on the application. On accepting a parent’s Application a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel must be issued. The certificate is provided to the parent. A principal may decline to accept a parent’s Application of a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel, the parent will be advised in writing. Travel outside of the vacation period is now counted as an absence for statistical purposes by DEC and will be recorded as L – Leave and will count as an absence on your child’s school report. Any attendance related enquiries can be directed to Mrs Goodwin or Mr Hutchinson on 43 990167.

Multiplication times tables

Sorting fact from fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/sorting-fact-from-fiction
Barbara Petchenik Children’s Map Competition 2015

Competition’s theme is “My place in today’s world”. Entries can be nominated in four age groups: under 6 years, 6-8 years, 9-12 years and 13-15 years. The deadline for participation in the contest is Thursday, 2 April 2015.

For more detailed information about the competition, please visit the MSIA website http://mappingsciences.org.au.

All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.


The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

What is Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL

PBL is a consistent, school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours, creating a positive school environment. This term we have begun training to become a PBL school. Over the coming months we will be sharing information with our families about being a PBL school. If you would like to know more about PBL please visit the PBL website http://www.pbl.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Special Assembly on Tuesday

This Tuesday we will be holding a special assembly where some local members from the RSL will be presenting our school leaders with a medallion to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli. We will also be presenting the swimming carnival ribbons. The assembly will commence at 1.40pm in the school hall.

Great Work

Last week some talented writers visited me from 1T. Alex and Callum came to show me their writing about helping a bird. I also visited our new kindergarten students and was very impressed with how hard they were all working on reading and recognising sounds. Well done, keep up the great work BHPS students.

Have a great week of learning Blue Haven,
Ruth Goodwin,
Principal (Relieving)
Afternoon Teal
Next Wednesday, 25th February, our school will be participating in Ovarian Cancer fundraising activities. The children will be able to wear teal, blue or green clothes and will be making teal friendship bracelets. To help raise much needed funds for continued support, awareness, advocacy and research it would be appreciated if students could donate a gold coin to support this event.

Our afternoon tea will be held in the library commencing at 3pm. Afternoon Teal and child minding will be provided by BHPS staff. There will be a display from Phoenix Traders, teal candles for sale along with Ovarian Cancer merchandise. There will also be a lucky door prize and several raffles throughout the afternoon as well as a presentation on the latest information.

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 9th March at recess assembly so please keep them coming in.

Why are we supporting Ovarian Cancer Australia?
Ovarian Cancer Australia is the peak national body for ovarian cancer. It is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2001 by people who had been affected by ovarian cancer, either themselves or through someone they loved.

Each year 1400 Australian women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and more than 1000 will die from the disease – that’s one woman every 8 hours. Each day in Australia four women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer and three will die from the disease. The majority of women are diagnosed when the cancer is at an advanced stage and difficult to treat.

Ovarian cancer has the lowest five year survival rate of any women’s cancer - 43%; for breast cancer it is 89%. Being aware of the symptoms is important so the cause can be investigated and women can be appropriately referred. There is NO early detection test for ovarian cancer.

The Pap smear does not test for ovarian cancer. Our vision is to save lives and ensure that no woman with ovarian cancer walks alone. If you would like to know more about the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer PLEASE come to our Afternoon Teal. Men are more than welcome as often they are the carers for their mothers, wives and daughters.

Teal ribbons are available from the office for $2.00.

Thank you for your support
Rae Corbett
Ovarian Cancer Community Awareness Ambassador

Green & Blue Mufti Day
(Gold coin donation)
Wednesday 25th February
Afternoon Teal
3pm in the Library
Free child-minding available
Raffle draw will be held
Supporting Ovarian Cancer Australia
How RU travelling?

Stage 3 students will be doing a new health activity in class this term called How RU travelling?

This is a one week activity to support your child to make the following healthy lifestyle choices:

- Active travel to school by walking/catching the bus/riding a bike
- Eating fruit/vegetables/drinking water for Crunch&Sip® fruit break at school each day
- Eating vegetables (aim for 5 serves each day)
- Being physically active (aim for at least 60 minutes each day)
- Limiting screen time (time spent on computers/smartphones/tablets/watching TV) – aim for no more than 2 hours each day.

Each student will receive a card to record their progress. We encourage you to support your child by helping them with these healthy choices, and signing their card at the end of the week.

Thank you for your support.

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Mighty Milk!

Reduced fat milks are encouraged for children over 2 years

Reduced fat milks provide the same important nutrients as full cream milks (such as calcium and protein) but less saturated fat.

The nutrients in milk also protect against tooth decay.

Plain reduced fat milks are preferred.

Flavoured reduced fat milks are a healthier choice than sugar sweetened drinks such as soft drinks, cordial etc.
Wednesday lunch special

Popcorn chicken with Dipping Sauce & choice of popper or water

$5.00