Wednesday 8 February 2017

Meet the Teacher night was well supported. Thank you to the parents who came along to meet their child’s teacher and listen to what is happening in the classroom. If you could not attend the last night, please introduce yourself to your child’s teacher. The partnership of school and home is so important in your child’s learning journey.

The Parents and Citizen Association of Bluewater State School will be holding their AGM on February 14 at 6:00pm in the library. The P&C is a key element of the school in supporting student learning and wellbeing. This year’s major project is the building of the undercover area between Prep and Year 2, which will be completed at Easter time. If you are looking to be a part of the P&C please come along. The P&C also have subcommittees that meet at other times and are always looking for assistance. These include Fundraising, Country Fair, Tuckshop and SafeST (transportation).

Homework Calendar

Our school leaders
Our 2017 school leaders are certainly setting the pace for the student body. Their eagerness and diligence to do their roles within the school has been amazing. Setting up parade, raising the flag each morning, helping out students at lunch time. I am very proud to see that our leaders are stepping up and modelling the school values. All 14 leaders will be heading to GRIP leadership on Thursday as part of their leadership development. You can see an overview of the day at http://www.gripleadership.com.au. I am sure that the students will enjoy their day with Mr Sanderson and Ms Somerville.

Our 2017 Student Leaders Badge Ceremony will be held on Monday 13th February at 2:10pm. Over the last four years, I have invited community members who have made notable contributions to our community or the school to present these badges. This year I have asked Ross Donovan (owner of Caltex Yabulu) to come and present the badges. Ross and his family have been huge supporters of the school community and students over many years. Ross is also on the board of the Townsville Turf Club. Please come along and join the school as we recognise the leaders of 2017 with their badges.

Regards
Chris
School Performance Tours are coming back to Bluewater State School with another awesome and inspiring show for all students.

**Tuesday 7th March**

$5.00 per student

Please send cash
(in a marked envelope/zip lock bag) or EFTPOS is available at the office.

**We cannot accept any payments after Monday 6th March**

This particular show is about Circus Skills. Per Westman will amaze Bluewater through his physical comedy/clowning, juggling, plate spinning, tumbling, unicycling, stilts walking and balancing. This is a great ‘Just for Fun’ performance that the kids will love.

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### 2017 Inter-house Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 28 February 5:30pm**

**North Shore Pool**

**Cost:** Nominated Swimmers $3.00

(to be paid at school office when nominating)

**Spectators FREE**

Everyone is encouraged to attend, even if you’re not swimming! Come along and show your support for your house team!

Parents, please be advised that younger siblings and non-participants are NOT permitted in any of the pools. Children must be supervised by parents at all times to ensure their safety.

**WEAR YOUR HOUSE COLOURS**

(Falcons RED, Fantomes GREEN, Rattlesnakes YELLOW)

**Get your nominations in NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 15th!**

Children (born 2005-2009) may nominate for other strokes, however they must also nominate and be competent to compete in the 25m freestyle.

**Sausage sizzle and softdrinks available for purchase**

(Year 6 Canberra Camp fundraiser)

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### Canberra Camp 2017 Information Session

**Tuesday 21st February 6pm in the library**

2017 Family Contribution Scheme Fees with a bigger and better challenge this year! The P&C’s Family Contribution Scheme is used to assist the school in providing extra resources, facilities, activities and opportunities for the students. Participation in this scheme is not compulsory, however as an added incentive to participate, if contributions reach $2,500 before the end of Term 1, Mr Anderson and Miss Somerville will have Baked Beans and Spaghetti poured all over them, followed by a pie in the face and lastly an ice bucket to wash it all off. This will happen at the Easter Bonnet Parade! For every $50 received above $2,500, a staff member will also be added to the challenge. Payments ($25 per child, $50 maximum per family) can be made at the office (cash only), EFTPOS at the tuckshop or use the EFT details provided on the forms that were sent home.

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### 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 our Encouragement Vouchers (total value $300) presented at the 2017 Bluewater State School Christmas Concert*

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### P&C AGM

**Tuesday 14th February 6:00pm**

Followed by a General meeting in the Library

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**Get Microsoft Office 2016 for free**

Did you know that students are entitled to a free copy of the latest Microsoft Office for their personal home computer and mobile devices? Students will need their student email address to sign in. More information is available at: www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016

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### A note from the DSTA (Defence School Transition Aide)

Welcome back, 2017 is certainly shaping up to be a big one!

I would like to welcome our new defence families to Bluewater. It’s a wonderful, welcoming community and I hope you settle in well.

Defence Club will start next Friday at 1st break, with lots of fun games and craft happening again this year. Defence students are encouraged to come along and are welcome to bring a friend; however it’s not compulsory. Defence Club is somewhere to make new friends, a safe place to come or to just hang out in the air-con. It is also a great time for me to catch up and see how things are going.

This year I will be working every Monday and Friday. If you have any concerns, issues, upcoming exercises or deployment that you would like to discuss or would just like a friendly ear to listen, please do not hesitate to contact me through the School administration or email lecrav0@eq.edu.au or just find me for a chat.

Evonne Craven
A note from Chappy Travis:

IT'S FEBRUARY! We are off to a great start and all the students seem to be settling in very well and enjoying their new teachers and rooms. Last parade I announced a poster competition open for all students to show the Bluewater community the Bluewater Way through our values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and RESILIENCE. It’s an opportunity for the students to show what these values mean to them personally. I have already seen some posters coming in and they look AMAZING. Keep a look out as you may start seeing them pop up around the school.

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

I will leave you with this great quote I heard:

YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE GREAT TO START, BUT YOU HAVE TO START TO BE GREAT.

AFTERSCHOOL YOUTH (ASY)

Our ASY program looks set to start up again in Term 2! It is a fun filled after school program that is run once a week from 3:00 – 4:30pm for students in grades 4 – 6. ASY is a perfect option for parents/guardians wanting for their children to gain a good understanding of the Christian worldview whilst being cared for by a great team of qualified leaders. Watch this space!!

Blessings, and have a great week

Chappy Travis

REGISTER NOW! Commences Friday 10th February
3:15—4:15pm. 6 sessions (1 per week) Cost $75.00
Held on the Bluewater School Oval
Contact Blake on 4723 4000 or blake.cooper@afl.com.au
To register, go to aflauskick.com.au and search ‘Bluewater’ on the website

PCYC 2017

PCYC has hit the ground running this year keeping busy during Vacation Care. We had so much fun on the holidays especially when we went on excursions to bowling, mini golf, sk8way and more.

Now that we are back in school we are getting into routine and talking about our school rules.

If you are interested in booking your children into PCYC, please don’t hesitate to come and see us at the service or contact me on 0466 498 360 or bluewatersac@pcyc.org.au

Chloe Stephens

SCHOOL KIDS BONUS IS FINISHED!!!

Do you have children at School now or starting Prep in 2019?

Are they involved in Sport or The Arts?

Did you struggle with Back to School costs this year?

Do you have an expensive school trip to pay for?

PREPARE NOW TO RELIEVE 2018 BACK TO SCHOOL STRESS!!!

Would you like $500 to help pay for school uniforms, books, sporting fees and equipment, music lessons, camps and excursions, or even a laptop? Saver Plus can match your savings for education costs dollar for dollar, up to $500. Wouldn’t it be great to take control of your financial situation and learn new skills on how to budget and save? Allow me to introduce you to the Saver Plus Program!!

To be eligible you need to:

- have a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year, or be attending vocational study yourself
- have some form of household income from work, for example your partner or you may have part time, casual, full time or seasonal employment, can also be child minding, ironing or mowing a lawn
- have not received matched funds from completing Saver Plus already

For further information please contact:
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