Principal’s Report

Cross Country
Weather permitting, our school cross country for students 8 years and older will be held on Monday 18th May at Blue Haven Oval from 8.45am – 10.30am. All students will participate in the carnival. Please send a note to school if your child is unable to participate. The cross country carnival for children up to 8 years old will be held on 9th June at 11am on the school oval.

Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016
The application website for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016 opens on Monday 27 April 2015 and closes on Friday 15 May 2015. Late applications will not be accepted.

How to apply
All applications must be made online.
To make an application, go to the following link:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further information.

Dates to Remember

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NAPLAN 2015
All students in years 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN assessments this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with Friday being a makeup day for students who have missed any of the assessments. Parents are able to find out more information about the 2015 NAPLAN assessment by visiting the following webpage: www.nap.edu.au
The NAP webpage has lots of information about the NAPLAN assessment, sample assessment papers to practice and a wide range of resources to help both you and your child/ren.
prepare for the upcoming assessments. If you would like any further information please contact your child’s classroom teacher.

School Police Liaison Officer Visits School
As a part of preparing our students for a safe and rewarding future the school has invited the School Police Liaison Officer to speak to our Stage 3 Students.

- When: Friday 15th May
- Time: 11:00am
- Where: Hall

Parents of years 5&6 are invited to attend
Topics to be covered will include:
   - Doing the right thing (making good choices)
   - Bullying
   - Social Networking (dangers)

Workshop for parents and families of children with autism
Positive partnerships is offering a free two day workshop and information sessions for parents and carers of school age children on the autism spectrum. The workshop will be held at The Epping Club 45 – 47 Rawson Street, Epping NSW 2121 on – Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 May 2015 Day 1: 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (Registration from 8.15 am)
Day 2: 9.00 am - 3.30 pm.
If you are interested in attending please contact the school.

Stranger Danger
Now is a great time to talk to your child about keeping safe. There are a few things that parents can do:

- Know where your children are at all times. Make is a rule that your children must ask permission or check in with you before going anywhere. Give your children your work and mobile numbers so they can reach you at all times.
- Point out safe places. Show your children safe places to play, safe roads and paths to take and safe places to go if there’s trouble.
- Teach children to trust their instincts. Explain that if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable, they should get away as fast as they can and tell an adult.
- Tell them that sometimes adults they know may make them feel uncomfortable, and they should still get away as fast as possible and tell another adult what happened. Reassure children that you will help them when they need it.
- Teach your children to be assertive. Make sure they know that its okay to say no to an adult and to run away from adults in dangerous situations.
- Teach your child that a stranger is anyone that they do not know and they should never ever go with a stranger no matter what they say; teach your child that strangers will sometimes make up stories about lost puppies or lollies, but that no matter what they say they should not go with them.
- No means No, always!
- Encourage your children to play with others.

There’s safety in numbers!

Have a great week of learning Blue Haven,

Ruth Goodwin
Principal (Relieving)

Indigenous Choir
This year, the Indigenous choir would like to share their culture experience with Non-Indigenous students. We are encouraging Indigenous students in the choir to bring a friend to experience Aboriginal culture, through song. This is an amazing opportunity for students to work together and demonstrates strong reconciliation within our school community.

Mrs Quilty and Miss Ward will also be working with the students within the choir to choose a name that represents the harmonious nature of the choir, please feel free to discuss possible ideas with students to bring to the group.

We are currently in the process of expanding on our repertoire of songs in traditional language, so if you have any ideas to share, we are happy to take them into consideration.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Mrs Quilty or Miss Ward.
Senior Boys Soccer
The Senior Boys Soccer Team will be competing against Gorokan Public School in the first round of the PSSA Soccer (Football) Competition. The game will start at 9:30am on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at Blue Haven Oval. Parents of students competing are welcome to come and watch. Students will be expected to arrive at school as usual to prepare for the game with the team. In the case of rain the match will be postponed until a later date.

Lauren Waterhouse

Getting Along
One of the unique ways the You Can Do It program teaches young children about the 5 foundations (Organisation, Getting Along, Confidence, Persistence and Resilience) is through learning and discussing both the Positive and Negative Habits of the Mind. These Habits of the Mind enable students to internalise their thinking into ‘self-talk’.
The foundation of Getting Along has four positive Habits of the Mind that children progressively internalise into their ‘self-talk’. The following information describes the Habit of the Mind and the positive thinking (self-talk) associated with Getting Along:

**Being Tolerant of Others**
- means preferring but not demanding that other people are fair and considerate; when someone is mean to me or different from me, thinking that he or she is not a totally bad person.
- means thinking “We are all different. We all have good things about us”

**Thinking First**
- means thinking that when someone treats me badly, I need to think about the best way to act.
- means thinking when someone else has something you want, “What can I do?” (say to the other child: “Can I play too?”- sharing; “Can I go next?” - taking turns).

**Playing by the Rules**
- means thinking that by following school rules, school will be a better place to live and learn.
- means thinking “Following the rules is good. Rules help us to be safe and happy.”

**Social Responsibility**
- means thinking that it is important to care for yourself and others, to do your best, to give everyone a fair go, to protect everyone’s rights to be free, to be honest, to do what you say you are going to do, to treat others with respect, to act responsibly and to understand, include and be tolerant of others.
- means thinking “It is good to help others.” It is good to make things cleaner and safer.”

LEAP to Employment in conjunction with Advantage Learning is having a Back to Work Boot Camp on Tuesday 19th May commencing at 9.00am to 3.00pm at Blue Haven Community Centre Apsley Court Blue Haven.
This free workshop is designed to give you practical ideas & tools to help you feel more confident and capable of making the changes you want to make, it will also introduce skills you need to re-enter the workforce, offer self-esteem enhancing tips and offer make-up advice for ladies.
Please contact LEAP to Employment to place your booking.

LEAP will be holding an Information Session for an Aged and Community Care Pathway course on Tuesday 12th May 10.00am. Please contact LEAP for further details.

We are also seeking expressions of Interest for Certificate IV Community Services evening course. Phone LEAP on 43 900 897 Monday to Thursday (closed Fridays) to register your interest for any of these courses.
Our next P&C meeting will be in the staffroom on Wednesday 20th May 6.30pm. All welcome.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Thank you to all the families that supported the stall this year. We hope you all had a wonderful Mother’s Day.

Thank you to our parent volunteers, led by Rebecca Privitera, who coordinated our Mother’s Day stall on Thursday. The stall was a hype of activity as the children made their selection of gifts.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR OUR NEXT FUNDRAISER EVENT

Our fundraising co-ordinators are currently planning a fun fundraiser to be held in Term 4.

If you are interested in placing your name to help organise this event please email: Attention: Michelle @ bhp-spande@hotmail.com

CANTEEN NEWS
End of May Pizza Meal Deal details coming soon!

NEW PRODUCT
$2.00
Olaf Ice Cream

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

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