Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Breech of School Security

Blue Haven Public School is seen by many as the hub of the community. This home school partnership is positive, affirming and encouraging. The standard of the teaching and learning daily conducted here is very high. The school is physically very appealing and well appointed. You/we can be proud of being associated with this public school.

Unfortunately the school has not been valued by everyone and was broken into and vandalised over the weekend on two occasions. The first illegal entry resulted in some fires being lit. The second occasion was on Sunday where two Yr. 6 rooms were vandalised.

A police investigation is currently being conducted and the names of possible offenders have been given to them.

Community Watch is powerful! If you have further information I ask that you contact me at school on the number below. If you see or hear of suspicious activities involving the school on any occasion please ring school security (1300880021) or the local Police (Toukley: 43901299 Wyong: 43524899). Your contact could make the difference.

The school is acting as quickly as possible to have these rooms brought back online and made ready for occupancy. Currently these classes are being conducted in the library.

The school wants to reinforce that we are working with all students to ensure they feel safe and supported at school.

Schools are places of trust, hope and security, Blue Haven PS is no exception. It is a proud public school worthy of respect and support. I am aware that many people share this view. I urge you all to continue to honour this.

Gary Crowther
Principal (Rel)

Dates to Remember

Assembly Time
Tuesday 5th August
1.40pm
Combined K-6

Friday 8th August
Northlakes High Discovery Day
(departing school 8.35am and returning by 2.30pm)

Tuesday 12th August
Great Aussie Bush Camp Excursion
(Years 5&6 departing school at 9am)
Deputy Principal’s Report

Breach of School Security
Unfortunately the school was broken into and vandalised on two occasions over the weekend. Mr. Crowther has written a detailed letter to each family, which students have been given to take home yesterday. Please be reassured that the school continues to be a safe place.

Education Week

Thank you to all of our families who were able to join us at school for our Education Week open classrooms and assembly last Thursday. It was great to see you all enjoying the activities in your child’s classroom and being part of our assembly.

I would also like to say a congratulations and a huge thank you to the students and families in 6S who baked amazing, spectacular and very yummy cakes for the cake stall.

NRMA Science & Road Safety Day – Monday 3 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 restraint 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.

More information will be provided closer to the day of the show.

Hope you have a great week,

Ruth Goodwin (Deputy Principal)
Athletics Field Events

The following field events will be run during school hours on Monday 11th August 2014 for competitors 8 years and older:

- **Long Jump**
- **High Jump**
- **800m**

All competitors need to wear appropriate footwear and will not be able to participate if this footwear is considered unsuitable.

Mrs Bradney (Sport Coordinator)

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**Years 1 & 2 Excursion**

Stage 1 are very excited ABOUT their excursion to the Newcastle Civic Theatre to see the stage production of “**The Little Mermaid**”. The excursion will be in Term 4, Week 1, Thursday 9th of October.

Notes went home with all Stage 1 students last week. The cost of the excursion is **$32.** This will need to be paid in full by the **29th of August**.

You can secure your child a spot on the excursion by paying a deposit of **$15** by the **16th of August**.

Be quick and don’t miss out!

Miss Lauren Glawson  (Classroom Teacher)
Dear Parent/Carer,

Ageing, Disability, and Home Care (ADHC) on the Central Coast are offering you the opportunity to participate Stepping Stones Triple P program being run in August – September 2014.

What is Triple P?
Stepping Stones Triple P is a parenting and family support strategy that aims to prevent severe behavioural, emotional and developmental problems in children by enhancing the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents.

We are currently offering Group Stepping Stones Triple P program.

The Program
Stepping Stones Triple P is designed specifically for families who have a child with a disability aged between 2 and 12. It covers topics such as encouraging desirable behaviour, promoting children’s development, teaching new skills and behaviours, and managing misbehaviour. The group program provides an opportunity for in-depth discussion, role plays, interactive learning, and networking with other parents that also have a child with a disability. It will also include homework tasks each week in order to help you put your learning into practice.

The program covers eight weeks in total, and consists of six 2.5 hr group sessions and two 20 minute individual telephone consultations. To complete the program you will be required to attend all sessions. A maximum of 12 participants will be able to take part in this course. Triple P encourages working as a team when parenting children, so if you have a partner able to join you, please let us know. We do however understand that this is not always possible due to the many commitments of family life.

There is limited childcare available to interested participants. Please indicate if you require childcare.

To learn more about Triple P and the different Triple P programs available, you can visit their website: http://www.triplep.net

What will it cost?
ADHC’s implementation of these programs is currently state-funded. This means there is no cost if you would like to attend. We will also provide some light refreshments during the sessions.

The Location
Jabiru Cottage in the grounds of Northlakes Public School Goorama Ave San Remo
Presenters
Group Stepping Stones will be facilitated by Kylie Cooke (ADHC Behaviour Support Practitioner) along with Pamela Playford (Early Childhood Teacher).

Dates – Each Wednesday

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Group Stepping Stones Triple P: What to expect
You will receive a family workbook so please bring a pencil and other stationery as deemed necessary. Each week there will be homework, so you will need to remember bring your workbook each week.

Response
As there are limited places we would appreciate a response ASAP, but absolutely no later than Wednesday 6 August 2014 in order to secure your position in this program. If necessary, we will prioritise based on response time. If you miss out on a course but would like to attend one in future, we will keep your name on our database and let you know of future Triple P programs that will be run in the future.

If you would like to attend but are unable due to issues with transport please let us know to assist us with program planning.

Please do not hesitate to contact Pamela Playford or Kylie Cooke on 43217200 if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Kylie Cooke Pam Playford
Behaviour Intervention Practitioner Case Manager / Early Childhood Teacher