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**From the Principal**

**Presentation Day 2015**

Blue Haven Public School’s Presentation Day will be held on Tuesday, December 8th in our school hall starting at the following times:

- Years 3-6 at 8.45am
- Kindergarten-Year 2 at 11am

Presentation day is a special time of the school year where we celebrate the achievements of our students. I would like to encourage all families to come along and share this special time with us at BHPS.
School organisation and Enrolments 2016.

It is at this time of year that we are finalising 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.

2015-2017 School Plan

This Thursday I will be meeting with some members of the school community to review our school plan and discuss future directions for the school. If you would like to add your thoughts and ideas please come along. We will be meeting in the school office at 9am.

Semester 2 Reports

The Semester 2 reports which will be sent home towards the end of the term. School reports are graded on the following two elements: Achievement and Effort. (Please note as per Department of Education and Communities report guidelines, Kindergarten students are not graded against achievement.)

Achievement: Effort:
E – Limited L - Low
D – Basic S - Satisfactory
C– Sound H- High
B– High
A– Outstanding

It is important to understand and reflect where your child is at academically at this time of the year as they prepare to move to a higher grade. Students who are achieving a Sound achievement are performing at the stage appropriate levels and are performing well in class. If your child receives a High or Outstanding achievement grading, that indicates that your child is able to demonstrate a higher level of understanding in that particular strand or subject area. If your child has an achievement level of Limited or Basic it indicates that your child maybe experiencing some difficulties in the classroom. All students who achieve a Limited or Basic achievement level will be addressed at the stage level and where relevant, referred to the Learning Support Team for further discussion to help support their academic needs. Please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher if you would like to discuss your child’s report and how you can help your child at home.

End of term activities

There will be many events and activities happening over the next week and a half as we come to the end of the 2015 school year. Please check our school calendar for dates and times.

Congratulations and Farewell

It is at this time of the year that we sometimes have to say congratulations and a sad farewell to one of our teachers. The Blue Haven School community would like to say congratulations to Mrs. Alecia Harris who has been successful in gaining a position as Assistant Principal at Kanwal Public School. Mrs. Harris has been an outstanding educator at BHPS and her support of students and staff has been amazing. I would personally like to acknowledge the exceptional work she has done as Assistant Principal on Stage Two during 2015, she will truly be missed. It has been a pleasure to work with such a talented teacher and we wish her all the very best in her new school.


**Uniform Shop**

The uniform shop will be open on Friday 11th December from 8am – 2.30pm.

**Great work at Blue Haven**

On Wednesday night, the Blue Haven Public School hosted the Blue Haven/San Remo Community Christmas Carols. Thank you to our students from our Choir, Junior Boys Didge group, Aboriginal Dance group and Ukulele group, who performed at the carols. You were all amazing and made us very proud. Thank you also to our families. A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers who supported our students on the night. Thank you Mr Pareaux, Mrs Dawson, Mr Toomey, Mr Vonovono, Miss Kenny and Mrs Harris. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work of Mr Hutchinson, who worked tirelessly with the community centre to organise this fun, family event. Great work, Mr H!

Last week we again had many students who have received a positive write up for being Safe, Respectful or Responsible. Congratulations to all of these students for the great work you are doing following our PBL expectations. I look forward to reading about more Safe, Respectful and Responsible students this week.

Have a great week of learning, Blue Haven.

Ruth Goodwin
Principal (Relieving)

**Northlakes High School Uniform Shop**

The Northlakes High School Uniform shop is open every Friday from 10:00 till 12:00pm
Free one day workshop for parents and carers

Workshop: 15-16NSWP01
Location: CENTRAL COAST, Wyoming

Like all school-age students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence-based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:
- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on your young person, both at school and at home
- Assist in understanding how to develop or build on an effective home school partnership
- Increase knowledge of strategies that will help:
  - advocate for your young person
  - support your young person’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- Assist in understanding school and community supports and how to access them
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and discuss a range of topics relevant to students with ASD and their families

Workshop details

Venue: Quality Inn, The Willows
512 Pacific Hwy
Wyoming NSW 2250

When: One day workshop – Wednesday 24 February, 2016
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Registration available from Friday 4 December, 2015 and closes two days prior.
We strongly recommend you register as soon as possible to secure your place. You will receive confirmation of your registration.

Online registrations are preferred directly through our secure website
www.positivepartnerships.com.au

If you have any enquiries phone the Positive Partnerships Infoline 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au.

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