Monday 8th December

Principal's Report

Presentation Day 2014
Blue Haven Public School’s Presentation Day will be held on December 9 in our school hall starting at the following times:
Years 3-6 8.45am
Kindergarten-Year 2 11am
Presentation day is a special time of the school year where we celebrate the achievements of our students. I would like to encourage all families to come along and share this special time with us at BHPS.

Dates to Remember

**Presentation Day**
Tuesday 9th December
8.45am - 12 noon
School Hall

**Kindergarten Book Presentation**
Wednesday 10th December
8.45am
School Hall

**Volunteers Morning Tea**
Wednesday 10th December
10.30am
School Library

**Year 6 Farewell**
Thursday 11th December
School Hall

**Last day of Term 4**
Wednesday 17th December

BHPS Choir
On Wednesday night, the Blue Haven Public School Choir preformed at North Lakes Community Centre. Our students sang beautifully and were amazing! Ms Graef, Mrs Irons, students and families had a fun and very wet time. Thanks to Ms Graef, Mrs Irons, our students and families.

End of term activities
There will be many events and activities happening over the next week and a half as we come to the end of the 2014 school year. This week and next we have the following events:

**Tuesday 9th December:**
Presentation Day

**Wednesday 10th December:**
Kinder Book Presentation, Volunteers Morning Tea

**Thursday 11th December:**
Year 6 Farewell

**Monday 15th December:**
Rewards Day

**Tuesday 16th December:**
Starlight Soldiers Day and Blue Faces

**Wednesday 17th December:**
Last Day of school for 2014.

**Semester 2 Reports**
The Semester 2 reports which will be sent home towards the end of the term. School reports are graded on
the following two elements: Achievement and Effort. (Please note as per Department of Education and Communities report guidelines, Kindergarten students are not graded against achievement.)

Achievement: Effort:
E – Limited   L – Low
D – Basic     S - Satisfactory
C – Sound     H - High
B – High
A – Outstanding

It is important to understand and reflect where your child is at academically at this time of the year as they prepare to move to a higher grade. Students who are achieving a Sound achievement are performing at the stage appropriate levels and are performing well in class. If your child receives a High or Outstanding achievement grading, that indicates that your child is able to demonstrate a higher level of understanding in that particular strand or subject area. If your child has an achievement level of Limited or Basic it indicates that your child maybe experiencing some difficulties in the classroom. All students who achieve a Limited or Basic achievement level will be addressed at the stage level and where relevant, referred to the Learning Support Team for further discussion to help support their academic needs. Please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher if you would like to discuss your child’s report and how you can help your child at home.

Great Work
Last week some talented mathematicians visited me from 4J. Hayley and Kadence came to show me some very challenging long multiplication questions that they had successfully solved. I was also delighted to have a visit from Angus in 2T. Angus had been working hard with Mr. G to create an amazing Gingerbread House. I can’t wait to hear how it tasted. Well done, keep up the great work BHPS students.

Highlight of the week
During the week I received an email from one of the L3 Coordinators to let me know about our Kindergarten students who all have been involved in the L3 program this year. Language, Learning and Literacy (L3) is a research-based, Kindergarten classroom intervention, targeting text reading and writing. It has been designed to complement the daily Literacy program. Students receive explicit instruction in reading and writing strategies in small groups of three to four students. Students then rotate to independent individual or group tasks. This occurs in the daily Literacy session. Our students and teachers in Kindergarten have worked very hard this year and we have excellent results in our reading levels across all of Kindergarten. Well done, I am very proud of your achievements.

Congratulations and Farewell
It is at this time of the year that we sometimes have to say congratulations and a sad farewell to some of our teachers. The Blue Haven School community would like to say congratulations to Mrs. Anne Stretton and Mrs. Tricia Bradney who have both been successful in gaining positions as Assistant Principals at Wyong Public School and Ourimbah Public School respectively. Mrs Stretton has been a much loved and valued educator at BHPS. Mrs Stretton’s creative flare in concert organisation is renowned even in Hollywood. Mrs. Bradney has been an outstanding educator at BHPS and her input into staff and student development has been amazing. Mrs. Bradney’s dedication to all things sporty will truly be missed. It has been a pleasure to work with both of these talented teachers this year and we wish them both all the very best in their new schools.

Hope you have a great week,
Ruth Goodwin
Principal
VACANCIES AVAILABLE NOW
After School Care & Vacation Care

Blue Haven OOSH Service has a number of vacancies available for After School Care. There are also some vacancies in the January school holidays Vacation Care program. Our After School Care and Vacation Care Service operates from Blue Haven Community Centre. After School Care is open from 2.00pm to 6.00pm Monday to Friday during School Term. Vacation Care is open from 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday during School Holidays. We provide a range of fun activities to enhance your child’s wellbeing and development.

Please phone Tracy for any enquires on 43 992242 or email at oosh@sanremo.org.au

Starlight Soldiers Day

On Tuesday 16th December we are planning on holding a fundraiser to raise money for the Starlight Foundation. The Starlight Foundation provides programs integral to the total care of seriously ill children while health professionals focus on treating the illness. The foundation is there to lift the spirits of children and give them an opportunity to laugh, play and be children again.

We are calling this day the ‘Blue Haven Starlight Soldiers Day’.

What will happen on the day
On Starlight Soldiers Day we have planned a variety of exciting activities for all students. The activities will include:
* A red and green mufti day.
* A 'Starlight Soldiers' obstacle course during the morning session. Our Starlight Soldiers will weave their way through tunnels, along balance beams, over and under hurdles, and through a monkey marathon on the playground equipment. No obstacle course is complete without an ice block at the end to cool down.
* Our traditional Christmas Blue Faces, a talent quest showcasing Blue Haven’s finest performers.
* Lucky 100s draw. Prizes will include gift vouchers for Westfield Shopping Centres, gift vouchers for K-mart, McDonald’s vouchers and Movie vouchers. The cost of a ticket is 50c each.

Donation
A $2 donation is requested. This will include red and green mufti day, participation in the obstacle course (plus ice block) and entry into Blue Faces.

Tickets for the Lucky 100s draw are 50c per ticket.
Gold Award Winners

4J  Siatonga Alone  
4J  Hayley Watson  
6I  Kathryn Chapel  
6I  Jacob Graham  
4M  Reilly Jones  
4M  Travis Lewandowski  
4M  Brydie Hay  
4M  Aiden Ryan  
5K  Chelsea Hay  
5K  Jiah Reynolds  
5K  Blake Verdi  
5K  James Wood  
5K  Maxwell Ison  
5K  Sarah Burgin  
2G  Connor Votano  
2G  Jamie Guy  
2G  Bailey Byrne  
2G  Jye Koschel  
1/2C  Aleik Christoff-Tzazaroff  
1/2C  Kaitlyn Smith  
1/2C  Noah Barton  
2T  Massan Briffa  
2T  Chad Eastham  
2T  Marissa Jeffery  
2T  Brooke Jones  
2T  Jordan Lindop  
2T  Madison Taylor

Book Fair

A few weeks ago Blue Haven has held a Book Fair. The aim of the Book Fair was twofold. First, it allows the school to raise money for more reading resources and, secondly, to encourage a love of reading amongst our students. A big thank you to all our parent volunteers and staff who helped with the running of the Book Fair. Your time was greatly appreciated.

Mrs Corbett  
Organising Teacher

Justin's Jurassic Park

Justin from 2N has been working extremely hard this term on building the ultimate Dinosaur Theme Park. Justin has been working on researching the dinosaurs from all across the land from swimming Plesiosaurus to the "three horn" Triceratops and even some of the tallest plant eater Dinosaur Apatosaurus. On Monday the 8th of December Justin opened the doors of 2N but not as a classroom but as Jurassic Park Museum. Here are some of the pictures of the Jurassic park.

Everyone is super proud of Justin's work and can't wait to the museum possible set up next year.