Dear Bluewater State School,

Welcome to week 9 and our last newsletter for the school year. We are nearly finished for the year but we are certainly not done yet. We have heaps of tasks and good news stories to complete before the final bell rings at 3pm on Friday the 9th of December. Here's what we have been up to since last time we spoke.

**Touch Football- Gala Touch Day**

Congratulations to Mrs Searle, Miss Kennedy, Mrs Wilson and their mighty Touch Football Teams for their performances in last week’s carnival. I didn’t get a chance to go out and cheer the teams on but by all reports the students played well and represented our school with pride. The students and teachers all returned to school with big smiles and lots of positive stories. Well done to all involved.

**INs and OUTs**

A big thank you to the families that have notified us that they are leaving the area and will not be returning to Bluewater State School in 2017. While it is sad to see you leave our community, it does help us plan for 2017 class and staffing needs. We have also received many new enrolments. At present we have over 60 Prep students joining us next year. If you are leaving us or still have enrolment information to complete can you please contact Christine or Jen in the office so we can keep this important work rolling forward?

**2017 Teacher Allocation and Class Lists**

Our teachers have been sworn to secrecy when it comes to who and where they will be teaching next year. The main reason for this is that it is subject to change. State Schools are staffed and funded according to their Day 8 numbers. It is vitally important that we keep a close eye on our enrolments and make plans to maximise each and every students’ learning opportunities. Please do not put Bluewater SS staff under undue pressure by making enquiries about this information. 2017 class lists will be displayed on Friday 20th January in front of admin and under CPA. Please do not post these lists on social media as this would contravene Student Protection Policy.

**Year 5 Leadership Recruitment and Selection**

We had the pleasure of listening to our future school leaders make their campaign speeches on Monday this week. The Year 5 students put their case forward to claim one of the 14 leadership spots available in 2017. Each and every participant created a compelling case for selection. While the nerves were present for the candidates, the hardest job of the day was reserved for all people that were required to vote for their preferred person. It was a very tough job indeed to single out clear winners as there are so many deserving students. Good luck to all that put their nominations forward and made their speech. Our new School Leaders will be announced at the Christmas Concert next Wednesday night.
A Safe and Supportive Environment for All

I’d like to quickly remind all members of the school community about our commitment to our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. These are the values that form the foundation of every interaction we have and relationship we form. If we expect our students to understand and work by these rules then we all need to teach them and model what they look like in application. It doesn’t matter if it’s in the classroom, at the tuckshop or parking in someone’s driveway that lives across from the school, we need to be courteous in our interactions and well intentioned with our behaviour. The strength of our community demands it and the outcomes of our students will match the input they are given. Thanks for your support with these matters.

Have a great week and see you all at the Christmas Concert.

Chris Wicks
Principal

Just a reminder that if you are parking along the houses side of Ditton Street, please do not park in resident’s driveways. Thank you!

Christmas Concert

Our annual School Christmas Concert including award presentations, graduation certificates and the announcement of our 2017 school leaders will be held at the school on

Wednesday 7th December
5:30pm: The Rollingstone Lions Club will be selling drinks and food
6:30pm: Concert program commences

Please bring chairs and/or picnic rugs

It’s that time of year, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break. A special thanks to all the wonderful Defence families within our school, I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as the Defence transition aide and am looking forward to next year! It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you all better. For those of you moving on this year, I wish your families all the best; hope your new adventures are wonderful.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR & SAFE TRAVELS TO ALL.
Best Wishes
Evonne Craven
Defence School Transition Aide

The 2016 Mayor’s Christmas Tree Appeal needs your help

The red donation bin is located outside the staff room. If possible, please pick something up in your shopping trolley to donate. CLOSES FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

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)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Siobhan and her band of fantastic volunteers for the wonderful work they continue to do at the Tuckshop. The tuckshop would not exist without their hard work and commitment. It is with disappointment that I have learnt that some parents think for whatever reason they are entitled to verbally abuse Siobhan and our volunteers. This behaviour will not be tolerated by the P&C and anyone found to be doing this will have themselves and their children banned from using the Tuckshop.

If you have a complaint regarding Tuckshop matters can you please in the first instance discuss your concerns in a respectful manner with Siobhan in person by dropping into the Tuckshop or calling the school in Tuckshop hours (NOT via Siobhan’s facebook page or any other form of social media). Siobhan and our volunteers are really friendly people trying to provide a wonderful service. If Siobhan is unable to sufficiently address your issues, please follow the school complaints management process and/or submit your complaint in writing to the P&C President c/- Bluewater State School. To avoid frustration for yourself, please keep informed of changes to normal Tuckshop trading conditions via school newsletters, flyers & school’s facebook page (e.g. when meal deals are on, if the Tuckshop is closed for special events such as Country Fair etc). Under no circumstances will any form of verbal abuse to P&C employees or volunteers be tolerated. We are always looking for more fantastic volunteers if you think things could be done better.

Warren Meads
P&C President

2016 Country Fair Dodger Winners

L & L & C Poloni
Steele Family
S Wong
N Truffa
G Butler
A Ernst
J Phinn
C Pattel
B Wieben
S Riesenweber
A Davis
J & F Boon
B Preston
T Swift
Bluewater Rugby Union

Bluewater school will be hosting a Bluewater Rugby match 10 a side between the Probable and the Possibles on the back oval this Friday 2nd with kick off at 1.50pm. The children will play two 10 minute halves of rugby union. This is a culmination of the training over the past Term. You are welcome to come along and watch.

Grant Whiteford
Rugby Coach

Note from Chappy Travis:

Good afternoon Bluewater Community! WOW!!! We have reached not only the last newsletter for the year but also starting today Christmas is only 25 days away. Let the lights and decorations begin lol. What a fantastic year it has been at Bluewater. I have very much enjoyed my first year here and look forward to the years to come. I appreciate being a part of not only the school but also the community.

To the wonderful families and students leaving us at the end of this year – make the most of the time God has given you. Whatever you strive for, whatever you do, whatever your lot in life, give it your very best. Make the most of it, be positive, choose to be happy and thank God for each new day.

To our wonderful returning staff, students and families, I look forward to strengthening my relationships with you and embarking on the journey of the 2017 school year together. I truly believe Bluewater has many exciting things set to take place for 2017.

So while celebrating with family and travelling on those busy Christmas holiday roads please stay safe and we will see you back in 2017.

May the good times and treasures of the present become the golden memories of tomorrow. Wishing you lots o’ love, joy and happiness. Merry Christmas!

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)

COME JOIN AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH FOR THE END OF YEAR BREAK UP PARTY!

Join us for an afternoon full of fun and games followed by a sausage sizzle and cold drinks this FRIDAY 2nd December, from 3pm to 5:30pm at Bluewater School soccer fields.

All are welcome to join us and no money will be required so just bring the family and join in on the fun. We will be joined by Bohlevalle and Rollingstone State Schools for a combined break up. This gives everyone a chance to catch up with their friends from camp and end the year together. We will be running some fun games for the kids to challenge the parents against followed by our annual soccer game PARENTS VS STUDENTS. (Please note that due to the Friday breakup party there will be no ASY this Wednesday)

If you have any questions please contact school chaplain and Bluewater Afterschool Youth Team Leader (Travis Johnston) on 0439 540 552 or travisi@chappy.org.au

A big thank you to my 6 wonderful volunteers that have helped me in the tuckshop for the last 2 terms: Nicole Smith, Samantha Buckingham, Jodie Arena, Tanya Hills, Gayle Hoddell and Andy Bloomfield. I would be lost with out you all.

The tuckshop will be open last day Term 4, however choice may be limited. The tuckshop will be open 19th - 20th January 2017 to purchase uniforms.

If anyone is interested in helping out in the tuckshop in 2017, please come and see me as we are always looking for new volunteers.

Siobhan (Tuckshop Convenor)

Monday 12th Dec 2016
Monday 19th Dec 2016
Monday 26th Dec 2016
Tuesday 13th Dec 2016
Tuesday 20th Dec 2016
Tuesday 27th Dec 2016
Wednesday 14th Dec 2016
Wednesday 21st Dec 2016
Wednesday 28th Dec 2016
Thursday 15th Dec 2016
Christmas Cubby Re-Create our library cubby house into a Christmas wonderland!
Christmas Dress Up Dress up in your best Christmas costumes for a day of dress up!
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Christmas Presents for Home
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Mini Golf
Jumping Castle
Sausage Sizzle & Drink
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Obstacle Course & Team Games
Christmas Decorations for PCYC Wonderlan
Secret Santa Party
Secret Santa Party

Snow Slime
Movies - Trolls
Reading Time
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Reading Time

Get your hands dirty with our gooey snow slime!
Please be at PCYC by 10am
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Flower Wreaths & Clay Ornaments
Creating Christmas wreaths
Secret Santa Party
$5.00 presents for children involved in Secret Santa.

Reading Time
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School is almost over for the year!! Christmas holidays are almost here and PCYC Vacation care has a busy program packed with fun activities. We will be going to Mini Golf, Movies, Sk8way, Bowling and more! If you would like to come and join in the fun these school holidays please come and see us at PCYC

Monday 2nd Jan 2017
Monday 9th Jan 2017
Monday 16th Jan 2017
Tuesday 3rd Jan 2017
Tuesday 10th Jan 2017
Tuesday 17th Jan 2017
Wednesday 4th Jan 2017
Wednesday 11th Jan 2017
Wednesday 18th Jan 2017
Thursday 5th Jan 2017
Thursday 12th Jan 2017
Thursday 19th Jan 2017
Friday 6th Jan 2017
Friday 13th Jan 2017
Friday 20th Jan 2017

New Year’s Party Welcoming 2017 with party games and a Pizza lunch!
Face Paint Lots of options available for face paint!
Bikes & Scooters Bring your bikes, scooters and helmets for a ride!
BYO Movies Please bring your favourite movies to enjoy at PCYC (6 Only)

Balloon Galore Lots of tricky balloon games, balancing, throwing, kicking etc
Bowling Please be at PCYC by 10am Chips, Nuggets & Drink Included
Chefs Cooking Rocky Road, Pancakes, Fruit Sticks, Sausage Sizzle
Sports Day Cricket, Soccer, Dodgeball, Basketball
Board Games Cards, Monopoly, Connect 4, Bingo and More.

Treasure Hunt A treasure hunt for the children to work together in groups and find the prizes!
Sk8way Please be at PCYC by 10am Sausage Sizzle & Slushie Included
Wet Day Wet slides, Water Balloons, Buckets,
School Book Wrapping Bring in any school books that need to be wrapped, we will work together and get it done
Movies & Popcorn Movies and popcorn with icy cups to keep cool

We wish all of our families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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