Wednesday 14 September 2016

Dear Bluewater State School,

The last two weeks have been very proud weeks for our school. It has been great to share and celebrate the success of our Arts and Instrumental programs. All of the students who represented our school in the Choir and Band should be very happy with their achievements. This has been a great way to end a busy term. With only a couple days to go before the holidays, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our community for their contribution to our school and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Teaching and Learning Update

Our parent teacher interviews have been very successful. It has been pleasing to see the amount of parents that have taken up this opportunity. Bluewater State School staff have taken the opportunity to discuss student achievement, behaviour and wellbeing during this time. We have encouraged that all conversations are logged on OneSchool. This will enable others, including future teachers or leaders, to understand what communication has occurred between families and classroom teachers. Semester 2 Report cards will be sent home at the beginning of week 10 Term 4 to allow any final communication between families and classroom teachers to finalise the year.

Band and Choir Success

A big congratulations to Mr. Cook, his helpers and the students who perform in the school Band. The students won the Kirwan High Trophy at the 2016 Townsville Eisteddfod. This is a great accomplishment and a well-deserved accolade for Mr. Cook and Bluewater State School. It is great to see the effort and hard work culminating in a successful performance. We thank the P&C for their continued support of this initiative.

Our Choir also performed very well at their eisteddfod event. Mrs. Dew took a younger group than most schools. Despite this, the school received a High Commendation for their efforts. Again this activity was well supported by our parent community.
Yr.5 and Yr.6 Camp

The smiles that returned to school were proof that the camps are a valued and worthwhile activity. Thanks to the staff for their hard work and dedication. It is not easy being away from your own family for a week but it means a lot to the students and their families. Thanks to the P&C for your continued support of our camp and excursion activity.

Upcoming Excursions and Events

Rugby League
- Good luck to our Rugby League team on Friday. Play hard and play well.

School Disco-Pyjama Party
- Wednesday the 14th of September (TONIGHT). Come along and celebrate the end of term at the disco. This event is a great fundraiser for our school and an event that our students love. Thanks to all of our volunteers!

Daniel Morcombe Program-Parent Information Day
- Kaylene Preston and myself will be running this information session for parents on the 6th of October in the Library. It will run from 9am to 10am.

Prep Transition Day
- 25th of October 2016. Currently we have had 40 families submit enrolment information. Our transition day enables us to conduct our enrolment interviews and gives our new students their first taste of what to expect in 2017. If you haven’t enrolled yet or secured your place in 2017 please see Christine and Jen in the office for an enrolment form. 2017 is the first year that Prep will be compulsory in Queensland.

Enrolment Management Plan

It is almost a daily occurrence that we field questions about student enrolments from outside our catchment area. We have established a waiting list for people that are looking to enrol their students at Bluewater State School. To be added to the waiting list families must submit completed enrolment forms which are date/time stamped. We will review this list in week 9/10 of every term and make contact with people that we can offer a place to. For this to happen, we need to firstly have places available-our enrolment is capped and there needs to be space in the desired year level (we wish to honour class size targets). The waiting list is only valid for the calendar year that it is established for. All students that live within our catchment area are obviously exempt from this process.

Have a great break. We look forward to seeing everyone fit and healthy in term 4.

Chris Wicks
Principal

Enrol for Prep 2017

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.

Returning to Bluewater School in 2017?
If you are not returning, please advise the office as soon as possible to assist with class planning for 2017.

Don’t forget Monday 3rd Oct is a public holiday!

School Resumes on Tuesday 4th October

Swimming Notes for Year 1 and 2. Please return permission form as soon as possible.

2017 Year 6 Canberra Camp
$200 deposit required to secure your place!

SMS Notification Forms have been sent home requesting your details for SMS absence notifications, please return as soon as possible so that we can implement this new system.

Facebook Photo 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.
G'Day Asia

School Performance Tour

Wednesday 12 October 2016
Prep-Year 2 at 9:40am
Year 3 – 6 at 11:40am

For all grades, held in the covered parade area

$5.00 per student

Payment Method:
Cash or EFTPOS at the office

Payments must be received by Tuesday 11 Oct
No late payments can be accepted

PBL (Positive Behaviour of Learning)

News

“Beat the Bell” is the current PBL focus.
Thank you for the wonderful roleplay from 4W in week 9.
Classes have unpacked ‘Beat the Bell’ in class and know the expectations.

‘Beating the Bell’ means that students are: responsible and respectful towards being punctual.

Students are expected to know:
- Where to line up. (where does you class sit?)
- When to line up. (What bell?)
- What do we do prior to lining up? (Collect lunchboxes. Toilets, drinks, hats.)

Country Fair News

Friday 28 October
5-9pm

DODGERS Thank you to everyone that has sold and returned their dodger tickets already. If you are in need of extra books to sell over the holidays, please collect them from the office.

Donations: Can you help? We are still seeking donations for our very popular Cent Sale.

6W Plant Stall is still in desperate need of plant donations. If you have plants to donate to this stall, but you are currently caring for them at home, could you please advise the office so that we are aware of what to expect. Thank you for supporting this stall!

Market Stalls: We are looking for market stalls for our Country Fair. The P&C would like these to be handcraft or Cotters type stalls. Sites are limited and stall holders must have their own Public Liability Insurance. If you are interested, please call Tracey Walker on 0411 295 632.

Prepaid Wristbands for Unlimited Amusement Rides
Forms have been handed out to students. Forms are also available at school office.

Take advantage of the discount and pre pay your ride bands before the Country Fair and you will go into the draw to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet kindly donated by Amusements Plus. EFTPOS payments can be made at the tuckshop. Cash payments can be brought to the office.

Poster Competition

Why not spend some time on the holidays creating an awesome poster advertising our Country Fair. There are free unlimited amusement ride wristbands up for grabs for the winning posters. Posters must include the following information: Bluewater State School Country Fair, 28th October 5-9pm. Display your sign in a prominent legal site, take a photo and email the photo and location to Photos@bluewatess.eq.edu.au Photos must be received no later than Friday 21st October.
Note from Chappy Travis:

G'day Bluewater!

Wow!! I cannot believe it is the end of Term 3 of the school year already.

It’s that time when everyone will be preparing for holidays and travelling on the very busy highway. I just ask that everyone take care during these times and take breaks as I would like to see everyone’s smiling faces back to tackle Term 4 and what it holds for us.

That said, enjoy the holidays as it can be great opportunity for family time and to venture out and experience something you have not done before. So whatever plans your family has these school holidays, enjoy but stay safe.

Just a nice quote to send you on your way these school holidays:

“Stuff your eyes with wonder, live as if you’d drop dead in ten seconds. See the world. It’s more fantastic than any dream made or paid for in factories.”

Stay safe everyone and I will see all your smiling faces ready for Term 4.

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)

Bluewater Afterschool Youth is still on hold at the moment as we look for new leaders to join me on Wednesday afternoons for Fun, Food and God. At this stage, ASY is looking good for starting up again in Term 4 but I will inform parents/guardians ASAP.

Milk Bottle Lids

We are needing milk bottle lids for our science kits. Please collect them and bring to the library. Thank you!

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

AUSTA Celebration of Strings

Workshops are being held from 10th to 14th October, with the concert, involving over 400 students, being held on the Friday evening.

Notes have been sent home on Tuesday with string students.

Please note this is a voluntary event and parents will need to provide own transport.

Icy Cups are for sale each Friday afternoon after school. We would love donations of plastic cups!

Please deliver to the office. Money raised helps reduce costs for the Year 6 Graduation day and future camps.

Thank you for your support.

TONIGHT!!

Wednesday 14th Sept 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

A note from Mr Cook

I am very proud of Bluewater’s band.

It really is a team effort where every member demonstrates responsibility by attending lessons on time, bringing their music and instruments each week and with the support of their parents, practicing at home regularly.

The band is looking forward to sharing their talent at the Country Fair on Friday 28th October.

In Term 4, there will be a parent information evening regarding the school’s String, Band and Recorder program. This will be held on Wednesday 9th November.
**Spirit of the Anzac**

Last week 35 grade five and six students who were selected based on highest Gotcha data, were rewarded with an excursion to the Townsville Convention Centre to visit the travelling, “Spirit of the ANZAC Experience”. Congratulations to those students for their hard work and good behaviour.

The experience was amazing! The students, teachers and parents had a great time. I am sure spine chilling and goose bump experiences were had by all. The use of technology was fantastic. A narrator talked you through all the information and teamed with the amazing sound effects made the experience come to life. Many students commented, “everything looks so real”, “it was like we were in the battle field”, and simply just “wow, that was awesome”. Definitely a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Our defence students have been involved in a program this term to help build their Resilience muscles. We know this is an important skill that is vital for them to develop, as a member of a defence family. Together in small groups we have worked building their knowledge and understanding of resilience for a short 20min session once a week for 5 weeks. Next term I will continue these sessions concentrating on coping with changes at school.

Wow that went quick! Term 3 is done and dusted, with term 4 shaping up to be another busy one, I have lots planned for our defence students.

Wishing you all happy and safe holidays. See you all in Term 4.

Evonne Craven
Defence Transition Aide

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**Bluewater Out of School Hours Care News**

HAPPY last! Week everyone!! Week 10 already!! It’s almost end of term and that means.......  
Vacation Care is coming up on the 19th of September, Yay!  
Have a look at all of the fun activities that we will be taking part in!  
If you would like to come along and join in on the fun, feel free to get in contact with us at the service or via email on bluewatersac@pcyc.org.au

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**PCYC Vacation Care September 2016**

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Paluma Camp

Paluma Camp for Year 5 and 6 Students was action packed and fun with all students involved in a range of activities from exciting environmental activities to team building challenges. Student behaviour on both camps was outstanding and we received very positive feedback from Paluma Education Staff about their ability to follow instructions, use of manners and trying their best in all activities. Some of the activities included:

- **Walk to Witt’s Lookout**: This walk certainly challenged many students physically and we saw great resilience from many students! Students learnt about the rainforest, plants, trees and animals.

- **Shelter Building**: In this activity students pretended they were tree loggers and had to build their own shelter with limited equipment. This saw students working in teams to build their shelters and to also work as a team to problem solve issues as they went along. The shelters had to withstand rain and wind testing. This activity was enjoyed by everyone.

- **Nuclear Reactor**: This was a fabulous team challenge where all groups came extremely close to solving the challenge. It was great to see students working together to solve the problem and try different tactics.

- **Bird Watching**: For the Year 5 group unfortunately it was low cloud cover, raining and extremely windy therefore not a lot of birds were seen. The Year 6 group were fortunate to see many different types of birds using their binoculars.

- **Freshwater Macro Invertebrates**: Students went for a walk through the rainforest and then used equipment to trap macro invertebrates. Students then used an app to identify the insects and also draw scientific drawings.

- **Magic Spot Trail**: This was an experience that many students found challenging and also relaxing. This activity had students sit individually along a trail in silence and allowed them time for thinking, listening to the rainforest noises, drawing time or writing time.

- **Sensory Trail Experience**: In this activity students worked in pairs and one partner was blindfolded whilst they trusted their partner to navigate them through a rainforest trail.

**Student Reflections:**

“In week 8, grade 5 went to Paluma camp. We stayed from Monday to mid Wednesday. Some of the activities were easy, some were challenging. One of the challenging activities was the nuclear reactor. My favourite part about camp was the tent building, where we designed a tent out of a tarp, pegs, a few sticks and rope. It was fun because you had to design a tent that was strong enough to withstand the cyclone test.” Amaya Boevink

“In week 8, most of the grade 5’s went to the Paluma camp. We got to do some challenges such as build a tent out of wood/logs, rope, tent pegs and a tarp. It was very hard to complete because it had to stand the cyclone test, which is where one of the teachers would shake the tent to see if it would fall over. The thing I enjoyed the most was when we got 20 minutes free time in the rainforest by ourselves. I enjoyed this because we got to draw pictures of the lively surroundings.” Melanie Astill

We liked all the walks through the rainforest, because we got to see all the exotic plants, hear the animals and see the water creatures in the stream. Nick Salemink and Marshall Barrie

My favourite activity on camp was when I participated in the sensory trail. It was funny because I nearly walked Marishka off a bridge. Gemma Waters
**Cricket Sign On**

Age groups are T20 Blast (under 10, beginners), Under 12, 14, and 16.

For more information please contact Julie Sullivan on 0431353531 or julie.sullivan@pdmangers.com.au.

Season commences for juniors in Term 4. Seniors start early September.

www.nbcc.qld.cricket.com.au

Sign on at: www.Playcricket.com.au

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**Thursday 13th October**

230PM - 630PM

Rides Showbags BBQ
Cafe Face Painting Chocolate Toss Cakes
Pre-Loved Books, Toys & Clothes

Loads and Loads of Fun!
Bluewater School Tuckshop Menu

**Breakfast**

- Fresh Fruit cups ........................................... $1.50
- Yoghurt ..................................................... $1.00
- Cheese Toast ............................................... $1.00

**Hot Food**

- Super Mario Macaroni and Cheese ..................... $4.00
- Luigi Spaghetti ............................................ $4.00
- Chicken Chips served with a piece of fruit .......... $4.00
- Chicken or Cheese Burger ................................ $3.50
- BBQ Chicken Snack Wrap
  (Chicken, cheese, lettuce & mayo on a snack wrap) $3.00
- Ham and Cheese Wrap ................................... $3.00
- Homemade Sausage Scrolls ............................... $1.20
- Sauce ........................................................ $0.30

**Sandwiches, Wraps or Salad Boxes**

Salads include lettuce, carrot, cheese, cucumber and beetroot
Add an egg for 50 cents – toasting is 20 cents extra

- Chicken or Ham Salad Box ............................... $6.00
- Chicken or Ham Salad Wrap or Sandwich ............ $5.50
- Chicken or Beef Burger (with salad) ................. $5.50
- Chicken/Ham and Cheese Sandwich ................. $3.50
- Vegemite and Cheese Sandwich ....................... $2.20
- Cheese Sandwich ........................................... $2.00

**Snacks**

- Savoury Muffins (Ham, cheese and corn) ........... $2.00
- Fresh Fruit Cups .......................................... $1.50
- Muffins (Raspberry/Blueberry) ......................... $1.50
- Vanilla Custard ........................................... $1.00
- Yoghurt ..................................................... $1.00
- Popcorn ..................................................... $1.00
- Cheese and Crackers .................................... $1.00
- Corn on the cob ........................................... $1.00
- Boiled Egg .................................................. $0.50

**Drinks**

- Breaka flavoured milk .................................. $2.00
- Fruit Juice Poppers ....................................... $1.80
- Water ........................................................ $1.80

**Uniforms**

- Polo shirt .................................................. $31.00
- Boys shorts ................................................ $18.00
- Girls skorts ............................................... $18.00
- Hats ................................................................ $13.00
- Homework/library bag ................................... $10.00

Tuckshop is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am - 2pm
Please write your child's name, class and which break on a separate bag for each break order.
Bags are available from the tuckshop for 10 cents
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