Wednesday 25 January 2017

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the 2017 school year! I hope that the Christmas break has provided you with some rest, relaxation, and an opportunity to rejuvenate. It has been wonderful to see so many happy students at Bluewater School. It feels good to be back home.

I want to welcome all of the new families to Bluewater School, thank you for choosing this school and being a part of a fantastic community.

**We welcome new staff to the school:**
Nicole Ashdown (Prep), Jennifer Browne (Year 6), Janelle Morey (Year 6), Fiona Alderson (LOTE) and Julia Saldana-Lopez (Guidance Officer).

**We also welcome back two staff members from maternity leave:**
Lucy Capstick (Year 2) and Sarah Dugdell (Learning Support).

Thank you to the P & C for their continued efforts in making Bluewater a great school. Construction of the new undercover area has begun between Prep and Block D. This will be completed over the Easter Holidays. All students will line up in the mornings at the Parade area. At lunch times P-1 will use the covered area between admin and Prep, and 2-6 will eat at the parade area. This will be until Term 2, when we all come back to the new undercover area.

The P & C will be holding their AGM on Tuesday February 14 at 6:30pm in the library. If you are able to come along please do.

**Term 1 Calendar dates to remember:**
- Meet the Teacher Tuesday 7th Feb at 6:00pm
- P & C AGM Tuesday 14th Feb at 6:30pm
- Swimming Carnival (Year 3-6) Tuesday 28th Feb
- Parent Teacher Interviews 20th March – 31st March.

**Learning**
The next two weeks in the classroom is about setting up how we learn at Bluewater. Setting up routines, rules and expectations. Every class and teacher will ensure that they create a safe and supportive learning environment. Students getting to know their teacher and ensuring that all students learn every day.
Monday Parades - change of time
As of next Monday, our weekly parade will be held in the afternoon from 2:10pm in the under covered area. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to attend this time.

Car parking
I have been asked by people residing on Ditton Street to please not park in their driveways, as there have been times when they have not been able to get in or out of their houses. The people of Ditton Street have looked after our school for a long time, supporting the schools events and keeping it safe. Please help them as well.

A Big Thank you
I would like to thank the Patches of Bluewater Craft Group who sponsored our Encouragement prizes for the Christmas concert and who over the holidays purchased book supplies for students in need.

2017 will be a fantastic year and I am looking forward to the continued success of Bluewater State School. I hope that you enjoy it as well.

Chris

P & C News
Welcome to all new families joining the Bluewater State School community this year and welcome back to all families that have done it all before. A reminder that the P&C meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (skipped if this day falls on a school holiday) and everyone is welcome to attend and become members of the P&C. Our first meeting of the year will commence at 6:30pm on Tues 14/02 in the resource centre (library). The AGM will kick off the evening (to welcome new members and appoint this year’s executive members) and then will be followed with a general meeting – if you are interested in becoming actively involved in the P&C or are just interested to see what goes on at a P&C meeting please come along – all are welcome.

It is exciting to see progress underway on what will be our major project delivered to the school this year – the new permanent roof structure over the eating area. At this stage the roof structure is planned to be installed onto the posts (which were installed last week) during the Easter holidays (minimising disruption to classes with what will be a very noisy construction process). For those that are interested, there is a drawing showing what the final structure will look like on the P&C notice board near the eating area.

While I am going on an opening address for the year - A reminder also that the Tuckshop is a service provided to the school community by the P&C – Siobhan and her fantastic band of volunteers do an excellent job with the Tuckshop, normally open 3 days per week (Mon, Wed & Fri). Following from my comments in the last newsletter last year, a reminder that 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.
Please keep yourself 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 are interested in helping out at the Tuckshop please catch up with Siobhan to discuss what times you may be able to help.

Regards
Warren Meads - P&C President
A note from Chappy Travis:

Welcome back everyone to 2017! A huge warm welcome to all those new to Bluewater State School. For those who don’t know me yet, I am Chappy Travis, the school chaplain for Bluewater State School. To those who do know me, welcome back to what I believe is going to be a fantastic year for Bluewater School.

As we have many new families to Bluewater I thought this would be a great opportunity to outline what a school chaplain’s duties are. They care for students and their families struggling with a wide range of issues, including: friendship, peer pressure, self-esteem, bullying, stress and anxiety. They are also a person of faith; trained in offering care and acceptance to all, regardless of faith, race, gender or cultural background.

School chaplains are safe people for young people and their families to connect with at school. They do this through listening and interacting with the students. They are caring, offering support where needed and will keep all things confidential.

I am also here to support students exploring their spiritual beliefs and world views, along with facilitating and providing pastoral care.

If you have any questions don’t hesitate to contact me at school. I am currently at school on Mondays and Wednesdays.

I will leave you with this great quote I heard to start your year:

Having a rough day? Place your hand over your heart. Feel that? That’s called purpose. You’re alive for a reason. Don’t give up.

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)

Sadly we had leaders move on to new adventures during the school break so we are currently unable to run ASY at the moment. We are on the lookout for new leaders to join us on Wednesday afternoons to help me run this great program once more.

I will keep the Bluewater community updated on ASY and when we will start up once again. Until then if you’re interested in your child being part of ASY, don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

It is a fun filled after school program that is run outside school hours on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:30pm for students in grades 4 – 6. ASY is a perfect option for parents/guardians that wish for their children to gain a good understanding of the Christian worldview whilst being cared for by a great team of qualified leaders.

Blessings, and have a great week

Chappy Travis

Arts Curriculum

2017 will start harmoniously with Music as the first Arts subject being studied. This is will enable a continuity of learning, as students can develop on the knowledge they acquired in Term 4 2016. Each year level has a different focus.

Year 6: Music Analysis. Students will be deconstructing pop songs. Don’t be surprised if your Year 6 child comes home and tells you they need to listen to music for homework.

Year 5: Ukulele Baby: The year 5’s will be building on the ukulele unit they completed in Term 4. This year they will be learning popular culture songs, and building upon their repertoire of chords. They will be learning to create their own chord progressions.

Year 4: Ukulele Basics: The year 4’s will be learning the basics of playing a Ukulele; how to strum, play basic chords and put them together in to basic songs.

Year 3: Music Composition: Students will be taught how to write their own music and then play their creation on a Glockenspiel.

Year 2: Reading Music: Students will be taught how to read music, and play it on a Glockenspiel.

Year 1: Musicality: The Year 1’s focus on rhythm and beat, singing and composing using technology. This is a really fun unit for the kids. If you have a tablet at home for the kids to play on, by the end of this unit they will know how to create music on the Garage Band App.

Prep: The Beginning: This unit is full of singing and Music creation. The students will be introduced to lots of different instruments and will be encouraged to have lots of fun singing and playing.

If you have any questions about the Arts program, feel free to come and see me.

Mrs Dew

Instrumental Strings  Welcome to a new year of music making. Contracts, loan forms and requirement list will be sent home soon. Instruments are provided for first year students by the school. Parents will need to purchase an instrument for continuing students on violin and viola. Instruments can be purchased from Arties and other local providers. If you are purchasing instruments via Gumtree or EBay please be aware of the quality of the instrument and also the size. If you have any concerns please do not hesitate in contacting me on 0439 536 751. Tutor books, rosin, shoulder rests and rock stops (cellos) can be purchased from Arties or the Keyboard shop. Lessons will start Monday Week 3.

Belinda Fairbank
Admin Notices for your reference

Contact Details
If your situation has changed in any way, please ensure your contact details and emergency contact details are current with the office. This is imperative in case with need to contact you if your child is sick or in the case of an emergency.

Medical
All medication for children must come to the office for dispensing by the office staff. If your child has medication that needs to be administered by the school during the day, you are required to present the medication in the original container labelled with the child's name and prescribed dosage by a doctor. Parents must complete a form giving permission for the office staff to administer the medication. If the office is required to administer Ventolin, Asthma Plans must be provided to the office for uploading to your student's file. Children may also keep ventolin puffers in their school bag for their own use. The administration staff cannot administer unprescribed medication eg panadol, cough medicine.

Website
If you are looking for a lost letter, newsletter, bus form, notice or booklist, please remember to look on our website: www.bluewatess.eq.edu.au.

Uniforms & Hats
Uniforms and hats can be purchased from the Tuckshop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 8.00am and 2.30pm. EFTPOS is available at the Tuckshop.

Money & EFTPOS
Throughout the year money will be required for class excursions, performances, sport, camp etc. Please place all money in a sealed envelope/bag with your child’s name and year level and have it sent to the office. EFTPOS is also available for these transactions through the office.

Parade
Every Monday AFTERNOON parade will be held in the undercover Area starting at 2:10pm. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Volunteer Helpers
All volunteer helpers in classrooms are required to present to the front office and sign in before commencing in classrooms and then sign out when leaving the school.

Bus Forms/Conveyance Allowance
Bus application forms are available through the office. Please direct all further enquiries to Sunbus. Conveyance Allowance is available for parents who choose not to use the bus and live further than 3.2km from their nearest primary school. Forms are available from the office.

Signing Out/In Book at office for students
Please be aware that all children leaving school early, must be signed out by an adult from the Administration Office. Sign In is also required for Late Arrivals. This is a safety precaution in case of a Lock Down or Emergency Evacuation. This procedure must be adhered to, to ensure the safety of students.

Student Absence- Same Day Notification
If your child is ill or unable to attend school, please contact the school either by email to admin@bluewatess.eq.edu.au or on 4751 2333 as soon as possible. Answering service is available if calling outside of school hours. Our school uses 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 an SMS 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._
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**WELCOME TO THE 2017 FOOTBALL SEASON!**

Registrations are now open for this year's season via www.myfootballclub.com.au.

Training every Tuesday and/or Thursday

**SPACES AVAILABLE IN MOST AGE GROUPS**

Please come down to the club house on Maxwell Drive, Deeragun on a Tuesday or Thursday or email us on northernbeachfc@gmail.com if you have any queries regarding registration.

NBUFC Committee

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**Rugby Union Players Wanted**

Western Suburbs Rugby Union Club is seeking players 6 to 13 years of age to compete in the Townsville District Rugby Union U8s, U10s, U11s, U12s, U13s and U14s competition 2017. Come and join a great, friendly and family orientated club.

**Sign on for 2017**

**Training** Begins 7 February 2017 - Tuesday and Thursdays @ 5-6pm, The Weir State School Oval next to Tony Ireland Stadium.

**ENQUIRIES:** Michelle 0419 771 472 or Afxaintz@gmail.com