

Newsletter

Blue Hills College

Where Christian Values Matter

10 June 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students

Every year we get 20 students from Japan who come to visit us for about 2 weeks. These students go through a selection program because every year more than a 100 apply to visit our school but we take only 20 due to the fact that we struggle to get enough host parents. We are running out of time at the moment because we need to send them some information about the host parents, but we have less than half the number required. I would like to ask that you please con-

sider hosting a Japanese student (or

two) from Chiba Nihon University Daiichi School in Japan for approximately two weeks. These cultural exchange programs have been a very positive and beneficial experience in the past due largely to generous families who open their homes to these Japanese students. The students will be here from **22 July - 5 August**.

Calendar

- **Public Holiday**
13 June
- **ICAS Spelling**
15 June
- **ICAS Writing**
16 June
- **Trivia/Auction Night**
18 June
- **Year 7-10 Assessment Free Period**
20-27 June
- **Brainstorm**
23 June
- **Year 7-10 Exams**
28 June—1 July
- **Last Day of Term**
1 July

- Japanese language not necessary
- Normal Australian meals
- A stipend of \$300 per student for the two weeks will be given to each host family to assist with hosting costs.

Please let Mrs Spence know if you are able and willing to host students. Thank you very much.

Carel Neuhoff (*Principal*)



General School News

Athletics Carnival

A big thank you to Mr Ward and Ms Chilcott for organising the Athletics Carnival. Thank also to all the teachers who helped making the day a success. Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everybody who participated and to the parents, grandparents and friends who came to support us. It is very much appreciated.



General School News

Student Representative Council

Last Friday the Student Representative Council raised \$148.65 selling 'spiders' to the Primary school at Blue Hills College. The money raised will go towards paying for the schooling of our sponsor child in Nepal. We just want to thank all the people who helped to sell the spiders and those who bought one or gave a donation on the day.

By Isabelle Cappe and Letori Bond on behalf of the SRC.

Why Blue Hills College is my school

I had been at Blue Hills College since forever and had some great friends in my class, but when I got to the end of Year 10, I thought that going to another school seemed like a better option. Whoooah, was I disappointed. I spent nearly all of Year 11 away from Blue Hills College and it really hurt.

The fact is that Blue Hills College is a place I feel safe. It's a pretty messed up world out there and I didn't like what I saw. I have some really good friends here and having a supportive network of friends is what I need. While the senior subjects offered at Blue Hills might not cater for everyone's 1st choice, you really get to know the teachers well and you almost have one to one teaching. They are committed to my learning and will go out of their way to help me. You can't put a value on that and that's why I'm back.

Lauren Fleming is studying for her HSC this year. We are glad that she is back too.



Design and Technology

Year 8 Design and Technology has been busy making bridges. These bridge have been put to the test. Holly, Hayden, Erin and Rebecca had their bridge tested today and it coped with 75kg before it started to break - Not bad for paddle pops and hot glue.



The senior boys have been busy too, Damon is well on his way to strumming some cool tunes while Mitchell will be paddling his way to a jetty near you.



General School News

Earn extra UAC points!!

Students could be just twelve hours away from three UAC bonus points!

Our [Big History Scheme](#) rewards student commitment to learning by acknowledging completion of the Big History: Connecting Knowledge MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). Available through the [Coursera Platform](#), students who verify completion of this course will receive three bonus points on their UAC rank to study a bachelor degree with Macquarie.

Big History: Connecting Knowledge, is a 12 hour self-paced, independent study course that can be completed by students in Years 10, 11, or 12. It develops skills in problem-solving and critical thinking that will optimise student performance in senior years across all subjects and prepare them for tertiary studies.

[Learn more about the Big History Scheme.](#)

If students have any questions they can contact bighistoryinstitute@mq.edu.au or call (02) 9850 6410.

See Mr Neuhoff for more details.

Adventurers

Adventurers is lots of fun and students enjoy the interaction. If you have not yet come to join, we would like to invite you to come and see for yourselves. Club meetings are once a month on a Saturday afternoon.



After and before School Care for Blue Hills College Students



**AFTER AND BEFORE
SCHOOL CARE FOR BLUE
HILLS COLLEGE
STUDENTS**



Located at Summerland Christian College's Grace Centre

Active Kids provides care for Blue Hills College students at their Summerland Christian College service. Students simply jump on the Monkey bus after school at 3pm which takes them straight to SCC arriving at 3:10. An Active Kids staff member will be waiting to collect them. The service provides a great afternoon tea, physical activity, home work session and craft and games time. An afternoon could cost you as little as \$5. Contact us now to secure a place for your child.

WENDY@ACTIVEKIDSASC.COM.AU

[OR CALL - 0417276407](tel:0417276407)

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StormCo

For many years Blue Hills College students have been involved in StormCo. StormCo stands for **Service To Others Really Matters**. We are heading out to Toomeelah, by bus, again this year and we cannot wait! We need students who are in Year 10 and above to join our team to serve the aboriginal community in Toomeelah. Parents, if you want to see a change of attitude in your child the best thing for them is to see a greater need than their own. We are leaving **Saturday, 2 July**, and returning **Sunday, 10 July**. The cost of this trip is \$160, this includes all travel, accommodation and food for 10 days. We would love to have you join our team!

For extra information or to book in, please call **Trudi Chilcott** on her mobile: 0402619444

Piano Lessons

Students can access piano lessons at school. Ms Lisa Pirlo (AMusA, LMusA, TMusA) an excellent tutor with 20 years experience offer lessons at a reasonable fee of \$30 per half hour on Tues & Wed during school hours. Please contact Mr Neuhoff, or Mrs Pirlo directly on 0434997371 if you are interested as soon as possible.

Fire Wood for sale



Lismore Pathfinder Club as part of our annual fundraiser is again able to supply your firewood needs. Cost is \$100 per box trailer load, split and delivered. To order contact Warren Lemke on 0422587624.

Go4Fun

FREE!

Free Healthy Lifestyle Program for kids 6.5 to 13 years

- ✓ Helps kids reach a healthy weight
- ✓ Fun games & exercise for kids
- ✓ Build self-esteem & motivation



Enrol now for Term 3
Goonellabah

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Please check our Facebook page for regular reminders and lots of photos!! Please 'Like' our FB page!!

Prayer List

At Blue Hills College, we believe in the power of prayer. Please contact us if you would like to share specific prayer requests with our staff. We ask you to join us in praying for specific individuals, both students and staff.

"Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life." (Phil 4:6-7, MSG)

13 June	Public Holiday	20 June	Connor Nish
14 June	Hayden Friend		Mya Oakley
	Gabrielle Gelfius	21 June	Levi Rapmund
15 June	Callum Hall		Holly Saebar
	Christopher Hampson-Hick	22 June	Anna Chawalliwarr
16 June	Summer Harrison		Bjay Cormack
	Inanna Ihalainen	23 June	Tanelle Ellis-Towns
17 June	Jade Lovegrove		Kiara Flanagan
	Nicholas McLaughlin	24 June	Zachary Fuggle
Staff	Cleaning Staff		Benjamin Hawkins
	Maintenance Staff	Staff	Carel Neuhoff
			Lyndon Darko

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If you enjoy laughing a lot and you love to take home a bargain, then this is the night for you.

It is your opportunity to bid for anything from a professional massage, dental care, a book on raw chocolate, hardware supplies, hairdressing to groceries and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Come
along to our

Auction & Trivia Night

18 June

Starting at 7pm in
the Multipurpose Centre

Entrance
Fee \$2

(Includes registration for
bidding number & trivia)

Auctioneer
Pastor
Tim Merritt

MC
Dr Ian Cappe

Meals
(Curry & Pizza)
Sold from 5.30pm

This is our major fundraising event for the year, but it is also a fun social evening. Staff and parents are working hard on getting donations of various kinds for our auction. Please come and restock your home with lots of wonderful purchases on the night. The funds raised will provide our students with some needed audio visual resources.

Every class has been challenged to put together a special basket for the auction and there are some very interesting ones like a chocolate lover's basket, cosmetic, sport, cleaning basket, and many more. The class who raises the most money from the sale of their basket will receive a pizza lunch as a prize.

Please bring your children along. There will be a child minding area with a craft and an activities area to keep the younger kids busy while you can try your skills on bidding for a bargain, or participate in the trivia questions.



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