Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Students in Years 3 or 5 who sat the National Assessment Programs—Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) held on 13-15 May will bring home a report today.

The NAPLAN report will give an indication of your child’s performance in aspects of literacy including reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar and writing as well as numeracy. The results are shown in skill bands which indicate levels of achievement. The report shows the national average and the school’s average and will allow you to see how your child’s performance compares with that of others who completed the NAPLAN tests.

The results of NAPLAN along with in school assessment allows teachers to better know how each student is performing. This refines the actions the school/teacher can make to improve literacy and numeracy skills.

Please support your child by discussing with them their strengths and how they can further improve their learning in the future.

Photo permission

In today’s schools taking promotional images/photos of students requires parent permission. There are many good reasons for this. Schools also love to promote excellence. A photo is a powerful tool for this.

Concerts provide an excellent opportunity to promote our students through photos.

**NOTE:** If you **DO NOT** approve of your child’s photo being taken for school promotional purposes you are required to inform the school in writing. If the school don’t receive this it will **assume permission** is there. Please contact the school if you **DO NOT** want your child to be photographed.

Gary Crowther (Principal)
Deputy Principal’s Report

SASS Week

Last week we celebrated SASS week with a thank you morning tea on Friday for our wonderful SASS staff. Our SASS staff support the school in the office, in the classrooms and playground and also in the maintenance of the school grounds. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our SASS staff who do an amazing job at Blue Haven Public School. The time, effort and dedication of our SASS staff is outstanding and we couldn’t do with them – Thank you Chris, Jeanette, Kathy, Aaron, Tracy, Chris G, Lisa, Katherine and Tina.

2015 -2017 Planning

On Friday last week we sent out information on your school app about our parent survey. If you would like to provide the school with some feedback please clink on the link below and complete the parent survey by Friday 19th September 2014.
http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/bluehavenparentschoolplan
A paper copy of this survey is also available from the office.

Father’s Day

Happy Father’s Day for yesterday to all of our dads, grandads and carers. I hope that you all enjoyed a lovely day. Thank you to our P & C who ran a great Father’s Day stall on Thursday.

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

DATE CHANGE— 6G Cake Stall

6G have changed their Cake Stall date from Friday 5th September to Tuesday 16th September.
I apologise for the inconvenience, but the date needed to change due to the full dress rehearsal for Stage 3.
Thank you for your support!
Mel Grief (Coordinator)


The first habit from Stephen Covey’s wonderful book “The 7 habits of highly effective people” states that we should start every project or undertaking with the end in mind.
This principle holds true for any activity whether it’s planting your vegie patch; renovating a house or raising children. When you know what you are trying to achieve then choosing the right strategies becomes easy.
The end game or goal for parents and teachers is Redundancy.
Yep, you read it right. Your job is to make yourself redundant as an adult from the children you raise and teach at the earliest possible age. It always has been and always should be.
When redundancy is your aim most of your time, effort and energy will go into promoting independence. You’ll stop doing things for kids and start giving them opportunities to do things themselves. You’ll spend most of your active parenting and teaching time teaching, Explaining and prodding your child toward independence.

Independence leads to the 4 C’s

When independence becomes your priority then suddenly you’ve found a pathway to the development of other positive qualities and traits in your children including the key four—confidence, competence, creativity and character.
Here’s how:

- **Confidence** comes from facing your fears and doing things for yourself.
- **Competence** comes from the opportunity to develop self-mastery that independence offers.
- **Creativity** is developed when kids solve problems themselves as opposed to someone solving them on their behalf, or worse, keeping kids safe. It’s amazing how resourceful kids can be when they are given the chance to resolve their own problems.
- Character, which is essential for success, is forged under hardship and is needed if kids are to live a sturdy life. Kids need to be exposed to disappointment, failure and conflict if character strengths such as grit and perseverance are too be forged.
Let's talk about what you and your little one will be experiencing when starting big school. The Benevolent Society and Department of Education and Communities will be hosting two information sessions on Transition to Kindy.

VENUE – ‘Dolphin Cottage’ Schools as Community Centre
In BLUE HAVEN Community Centre
Colorado Drive Blue Haven

DATES- THURSDAY 14th of October
TIME: 9.30am-12.00pm
Transition Yarn ups will provide information on:
Enrolment Birth Certificate
4 year old Health Checks
Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

For more information call: CASSA HINTON
on 43942500 or 0410220937
Aboriginal Community Worker at Benevolent Society
School Concert

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

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 you require:
Sept 11th Senior Evening:_________
Sept 12th Senior Matinee:_________
Sept 15th Junior Evening: Fully Booked
Sept 16th Junior Matinee:_________

Amount included: $_______________

Signed:_________________________*
(please include the correct money as change is limited)