From the Principal

Spelling Bee

On Friday, Blue Haven Public School held its annual Spelling Bee. The competition was strong and clearly we have some amazing spellers in our school. Well done to our Stage 2 winner Isabel Dumughn and runner up Izaiha Keighran and Stage 3 winner Taj Barnes and runner up Brandon Law. These students will have the opportunity to represent Blue Haven at the Regional Spelling Bee.
on Thursday 10th September. Congratulations to all participating students and thank you to Mrs McCann and Miss Travis for organising this year’s Spelling Bee.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday 24th August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


Stranger Danger

Last week we had two reports of strangers watching/following students on their way to school. 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 it’s 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 and walk to school with others.

There's safety in numbers!

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.

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.

Book Week 2015

The Book Week parade is on this Thursday, 20th August. Please come and join us at 8.45am to see all of your favourite book characters.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Corbett who received her 30 Year service to the Department of Education last week. Well done, Mrs Corbett!

Great Work

Last week Axl from 1W came to share his knowledge about snakes with me. Great work, Axl, I now know lots more about snakes! It is always pleasing to hear about students who are upstanders at Blue Haven PS and last week I was very proud to hear about Jaxon from 4M who helped his friend. Well done, Jaxon!

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 student behaviour and expectations when in **Dolphin Cove**. **Dolphin Cove** is the undercover area near the hall and the grass area in front of the Kindergarten classes. Students spend time in Dolphin Cove in the morning before school starts, at recess, whole school assemblies and at lunch. When 600 students are in Dolphin Cove it can be very busy and a lot of rubbish can be left behind from when students are eating. Expectations for specific behaviours that are expected in Dolphin Cove will be discussed with each class and students will be provided with opportunities to practice these skills. Classroom teachers will be referring to the **Dolphin Cove** poster on a regular basis to reinforce the concept of what it is like to be **Safe**, **Respectful**, and **Responsible** when in Dolphin Cove. Please discuss these expectations with your children. Thank you to the parents who participated in the photographs for the lessons. The students will be excited to see whose parents participated. Thank you for your continued support.

![Safe, Respectful and Responsible in Dolphin Cove](image)

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$840.22 raised through School Banking!

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our volunteer mum, admin staff and student bankers we have raised $840.22 for our school through School Banking commissions for FY14-15. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Blue Haven!

Computer Room

Last week Mr Miles and Mr Preston invested a lot of blood, sweat and tears into totally transforming our computer room. The interior has been redesigned to make it a more comfortable and functional learning environment for the students at BHPS.

Thank you for the great work Mr Miles and Mr Preston. It looks amazing!
Careers through Reading

Over three sessions, year 5 took part in a reading program with University students. These sessions entailed University students reading books related to KLA’s to small groups. The University and year 5 students were able to share their current experiences of education and aspirations to eventual professions. Each student received a copy of the book ‘Hope’ written by Matt Lumb and illustrated by Kiara Mucci, both are local to Newcastle area.
6G Cake Stall

6G are holding a Cake Stall on **Thursday 20th August** to raise money for the Year 6 Farewell. This is the same day as the **Book Parade**. Please support 6G and their quest in raising funds for their farewell by purchasing a cake on the day. Cakes range from 50c to $2.

Mel Graef

**3-4 boys and girls touch football.**

On Friday the 14th of August Mr Paraeux and I were lucky enough to take 40 amazing students in years 3-6 to Doyalson Fields to compete in the NSW Touch Football Gala Day.

All students competed to a high standard at the Touch Football Gala Day. The girls and boys in years 3-4 were absolutely outstanding and won all of their matches. This was due to their continuous hard work and effort they put into their training sessions. They were always eager to train and put in 100% every time. Their effort is admirable and all their hard work paid off with fantastic results.

On the day all students displayed outstanding team spirt as they continuously encouraged each other both on and off the field. They are also to be commended on such a high level of sportsmanship with their encouragement and manners towards other teams.

We would also like to thank all the parents who were able to make it to the game to show their support. We had such a strong support base, and the day would not have been the same without you all there, cheering the teams on.

The students represented Blue Haven Public School with pride and should be congratulated on their teamwork and efforts!

Miss Perry
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!
Meal Deal
Monday 24th August $5

Please circle choices
- Nachos
- Hot Dog - Tomato - BBQ - No Sauce
- Popper
- Water

All orders come with a special treat

Name:
Class:

Please return orders to the canteen or order online at www.flexischools.com.au by Friday 21st 2.30pm
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Sunday
18 October 2015
10am - 2pm
8-12 Balmoral Drive
Gorokan

Past and Present Families
ALL Welcome

Fun, games, lucky dips, raffles, cake stall, BBQ, entertainment

Consider buying a Commemorative Paver
details available from the Preschool