Wednesday 12 October 2016

Dear Bluewater State School,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone is ready to finish the year with a burst of energy. We have 10 weeks of learning time to put our best foot forward and have lots of events to look forward to. Here is a snapshot of what's happening at Bluewater State School.

Rugby League

Congratulations to our Rugby League team who played in the Annandale Cup on the last day of term 3. The team played well and represented the school with pride. They were also coached with great skill and precision - a big thanks to Coach May and Coach Caruso for their dedication to our rugby league players.

Snakes

It's that time of year again where our reptile friends become more active. We need to make sure that we are mindful of snakes during these warmer months. We had our first snake sighting yesterday. A Black Whip decided to hang out at the front gate to farewell everyone at 3pm. Our management is to keep people away from the area - take a wide birth, we photographed the snake and sent it off to an expert for identification and advice and we review appropriate first aid methods required if we do have an incident. Staff on playground duty will ensure that students stay away from the garden areas that border the school fence and they will conduct checks of the playing areas at the beginning of each break. Please talk at home about appropriate actions if you do encounter a snake at school.

Prep

Attention all families with students entering Prep in 2017 - Has everyone completed their enrolment forms?

In 2017 Prep officially becomes the first year of compulsory schooling in Queensland. We have our Prep Information sessions on Tuesday the 25th of October. Please see Christine and Jenny at the office if you require an enrolment package.
Daniel Morcombe

This term in Health and Physical Education we are learning about personal safety. We are using the Morcombe family resources that have been put together by Bruce and Denise Morcombe, the Department of Education, Queensland Police Service and the Department of Communities. All of our students will be able to talk to you about the three R’s - Recognise, React and Report. The students will be given lots of scenarios during this lesson to apply the information that they are learning.

P&C Project

Thank you and congratulations to the P&C who have successful enhanced the school’s infrastructure. Over the holidays we removed a wall from the Under Covered Area and re-frigerated the drink taps that are attached to this space as well as the ones in the eating area. Through a coordinated effort and lots of fundraising the P&C were able to pick up the bill for this project. Our community is certainly privileged to have such a dedicated parent body to drive this committee.

If you are looking to join the P&C or increase your involvement in our school, please see the front office for more information.

Country Fair

The Country Fair is on Friday the 28th of October. It will be my first involvement in the event. I’m very much looking forward to being hit with a wet sponge as I ride the flying fox thanks to the Yr.4 classes that have afforded me this opportunity. I’m sure the Country Fair is going to be another great event for our school. If you are able to help out on the day, before the event or with packing everything away, could you please get in contact with Tracey Walker or a representative from the P&C.

Student Absence - Same Day Notification

As some of you may be aware we have transitioned to a text messaging service to help manage student absence and ensure the safety of all our students. Once classroom teachers mark the roll between 9:15 and 9:30 in the morning, our system generates a list of families that are not in attendance and sends them a notification to phone the school to provide a reason for the absence. This helps with our awareness of planned absence, sickness and could even alert us to truancy issues - safety of all students is our number one concern. The message you will receive looks like this:

BluewaterSS 6/10/2016 Hannah was absent from school today Please call 4751 2333 with your reason.

Thank you for your continued support of our administration work and our push for a safe and supported community.

Assembly

There will not be an assembly next week because of Monday’s Student Free Day. We will have our next full school assembly on Monday the 24th of October.

Have a great week.

Regards,

Chris Wicks
Principal

4B are still collecting items for recycling

- batteries (all sorts except car batteries)
- oral health waste 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 wheelchair chairs and prosthetics.

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

on the calendar

October:
17th Pupil Free Day
24-28th Book Fair
25th Prep Open Day
26th Meal Deal
28th Country Fair
28th NO TUCKSHOP

November:
9th Instrumental Evening

Don’t forget this Monday 17th is a PUPIL FREE DAY!

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!

Come to our Buy One, Get One FREE Book fair!
WHEN: October 24th-28th or until sold out
WHERE: Library
TIME: Before school 8:30-9am and after school 3:30pm

Prep Open Day
for all enrolled 2017 Prep students
Tuesday 25th October
9:30am OR 6:00pm
at the Prep Building

Milk Bottle Lids
We are needing milk bottle lids for our science kits. Please collect them and bring to the library. Thank you!
Country Fair News

Friday 28 October 5-9pm

Just over 2 weeks until the Country Fair, hasn’t this year gone quick!

VOLUNTEERS We need help (not that kind of help!)
- If you can spare 20 minutes of your time on the night to help your child’s class stall, please let your class teacher know.
- If you cannot help on the night, you might be able to help setup or pickup on the day.
- We currently need people to help prepare stall signs and prizes for the fete, please see Tracey Walker if you can help.
- If you are able to pick up portable light towers on the day of the Country Fair, please let the staff at the office know.

DODGER TICKETS Please return any sold tickets. We will be starting to contact people who have not yet returned books. Remember the top two ticket sellers will win a Galaxy Samsung Tablet.

Unlimited Amusement Rides Wristbands
Take advantage of the prepaid offer of $25 if paid before 26th October. Prepaid forms are available from the office or the tuckshop. Cash payments only at the office. EFTPOS payments can be made at the tuckshop. Amusements Plus are also offering a family deal of $23.00 per child if there are 3 or more children from the one family. All those who prepay will go in the draw to win a Samsung Tablet donated by Amusements Plus. These offers will not be available after Wednesday 26th October.

On the day prices will be $30 per child or $4.00-$5.00 per ride, depending on the ride.

Japanese Trip
Over the September school holidays, Kasey Dwyer represented Bluewater on a trip to Japan with the Northern Beaches state High School accompanied by his teacher, Mrs Kendall. In Japan, Kasey was able to stay in traditional Japanese inn and during the day attended Tsutaya Minami High School (in Ishikawa prefecture). He was able to participate in a range of school activities, such as, traditional calligraphy, assisting the teachers in English classes and playing a variety of sports with students. In addition to this, he learnt how to use Japanese trains and also enjoy amazing places such as Disneyland, Asakusa temple (one of the biggest in Japan), Harajuku (fashion district), Kanazawa Castle and an Ghibli Museum (creator of Spirited Away). Kasey made many friends and memories. Well done Kasey! You represented Bluewater Primary with pride. Kasey is also looking forward to going to Japan in 2018 with the school.

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

South Pacific Taekwondo
2 Free Trials for all new beginners
Classes for kids, adults & families
Now at Bluewater State School
Starting on Tuesday 25th Oct 6:30pm
Training: Tuesday & Thursday 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Call us on 4724 1000 to book your free trial today

Australian Military Bank
Looking for a loan with great rates?
Contact Steffanie from the Australian Military Bank or look out for their stall at our Country Fair,
Mobile 0427 705 178

Snake catchers
Trish 0413 066 535
Ranger Dan 0437 056 156
Greg 0447 319 679
Brian 4728 9868
Townsville Snake Catchers Facebook page for help and information
**Meal Deal**

Wednesday 26th Oct
$5.00 includes
Pluto Pup or Mince
Ice-cream or popper

**Note from Chappy Travis:**

Goooooooood afternoon Bluewater!!!

Welcome back everyone as we head into Term 4.

It was so good to be back at school and see everyone’s smiling faces ready to get back into things.

It was nice to have a break and rest the mind but I must admit I did miss everyone and all the fun we have together at school.

It has been so great to catch up with the kids and hear all about what they got up to over the break. From what I have heard everyone had amazing holidays.

So with the success of the Soccer Origin I have been looking towards a Term 4 event for Bluewater SS and what everyone would enjoy. So I have put together a fun event call Bluewater Guinness Records where I will have a couple of REAL Guinness records for the students to attempt. So look out for Guinness Records as I will be presenting the first records on parade on 24th October.

Just a nice quote to start off Term 4:

*WE KEEP MOVING FORWARD, OPENING NEW DOORS, AND DOING NEW THINGS, BECAUSE WE’RE CURIOUS AND CURIOSITY KEEP LEADING US DOWN NEW PATHS* — Walt Disney

Good to see everyone back.

**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. As soon as we are ready to go again I will inform all parents and Guardians with children attending.

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**WEEK 2 AT PCYC**

Welcome back to week 2!

Only 8 weeks of School Left!

**PCYC**

We had a great time during Vacation care and met some wonderful new faces! We went to Mini Golf and also saw The Secret

*Life of Pets at the movies!* One of the best parts of the Holidays was having a wet day and getting to wet the teachers!

Don’t forget that **next Monday 17/10/2016** is a Pupil Free Day, which means **PCYC will be open ALL DAY!!**

If you require care for Monday, please see staff at the service.

*Miss Chloe*

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**2017 Northern Beaches SHS Enrolments**

Enrolments for 2017 at Northern Beaches SHS are filling quickly. Thank you to all of our parents and families who have submitted their paperwork and completed their enrolment interview. Preparations are now being made for the Y6 into 7 Orientation Day on Wednesday 30th November. If you have yet to do so, please submit your enrolment paperwork to the school as soon as possible. You will also need to include documentary evidence of your residency in our community as Northern Beaches SHS is now enrolment managed and preference will be given to students in our local area.

Northern Beaches SHS offers an excellent education to all students in our local community. This year we introduced two new subjects; Certificate III in Fitness and Early Childhood Practices. These students will graduate with experience in their chosen fields of Fitness and/or Childcare. New to the school in 2017 will be courses in Aquaculture and Marine Science. These courses include boating, diving, and a study of aquatic practices; the school has forged links with James Cook University and local industry to ensure our educational practices are first rate.

Our Excellence Programs continue to grow. These include our industry affiliated Photography Excellence Program and our Information Technology Excellence (ITEx) Program. Students in the photography program have exhibited at local Galleries and have also gained valuable industry experience at events such as Townsville Fashion Festival, Melbourne Fashion Festival and Artist in Residence.

We have also had enquiries from parents’ whose students’ excel academically. In 2017 our IXL (Academic Excellence mentoring program) will continue and eligible students will be invited into the program at the end of term 1 2017.

We are looking forward to meeting our new 2017 Year 7’s at Orientation day on the 30th November – please ensure you have submitted your paperwork and completed your interview.

*Natalie Taylor*

Deputy Principal – Junior Secondary
Northern Beaches State High School

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**Earn points for our school**

House Call Doctor is a bulk billed after-hours home doctor service located across Queensland for when your regular clinic is closed and you need a doctor.

House Call Doctor has launched a program that gives back to local schools and sporting clubs when you use their service.

**How it works**

- Nominate our school (when adding your details)
- Whenever a loved one is sick and your regular clinic is closed, book a House Call Doctor through the app
- Your booking will give our school one dollar