Monday 26th May

**SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS**

Following the December 2010 amendment of the NSW Education Act 1990, students who don’t attend Special Religious Education (SRE)/Scripture classes in NSW public schools now have a legal right to receive philosophical ethics classes (known as Special Education in Ethics) as an option to supervised ‘private study.’ The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to deliver these 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 Special Education in Ethics classes will be held at Blue Haven PS on Tuesdays at the same time as Special Religious Instruction classes.

Students in Stage One whose parents have requested that they attend Special Education in Ethics will begin their class this Tuesday. Students in Stage Two and Three will begin their classes in Term Three. If your child does not attend Special Religious Instruction and you would like them to attend Special Education in Ethics please contact the school.

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

**Rock & Water**

Towards the end of last term Miss Montgomery, Mr Hutchinson and I attended a two day training course about a program called Rock & Water. The Rock and Water program was developed by Dutch educationalist Freerk Ykema and is a series of exercises and games which are practised to develop confidence and self-reflection. Children develop understandings about who they are, their intuitive feelings and their personal direction. The program also teaches children Safety, Integrity, Solidarity, Self-control, Self-confidence and Self reflection.

Over the next two terms all students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and some students in Year 2 will take part in the program. Further information about the Rock & Water program can be found at www.rockandwaterprogram.com

Have a great week,
Mrs Ruth Goodwin
Deputy Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

**Assembly Time**
Tuesday 3rd June
1.40pm
Combined K-6

**Pizza Meal Deal**
Wednesday 4th June
Please send your order into the canteen by Friday 30th May

**Year’s 5 & 6 Great Aussie Bush Camp**
Due Date for Final Payment is Thursday 26th June
A Shared History with a Brighter Future for All.

Today is National Sorry Day (26th May). This day acknowledges and raises awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Indigenous Australians.

National Reconciliation Week follows National Sorry Day and focuses on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The first National Sorry Day was held on May 26, 1998. This followed the report, known as Bringing Them Home, which acknowledged that Indigenous children were forcibly separated from their families and communities since the early days of European occupation in Australia. Governments and missionaries were responsible for this forced separation.

Many Indigenous children were forcibly taken away from their families in the name of assimilation during the 1950s and 1960s. These children are known as the “Stolen Generations”. They were brought up in institutions or fostered to non-Indigenous families. This removal was official government policy in Australia until 1969.

Australia’s Prime Minister Kevin Rudd tabled a motion in parliament on February 13, 2008, apologizing to Australia’s Indigenous people, particularly the Stolen Generations and their families and communities, for the laws and policies that inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss. The apology included a proposal for a policy commission to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in matters such as life expectancy, educational achievement, and economic opportunity. This event is seen by many as a step forward in reconciliation. The Aboriginal flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag are often seen on National Sorry Day.

The Aboriginal flag is horizontally divided into two equal halves of black (top) and red (bottom) with a yellow circle in the centre. The black symbolizes Australia’s Aboriginal people and the yellow circle represents the sun. The red represents the earth and people’s relationship with the land. It also represents ochre, which is used in Aboriginal ceremonies in Australia.

The Torres Strait Islander flag stands for Torres Strait Islanders’ unity and identity. It features three horizontal stripes, with green at the top and bottom of the flag and blue in between, divided by thin black lines. A white dhari or deri (a type of headdress) sits in the centre, with a five-point star underneath it. The colour green represents the land. The dhari symbolizes all Torres Strait Islanders. The black represents the people and the blue represents the sea. The five-point star symbolizes the island groups. The star is white, which symbolizes peace in this case. Flying the Indigenous flags on National Sorry Day and throughout National Reconciliation Week confirms our national respect for Indigenous Australians. From Monday 26 May to Tuesday the 3 June 2014 the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag are flown next to or near the Australian Flag.
Volunteers Needed

Do you enjoy reading? Are you free during the day?

We would like to ask you to volunteer a couple of hours a day to help children with a reading program.

If you are interested please call in the office and leave your details with us and the co-ordinating teacher will be in touch to organise the days and times.

School Cross Country

On Wednesday 21st May we held our annual school Cross Country carnival and could not have asked for better weather. It was great to see so many students displaying a persistent and confident attitude when running.

Congratulations to the 40 students who have made it to the next level and will compete at the Zone Cross Country carnival this Friday 30th May. Notes for these students will be going home today and need to be returned to the office with money no later than Wednesday 28th May.

Thank you to the staff, students and parents for such a wonderful event.

Good luck to all our Zone representative runners!
Getting Along- Term 2
By now, students are well under way with learning about the YCDI foundation of Getting Along. Getting Along is a social skill that enables students to make friends, work cooperatively with others and communicate effectively with peers and adults. One strategy teachers and parents can use with their child to reinforce getting along skills is by using Behaviour-Specific Feedback.

Behaviour Specific Feedback is where adults acknowledge children when they observe them or “catch them in the act” of getting along. It involves using specific language or phrases to the child to communicate the kind of behaviour they are demonstrating. Specific feedback works as a positive reinforcement and encourages the desired behaviour to occur again, developing an understanding of positive getting along behaviours.

Examples of things you can say at these times include:
“Good for you. You are really trying to get along.”
“You are good at helping others.”
“You didn’t try to lie. Being honest is important.”
“You talk politely to others. I like the way you do that.”
“You play by the rules. You are really trying to get along with your team mates’

YCDI Weekly Focus

HOME FOCUS
Try using Positive Behaviour-Specific Feedback and see how it affects your child.
PARENTS & CITIZENS NEWS

AFTER SCHOOL DISCO!!!
Save the DATE
Thursday 19th June
DETAILS COMING SOON

PHOTO FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY 22ND JUNE
Envelopes out this week
$25 Money and Envelope to drop off to Canteen or Class
Any questions please email: bhpspandc@hotmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP
Order via flexischools
Shop open for cash only
Monday’s from 2pm to 2.30pm

Order Online
Recess cut off: 9.15am
Lunch cut off: 10am
5% discount for ordering online

CANTENE
New Items
5” Individually wrapped Garlic Bread $1.10

Pizza Meal Deal

Wednesday 4th June
Please send your order into the canteen by Friday 30th May

Tuesday lunch special

Popcorn chicken & flavoured milk

$4.50

Order on a lunch bag or on:
PIZZA MEAL DEAL
WEDNESDAY 4TH JUNE

1/4 LARGE PIZZA (2 SLICES) IN OWN BOX
WITH YOUR CHOICE OF WATER OR POPPER

$5

* CHEESE
* BBQ MEATLOVERS
* HAWAIIAN
* WATER
* POPPER

PLEASE CIRCLE 1 PIZZA AND 1 DRINK

NAME:
CLASS:

ALL ORDERS DUE IN BY FRIDAY 30TH MAY
FAMILY PORTRAIT
Photography Fundraiser

ONLY $25

Carley’s Photography will be offering all families within Blue Haven Public School and their friends an exciting opportunity to update their Family Portraits by donating $25 for every booking.

DATE: SUNDAY 22nd JUNE 2014

* The option of purchasing a Cd with all images will available at an affordable price plus a variety of prints/canvas/mugs/keyring/phone covers/jigsaw puzzles etc
* A proof sheet of all images will be emailed, for you to choose your reorders

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