Dear Parent/Caregivers,

As the term gallops to a finish and our focus moves to staging the school concerts I am reminded of the extraordinary privilege it is to be a teacher.

As I move throughout the school I am constantly encouraged by the friendly greetings from the students who display such excitement for life.

Our young people expect life to be fun and interesting. It is fortunate that most children do not know too much about the ‘adult’ burdens that come with being a parent and a ‘bread winner’. It is true that the years at primary school are often the most care free times of a person’s life. Too often we don’t realise this until we have moved through our own childhood. It is good to always be thankful for all those many ‘little’ things that come our way and to say thanks. …..that smile from another person, that offer of unexpected help from someone, that invitation to play or to have a chat.

A school concert is yet another opportunity for our students to demonstrate their skills and abilities in another experience. There is so much undiscovered talent in our students. These concerts have enabled much talent to be uncovered.

Primary education is broad, diverse and general in its considerations. The opportunities offered by Blue Haven Public School reflect this. While the teaching of the basics (reading, writing and mathematics) will always be our core business it is the ‘extras’ like performing arts and sport that give the lasting impressionable memories. We seldom remember how we learnt to read and count BUT we do remember how people and experiences made us feel. Memories and feelings are carried with us throughout life. These concerts have the potential to allow our students to feel great about whom they are.

Join us and enjoy a ‘Night at the Oscars’.

Gary Crowther
(Principal)

Monday 1st September

⇒ Assembly Time (Combined K-6)
  Tuesday 19th August
  1.40pm

⇒ Stepping Stones — Morning
  Thursday Sept 4th
  8.30am

⇒ School Concert Dates
  Senior: Thursday Sept 11th 5.30pm
  Friday Sept 12th 11am
  Junior: Monday Sept 15th 5.30pm
  Tuesday Sept 16th 11am
Deputy Principal’s Report

School Concert
Our school concert is getting very close with our tickets going on sale today. Students have been enthusiastically practising their concert items and if the sounds coming from the hall are anything to go by they are going to be great. Our concert committee have been working hard to get everything organised for both our Junior and Senior concerts.
We will not be holding our whole school assembly on Tuesday 16th September due to the junior concert.

2015 -2017 Planning
Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us for our parent workshops and also provide us with some very valuable feedback on Blue Haven Public School. Over the next term we will be developing our 2015-2017 school plan and to help direct this planning we are asking for feedback from our students, families and teachers. This week I will be sending out an online survey for families to complete. This survey will be anonymous and it will also be available in a hard copy from the office for families who do not have access to the internet.

2015 Enrolments
We are beginning to start our planning for next year. If you have a child who will be starting in Kindergarten in 2015 and have not yet let the school know, please let us know as soon as possible. If you know of any families in the community who have children who are due to start Kindergarten next year please ask them to contact the school office.

Great work in Kindergarten
Today some students from KC came to share their stories with me about the chickens that arrived in their classroom this morning.
Each Kindergarten class has 4 chicks and 12 eggs ready to hatch. It was lovely to hear their stories and see how well they are writing after only three terms in Kindergarten.

Hope you have a great week.
Ruth Goodwin (Deputy Principal)

Year 6 Farewell Meeting
We will be meeting again to further organise the Year 6 Farewell for 2014. If you are interested in helping support this event for our Year 6 students, please come along to the meeting.
Where: 6G classroom
When: Wed 3rd September 2014
Time: 2:30pm - 3:30pm
Thank you for your support.
Duane Hutchinson (AP)

Some Parenting Hints:
Self-doubt and lack of confidence hold more kids back than any other factor. You can send kids to the best school available but they won’t be happy and achieve unless they feel confident in their abilities.

Real confidence-building is the most important skill you can develop as a parent. Children with healthy self-esteem and self-confidence learn more, achieve more, have more friends and are generally happier than those with low levels of confidence.
But building a child’s confidence is complex. It is not just a matter of becoming a praise robot heaping positive comments on kids at the first sign of them doing something well. For some children praise is meaningless.
CONFIDENT kids take learning risks; they can separate themselves from failure or lack of success; and they aren’t dependent on the approval of their parents. This last reason is why so many youngest kids are risk-takers as they are not as concerned as eldest kids about the approval of their parents.
Getting inside kids’ heads and shifting their thinking is difficult.
Self-esteem and confidence-building is more than developing children’s capabilities as very competent children can be filled with self-doubts. You have do more than teach them to be optimistic as a feel-good view of the world won’t mean a child will take risks when they meet real challenges.
You need to tackle children’s lack of confidence on a number of different fronts – that is, what they think, how they feel and what they do.
The Head, Heart, Hands Approach shows parents how to tackle confidence-building on three different levels.
1. foster positive mindsets in kids and a real sense of optimism.
2. help your child overcome their fears and anxieties, so they can take more risks socially and academically.
3. develop a lasting sense of independence and self-sufficiency so they can really start achieving.
School Concert

Blue Haven Public School concert is coming very soon!
The tickets will be available online from:

**Monday 1st September**

**Cost:** $7.00 each
 *(Two tickets available per booking.)*

Booking site is:
http://www.trybooking.com/83022

The families that cannot access the internet there will be tickets available at the front office. Cash only sales will be available after

**9 am 1st September**

If you are unable to make it the front office during business hours please fill out the attached order form and the tickets will be processed and returned to your child’s class.

Concert Ticket Order Request

Parent/Carer

Name:__________________________
Childs Name:____________________
Class:__________________________

Please indicate which concert and amount of tickets (maximum two tickets per session) you require:

Sept 11th Senior Evening:_________
Sept 12th Senior Matinee:_________
Sept 15th Junior Evening:_________
Sept 16th Junior Matinee:_________

Amount included: $_______________

Signed:_________________________

*(please include the correct money as change*
PARENTS & CITIZENS NEWS
Next meeting will be
Wednesday 17th September 6.30pm
All welcome J

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Thursday 4th September
Gifts from $1.00 to $10
If you are able to help at the stall
please email
bhpspandc@hotmail.com
Thanks!

UNIFORM SHOP
MONDAY’S ONLY
2.00pm to 2.30pm
www.flexischools.com.au

Layby is not available, Cash Sales or:

order your uniforms online at
www.flexischools.com.au

The canteen volunteers are unable to open the uniform shop sorry.

CANTEEN NEWS

Tuesday
Meal Deal
Pasta Bolognaise
Garlic Bread
Bottle of Water
$5.00

Made fresh in the canteen

TERM 4
Due to the high demand of orders
and to ensure that Friday’s we continue to offer a full canteen menu

FRIDAY’S WILL BE FLEXI SCHOOL RECESS & LUNCH ORDERS ONLY

We will continue with serving over the counter items.