

Newsletter

Blue Hills College

Where Christian Values Matter

2 December 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students

I would like to thank each and everyone involved with Blue Hills College for another successful year.



At our Speech Night we said farewell to two of our current staff members. Mr Hayden Ward commenced his teaching career as a newly graduated teacher here at Blue Hills College in 2013. We enjoyed having him as a staff member. He built good relationships with the students and was in charge of all the high school sport and PE. He accepted a position at a bigger school in Sydney and we would like to wish him well on his new position.

We also said farewell to Mr Charl Neuhoff. He was teaching on a part-time basis this year, while he was working on his Masters degree. He will be leaving us to continue full-time on his degree and hope to complete it by the middle of the year to commence with a PhD. We would like to wish him well in his studies for next year.



On behalf of the School Advisory Council and staff we would like to thank you for entrusting your child(ren) into our care. We hope and trust that we lived up to your expectations and that we can continue to build a strong relationship with all our parents and students. This school belongs to the school community and only when we work together can we make a difference. Together we can help our young people to reach their goals, build strong relationships and gain the necessary skills to cope with life in a real world one day. May you have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carel Neuhoff (Principal)

Calendar

- **Year 7-10 Exams**

2 Dec—7 Dec

- **Treat Day**

8 Dec

- **Term 4 Ends**

8 Dec

2017

- **Term 1 2017 Commences**

30 Jan

- **Pre-Kindy 2017 Commences**

6 Feb



Primary School News

Pre-Kindy Christmas Balls

Pre-Kindy were busy last Friday, creating some yummy Christmas treats with Mrs Carden. The students enjoyed getting their hands dirty, crushing biscuits, mixing and rolling balls. Best of all, they were delicious & some even made it home for families to enjoy.

Pre-Kindy Christmas Balls

Ingredients:

- 1x Packet of plain biscuits
- 1x Cup of cream
- 1x Cup of chocolate buttons
- 4x Candy Canes (or nuts/dried fruit/sprinkles)

Method:

- Step 1: Crush the biscuits and candy canes and place into a large bowl.
- Step 2: In a separate bowl, warm cream in the microwave for 1 minute.
- Step 3: Add chocolate to warm cream & mix until smooth.
- Step 4: Add wet ingredients into the biscuit mixture and let sit for 5 minutes.
- Step 5: Once mixture is firm enough, roll into balls.
- Step 6: Set balls in the fridge for 1 hour. Enjoy!



Malachi Canning—Nationals

Malachi competed at Nationals in Sydney at Olympic Park from the 24th to 29th November 2016.

Malachi finished 2nd in Discus. He also competed in the 10-12 years Shot Put. On top of that Malachi was also selected to represent in the ACT Boys

10-12 years 800m Sprint Medley Relay. Well done Malachi!! We are very proud of you.



Primary Captains & Sport Captains



We would like to congratulate our leaders for the 2017 school year:

Captain - Bonnie Tinworth

Vice Captain: Luke Blanch

We know they will do an amazing job with the help of the two prefects: Byron Coombs and Hannah Cappe.

Congratulations also to our sport leaders for next year:

Orange house: Bryon Coombs and Hannah Cappe (Left)

Green house: Dylan Hamilton and Maxwell Contojohn

We know they will lead our sports activities well.

Choir—Beach Party

Yesterday (1 Dec) the choir was rewarded with a trip to the beach for our end of year party. We had a lovely time in the water as well as creating sand castles. What a fantastic day we had.

We hope that more students will come and join the choir next year.



Learning Connections

This term during Learning Connections we have been doing some awesome movement to music and learning lots of different moves to lots of different music. It has been great and we can't wait to do it again next year.



General School News

Banzai Japanese Restaurant

Over the past few weeks the Year 8 Japanese class have been undertaking a cultural exchange with Southern Cross University's Language Department. They have been learning about the ongoing links between Lismore and Japan. The class were lucky enough to host three visiting teachers from Japan who are associated with a school in southern Japan, which was set up by members of a Lismore church. These teachers shared their knowledge of Japanese culture and kimono dressing. Students later visited the Japan Centre Gallery at Southern Cross University and were delighted to try a typical Japanese meal. They also learnt about the powerful peace efforts of reconciliation

made by community members of Lismore after WW2 between Australia and Japan. Students have also been very busy enthusiastically folding paper cranes to add to a collection of a 'thousand paper cranes' which will be presented to a delegation from



Japan currently touring Australia on a Peace Tour. These origami cranes will travel a long way and will help to define our values of world peace, eventually finding their way to the War Museum in Hiroshima. Thank you to all our Year 8 students for representing Blue Hills College. I am very proud of you all for your kindness and respect to other countries and cultures.

Mrs Spence

Year 12 Formal

It was our annual night of glamour, tinsel, make up and beautiful dresses. On Wednesday, 16 Nov, we celebrated with our Year 12 students and their families a lovely evening to mark the end of their Year 12 studies at Blue Hills College.



Christmas Carols Concert

'Love came down.'

On Sunday, 27 November, several hundred people arrived at the College to the aromas of curries, falafels, and pizzas. The quadrangle was transformed into a Middle Eastern Market Place where food, drinks and sweets were enjoyed to the background music from busking High School students. Then at 7pm, everyone moved to the MPC, which had been transformed into a beautiful Christmas environment.

A seventy member choir, which consisted of students from Primary and High School students and staff members, made a joyful sound as they sang accompanied by members of the Lismore Symphony Orchestra and students of Blue Hills College.

Our school Chaplain, Rosie Smith, narrated the story of Mary. This was interspersed with readings from the Bible by students as young as Pre-Kindy to Year 11.

Everyone enjoyed the evening including members of the orchestra.

Margaret, the harpist and percussionist commented "Had a great chuckle listening to the kids in the choir really sing it out! What a hoot!"

Many parents commented on the choir's exuberance and excitement as the children sang.

A great evening was had by all!

Thank you to all the staff, Churches, Home and School members, community members and parents of the children who all helped to bring this program together.

Julie Jackson (Coordinator)



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Concert—Lismore SDA Church

CONCERT Sabbath Dec. 10 at 7 pm Lismore SDA Church Plan now to attend this **free** concert by **Clearly Hinze** - an SDA Christian singer/songwriter. She will be sharing songs from her album "The Reason I Live" which speaks of the hope found only in Christ. Clearly will also share her testimony with the desire to uplift, encourage, and direct hearts to Christ. Join us afterwards for a **light supper** in the church hall, where Clearly and her husband, Nathan, will offer Clearly's **CDs for sale** - proceeds from these CDs go to Never Alone Ministries - providing a home, food, clothing and education for street children in the Philippines. There will also be a free-will offering for any who may wish to contribute to Never Alone Ministries. **(The concert and supper are free.)**

Primary Chapel

It was great to have one of our former students taking Chapel this week. Sam Krieg told the Bible story of Esther and how she was brave enough to save others. Sam is studying to be a school chaplain and loves working with children.



School Fee Reminder

Thank you so much to those families who have paid for their school fees in full, or have been making regular payments throughout the year, we appreciate your efforts. Unfortunately, there are quite a lot of families who still have a large amount of school fees outstanding. We ask that any families with fees owing to ensure that their fee accounts are settled by the end of term.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your school fees, please contact Ann-Marie Harrison accounts@bluehills.nsw.edu.au to discuss your situation.

School Fees for 2017

The School Advisory Council approved a small fee increase, but we have also decided to include a few of the regular primary school activities into the consumables fee to reduce the number of times we have to collect money from parents during the course of the year. The inclusions are: Healthy Harold (Life Education), Swimming Lessons, the excursion to the Lismore Show (primary) and Snake tails. Please don't hesitate to contact us, should you have any questions.

Fees for 2017:

K-Year 6:	\$1925
Year 7-8:	\$2,600
Year 9-10:	\$2,820
Year 11-12:	\$3,040

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)*

28 Nov	Bonnie Tinworth Jed Wood	5 Dec	Samuel Fayers Jaime Groves
29 Nov	Drew Ashcroft Letori Bond	6 Dec	Emily Harrison Thomas Hawkins
30 Nov	Kirah Burns Edwina Cappe	7 Dec	Lachlan Hirst Braedan Lemke
1 Dec	Isabella Cappe Samuel Chawalliwarr	8 Dec	Zachary Oliver-Burns Bethany Osborne
2 Dec	Jack Cormack Sienna Creighton	9 Dec	Zoe Pirlo Hannah Radburn
Staff	Eben de Witt Bronwyn Tually	Staff	Lydia Bolzicco Cath Will

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