Dear Bluewater State School,

Strings Workshops
This month, some of our Bluewater string students had the privilege to attend the 'Austal Qld Celebration of Strings'. This annual workshop brings together hundreds of string players from primary schools in the Townsville region. The final day saw five massive orchestras, from beginners to advanced, perform for family and friends. The students only had the workshops to learn their music pieces, well done to our students on your commitment and hard work.

Prep Information Night
Thank you to all that attended our Prep Enrolment and Information sessions on Tuesday. We had a great roll up and we were able to exchange a lot of important information about attending 'Big School'. It was great to meet our new students. They are certainly bringing a lot of energy with them next year- this will add to our vibrant and caring school community. The next transition activity will occur in week 10 of this term. Our future students will join us for the morning session. They will attend assembly, participate in some classroom activities and have lunch with the rest of the school. This will also be a great opportunity for our parents to meet and catch up with each other. We will provide light refreshments in the staffroom if you would like to stay around in the morning.

Rugby Union
Congratulations to Mr Whiteford and his Under 11 Rugby Union Team. They participated in a 7's tournament on Friday night at Hugh Street Rugby grounds. They played with great spirit and worked hard for one another in each and every game. Not only did they play against other school teams, but they took on club teams as well. Their effort made me proud to be the Principal of Bluewater State School.

World Teacher's Day/ World Staff Day
On Friday we are set to celebrate World Teacher's Day. We plan to have morning tea together as a group and we have organised a small gift for all staff members to recognise the exceptional work that they do for our school community each and every day. If you see your classroom teacher and support staff around the grounds this week, make sure you let them know that you ‘love their work’. I’m sure they will be happy to take this compliment on any other day of the year as well.
Country Fair
This is our final call to arms! Are you able to help out on Friday? There are many ways to support this event—speak with your classroom teacher, ask one of our friendly P&C members if there are any jobs that need to be completed and be sure to participate in the fun on Friday. It is shaping up to be a great event. Thanks in advance to everyone that has contributed to this amazing community event.

Have a great week and see you at the Country Fair.

Chris Wicks
Principal

Bluewater State School
Country Fair
Friday 28th Oct 5-9pm

Come along and enjoy our Country Fair

What’s happening?
Class stalls: Country Corner, Plant Stall, Cent Sale, Haunted House, Cake Stall, Raffles, Market Stalls, Military Display, Student Performances
Lions Food Stall, Ice Cream and Coffee
Amusement Plus Unlimited Ride bands available for purchase on the day

DODGER TICKETS Please return any sold or unsold 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.

Year 3 CAKE STALL - Please bring your baked goods to the library on Friday morning. Use the paper plate that was sent home or any disposable plate. Please also include a list of ingredients.

Year 6 PLANT STALL - Please drop your plants off to the fenced area behind the Junior Amenities block (near Admin).

Thank you for supporting our stalls and making this year’s fair a great one!

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

The Band and String ensemble are performing at the Country Fair at 5:20pm (Band) and 5:40 (Strings). Both groups are to meet Mr Cook at the staff room for a tune and run through at 4:45 pm.

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 3:30-9pm

SWIM LESSONS
Years 1 and 2
Please return forms and payment to the office. EFTPOS is available.

Medication
ALL medication must be handed in to the office for dispensing by office staff. It is to be in the original container labelled with the child's name and prescribed dosage by a doctor. Parents are required to complete a medical form giving permission for the office staff to administer the medication.

Office staff cannot administer unprescribed medication eg panadol, cough medicine unless it has been labelled by a pharmacist.

If your child is missing any items (lunch box, drink bottle, hat etc), please check the lost property box
Environmental Club News

The Environmental Club has been working hard in the garden and now have some produce they are able to give to the tuckshop. So far this year they have given the tuckshop - lettuce, tomato, spring onions, beans and carrots. If anyone would like to donate packets of seeds, mulch or gardening tools, they would be greatly appreciated. Please send items to the 6W classroom.

Note from Chappy Travis:

Howdy Bluewater!!! Well here we are in week 4, Term 4 already. The year is getting away.

I have kicked off Bluewater State School Guinness world records with the first record being the skipping rope challenge. Students must skip as many times as they can without stopping. We had 29 students compete but Aaliyah from 5B has set the record with 186 skips without stopping. Students will have a chance today to see if they can break it and set a new record. I will have two new records for the school to choose from each week on parade, with a staff member demonstrating the challenge for everyone.

This week, some Bluewater staff and P&C members joined me at the Frontline dinner. The night was an opportunity to increase awareness of Chaplaincy and raise funds and for the community to hear what Chaplains of North Queensland are doing in their sunburnt state. I had the privilege to invite a student from Bluewater to speak at the dinner and I must say I was an extremely proud happy to hear Caitlyn’s speech about chaplaincy. What an amazing student of Bluewater! A big THANK YOU to Caitlyn and her Mum Deanna for coming. Just to let you know, Caitlyn is the talk of Chaplaincy throughout Queensland at the moment. GREAT JOB CAITLYN, I am very honoured to be yours and Bluewater State school’s Chaplain.

Quote For the week: “Nothing going to take me out” – Caitlyn’s Grandma

If you would like to make a positive impact within the community by supporting Bluewater chaplaincy you can donate online at donate.to.suqld.org.au. If you would like to know more about chaplaincy and what’s involved in becoming a chapppy, please come see me at the Chappy Corner table at the Country Fair this Friday.

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)

Bluewater Afterschool Youth is still on hold at the moment. As soon as we are ready to go again I will inform all parents and Guardians with children attending. We are looking at a end of year breakup at the BIG4 with other Afterschool youth schools in Week 8. More details soon.

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

Instrumental Music Information Night

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument in 2017? Find out all you need to know about learning an instrument through school. Prospective and current students and families are welcome.

WHEN: Wednesday 9th November 6:00pm
WHERE: Bluewater SS Staff room
WHO: Parents of 2016 Year 2 - 5 students interested in participating in the Brass, Wind, Percussion and Strings Program.

REMEmBRANCE DAY CEREMony

Where: Parade Area
Date: Friday 11th November 2016
Time: 9am
Remembrance Day merchandise on sale
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri Mornings 50c - $10
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND

The 2016 Mayor’s Christmas Tree Appeal needs your help

The Mayor’s Christmas Appeal has been assisting thousands of local families and individuals in need for over 20 years. Bluewater School are proud to support this year’s Appeal and we are asking families to please donate any non-perishable food items. The red donation bin is located outside the staff room.

What can I donate?

- Christmas Gifts for people of all ages (add gender and age if you choose to pre-wrap the gift)
- Non-perishable food items (i.e. tinned food, biscuits, pasta, noodles, bottled sauces, lollies, Christmas puddings etc)