Welcome to Term 1.
Welcome back to all of our students returning to Blue Haven Public School for 2016 and a special welcome to our new students. Students settled well into their new classes and with their new teachers in Week 1. We have many different activities happening this term and we are currently putting together a term calendar which will be sent home soon. We are looking forward to a great year at BHPS.

During the holidays Mr. Jason Baldwin received the news that he had been successful through merit in attaining the position of Director Public Schools NSW. We will miss Mr. Baldwin’s expertise here at Blue Haven PS but know that he will bring a wealth of knowledge, understanding and commitment to this role and we wish him all the very best. Congratulations to Mr. Baldwin.

In Term One, Mrs. Ruth Goodwin will continue to relieve in the position of Principal at BHPS pending the recruitment process. Mr. Duane Hutchinson will be relieving as Deputy Principal and Miss Tessa French will be relieving as Assistant Principal, Stage 3. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

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Welcome Kindergarten
On Tuesday we will extend an enormous welcome to all of our fantastic 2016 Kindergarten students at Blue Haven Public School. It’s a wonderful time of the school year as we get to meet our newest students and their families. Thank you to our Kindergarten parents who have been a great support bringing their child into school last week and today for their Best Start assessment and helping us get our Kindergarten students settled into school. We have a highly skilled and dedicated Kindergarten teaching team who I know will do an amazing job with our Kindergarten students over the year. I know that they are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout 2016.

Teachers in 2015
Welcome back to Mrs. Jessie Anderson and Ms. Jess Graham who are both returning from maternity leave on a part time basis. We are very happy to have them back supporting our students.
I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Alissa Daley who has joined the teaching team at Blue Haven Public School. Mrs. Daley will be teaching 1D and we are very excited to have her as part of your wonderful teaching team in 2016 and welcome her to our school.

Book Packs
This year students are asked to purchase a book pack from the office. The book packs cost $35 and include all of the supplies that students need for their class. The purchase of this book pack is in lieu of paying school fees.

Treatment of head lice
Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. At the start of the school year is a great time to treat your child for head lice. 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
Last week all students in Stage 3 started AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) which encourages students to take responsibility for their learning and aspire them to excel to reach their potential.

AVID:
- Teaches skills and behaviours for academic success.
- Provides strong student/teacher relationships
- Creates a positive peer group for students
- Develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination.

Student will be required to have an AVID work folder which will need to be purchased as the book pack from the office.

On Thursday 11th February we will be holding an AVID information session for parents of students in Stage 3 and also any other interested parents. A detailed letter about the information session will be sent home later this week and also published in the newsletter next week.

Professional Development Day
On Wednesday 27th January staff returned to school a day ahead of students to complete professional development. On this day all teachers completed the mandatory child protection update training as well as training on the code of conduct and Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Swimming Carnival
Our annual swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 25th February. This year we are trialling a twilight carnival from 4pm to 7.30pm at Wyong Pool. The carnival is open to students in Years 3-6 and also Year 2 students who are 8 years old and can confidently swim 50 metres. Students will need to be transported to and from the pool by a parent. A permission note will be sent home later this week.

Have a great week of learning, Blue Haven,

Ruth Goodwin
Principal (Acting)
Road Safety Policy
We are currently reviewing our Road Safety Policy at Blue Haven PS. The current system where students get bike licences will be changing. If your child would like to ride their bike to school it is recommended that they are 10 years or older. If they are younger than 10 then it is recommended that they are supervised by parents or a responsible adult to and from school. This is in line with DEC policy and recommendations from Service NSW.