Thursday 7th February

I’m sure it was a long time coming for lots of parents and our newest and youngest members of the school as well, but it finally arrived this week. A huge welcome goes out to all of our wonderful new Kindergarten students who have started school this year. We all love this time of the year when we are reminded what a big life step it is for our little people to start school for the very first time. We also know it can sometimes be harder for the parents to say goodbye on those first few mornings as their child starts Kindergarten.

It is quite normal for there to be a few teething problems in the first few weeks. After all, it is a big adjustment for both parents and children. We are so fortunate to have a brilliant Kindergarten teaching team. You will be amazed at what these people can help your children to achieve in their first formal year of schooling. Remember, Kindergarten students can become very tired in the Term 1 as they are getting used to the structures and routines of school. They will need plenty of rest and lots of healthy food to keep them moving ahead.

Class adjustments in years 1-3
We have grown in student enrolments since returning after the holidays. This has now officially enabled us to work towards creating an additional class within the school. The creation of this class will cause some flux over the next few days however it will set classes up for the remainder of 2013 with reduced student numbers allowing for greater teacher attention to student learning needs.

To make this occur, some students will need to move into the brand new class and there will be adjustments made to almost all classes in grades 1 -3 to reduce the numbers in all classes. Individual letters will be sent home to parents if your child is affected. We plan to do this as seamlessly as possible with the least disruption. We seek your support and understanding with this matter. We know that this can be uncomfortable at this time however we are setting our classes up for optimum learning for the remainder of 2013.

Have a great week of learning everyone!

Mr Jason Baldwin
Principal

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School Dates for the Fridge Door

**Assembly Time**
Tuesday 19th February
1.40pm
Combined K-6

**Swimming Carnival**
Wednesday 27th February

**Green & Blue Mufti Day**
Thursday 28th February  
(gold coin donation)
Book Club
This month's issue due date is

Thursday 14th February

Happy Reading!
Book Club Co-ordinator

WELCOME BACK STUDENT BANKERS

School banking commenced on February 6, 2013. For all new parents, if you would like your child to participate in the School Banking program your child will need a Youth-saver account from the Commonwealth Bank. You can visit any branch to open one, please take your child's birth certificate and identification for yourself. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with NetBank access you can open an account online. Simply logon and select 'offers and apply tab, then select 'Accounts' and 'Youthsaver'. Please have your child's birth certificate handy.

There is a new range of reward items for consistent bankers including Dollarmite money boxes, calculators, head phones and wallets. An information pack will be given to students who make deposits this week and next week - if you miss out, please come to the office to collect one - it has the redemption cards for the reward items and states the term that they are available. Our school also earns commission for every banker. For all our existing bankers could you please help our volunteer mums by writing your new class on the front of your wallets? Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Blue Haven Public School.

Green & Blue Mufti Day

Thursday 28th February
Afternoon only
2.45pm in the Hall
Free entry, refreshments available
Entry is optional

Supporting Ovarian Cancer Australia
Blue Haven Public School JOINS THE FIGHT AGAINST OVARIAN CANCER BY HOSTING AN AFTERNOON TEAL™ TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS

Blue Haven Public School is hosting an Afternoon Teal™ to raise funds and awareness for Ovarian Cancer. Blue Haven Public School in Blue Haven is organising an Afternoon Teal on Thursday 29th March at 2.45 pm to educate women in the local community about the importance of knowing the symptoms of the disease. Baby sitting will be provided.

Awareness of the symptoms is vital as there is no early detection test for ovarian cancer—a pap smear does not detect the disease.

Each year 1,300 Australian women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 800 women die from the disease—that’s one woman every 11 hours.

With no early detection test it is imperative that women learn the symptoms of ovarian cancer and listen to their bodies. Currently 70% of ovarian cancer cases are diagnosed in the late stages where the disease is difficult to treat successfully. The four types of symptoms most frequently reported are:

- Abdominal or pelvic pain
- Increased abdominal size or persistent abdominal bloating
- Needing to urinate often or urgently
- Difficulty eating or feeling full quickly

If these symptoms are new for women and have persisted for two weeks or more it’s advised they visit their doctor.

Ovarian Cancer Australia, a leading national not-for-profit organisation, is dedicated to providing a range of support options for women and their families and raising awareness of ovarian cancer.

Contributions from fundraisers such as Blue Haven’s Afternoon Teal will help ensure Ovarian Cancer Australia can continue to provide their critical support and awareness programs. Please support this event and we will love to see you there.

Rae Corbett
Ovarian Cancer Community Awareness Ambassador

After School Sport

After school Sport commences on Monday 11th February at 2.45pm
Students who are participating in the Monday afternoon program will receive a confirmation note this Friday. A medical note will be attached and must be completed and returned on Monday for your child to participate.

Those students who are participating on Thursday afternoons will receive their note on Tuesday.

Please note not all students were successful in gaining a place in this terms program.
All students will receive a note whether they are participating this term or not so please check your child’s bag.

Thank You
Tracy Mathison
AASS Co-Ordinator

Eight ways to get your kids organised

Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.


Smart foods to boost learning

Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Come and have some fun, make new friends and dance!

BRAND NEW LOCATION

BLUE HAVEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thursday Classes (starting February 28)

Annual Registration Fee

Preschoolers (3-4yrs): 3:30pm - 4:00pm
5-6yrs: 4:00pm - 4:45pm  7-8yrs: 4:45pm - 5:30pm

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