Dates for your diary

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Scooterthon

It is only two weeks until we hold our Scooterthon. Students brought home their sponsorship forms last week. There are some great prizes for students to receive including a PS 4. Sponsorship money needs to be in by Friday to allow time for the P & C to order the prizes. Encourage your children to start getting sponsors now to be part of our Scooterthon.
Grandparents Day

What a delightful sight it was on Friday to see all of our Special Grandparents at school to visit our classrooms and attend our assembly. The students felt very proud to be able to show their Grandparents their classroom and sit with them at morning tea time. Thank you to our Grandparents for making this a very special occasion at Blue Haven Public School. We loved having you visit our school.

Thank you

A big thank you to all of our Year 6 students and their families for making the delicious cakes for the Year 6 Cake Stall on Friday. Thank you also to everyone who enjoyed the cakes and slices on Friday. The cake stall sold out quickly and the funds will go towards the Year 6 farewell. Great cooking, Year 6.

Selective High School Placement for 2017

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2017? You must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

If you do not have internet access, please contact the front office for more information.

Key dates include:

- Tuesday October 13, 2015 - Application website open
- Monday November 16, 2015 - Application website closes (late applications will not be accepted)
- Thursday February 25, 2016 - Test authority letter sent by mail and email
- Thursday March 10, 2016 - Selective High School Placement Test
- Early July 2016 - Placement outcome information.

For more information, please visit:

School organisation and Enrolments 2016

It is at this time of year that we are beginning our organisation for the 2016 school year. If you are moving out of the area and leaving our school please inform the office of your intentions. Similarly, if you are aware of any students moving into our area who will be attending our school in 2016 please ask the families to make contact with the school.

Central Coast Choral Festival

On Wednesday evening our Choir performed at the Central Coast Choral Festival. The students sounded amazing. Thank you to the families who have assisted with transport to rehearsals over the past few months and special thanks to Ms Graef and Ms Kenny your dedication to our Choir and organising our involvement in this event.
World Festival of Magic

The Lions Club of Wyoming has donated tickets for the World Festival of Magic at Niagara Park Stadium on Sunday 8th November 2015. We have tickets for the 2.00pm and 5.00pm shows. If you would like some of these tickets please contact the school office on 43990167. There are a limit number of tickets so it will be on a first come basis.

Great work at Blue Haven

On Friday we held our Grandparents Day and the Blue Haven School Community had an opportunity to see just a taste of the wonderful things that students at Blue Haven have been doing throughout the year. Our Keyboard group had their very first performance and were wonderful, our junior dance group kept us captivated with their performance of ‘Tooth Fairy’ and our choir sang beautifully. We look forward to seeing more of our talented students as the move towards the end of the year.

Well done Blue Haven students, you make us very proud.

Have a great week of learning, Blue Haven.

Ruth Goodwin
Principal (Relieving)

You're invited to our

This year the Scholastic book fair will be held in Week 4. Classes will be able to view books on Monday 26th October and Tuesday 27th October with purchasing from Wednesday 28th October until Friday 29th October.

If you are able to volunteer some time during these dates we would appreciate the assistance. Brochures will be coming home soon with the children.

Mrs Lynn Hartas
Organising Teacher
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

On Sunday 18th October, 2015 Mrs Corbett participated in The Long Walk, a challenging 35km walk from Palm Beach to Manly, with a wonderful supportive team - Tracey, Susie, Katie and Lynda.

The aim of The Long Walk is to support people and families living with mitochondrial disease (Mito), which causes multiple organ dysfunction and potentially death. Up to 20 children born in Australia every week will develop a form of Mito in their lifetime. There are few effective treatments and no cure. It can affect anyone, at any age and can cause loss of sight and hearing, strokes, inability to walk and intellectual disabilities. Most people with Mito struggle to attend school or work, let alone walk 35km. A very special thank you to staff and students, who donated a gold coin, decorated and wore their runners to school on Friday 16th October. A total of $244 was received. Thank you also to the canteen for their generous donation to the winners in each grade - your support was greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Mrs Corbett
At Blue Haven Public School, we take pride in being:

- **Safe**
- **Respectful**
- **Responsible**

This week’s lesson is based upon ‘Moving around the School’. This is referring to students walking from their classroom to the playgrounds and vice versa, going to another class, going on a message and moving to lines. These times at school can be very busy and these lessons are designed to support students in making positive choices when moving around the school. This week’s lessons are highly engaging with games, physical activities and videos of teachers showing the non-examples of specific behaviours. I am sure all Blue Haven students will thoroughly enjoy all of the teachers acting.

Expectations for specific behaviours will be demonstrated in a fun and positive way. Classroom teachers will be referring to the poster on a daily basis to reinforce the concept of what it is like to be *Safe*, *Respectful*, and *Responsible* when *Moving around the School*.

Please discuss these expectations with your children.

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| **Safe**  | • Stay to the left on stairs  
           | • Walk to your destination |
| **Respectful** | • Walk in two straight lines with your class  
           | • Walk quietly |
| **Responsible** | • Go directly to your destination  
           | • Hold on to the equipment |
The countdown is on

11 sleeps until Scooterthon

Sponsorship forms are due back by this Friday 2.30pm

Please ensure that you have signed the consent form and if you have raised over $20 the pizza meal deal form too.

NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SCOOTERTHON DAY.

BIG thanks to our sponsors.