entry to a selective high school in Year 7 in 2016 will be online only, from 14 October, 2014. You’ll find more information about selective schools and dates for examinations here: http://bit.ly/selectiveHS

Rock and Water Program

This term we will be continuing our Rock & Water Program for students in Stages 2 & 3 and some students in Stage 1. A teacher who specialises in teaching the Rock and Water program, Brian Hayes, will be coming to school each Thursday morning to teach some of our students. This program teaches students Safety, Integrity, Solidarity, Self-control, Self-confidence and Self-reflection. Further information about the Rock & Water program can be found at www.rockandwaterprogram.com

Dogs on School Grounds

Earlier this year I wrote about bringing dogs onto school grounds at the beginning and end of the school day. The support that I received on this request was appreciated and I will again ask that you support students at Blue Haven by ensuring that dogs do not come into our school grounds. Bringing dogs onto school premises at these times could pose a health and safety risk to our children and could be unsettling for many children as they arrive and leave school. Under the NSW Companion Animals Act
1998 owners of dogs must:
- Be 18 years of age or over
- Leash their dog when in a public place
- Ensure their dog does not enter a food consumption area or wild animal protection area
- Ensure their dog does not enter a school or child care playground and any other place declared prohibited to dogs by Council.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Playground Equipment
This week we are very excited that the installation of our playground equipment has begun. The P & C have been working hard to raise the funds to put a fantastic playground structure next to the sports shed. We are hoping that the installation of the playground equipment will be finished by Friday and students will be able to begin playing on the equipment very soon. Over the next weeks teachers will be talking with students about using the equipment safely during play times.

Hope you have a great week,

Ruth Goodwin

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day – Monday 3rd November 2014

Our school will be hosting an NRMA Science & Road Safety Day, a new road safety program that will be delivered free of charge to our school by the National Roads & Motorists' Association with the aim of helping our students stay safe of the road.

This program involves students participating in road safety shows in the hall and completing road safety workbooks in the classroom to help the road safety messages stick.

The shows combine important road safety message with science. Messages such as "Wear their seatbelt" have a greater impact when children have a stronger understanding of the forces they experience when travelling in a car and what could happen to them should the car stop suddenly in a crash. In the science show, a crash test dummy – an egg – memorably shows children how a seatbelt works to restrain passengers in a crash and more importantly why a seatbelt must be worn on each trip.

Parents play a vital role in keeping their children safe, and so we would like to invite you to come and watch the first show of the day to see what your children are learning and how you can reinforce these road safety messages at home.

After the day, your child will be bringing home the NRMA road safety workbook they have completed in class so take the opportunity to speak to them about what they have learned and what they can do to help keep their friends and family safe. Within each workbook is a 4-page parent insert on child road and bike safety for you as a handy reference guide at home.

The program is now in its second season and 40,000 students already enjoyed the program while learning more about road safety. We are one of 100 schools across NSW and ACT to be chosen to host a day in Season 2 and with your help we aim to make it a great success.
Your invited to our

This year the Scolastic book fair will be held in Week 4. Classes will be able to view books on Monday 27th October and Tuesday 28th October with purchasing from Wednesday 29th October until Friday 31st October. If you are able to volunteer some time during these dates we would appreciate the assistance.

Brochures will be coming home with the children this week.

Mrs Rae Corbett
Organising Teacher

Student Banking
The Commonwealth Bank will be running another competition in term 4. The competition will start on October 20 and will run for 6 weeks – keep an eye out for more information.
The final 2 rewards have been released and following are all the rewards that can be redeemed, while stocks last:
Handball and Scented pencils
Penguin/Shark plush toy key ring and Whale shark pencil case
Dollarmites money box and Swimming bag
Term 4 - Projector cup and Sea Streamers
Happy banking,
Banking coordinator.

Kinder visits to our local pre-school
Working closely with our local pre-schools provides many opportunities for our current students as well as our future students. Our current students have worked very hard this year to achieve success in Literacy, notably reading and the strategies needed to become more independent as they move onto Year 1 in 2015. To showcase each individual’s success with a pre-school buddy will confirm student’s independence as well as establishing relationships in preparation to support 2015 Kinder students.
For our 2015 Kinder students they will have the opportunity to establish a relationship with a buddy in readiness for next year as well as witness successful reading in a relaxed environment.
As students will be participating in this activity from next week, I would like to remind parents/carers that students will be supervised crossing the road and please adhere to slowing down when travelling in the vicinity of the school. If you would like your child to attend, please return permission notes as soon as possible

Mrs Rae Corbett
Assistant Principal
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| Thursday October 9th | Years 1 & 2 Excursion to Civic Theatre  
  *(Leaving 9am returning 2.30pm)* |
| Tuesday October 14th | All School Assembly 1.40pm                                                        |
| Thursday October 15th | P&C Meeting 6.30pm                                                               |
| Wednesday October 16th | Afternoon Stepping Stones  
  1.30pm-2.30pm                              |
| Tuesday October 23rd | Afternoon Stepping Stones  
  1.30pm-2.30pm                              |
| Monday October 27th – Friday 31st | Book Fair Week                           |
| Tuesday October 30th | Afternoon Stepping Stones  
  1.30pm-2.30pm                              |
| Monday November 3rd | NRMA Road Safety Day                                                             |
| Monday November 10th | Kinder Orientation Morning  
  *(8.30am – 10.30am)*                    |
| Wednesday November 19th | P&C Meeting 6.30pm                                                               |
| Friday November 21st | Kindergarten Excursion  
  Hunter Valley Gardens  
  *(Leaving 8.30am returning 2.30pm)*    |
| Wednesday 3rd December | Year 6 High School Orientation  
  *Children attend high school all day* |
| Tuesday December 9th | Presentation Day 8.45am - 10.30am                                              |
| Wednesday December 10th | Kinder Book Presentation                                                        |
| Thursday December 11th | Year 6 Farewell                                                                    |
| Wednesday December 17th | P&C Meeting 6.30pm                                                               |
| Wednesday December 17th | Last day of Term 4                                                                |
| Tuesday January 27th | First day of Term 1 2015                                                         |