Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Blue Haven Public School Has A Bright Future.

Schools are a reflection of the community which they serve and Blue Haven PS is no exception. Change is a reality of modern living and is an inevitability in life. Having a positive and supportive attitude to change always enables an individual to be flexible, creative, resilient and strong.

You are aware that the school is in the process of seeking community feedback on its performance. The information gathered will assist in the development of the new 3 year school plan which will be implemented in 2015. The conversations and consultations around this planning process are being led by Mrs Ruth Goodwin. To enable this process to be further developed and refined Mrs Goodwin will take over as Principal, commencing next term.

It is expected she will be in the Principal position at least until the end of this year. Mr Duane Hutchinson will move into the Deputy Principal’s role for this time. I know Mrs Goodwin will be strongly supported by the other assistant principals as they lead the school to the end of this year.

I will finish my work, as relieving principal, at the conclusion of Term 3.

I have been privileged to have worked with and alongside some outstanding educational leaders while at Blue Haven PS. Mrs Goodwin is an extraordinary colleague with many strengths and insights. She will be an excellent ‘fit’ for the principal role. I have every confidence in her skilfully and capably leading the school in this next stage.

Blue Haven Public School has much to be proud of. The showcasing of our talented students in the recent series of school concerts has given the school community a brief look at what is offered at this school. The time, effort and energy invested in these concerts reflects strongly the calibre of the school staff. The students, with your support, are without doubt the ‘STARS’. However, the success and credit that comes with such an experience must also to be shared with the staff.

I have enjoyed my 6 months at Blue Haven PS and believe the quality of teaching being delivered here...
on a daily basis is equal to the best schools on the coast. Getting to know many of the students as they have shared their quality work with me is always a privilege. I wish the community of Blue Haven Public School great success for the future which promises to be bright, positive and exciting. Gary Crowther (Principal)

Deputy Principal’s Report

School Concert
Congratulations to our Stage 2 and 3 students, teachers and our school concert committee for the amazing performances on Thursday night and Friday. I am looking forward to watching our Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 concert performances over the next two days as I am sure that they will be just as wonderful.

Selective Schools in 2016
Are you already thinking about your child’s Year 7 placement in a selective school in 2016? Selective high schools are government high schools that cater for highly-achieving, academically talented students by offering an educationally enriched environment. Application for 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 at: 


Hope you have a great week and a relaxing holiday,

Ruth Goodwin (Deputy Principal)

Congratulations and Appreciation.
Tonight and tomorrow will see the final two performances in this year’s school concert series at Blue Haven PS. The school has received many positive comments about last week’s shows and I would expect this week will bring a similar response. Schools don’t provide such learning opportunities to get public acknowledgement but it is professionally rewarding to know there is community appreciation. The following was received from a family in the school. The tributes that have been received have meant a lot to the staff who have worked so hard to make these concerts successful.

A feedback letter that we have received:
I would like to send through my congratulations to all the teachers, students and people who were involved with the senior concert last week. My husband and I attended the night session and my mum attended the day session and we both agree that it was a very well organised event. The talent and performance by all the students was a pleasure to watch! The time involved to pull off such a performance would be huge, and I just wanted to take the time to say "Well done". I had tears in my eyes watching my young man perform in his particular performance, but was also thoroughly engaged by all the young students and their effort put into their own performance. The teachers deserve special congratulations to coordinate the whole event from start to finish! Everything seemed to run smoothly and the night performance was wonderful. Congratulations again to all those involved and lastly, thank you, for allowing my child the opportunity to shine up on stage. To further develop and enhance the children’s confidence through public performing is something that needs time, patience and guidance for some children and with the teachers guiding hand and heart, this was made possible for every student there that night!

Congratulations, well done and thank you again.
Looking After Our School

Schools are an important part of any community. We take care and pride in Blue Haven Public School so that it is a happy, safe and pleasant learning and play centre for all students.

- **NO-ONE** has a right to be in the school out of school hours unless the principal has given prior approval.
- **NO-ONE** has the right to vandalise our student’s classrooms.

As a community member we are asking you to assist us by:
- Being vigilant as you walk or drive past the school out of hours
- Detouring past the school whenever you are able and checking the grounds as you go past

**AREA of CONCERN!**

Illegal access to the school is often from behind the community centre and the skate park. This could be an area to ‘keep an eye on’.

- Reporting any trespassing or vandalism by phoning:
  1. School security unit (24hr service) (1300 880 021) - Fridge magnet available at school office
  2. Police – Toukley (43901299)
  3. Police – Wyong (43524899)
  4. Police – Emergency (000)

Your personal safety and security is important, so please do not intervene in any way if you observe trespassers. Simply report the incident. Thank you for being the eyes of the community.

**Book Fair**

Family involvement in reading activities can have a strong, positive impact on a child’s educational achievement. Come to our Book Fair and help strengthen the most important skill children can develop, **READING**! Have fun choosing together or fill in the order form for your child to bring to the Fair.

Last year’s Book Fair was an outstanding success with over $10 000.00 in sales, which resulted in the school earning rewards for the purchase of new Readers for K-2 Guided Reading Program, Home Readers, Picture Books for Kinder Book Presentation at the end of the year and reading resources for the new English Syllabus for K-6.

Our Book Fair will be held in Week 4 next term. The children will have the opportunity to view the books on Monday (27th October) and Tuesday (28th October). Purchasing will be on **Wednesday (29th October) until Friday Lunchtime (31st October)**. More information will go home regarding times after the holidays.

**A School Project to Stop Head Lice**

It will come as no surprise to many parents that head lice infestations in children appear to be on the rise. Reasons for this increase are not clear.

The Nitbusters School Head Lice Project is a joint project between NSW Health, NSW Department of Education & Communities, Federation of School Councils and the Federation of P & C Associations. The project aims to educate schools, children and parents about head lice and how to treat them as a community and within the home. Following consultation with the Blue Haven PS P&C a modified version of this is proposed.

In order for Nitbusters to be successful in our school, every child should be involved. It takes just one infested head to infest others. One of the key messages of the project is that anyone and everyone can contract nits, regardless of age, sex or background. Treatment is best if it is a community-based approach and is ongoing. The project should involve the entire school community working together to coordinate and run a **Nitbusting Weekend** in an effort to treat the entire student body for head lice at one time.
What do I do?
The families of Blue Haven PS are asked to inspect and treat any infestation of head lice.

When? THIS weekend 20-21st Sept.

- If nits (the eggs) or lice are found then regular hair conditioner should be applied to the dry hair and combed through.
- When the tangles are removed with a large comb, a fine lice comb should be used to remove the lice and nits.
- Gloves should be changed between treatments for each individual child.
- If a child's head shows signs of an infection or evidence of lesions or psoriasis, the child should not be screened or treated.
- The lice and detangle combs should be cleaned between each treatment in hot soapy water and rinsed in running hot water. Since, head lice cannot survive at 60 degrees Celsius, hot water is an effective way of killing and disposing of them.

The Blue Haven PS P & C encourages each family to have a Nitbusters weekend at the commencement of each school holiday!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle these Holidays

Australians throw away 3.3 million tonnes of food every year – up to a quarter of the country’s food supplies - mainly because we purchase too much. Consider planning your meals and only buy what you need. Reduce packaging in your child’s lunchbox and use re-usable containers rather than plastic wrap where possible. It also leaves our school grounds much cleaner!

Enjoy a Wonderful Spring Vacation

6S Cake Stall
Tuesday 16th September
Blue Haven OOSH Service

VACANCIES AVAILABLE NOW

After School Care & Vacation Care

Blue Haven OOSH Service has a number of vacancies available for After School Care in Term 4. There are also some vacancies in the September 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

CCB (Child Care Benefit) is available.
Your CCB is used to calculate and considerably reduce your daily fees. This makes childcare for your child/ren more affordable.

After School Care cost is $18 an afternoon. Below are some examples of CCB reductions for your fees:

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Cost for Vacation Care per day is $55.00. There may be an additional cost for excursions which will be advised at the time of booking.

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Please note all fees in the guide are an approximate cost and could change. Grandparents maybe exempt from fees if they are eligible through Centrelink as primary carers.