Dear Parents/Guardians & students

We would like to apologise for not sending a newsletter out last week, but we had some technical difficulties. We would also like to make a change to when we distribute the newsletter. In future we will aim to send newsletters out on Wednesday. The reason for the change is due to the fact that our Pre-kindergarten students are only attending from Monday through to Wednesdays and since we distribute the newsletters to the youngest sibling in the school, it means that not all our parents receive their newsletter on Friday. The next newsletter we will thus be distributed to all students on Wednesdays for a trial period. Please accept our apologies if this may have caused any inconvenience to you.

Clean-up Australia Day

Thank you to all our staff, parents, students and friends who came to participate in the annual Clean-up Australia program with our local Mayor, Mrs Jenny Dowell. We appreciate your participation and commitment to help cleaning up our beautiful country and set a good example to all our kids.

Our local Mayor, Mrs Jenny Dowell, was there and was very pleased to see Blue Hills College with all its supporters. She gave us a certificate, which we will display at school.

Calendar

- **HSC Assessment Free Week**
  10-16 March
- **Casino Church Service**
  12 March
- **Year 7/8 Immunisations**
  15 March
- **HSC Mid Year Exams**
  17-24 March
- **Easter Weekend**
  25-28 March
- **Cross Country**
  30 March
- **Year 11/12 Trip to Sydney**
  3-6 April
## Piano Lessons at School

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.

## Casino Church Service

Every year the school visit our local churches to run a special program. Our churches make financial contributions towards our school and this is an opportunity to thank them for their contributions and for them to enjoy the lovely program our talented students present. We try to visit at least one church every term and our first visit is scheduled for **Saturday, 12 March**, at 11am at the Casino Church. A number of our primary and secondary students will be involved and we would like to invite you to come and join us. It will be an opportunity to see our students in action. There will be a combined luncheon afterwards and everyone is invited to come and enjoy a meal before you head back home. The program should only take about an hour and everyone is welcome to come and join us.

The church is located at 140 Centre Street, Casino. Please come and join us on the day!

## Big Camp Volunteers

This will be the last year of our contract to run the Big Camp store as part of our fundraising project for the primary school classrooms. Big Camp is taking place between 15-23 April at Stuarts Point. We are looking for volunteers to help us staff the store during this time. A roster will be set up with shifts for all the helpers. We need people to help with the cash registers, selling pies, stacking shelves, etc. If you are willing and able to help us in the store during this time, I would be very happy to hear from you as soon as possible. Please phone the principal at school or send an email: cneuhoff@bluehills.nsw.edu.au

## NCIS Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, 1 March, Blue Hills College attended the North Coast Independent Schools (NCIS) Swimming Carnival at the Lismore Baths. Ten primary and seven high school students were selected to represent the school and they had a great time competing in various events.

There were two Primary students who were selected to go through to CIS competition in Sydney. Elke Bulmer was selected for 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and the 50m Butterfly. Georgia Wright was selected for 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke. From the High School, Connor Nish was selected for the 50m Backstroke. Blue Hills College is very proud of all students who competed on the day and represented the school. We would like to congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well for the CIS competition in Sydney. A big thanks to all those parents who came and supported their children and the school, it is very much appreciated.
Pre-kindergarten Working Bee

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all those parents who came and helped with our Pre-kindergarten Working Bee, we do appreciate your time and commitment very much. Pr and Mrs Jackson have put a lot of time and effort into the Pre-kindergarten since the beginning of the year and it was good to see a good group of people coming to help them. Below are a few photos of our Pre-kindergarten kids as well.

With the help of a couple of enthusiastic mums, Kim Wright and Sharon Coombs, Year 6 students have made cushions. For many of the students this was their first time using a sewing machine and they are very proud of the finished result. Well done!
Adventurers is a Christian activity-based program for children aged four to nine years old, run by volunteers and teachers at the school. It is a family-based program and is designed to support parents/caregivers and provide Bible-based learning and new skills for children. Adventurer Clubs are found all over the world. In Australia all volunteers involved in a Club are required to follow safety procedures such as police checks and provide a safe place for children. Adventurers Club meeting will be on Saturday, 19 March, at 3 pm in the Year 3 room here at Blue Hills College and the plan is to finish at 4:30pm. Cost $35 per year to cover consumable expenses and the Club will be running one day per month. Please come and join us, your kids will love it!!

**Year 12 Mid-Year Exam Timetable**

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**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)

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