

Newsletter

Blue Hills College

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18 August 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students

Calendar

- **HSC Assessment Free Period**
19-25 August
- **Year 10 Info Night**
25 August
- **HSC Trial Exams**
26 Aug—2 Sept
- **Father's Day Stall**
1 September
- **Primary Father's Day Program**
2 September
- **FATHER'S DAY**
4 September
- **PUPIL FREE DAY**
5 September
- **NCIS Netball/ Tennis**
6 September
- **Preliminary Assessment Free Period**
9 Sept—15 Sept

We have a few very important events coming up here at school in the near future. Year 10 parents please come and attend our Information evening scheduled for Thursday evening, 25 August. We had to change the date, but in doing that we advertised it as Monday night in stead of Thursday night. Please note the change and accept our apologies for the confusion.

Another important event is our Father's Day Program. Students will be able to purchase some small gifts (up to about \$5) for their fathers at our stall on 31 Aug and 1 Sept. Our Father's Day Program will be held on Friday, 2 Sept.

We are also planning to launch a 13 week program for parents and students who are currently trying to cope with their families going through a divorce, or who are trying to cope with the changes due to a separation/divorce in the past.

Parents in separation and divorce are usually very concerned about the effects of divorce on their children. They wonder whether their decision will affect the **happiness** and **health** of their child. Reliable information about the effects on children is still being gathered and analyzed by sociologists and psychologists. The effects result more often from the feeling of uncertainty of what is going to happen after the divorce, from the level of conflict between the parents and from how the parenting after the divorce is done. The consequences of a divorce for children are mostly that they have to move to a different home and sometimes to a different school and that they will not see and be with both their parents at the same time any more. The list goes on...

The program will be offered here at school by an experienced counsellor and people with first hand experience and we hope and trust that you will be able to benefit from it.



DIVORCE CARE FOR KIDS

Begins : on Thursday, September 1st

For 13 weeks (not including the holidays)

Where : Blue Hills College Year 3 classroom

Time : 6pm till 7:30 pm

(includes pizza for tea)

Cost : Free

RSVP: to

Allison Parkinson

aparkinson@bluehills.nsw.edu.au

By 25 August if you are interested

Primary School News

Year 1

BLUE HILLS COLLEGE SUPPORTS LOCAL FIVE LOAVES CHARITY

Approximately 26 years ago an old man realised that there were many hungry, homeless people in the Lismore area. He decided to do what he could do to help them. He sold his home and lived in a caravan with his wife and bought a little van to collect food in. At the end of each day he would go around café's and food outlets and collect the left over food that would otherwise be thrown out. He would then travel to different locations around Lismore, Casino and Nimbin where he would meet people and feed them. He did this 7 days a week for 26 years. His name was Darcy Goodwin, a relative of the Pirlo family who attend our school. Four years ago, at the age of 80, Darcy was at the car boot markets in Lismore, when he developed a slight pain in his chest. That evening he was put into hospital to have a check up but sadly, died that night. He died 'with his boots on – doing what he loved.'

His family wanted the charity of Five Loaves (now recognised) to continue. They asked the Seventh day Adventist Church in Lismore, of which Darcy had been a member, to take it over. For the last 5 years a group of volunteers from the church and community continued feeding the homeless and needy 7 days a week with food provided by Coles Second Bite and other food outlets.

As part of our new Encounter Bible Curriculum, Blue Hills College students are asked to provide a service to the community. Each week a different class makes a large pot of soup in their classroom, which is then taken up to be served to those who are hungry and in need.

This week the Year 1's with Mrs Von Bratt's guidance had a lot of fun cutting up vegetables and making the soup. Mrs Jackson, co-coordinator of the Charity, said the people loved the soup and were amazed when they discovered that it was made by 7 year old children in Year 1!



Primary Choir

Last week on Tuesday Blue Hills College choir participated in the Lismore Eisteddfod. This was their first time being part of a competition and even though they were very nervous, they did very well. They got first prize in their category!! Well done choir members, we are so proud of our choir and their excellent achievement. Overall we were 2nd place winners (we scored 88/100) out of about 12 schools who competed! Thank you to Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Carvill for all the hard work they have put into the choir. Mrs Carvill volunteered her time to come in each week and help Mrs Parkinson run the choir! We do appreciate it very much and we are already looking forward to next year.



NAIDOC DAY

On Tuesday, 2 August, the primary school celebrated NAIDOC day. Students were put into mixed groups with students from Pre-Kindy to Year 6 in each group. Each group rotated around 8 activities. Activities included, dot painting, a collage of hand prints, an elderly Aboriginal man playing the didgeridoo and talking to the students about traditions, traditional indigenous games, music with tapping sticks, boomerang painting, traditional stories and making damper by the fire. The students had an enjoyable day and lots of fun participating in all the activities.



Secondary School News

SCU Headstart Program

Congratulations to Jess Hawkins, a Year 11 student from Blue Hills College, for completing a university course in Biology as part of the Southern Cross University Headstart Program. The Headstart Program is a great opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to complete one of 4 possible university subjects while still at school. They take this subject as an additional subject to their existing study load at school. However, if they pass this subject they will automatically qualify for university entrance without having to wait for their final ATAR and they may also qualify for a possible scholarship. Jess did very well and not only passed her Biology, but she completed the course with a credit. Well done, Jess!! We are very proud of you. Jess received her certificate on 28 July at a graduation ceremony at Southern Cross University.



Year 10 Information Night

**Year 10 Information Night for Year 11 in 2017.
Thursday, 25 August,
6:30pm Blue Hills College in Room S7.**

An outline of the academic program will be provided for the parents and students pursuing their senior studies at Blue Hills College in 2017.

Please plan to attend because we will be looking at subject choices, expectations for BOS-TES, career paths, etc.



Year 11 & 12

Our Years 11 & 12 Geography students recently spent four days on Fraser Island enjoying the sun, sand and more sand. They tried drinking the water in one of the perched lakes, travelled to the top of the island to see the lighthouse, stopped to check out Eli Creek and the Maheno wreck, but the only dingoes they saw were on the sides of the tourist buses.



Father's Day Program

We would like to invite all our fathers, grandfathers and carers to a fun day at school. Please come and join in activities with your children/grandchildren at Blue Hills College on Friday, 2nd September, from 12:30 – 1:40pm.

PROGRAM

12:30 Picnic on the Oval. (Ordered pizza available at Canteen.)

12:45 Activities:

1. Soccer – top oval
2. French Cricket – bottom oval
3. Board Games – computer room

1:05 Fathers versus kids tug-o-war – top oval

1:20 – 1:40 Classroom visits

We hope you can come and join us at school on the day.



General School News

Surf Life Saving Club

Ballina Lighthouse and Lis-more Surf Life Saving Club 2012 and 2014 Surf Life Saving NSW Club of the Year 2012 SLS Australia Club of the Year providing a safe, friendly and welcoming environment to develop surf awareness skills for kids aged 5 to 13. Online Registration Now Open Nipper Information and Pool Proficiency Day: Sunday 18 September 2016, 10 am – 12 noon at Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre All nippers from Under 8 to Under 13 are required to complete pool proficiency prior to participation in Nipper activities. Additional Information Day: Saturday 24 September 2016, 2 pm – 4 pm at Lighthouse Beach. New and existing members can only register their membership on-line. Go to www.ballinasurfclub.com.au and follow the instructions.



More information about the Nippers program is also available on the club website or email ballina.nippers@gmail.com

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 Mrs Pirlo directly on 0434997371 if you are interested.

Adventurers

Adventurers is on this Saturday, 20 August 3:00pm till 4:30pm.



REMINDER—Excursion Payment Due

This is a reminder that the final payment for the Field Trip to the Warrumbungles and Lightning Ridge is **due by 19 August 2016**. Payments can be made by Cash, Cheque, EFTPOS at the College Office or by Direct Deposit.
Bank Account Details for Direct Deposit are:-
BSB: 032-539 Account: 22-7539
(please ensure you leave student's name and description as a payment reference)

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)*

22 Aug	Declan Frankham April Hall	29 Aug	Fraser Wright Cleo Wynd
23 Aug	Madison Hayes Brianna Leadbeatter	30 Aug	Nishtha Baweja Kye Brombal
24 Aug	Emmett Murphy Harley Parkinson	31 Aug	Brock Catt Jonathon Clifford
25 Aug	Caleb Pischke Jade Ramsay	1 Sep	Anika Hall Declan Hicks
26 Aug	Jonah Rapmund Lilly Smith	2 Sep	Dominic Lawton Samuel Lovegrove
Staff	Tony Coombs Maree Finey	Staff	Charl Neuhoff Allison Parkinson

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