Parent/teacher interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 28th July at 3pm to 6.30pm. They can be booked online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au. A flyer with details on how to book an interview has been sent home today. We look forward to seeing you to discuss your child’s progress.

Lost Property
Last week when I put out the lost property to be collected 95% of the items did not have a name on them. Please ensure that you put your child’s name on all of their items for school so that they can be returned when they are lost.

Treatment of head lice
Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. The school holidays is a great time to treat your child for head lice, just before they come back to school for Term 3. Here are some treatment tips:
- Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed
- Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child’s head. Products can be found in local chemists.
- Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child’s hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb.
- Check your child's head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked.
- However make sure you re-treat your child's head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs.
- Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.

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 place for all students.
NO-ONE has a right to be in the school out of school hours unless the principal has

Important Dates for Term 2 2015

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Reporting any trespassing or vandalism by phoning:
School security unit (24hr service) (1300 880 021)
Police – Toukley (43901299)
Police – Wyong (43524899)
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.

National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability. We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government's Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy.

Further information about the data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education website:

If you have any additional questions, please contact Mrs De Somer, Learning and Support Teacher (Support) during office hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

School Reports

Semester 1 student reports will be sent home towards later this week. 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 :  L - Limited
           B - Basic
           S - Sound
           O - Outstanding

Effort:     L - Low
           S - Satisfactory
           H - High

It is important to consider where your child is at academically. Students who are achieving a **Sound** achievement actually indicate that they are performing at the stage appropriate levels and are performing well in class. If your child receives a **High** 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**, please do not be alarmed. The achievement identifies that your child may be 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. Students are also graded against effort which is linked to student engagement in the various subject areas. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher if you wish to discuss their report further.

**Sports Carnival**
At the time of publishing this newsletter we are still hoping to hold our K-6 Sport’s Carnival at Blue Haven Oval on Thursday, 25th June. The ground is currently very wet so if we have any further rain or the ground does not dry up the carnival will be postponed until next term. We hope that you will be able to join us for this fun event.

**Reward Activity on Friday**
This Friday we will be celebrating the achievement of students who have been Safe, Respectful and Responsible with a Sport’s Fun activity. Congratulations to all of the students who have reached Bronze and Silver Levels by being Safe, Respectful, and Responsible.

**Central Coast Dance Festival**
Tonight I will have the pleasure of attending the Central Coast Dance Festival at Laycock Theatre to watch our Blue Haven Public School students perform. I know that they will be fantastic and wish them all of the very best.

**Great Work**
This week I was lucky enough to visit 2B when they were drawing. The students were learning about size and position to translate what they were seeing to their own drawing. Later in the day Elena and Havana came to show me their fantastic drawings of a duck – Great drawing, girls! This week I was also very impressed and pleased with the excellent attitude shown by 6G, 1T and 2G. The students in these classes changed rooms during the week and they displayed our schools rules of being safe, respectful and responsible to a very high standard during the move. Well done, 6G, 2G and 1T.

Last day of Term 2 for all students is Friday 26th June
First day of Term 3 for all students in Tuesday 14th July

Have a great week of learning, Blue Haven and a safe and happy holiday

Ruth Goodwin
Principal (Relieving)
School Interviews

Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Tuesday 28th July, 2015. Bookings must be finalised before the 24th July, at 2.30pm when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 4399 0167. Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

BOOKINGS CLOSE Friday 24th of June at 2.30pm

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit your family. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

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Simply enter the code and press "Go"

Enter your details

Select the teachers you wish to see

Select the appointment times that suit your family best

When you click FINISH, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately – Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until the bookings close on 24th July at 2.30pm.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 4399 0167.

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.
Aboriginal Engagement
Recently at Blue Haven Public School we have welcomed a new Aboriginal SLSO working with our Aboriginal students. He is currently teaching the indigenous boys from K-6 how to play the didgeridoo and is working on circular breathing with the older boys.

He is also spending time mentoring some of the students, giving in class support and is doing art activities with the whole school on a rotating roster.

Mr Toomey has also begun working with the students on the construction of the major feature of our Bush Tucker Garden. It is a large snake that will be made from mosaic tiles and will help symbolise the journey the students take from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Our Aboriginal Star Struck group just represented our school at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre and did our school proud.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS
Next term, during Week 2, we are holding our NAIDOC Week celebrations. We will be doing something each day to celebrate Aboriginal culture.

**Monday – 11.15am** will be a NAIDOC Acknowledgement Assembly with performances from our Aboriginal choir, Aboriginal dancers and performances from Gorokan High School dancers and didgeridoo players. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Tuesday – Morning Session** – in class literacy activities will be based on indigenous Dreamtime stories and students will be responding to these stories using art.

**Wednesday – 10.30am-12.30pm** will be a DTT day, where students from K-6 are put into mixed groups and are able to visit various classrooms to complete activities. Activities in the classrooms will have an Indigenous theme and will require students to work collaboratively.

**Thursday 11.15 – 12.00pm** Year 3 and Year 4 All Stars Netball and Soccer
**12.00pm – 12.45pm** Year 5 and Year 6 All Stars Netball and Soccer

**Friday - 11.15am** will be a Closing Assembly with performances from the Aboriginal Choir, dancers, Year 3 and 4 didge group and the Aboriginal Star Struck Group. We will also present the winners of the DTT Day awards

**LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? FIND IT on the WORLD BOOK WEB**

GO TO: http://worldbookonline.com
LOG-IN ID: bhps2
PASSWORD: bhps2

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**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

*What is PBL?*

PBL is a school-wide system of support that includes proactive strategies for teaching and supporting appropriate student behaviour, to create and maintain a positive school environment. Positive behaviour support for all students within the school is implemented in areas including the classroom and non-classroom settings (bathrooms, lining up, assembly, playground areas etc.). Attention is focused on creating and sustaining a variety of systems of support that improve lifestyle results for all students by making negative behaviours less effective, efficient and relevant, and making positive behaviour more desirable and functional.

*What does PBL look like at Blue Haven?*

As a school, we have developed a set of expectations for our students to adopt. These whole school expectations are: **Safe, Respectful and Responsible**.

Each of these expectations are broken down into a matrix of skill based lessons and these will be explicitly taught to the students using a variety of teaching strategies such role plays, visual literacy and video modelling. The three school expectations will be reinforced in a diverse range of ways, every day. Students’ positive behaviour will be rewarded in class, reinforced and acknowledged, in a variety of ways. Staff will use a common language and visuals to support learning the PBL expectations.

Our PBL team (consisting of teachers and school learning support officers) meets fortnightly to address short and long-term goals that will improve the quality of the educational experience of all students.

We encourage parents and carers to embrace this approach for our school. Partnering with the school is an excellent way to support students in the development of positive behaviour across all environments.
Parent Information Session on New Library Resources

On Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} June at 2:45pm, a parent information session was held in the library for parents and caregivers who were interested in finding out about new online school resources. Mrs Hartas demonstrated World Book Online and our new library borrowing system called Oliver. She showed how parents and students can access these valuable resources from home as well as how the students are using them at school. These resources are suitable for all age levels. Parents who participated in this session were able to take home a flyer explaining how to access the resources. A copy of the flyer has been included in this newsletter.

The Community Engagement Group is very keen to organise more information sessions for parents. Any comments or suggestions are gladly welcomed. The best methods for leaving this feedback are to email the school or drop a note into the office addressed to Mrs Craig. Careful consideration will be given to all comments.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Karen Craig and the Community Engagement Group

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.

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.
### Athletics Field Map & Timetable

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**1:30-2pm**
- Age Finals 100m (5-12 yrs)

*Timetable times are approximate only*
Hunter Writers Centre and Lake Macquarie Libraries present

**Creative Writing for Young People** school holiday workshop

$25
Learn valuable writing tips and practical exercises to fuel your imagination and build your writing confidence at a relaxed and supportive workshop designed for young writers 12 -18 years.

This event is presented by the Hunter Writers Centre in partnership with Maitland and Lake Mac Libraries.

Bookings are essential and can be made online or in person prior to the event.

When: Thursday, 9 July
Where: Charlestown Library
Time: 10am - 4pm
Cost: $25

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**Free Holiday Activities**

**Please note: children should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times**

**DRAWING IN THE GARDEN**
This is a fun and enjoyable free art activity for budding artists.
Simply pick up your garden themed activity sheets and drawing materials from the gallery and head out into the garden. Once completed bring your drawings back to the desk and enter your artwork into our Drawing in The Garden art competition. Age prize winners receive a certificate and award. Entries close on 9 July, artworks will be exhibited in the Garden Tea House over the weekend 11—12 July.

**FREE ART ACTIVITIES IN THE GALLERY FOYER**
To celebrate NAIDOC week and our current Reconciliation exhibition we have a range of free Aboriginal inspired art activities. Drop in and create your own design on a boomerang, colour your hand or do some scratch art with Native Australian Animals. Daily 10—4 during the holidays.

**Gosford City Library:**
**Stories at the Gallery**
Tuesday 30 June, 10.30am to 11.30am

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**How to Book**

Bookings and payment can be made online via the Gallery’s website
www.gosfordregionalgallery.com
Alternatively, payment can be made at:
36 Webb Street, East Gosford
T: 02 4304 7550
E: gallery@gosford.nsw.gov.au
www.gosfordregionalgallery.com

**Children’s Art Activities**
**July Holidays 2015**
**GOSFORD REGIONAL GALLERY AND ARTS CENTRE**

*Enjoy the little things in life for one day you’ll look back and realize they were the big things.*

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