Sharing Stories of Success and School Improvement**

I was lucky enough to be invited into our Regional Office at the end of last week to share Bluewater’s school improvement journey. It was motivating to hear how others view the work that is occurring at our school and a proud moment to share the work that is happening in 6B with their Mathematics work. Mrs. Russo and her students have been working in partnership with the region to produce even greater results in their classroom. A big thank you to the team in 6B- by opening up your classroom door you are permitting learning that will benefit our whole school.

**Milo T20 Cricket Cup**

Our Yr.5 and Yr.6 cricket teams took on the T20 School’s Challenge last week. The competition involved both male and female teams and looked to be heaps of fun. I turned up just in time to watch the girls take on Shalom, see the boys do battle with Wulguru and watch our other boys team take on Annandale SS. I found it very hard to return to my meetings with Ben Tindal smashing sixes at will. I could have stayed and watched all afternoon. It was also great to see so many parents in attendance, enjoying the lovely Townsville weather, the coffee cart and of course watching the students represent our school so well. Thank you to Mrs. Donohoe for organising the event for our students, to Mrs. Bull for her coaching expertise and to our parent helpers for volunteering to manage teams.

The P & C Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month.
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Safe and Supported Students is our Focus

Bluewater State School prides itself on being responsive to our community needs. Over the last few weeks we have had some issues in the playground after school. These behaviour issues have prompted us to put a few processes in place to ensure that all of our students are kept safe while waiting to be picked up after school. The designated waiting areas are at the drop off/pick up area on Buckby Street, the front gate on Ditton Street and a lot of our students utilise bus transport to and from school. We are asking that all students stay out of the playground areas after school if they are not being supervised by their parent/carer. We feel this will reduce the risk of injury and some of the misbehaviour that we were seeing. We understand that sometimes families can run late for pick up in the afternoon, especially with the roadwork activity that is being carried out around the Northern Beaches area at the present. In the event that we have students in these areas after 3:20pm, Miss. Somerville and I are encouraging students to wait on the verandah of the front office- we feel this is a safe place for students to wait.

Yr.5 and 6 Camp

Wednesday marks the return of the Yr.5’s and the send-off for our Yr.6 students. I hope everyone enjoys their time on camp and I want to say a special thank you to the staff that have given up time with their own families to make our Paluma Camps a big success for our students. It has been great to speak with the students about what they are looking forward to about camp and the stresses around making sure you are adequately packed for the big occasion. I look forward to hearing all the stories when the groups return to school.

Book Week

Well done to everyone that participated in our Book Week celebrations. The effort that went into the costumes, event organisation and promoting literacy was fantastic. It was great to see our favourite characters come to life. I also love the way our parents get a little bit competitive- this really makes it a team effort. Thank you to Mrs. Wilson and her team for all their hard work.

Have a great week everyone and don’t forget to book in your Parent–Teacher Interviews.

Chris Wicks
Principal- Bluewater State School

In term 4, as part of the Education Department’s Same Day Notification policy commitment, we will introduce a new SMS Notification System for student unexplained absences. Our school process for student absences is that parents are to notify the school by telephoning 47512333 or emailing admin@bluewatess.eq.edu.au. On those rare occasions when you are not able to contact us by either method, we will generate an SMS message through a provider asking you to contact the school with your reason as to why your child is absent on that day. Our school database will need to be updated with each child’s preferred first parent contact. A note has been sent home requesting this information, please return as soon as possible so that we can implement this new system.

This Thursday 1st September

Presentes 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.

Facebook Photos Permissions

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.
This week 6W got to meet an unexpected guest, Kyle Feldt from the Toyota NRL Cowboys. He talked to us about goal setting and how he got to be a professional NRL player. He helped us realise how important goal setting is, he told us about the goals he set as a kid. He spoke about how he never thought he would have such an amazing career and that his next goal is to make it into the Queensland Origin Team. He even asked us about our goals for the future. Thanks for visiting us and sharing your knowledge and information.

Emily and Lacey
6W

A note from Chappy Travis:

Hello Bluewater!!!

As most of you would have heard on parade or seen on the Bluewater Facebook page we had our very first SOCCER ORIGIN event. This great event saw students in grade 4 – 6 battle it out against the Bluewater staff in a game of soccer during the 2nd break on Wednesday last week.

The teachers were triumphant in the first game taking the students down 3 – 1. It’s not over yet, there are two more games to go and one of them is TODAY so stay tuned at parade next week as we see if teachers have taken the shield in victory today or students will make the third game a tie breaker.

As I mentioned last letter the students must earn GOTCHAS to have the chance to take on the teachers, they must be showing the three main rules of Bluewater State School – RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, and RESILIENCE.

With all that exciting news I have this very awesome quote for dads as Father's day is so close:

DAD A son’s first Hero. A daughter’s first Love.

Stay safe everyone and I will see all your smiling faces on Monday.

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)

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.

Wednesday 14th September
6pm - 8pm
at the covered parade area

Cost $5.00
Lollies, chips and drinks on sale
Fully supervised
Parents must sign children in and out
Fundraising for our school’s chaplaincy program

Just a reminder to Parents and those Students attending the “Spirit of the Anzac Experience”
Tuesday 6th Sept
11.15am – 2.45pm

Eisteddfod Reminder

Eisteddfod—Band
Wednesday 7th September
Be at school prior to 8:55am
Remember to bring your music and instrument
Dress: Full School Uniform. Children will change into the Bluewater performance shirt before leaving the school.

Eisteddfod - Choir
Thursday 8th September
Be at school prior to 8:45am
Dress: Long black slacks or tights along with sensible black shoes. Children will be provided with a Bluewater Choir shirt to change in to on the day.
Book Week Parade

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents for supporting our Book Week Parade. As always we had some very creative costumes.

A BIG Thank you goes out to Mrs Kent and Mrs Anderson for the hard job of judging.

BOOK WEEK WINNERS

First Place “Best Costume” received a $15 book Club voucher, one student from each class.

Also, second place, $10 voucher awarded to one student in each class for the “Encouragement Award”.

More photos from the parade will be displayed in the school office.

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WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
10AM - 1PM

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Keith Bagley (The Dusty Tribute) | The Septuagen Sisters
Pineapple On-Tapping | Food Trucks | Marvel Skids
Thurlogia Brass Band | Pineapple Dessert Competition
Greg Greswell | Dancing Machine
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