Thursday 20th March

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School Dates for the Fridge Door

Harmony Day
Friday 21st March
Orange Mufti Day

Assembly Time
Tuesday 1st April
1.40pm
Combined K-6

School Photos
Friday 4th April

Cross Country
Wednesday 9th April
(all years participate)

Harmony Day will be celebrated this Friday at Blue Haven PS. Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

Harmony Day is about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. By participating in Harmony Day, we are celebrating cultural diversity and promoting a welcoming society. For this reason we will be holding a DTT (Doing Things Together) session after recess. In each class there will be one activity on “unity”, one activity on anti-bullying and two activities on either culture or country. After lunch the school will watch some of our seniors compete in the second Indigenous vs All Stars netball and touch footy matches.

This year’s Harmony Day is particularly important for Blue Haven PS because we have chosen the day to launch our new Bullying Policy. Our policy sets out requirements for preventing and responding to bullying at Blue Haven PS and reflects the critical aspects of the DEC’s “Bullying: Preventing and Responding to Student Bullying in Schools Policy”. Our school policy has been ratified by our school P&C.
In the morning the students will assemble in the hall to take the whole school “Upstander Promise”. The idea behind the promise is to encourage students to take a stand against bullying in our school. Following this assembly, students will be given the opportunity to participate in a class signing of the “Upstander Promise” on an A4 poster, which will subsequently be laminated and then displayed in class.

The Blue Haven UPSTANDER Promise.

I will always:

S upport those around me who are being bullied or victimised.

T ell a teacher or parent when I see someone being bullied.

A sk myself, “How would I want to be treated?”

N ote where and when bullying occurs (bathroom, playground, online).

D o something when I see someone being bullied, be an UPSTANDER.

U nderstand why bullies bully

P ractice being a good role model for my fellow students and share STAND UP to Bullies strategies.

SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS

At Blue Haven Public School we are currently in the process of organising Special Education in Ethics classes to be held at the same time on Tuesdays as Religious Education classes. The philosophical ethics classes that make up the Primary Ethics curriculum are inquiry based. Children use dialogue and discussion, learning how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. The curriculum is available for Years 1-6 students and will be ready for Kindergarten mid 2014. Early next week a note will be sent home with more information about the Ethics classes. We are also looking for volunteer ethics teachers for our school before classes can start. The teachers will be interviewed and supported by our school’s volunteer Ethics Coordinator, Pat Thompson, and will receive on-line training and attend a two day course to prepare them to teach the set curriculum and deliver the program at our school. If you interested in volunteering as an Ethics teacher, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au/volunteers and apply online and/or contact Pat Thompson at dannat11@dodo.com.au

For further information about the content of the philosophical ethics curriculum or to see a short video, What Happens in Ethics Classes, please go to www.primaryethics.com.au/curriculum

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they’ll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there’s no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan

School A to Z app

Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z
Blue Haven Public School will be continuing with ‘You Can Do It’ (YCDI) program. The program aims to develop students social and emotional well-being by teaching students how to create a positive mind set. The theory behind the YCDI program states that there is a particular set of social and emotional capabilities that determine the extent to which students achieve success at school, form positive relationships, and experience emotional well-being.

The YCDI program has ‘Five Core Social and Emotional Foundations’- Organisation, Getting Along, Resilience, Confidence and Persistence. Embedded within these five foundations are the ‘Habits of the Mind’.

Below is a table showing the relationship between Positive and Negative Habits of the Mind and how these types of thinking affect a student’s social and emotional wellbeing.
PARENTS & CITIZENS NEWS
Thank you to the parents/carers that attended last night’s AGM.

EASTER
We are asking for donations from the students for our Easter Fundraiser. Drop off your donation to the Canteen to receive a ticket to go into the draw to win a free lunch.

VOLUNTEERS LIST
We understand that some parents/carers are unable to volunteer on a regular basis. Would you like to go on our occasional helps email list? Email us on bhpspandc@hotmail.com to be placed on the list.

CANTEEN NEWS
Easter meal deal order forms are going home today. Meal deal date: Wednesday 2nd April Orders to be returned by: Friday 28th March

UNIFORM SHOP
Sale:
- Jumpers $10
- Jackets $15

March Special Limited Sizes Order online at www.flexischools.com.au or from the uniform shop Monday’s 2pm to 2.30pm