Monday 16th March

**Principals Report**

**P&C AGM**
Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th March at 6.30 pm in the school staffroom. We welcome all our families to come along to this meeting.

**Doing Things Together Day (DTT)**
On Thursday this week, 19th March, we will be having our DTT activities between recess and lunch. Students are grouped together in small groups and complete activities together led by Year 6 leaders. Students are asked to wear orange on Thursday and we are also kindly asking students to donate a chocolate Easter egg on Thursday for our P & C Easter Fundraising Raffle.

**Dates to Remember**

**Assembly**
K – 6 Tuesday 17th March 1.40pm

**Orange Mufti Day**
Thursday 19th March
Donation of a Easter Egg for the Easter Raffle

**Healthy Lunch Box Session**
Tuesday 24th March 1.45pm

**Meet and Greet with Teachers**
Tuesday 24th March 3pm - 4pm

**Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to all of the students who attended the Wallarah Zone Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 4th March. We are very proud of the way that you represented Blue Haven at this carnival. Well done and good luck to Emmasyn Hills, Olivia Harris and Katie Arnold who made it through to the Sydney North Carnival held at Homebush on Tuesday 17th March.

**Royal Easter Show**
One of our Year 4 students, Dakota Jenkins, will be performing at the Royal Easter Show this year. This is the second time Dakota has performed at the Easter Show and she will perform a 30 minute dance routine, along with 200 BJP Physie girls & women from all over NSW, in front of thousands of people in the Main Arena. Dakota loves dancing at the show because it's lots of fun & she gets to be on the big screen.
Well done, Blue Haven

Last week we had our school photos taken at school and I was very pleased to be told by the photographers how fantastic the students were when they were having their group and individual photos taken. Well done, Blue Haven students and teachers, keep up the great work!

Earth Hour 28th March

Earth Hour was launched in Sydney in 2007, with 2.2 million people and 2,100 businesses participating in the 'lights off' event. Just one year later, Earth Hour became a global phenomenon with over 35 countries participating, and an estimated 50-100 million people. In 2014, Earth Hour was celebrated in over 162 countries and over 7000 cities and towns worldwide. The symbolic hour has grown into the world’s largest grassroots movement for the environment, with beyond the hour projects and initiatives happening throughout the year.

Earth Hour is a great home-grown success story: an Aussie campaign designed to draw attention to tackling global warming and get people talking about what we can do to help.

In Australia, Earth Hour is something that really brings communities together, with 1 in every 3 Aussies taking part.

In 2015 we're inviting you to once again join in the action as we throw our support behind Aussie food and farmers.

Earthen Hour is on Saturday 28th March at 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Earth hour is to raise awareness of energy use in the community. During Earth Hour, switch off your lights, televisions, computers and any item that uses electricity and make use of candles, flashlights and other battery operated devices.

Healthy Lunchbox and Meet & Greet

Next Tuesday, 24th March, we will be holding a Healthy Lunchbox presentation for parents in the School Hall from 1.45pm-2.30pm. Come along and get some great ideas for making your child’s lunchbox healthy.

We will also be holding our Meet & Greet BBQ from 3pm-4pm in the School Hall and Dolphin Cove area. Come along and meet the teachers who work with your child and enjoy a sausage sandwich with us.

Student Applications for the 2015 State Music Camps are now open.

Students from NSW Government schools have been attending State Music Camps for more than 60 years. Talented music students join together for one week each year to receive expert tutelage and develop their performance skills. Participants rehearse and perform high quality repertoire culminating in a concert for families and friends on the final night of the camp.

Musical activities at camp include participation in a major ensemble (symphony orchestra, symphonic bands, vocal ensembles, rock band and saxophone ensemble) as well as a number of elective ensembles and activities. Elective activities include brass and woodwind ensembles, stage band, jazz improvisation, composition, music technology, music theatre, music and movement.

The dates for State Music Camps this year are as follows:

State Senior Music Camp: Sunday 21 June – Friday 26 June 2015 (last week Term 2)

State Junior Music Camp: Sunday 12 July – Friday 17 July 2015 (first week Term 3)

The camps will be held at Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen. (Office of Communities, Sport & Recreation)

If you would like to apply for your child to attend the camp follow the link below - applications close on Friday 1st May 2015.

Student applications: https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-camp-student-applications

Easter Parade

Easter and the school holidays are fast approaching and to celebrate the end of term and Easter we will be having an Easter Parade at school on Thursday 2nd April from 11.30am-12.30pm. A note will be sent home next week with more details about the Easter Parade. We hope that you will be able to save this date and join us at school for the parade.

Have a great week of learning, Blue Haven.

Mrs Ruth Goodwin
Relieving Principal
Harmony Day

On the 19th March Blue Haven Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day. During an extended middle session, 10.30am-12.40pm, teachers will set up a range of activities based around a particular culture so students may participate and learn about different countries. Groups will be led by Years 5/6 students and will have the chance to visit different rooms and experience a wide number of cultures.

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents and caregivers regarding their heritage and culture. If you have a cultural activity you would like to run on the day for students to enjoy, please return the form below.

Please note that parents will NOT be able to join student groups and walk around with them as you will be running your activity.

Childs Name:
Class:
Parents/Carer Name:

I am interested in helping with a activity in my child's class

Signature __________________________

DTT Day Is Coming!

DTT Day will be held on Thursday 19th March at Blue Haven PS. This year we are again combining Harmony Day and Say No To Bullying Day. Students are encouraged to wear orange as that is Harmony Day colour and bring an Easter Egg for the P & C raffle instead of a coin.

Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

In the morning the students will assemble in the hall to take the whole school “Upstander Promise”. The idea behind the promise is to encourage students to take a stand against bullying in our school. Following this assembly, students will be given the opportunity to participate in a class signing of the “Upstander Promise” and completing anti bullying posters for displaying around the school.

We will then be holding a DTT (Doing Things Together) session after an early recess. In each class there will be one activity on “unity”, one activity on anti-bullying and two activities on either culture or country. After lunch the school will watch some of our seniors compete in the Harmony vs Unity netball and touch footy matches.

The Blue Haven UPSTANDER Promise. I will always:
Support those around me who are being bullied or victimised.
Tell a teacher or parent when I see someone being bullied.
Ask myself “How would I want to be treated?”
Note where and when bullying occurs (bathroom, playground, online).
Do something when I see someone being bullied, be an UPSTANDER.
Understand why bullies bully.
Practice being a good role model for my fellow students and share STAND UP to Bullies strategies.

The simplest way...

…to make fruity muffins

This recipe is a fun way to add more fruit into your child's lunch box. Remember that you can add any type of fruit but you like to create a new flavour!

Ingredients
- Olive or canola oil spray
- 75g self-raising flour
- 1/2 cup baking powder
- 1/4 cup sand sugar
- 1/4 cup rolled oats
- 1/4 cup sultanas
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed

Method
- Preheat oven to 200°C (180°C fan forced).
- Lightly spray muffin tins with oil or line with paper cases.
- In a bowl, mix flour, baking powder and buttermilk.
- Slowly add the buttermilk mixture to the egg and mix well.
- Spoon into prepared muffin tins.
- Bake for 15 minutes for mini muffins or 20 minutes for larger muffins until firm and a knife inserted into the centre comes out clean.
- Allow 5 minutes then turn onto a wire rack.

For more information visit
www.eatittoobeatit.com.au
or join us on facebook.com/eatittobeatit

NSW Education & Communities

Nutrition Snippet
Come to our FREE Healthy Lunch Box Session

Date: Tuesday 24th March 2015
Time: 1:45-2:30pm
Venue: Blue Haven Public School

Eating enough fruit and veg every day can help protect your kids against diseases including some forms of cancer. This popular session run by Cancer Council NSW as part of the Eat It To Beat It program will give you:

- New and exciting ideas for healthy lunch boxes your kids will love
- A Show Bag including a great healthy lunch box kit and planner
- Simple ways to get the whole family eating enough fruit & veg

Don’t miss out - registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 13/03/15 by calling or visiting the school front office.

During 2015 we will be evaluating Healthy Lunch Box sessions with the help of researchers from the University of Sydney. Participation in the evaluation is completely voluntary.
To increase the success of the YCDI program, we encourage parents to promote aspects of the program and use positive thinking and positive language with their children at home. We hope that by sharing this information with parents, we can give the students of Blue Haven PS greater opportunities to practise positive habits of the mind and more opportunities to develop positive social and emotional well-being.

During weeks 9 - 11, all classes will be participating in lessons developing their understanding of the ‘Habits of the Mind’. There are 12 ‘Habits of the Mind’ which support the Five Core Foundations. They are-

- Social Responsibility
  - Playing by the Rules
  - Thinking First
  - Being Tolerant of Others
- Planning My Time
- Setting Goals
- Giving Effort
- Working Tough
- I Can Do It!
- Being Independent
- I Can Do It!
- Accepting Myself
- Taking Resilience
- Taking Risks
- Accepting Myself

The following information describes the ‘Habits of the Mind’ relating to the foundation of ‘Getting Along’. ‘Getting Along’ means working well with teachers and classmates, resolving disagreements peacefully, following rules in the classroom and making positive contributions to school, home and the community including protecting the rights of others and looking after the environment.

‘Positive Habits of the Mind’ that help develop Getting Along behaviour in a young person include:

**Social Responsibility** - Thinking that it’s important to be caring, to try hard to do my best, to be fair to others, to make sure that everyone has the freedom to say what they think and feel without fear, to be honest and tell the truth, to have integrity by making sure that I do what I say I am going to do, to respect others and have nice manners, to act responsibly by making good choices, sorting out problems without fighting, caring about nature and other living things, and to be understanding and including others who are different.

**Playing by the Rules** - thinking that by following school and home rules, I will live in a better world where everyone’s rights are protected.

**Thinking First** - Thinking that when someone treats me badly I need to think about different ways I can react, the consequences of each, and the impact of my actions on the other person’s feelings.

**Being Tolerant of Others** - accepting that everyone acts unfairly towards others some of the time, and not making overall judgements of people’s character (“good person,” “bad person”) based on their differences or behaviour.
Come and meet the staff of Blue Haven Public School

Dear ______________________________

We would like to invite you to the very first Blue Haven Public School Meet and Greet BBQ. This is an opportunity for you to meet the teachers who work with your child.

Venue: BHPS School Hall
Date: Tuesday 24th March 2015
Time: 3pm to 4pm
RSVP: 20th March 2015

A BBQ will be provided.

Bring your child along to introduce you to their teachers.

We hope to see you there!

From the staff of Blue Haven Public School, and

Name: ______________________________

Please tick and supply the number attending:

[ ] I would love to attend the meet and greet.
[ ] I have _____ people attending.
[ ] Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the meet and greet.
PARENTS & CITIZENS NEWS
AGM Wednesday 18th March 6.30pm
All positions will be declared vacant.
Email items to: bhpspandc@hotmail.com

Easter Raffle

Tickets have been sent home last week.
There will be lots of great prizes to win.
Please return your tickets to the canteen.

Orange Mufti Day

Thursday 19th March
Come dressed in orange mufti clothes and
please bring an Easter egg to donate to
the Easter raffle.

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