Thursday 28th March

**Are you supporting your 21st century learner?**

Students in our classrooms today are all 21st Century learners. They have a learning environment very different to the one that you and I remember from our Primary School days. As educators, we use many traditional methods to support teaching and learning in the classrooms of today, however we also need to ensure we are catering for our 21st century learners by embedding the use of technology in our learning programs to nurture creativity, problem solving and critical thinking skills. We must teach our students these vital skills while making sure they have excellent Literacy and Numeracy abilities to take them forward into a world where many of the careers they will be involved in may have not yet even been thought of. Many of you already have devices in your homes such as smart phones, ipods, ipads and other such devices. Would you like to learn how to make the most of these devices to support your child’s learning?

We would like to invite you to a parent workshop to introduce you to some of the Apps that we are using within the classroom to cater for our 21st Century learners. **Please come along next Wednesday 3rd April at 6:30pm to Blue Haven Public School.** The workshop will be fun, hands on and informative. Some light refreshments will be served.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Have a wonderful Easter everyone!

Mr Jason Baldwin

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**School Dates for the Fridge Door**

**Assembly Time**
- Tuesday 2nd April
  - 1.40pm
- Combined K-6

**School Photo Day**
- Friday 5th April & Monday 8th April

**End of Term 1**
- Friday 12th April

**First Day Term 2**
- Wednesday May 1st

**Athletics Carnival**
- Wednesday May 29th
YCDI week 9
You Can Do It! Education’s (YCDI’s) main purpose is to support communities, schools, and homes to optimise the social, emotional and academic development of all young people. It aims to identify social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, and when forming relationships, that includes making contributions to others and the community.

The YCDI program also aims to eliminate social and emotional difficulties ("Blockers") that constitute barriers to young people’s learning and well-being, including Feeling Worried, Feeling Very Down, Procrastination, Not Paying Attention/Disturbing Others and Feeling Very Angry/Misbehaving. YCDI deliberately identifies these ‘Negative Habits of The Mind’ that give rise to these “Blockers” and explicitly teaches alternative ‘Positive Habits of the Mind’.

From this week, students will be learning the foundation of ‘Organisation’. Organisation means setting a goal to do your best in your school work, listening carefully to your teacher’s instructions, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having all your supplies ready and keeping track of your assignments’ due dates.

Examples of organised behaviour include:
- making sure you understand the teacher’s instructions before you begin work
- Before leaving home, making sure that everything you need is in your bag- hat, lunch, pencil case and homework.
- having all your school supplies ready at a neat desk
- recording your assignments and their due dates
- planning when you are going to do your homework so that you have enough time to complete it.
- Cleaning up after you have used materials
- Getting started with your work on time

Positive Habits of The Mind that help develop a young person’s Organisation include:

Setting Goals- thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.
Planning My Time- Thinking about how long it will take me to do my schoolwork and planning enough time to get it done
Listening Carefully- means thinking that “It is important to listen to my teacher extra carefully when she is explaining something important”
Taking Care of Things- means thinking that “I need to put things in their proper places. I need to clean up and be neat”. 
Harmony Day

With the greatest of respect to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Mrs Craig had a dream (strange, but true!). In this dream she saw an "Indigenous vs All-Stars" footy match at Blue Haven and last Thursday, on Harmony Day, that dream became a reality. Running with the theme we also held an "Indigenous vs All-Stars" netball game. The games were played in a spirit of goodwill and friendship and with every student in the school supporting both sides with the chant of, "Everyone, go (clap), go (clap), go (clap)!" the event was a great way of celebrating cultural diversity in the school. Just in case you were wondering, The Indigenous footy players won a very close match and in the netball the All-Stars team won a fun-filled game which even saw Mrs Bradney take to the court to show that there is still some life left in those legs yet.

During Harmony Day the students also participated in lessons about respect and understanding of cultural diversity. Students discussed issues such as racism and shared their own family stories about their family backgrounds. The teachers were very impressed with sense of acceptance of one another that the students displayed.

Below are the students who played in the matches and some photos of the action.

Footy
Indigenous
Ally Davino
Jarrod Phillips
Reece Robertson
Tommy Jay-Clayton
Lockie Ritchie
Taylah Robertson
Isaac Trappett
Jayden Barton
Sing Christian
Aiden Mooney

All-Stars
DJ Kerr
Anaru Woodham
Keanu Hussey
Phoebe Grant
Amy Walker
Jonah Matai
Blake Bayley
Angus Hugman
Aidan Stewart
Jack Taylor

Wattleseed Ice Cream Day

On Friday, April 5th Blue Haven Public School is having Wattleseed Ice Cream Day. The purpose of the day is to raise cultural awareness of Aboriginal bush tucker and to raise funds to support Aboriginal education through the purchase of equipment.

The ice cream will be prepared by blending vanilla ice cream with wattleseed. The ice cream will be served in a cup with a spoon during lunch. The cost of the ice cream will be $1.00 per cup. We would like to thank Mrs Megan Cain-Bugela for helping to organise this fundraiser.

Just for your information wattleseeds are the edible seeds from any of the 120 species of Australian Acacia that were traditionally used by Australian Aboriginals and they were eaten either green (and cooked) or dried (and milled into flour) to make a type of bush bread. It's also great for ice cream!

We hope you can all support Blue Haven Public School on the day.

Thank you
Miss Rebecca Borg
Parents & Citizens NEWS

The next meeting will be Wednesday 15th May 2013 at 6pm.

P & C email is bhpspandc@hotmail.com if you need to contact us in regards to P & C matters, uniform or to offer your help in any of our events.

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CANTEN NEWS

If you can volunteer your time in the canteen and see the smiling face of your child. Just for recess or lunch please let us know. We’d love to meet you!

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EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone supported the Easter raffle.

We made $700 profit and the following people were our winners with 15 prizes:
Libby, Janet, Joanne, Jessica, Chelsea, William, Sue, Rachel, Damien, Miss Debono, Emilie, Paul, Jason, Jo and Kelly.

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DISCO

This year we will be running the disco in school hours. This term’s disco is on Thursday 11th April with more details to come in next week’s newsletter.

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MOTHERS DAY STALL

If you are able to donate any gifts or able to volunteer your time please see the canteen or email bhpspandc@hotmail.com

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