**Dates for your diary**

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**From the Principal**

**Book Week 2015**

Next Thursday, 20th August, we will be holding our Book Week Parade at school. Please save the date and come and join us for this fun event.
Public Speaking Competition

Last week the Regional Public Speaking competition was held at Mannering Park Public School. Students from schools in our area attended as finalists. Congratulations to all of our participating students. Thank you to Mrs Waterhouse for coordinating the Public Speaking at Blue Haven.

2016 Enrolments

We have begun our planning for 2016. It is important that we have accurate numbers of kindergarten students who will be coming to our great school in 2016. If you have not yet made contact about enrolment for 2016 please do so as soon as possible. If you know of any community members who have children who are due to start next year, please ask them to make contact with the school’s front office team.

Attending School

Children are required to attend school each day it is open for students. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year. Please contact the school if you have any questions about leave.

Excursion/Activity Payment

Last week we had a number of disappointed students who missed the final payment date for the Snake Tails and were consequently unable to attend. When notes come home that require permission and payment they will usually have a final payment date so that we have time to organise payment and also timetable teachers to supervise students. To avoid any future disappointments please return notes and payment to the office by the due date or contact the office prior to the due date to discuss the note. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information.

Great Work

Last week Lincoln from 1T came to show me his awesome handwriting about a walrus. Great work, Lincoln!

Have a great week of learning, Blue Haven,

Ruth Goodwin
Principal (Relieving)
At Blue Haven Public School, we take pride in being:

- Safe
- Respectful
- Responsible

This week’s lesson is based upon ‘Moving around the School’. This is referring to students walking from their classroom to the playgrounds and vice versa, going to another class, going on a message and moving to lines. These times at school can be very busy and these lessons are designed to support students in making positive choices when moving around the school. This week’s lessons are highly engaging with games, physical activities and videos of teachers showing the non-examples of specific behaviours. I am sure all Blue Haven students will thoroughly enjoy all of the teachers acting.

Expectations for specific behaviours will be demonstrated in a fun and positive way. Classroom teachers will be referring to the poster on a daily basis to reinforce the concept of what it is like to be Safe, Respectful, and Responsible when Moving around the School. Please discuss these expectations with your children.

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Blue Haven Public School
Central Coast Choral Festival Ticketing Information

Tickets for this year’s Central Coast Choral Festival at Mingara will go on sale soon. Unfortunately, Ticketek at Mingara has closed down and Mingara has not provided an alternative ticketing system for the festival to use. As such, the festival has had to source an external ticketing agency. Details of this agency will be sent to all schools shortly (once they have been confirmed) and will be forwarded to choir families in a letter through each school. **A major change this year will be that tickets will ONLY be available for purchase ONLINE.**

There will be two performances for each show:
- Matinee performance starting at 3.30pm - ticket cost $10 per ticket
- Evening performance starting at 7pm - ticket cost $15 per ticket

Once information is sent to your school, we advise buying tickets early to avoid disappointment they sell out fast!

CCCF Committee

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Year 5 Friendly Debate

On Thursday 6th August, our year 5 debating team competed against Kanwal Public School. The topic was; ‘That kids spend too much time in front of screens’ and Blue Haven was the affirmative. The girls performed magnificently under pressure as there were some last minute line-up changes to the team! Although we didn’t win, it was an extremely close debate! Our team is strong in presentation and I’m looking forward to continuing working with the girls to develop their debating skills.

Congratulations on a fabulous effort! You were outstanding representatives of Blue Haven Public School.

Well done girls!

Mrs Tosh
Debating Coordinator

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Jeans for Genes Day

Congratulations to the families and children from Blue Haven.

The amount raised for Jeans for Genes day was $480.00

Well done!

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Woolworths Earn & Learn

Please keep collecting the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points to support Blue Haven Public School. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school. Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.
Here are eight easy ways to help your kids stay out of trouble in cyberspace.

**At a glance**
- Don't let your child post photos of themselves wearing their school uniform – it can be enough to identify your child's school.
- Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers they have met online.
- Talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice.
- By publishing without thinking, your child's innocent work online may be something that comes back later to haunt them.
- If your child starts being secretive about what they are doing online, check it out.

**Keep computers out in the open**
- Your child may think twice about looking at inappropriate websites and won't be able to chat to their friends all night while you think they are doing their homework.

**Mind your business**
- Remind your child to keep information such as their name, address, phone number, school and even your credit card number to themselves. When signing up to a chat room, they should use a screen name that is a nickname and not easy to work out.
- The same goes for choosing passwords – don't make them easy to figure out. If your child is going to put photos on the internet, ensure they don't show them wearing their school uniform – this can be enough to identify your child's school. Also ensure that any photos are not the type that would attract unwanted attention from strangers.

**Just because it's on the internet, it doesn't mean it's true**
- Make sure your child uses multiple sources for research, and is careful not to plagiarise.

**Stranger danger is online, too**
- Ensure your child never organises to meet up with any strangers they have met online. If they really want to meet up, encourage them to talk to you about it first and insist on going along with them. Remind your children to also be wary opening emails from strangers. They could contain spam (online junk mail), a virus (which will harm your computer), or be from a stranger looking for trouble.

**Get a filter**
- Internet filters can help block inappropriate sites for children. None are completely reliable and it's best if you talk about what websites are appropriate with your child so they understand and make the right choice on their own.

**Encourage your child to talk with you about their online experiences – good and bad**
- This will make it easier for them if they see something inappropriate or are emailed something unsuitable. If they are embarrassed to tell you, persuade them to at least tell a teacher or another trusted adult.

**Good manners also exist online**
- Talk about this with your child and it may lead to a decline in bullying behaviour, not to mention the many disagreements that children have with each other.

**Forever is a long time**
- A lot of blogs and websites maintain information as part of cyberspace forever. By publishing without thinking of the future, your child's innocent work online may be something that comes up later on and may negatively impact their career and personal life.

**Danger signs**
- Your child constantly sits on the computer in chat rooms or instant messaging, from straight after school to very late at night.
- Your child begins showing unexplained money or items that come from "a friend you don't know".
- Your child starts being secretive about what they are doing online – this could include anything from minimising screens as you walk past, to not letting you see their blogs/chat/social media sites.
Blue Haven Public School

It is great to see so many of our students participating in the School Banking Program. Just a reminder, it would be greatly appreciated if deposit slips could be completed each week by parents or students (and checked by parents) when making deposits, as this assists in the smooth processing of deposits. If you have any queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact the school office.

Thanks for your assistance on this matter,

School Banking Coordinator.
BHPS Book Week Parade

What: Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!
Where: Blue Haven Public School – Dolphin Cove
When: Thursday 20th August 2015
Time: 9.00am-10.00am

Parents Welcome!

Students are asked to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character to celebrate Book Week.

Prior to the parade day, students will buddy up with another class at school to make a craft item. Any student who doesn’t wish to dress up can participate in the parade by displaying their craftwork.

As part of the organisation, students will be seated with their buddy class and will not be able to sit with parents.

Thanks for your support.
We look forward to seeing you there!