Monday 30th March

A message from the Principal

Looking After Our School in the holidays

Schools are an important part of any community. We take care and pride in Blue Haven Public School so that it is a happy, safe and pleasant learning and play centre for all students.

· NO-ONE has a right to be in the school out of school hours unless the principal has given prior approval.

· NO-ONE has the right to vandalise our student’s classrooms. As a community member we are asking you to assist us by:

· Being vigilant as you walk or drive past the school out of hours

· Detouring past the school whenever you are able and checking the grounds as you go past AREA of CONCERN! Illegal access to the school is often from behind the community centre and the skate park. This could be an area to ‘keep an eye on’.

· Reporting any trespassing or vandalism by phoning:
  1. School security unit (24hr service) (1300 880 021)
  2. Police – Toukley (43901299)
  3. Police – Wyong (43524899)
  4. Police – Emergency (000)

Your personal safety and security is important, so please do not intervene in any way if you observe trespassers. Simply report the incident. Thank you for being the eyes of the community.

Advice on using Social Media Tips for Parents

Children often spend more time on social media during the holidays. Here are some tips on using social media:

· Talk with your kids about their digital lives & let them know you are always there for them.

· Protect personal information - teach your children how to turn on privacy settings.

· Encourage children to ‘think before they click’, to think about content and the consequences of posting it.

· Be an offline supporter. Encourage kids to have some screen-free time each day and turn off devices at bedtime.

· Teach kids to treat others the same way they’d like to be treated online and be zero-tolerant to rude or mean online behaviour. Tips for Young People

· Protect your personal settings, use

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Dates to Remember

Thursday 2nd April
Easter Parade 11.30am
All Invited to Attend

6S Cake Stall
Thursday 2nd April at Recess

Last day of Term 1
Thursday 2nd April
First day of Term 2
Tuesday 21st April

School Security
1300 880 021
strong passwords, change them regularly and don't share them.
" Remember, your phone doesn't rule your life.
" Have some screen-free time each day and turn off devices at bedtime.
" Treat others as you'd like to be treated online.
" Talk to an adult you trust if someone you know is being cyberbullied or you see something online that upsets you. Source: Telstra.

Great Work
Last week three Year 6 boys, Luke, Angus and Jack and came to show me their amazing project on the Gold Rush. The boys had worked together to design and make a fantastic poster highlighting the important information about the Gold Rush. On quizzing the boys I also found out that they also knew quite a bit about the Gold Rush – Great work!

Reward Activity on Tuesday
This Tuesday we will be celebrating the achievement of students who have been Safe, Respectful and Smart Workers with a Movie and popcorn in the Hall. Congratulations to all of the students who have reached Bronze Level by being Safe, Respectful, Smart Workers.

Easter reading
Have your kids signed on for the Premiers Reading Challenge? Get a head start with Easter reading time. Booklists are here: What’s your child reading right now?

Find out more: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html

Safe, Respectful, Smart Workers
We are currently experiencing concern from teachers, parents and the school community regarding the safe behaviour of some our students. All members of staff have a duty of care for all students at Blue Haven Public School. Within the school students are continually reminded of our school rules- Safe-walk on concrete areas, keep hands and feet to themselves and be safe when entering and exiting the school grounds. Respect- to treat others how you would like to be treated and care for property belonging to others and the school. Smart Worker – listen to the teacher and do your best work. Please talk with your child about these rules and what they mean at school and in the community. If you have any issues with the safety or behaviour of students when they are walking to school or home from school please contact the Principal.

Last day of Term 1 for all students is Thursday 2nd April
First day of Term 2 for all students in Tuesday 21st April

Have a great week of learning, Blue Haven and a safe and happy holiday.
Mrs Ruth Goodwin
Principal (Relieving)
BHPS Meet and Greet

On Tuesday 24th March, BHPS had the first Meet and Greet event. The response from the school community was impressive with a large number of parents and caregivers coming to meet the staff in an informal get-together.

On display was a small showcase of work the students have completed this term. We apologise for the last minute change of venue, however even though it was congested, the library was alive with the cheerful hum of chit-chat.

The sausage sizzle was also a hit! With yummy sausages from Dafters Butchery Charmhaven. We would like to thank those parents and caregivers who completed surveys. The overwhelming response was extremely positive. We greatly value your feedback as it helps us to plan future events.

If you were unable to come on Tuesday, or attended but missed out on a survey, we would be happy to receive your comments or suggestions. You can do this by leaving a note at the office or sending an email to the school.

Congratulations to the staff and community for making this such a positive experience. A strong home-school relationship is essential to developing happy, confident and successful students.

Mrs Karen Craig
Community Engagement Coordinator

Easter Parade

The Easter Parade is being held on Thursday 2nd April at 11:30am and you’re invited!

Students are welcome to bring an Easter craft item they have made at home (hat, mask, basket, egg, etc) but they will also have the opportunity to make something at school. Older students will be buddied with younger students to complete something special for the parade. They will then walk the parade with their buddy to display their work. Donations of craft items for this activity are most welcome.

If you missed the note about this event, you can obtain another one from the office or contact your child’s class teacher for more information.

Happy Easter!
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You Can Do It

There is little question that the confidence young children have in themselves determines their success in mastering new developmental and learning tasks, as well as making new friends. Young children develop confidence and optimism from a variety of avenues. Among the seeds of confidence are positive experiences young children have had in their young lives in learning new tasks and social experiences by making new friends. Parents and teachers play an important role in planting the seeds of optimism in young people. They do this by their own words of encouragement or discouragement towards their child’s way of doing new things, as well as how they model their attitude and actions for their children. The attitudes of young children that develop in a positive or negative fashion depend on a host of factors that are critical determinants of “self-confidence” and “self-worth”

Later in the year, students will be learning about the core foundation of ‘Confidence’. Confidence means knowing that you will likely be successful at many things you study. It means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. Examples of confident behaviour are raising your hand in class to answer a hard question, doing work without asking for help, or sharing a new idea with a teacher or the class.

Positive Habits of the Mind that help develop Confidence are:

Accepting Myself: not thinking badly about myself when I make a mistake.
Taking Risks: thinking that it’s good to try something new even though I might not be able to do it.
Being Independent: thinking that it’s important to try new activities and to speak up even if my classmates think I’m silly or stupid.
I Can Do It: thinking that I’m more likely to be successful than I am to fail.

Negative Habits of the mind that discourage confidence are:

Self-Downing: means thinking that I am useless or a total failure when I have been rejected or have not achieved a good result.
Needing Approval: means thinking that I need people (peers, parents, teachers) to approve of me and that when they do not, it’s the worst thing in the world.
I Can’t Do It: means thinking that when I have not been successful at something important, I am not good at anything and never will be.
PARENTS & CITIZENS NEWS

Welcome to the new members of the P&C for 2015.

Easter Raffle

Tickets have been sent home. There will be lots of great prizes to win. Don’t forget to bring back your raffle tickets sold or unsold.

Thank you to all the families for the donations!

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to all the new volunteers that have started working in the canteen this term.

NEW PRODUCTS
Moosie (Chocolate Ice Cream) $1.00
Jelly Sticks 2 for $0.50

Wednesday lunch special
Popcorn chicken with Dipping Sauce & choice of popper or water $5.00