Dear Parents/Guardians & Students

The students at Blue Hills College have the opportunity to represent our school at the North Coast Independent Schools Sports Association (NCIS) in a variety of sporting areas e.g. athletics, swimming, basket ball, soccer, cross country, etc. The NCIS consists of about 13 schools between Kempsey in the south and Tweed Heads in the north. When students do well at this level of competition, they are nominated to represent NCIS in Sydney at the Combined Independent Sports Council (CIS) sports program. We were very fortunate and very proud of the fact that one of our Year 6 students, Georgia Wright, swam at the CIS Primary Swimming Carnival in Sydney on Tuesday, 22 March.

She was in two events: the 50m freestyle and the 50m backstroke. In both races Georgia did a PB (personal best). Congratulations on a great achievement, Georgia!

We had some disruptions over the last few weeks while the builders were installing our new covered walkways. We would like to apologise if it has caused any inconvenience to you. This project was delayed for quite some time, but we are very happy that it has come to completion now and we are pleased that the students will be better sheltered against the rain and/or the sun while they are waiting to go home in the afternoons. Thanks for your patience. We do want to request that all our parents and student drivers exercise extreme caution in our car park when driving out of the parking bays. We have already had a few incidents and we do not want to see some serious happen to anybody. This is a dangerous zone, especially when there are little children around.

Carel Neuhoff (Principal)
Our annual State of Origin night will be held on Wednesday, **June 1, at 7 pm.**

Year 6 students are also invited to experience the secondary school for this event.

Entry for the evening will **cost $10** which includes pizza and a drink. There will be other food and drink items available for purchase. The money raised from this event will go towards a cold water bubbler in the secondary quad.

The State of Origin game will be shown in S6. The evening will start at 7:00pm and **finish by 10:30pm.** Please make sure you are able to collect your child by 10:30 at the latest. Only **current school students** are eligible to attend and there will be teacher supervision throughout the evening.

### State of Origin Night

**Athletics Carnival**

Our annual athletics carnival is scheduled for Thursday, **9 June.** The carnival will be held at the Riverview Park, South Lismore. Buses will leave from the school at 9.15 am and we aim to commence with the first event at 9.45 am. Students will return by bus at 2.30pm to ensure that they can catch their normal buses in the afternoon.

If you would like to collect your student(s) from the venue, we request that you make prior arrangements with Mr Ward, or Mrs Chilcott. Kindergarten to Year 2 students will be travelling back to school after they have completed their event. Please come and support us on the day. We would love to see you there.

A reminder to parents at Blue Hills College to please consider hosting a Japanese student 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.**

- Daily program (Mon-Fri) organised by a Group Coordinator at Blue Hills College
- 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, or Mr Neuhoff know if you are able and willing to host students. Thank you very much.

### Hosting Japanese Students
We had a very successful book fair this term culminating with a great parade held on Wednesday, 18 May. Thank you, everyone, for making the effort to dress up and for supporting our library by purchasing books. We sold a total of $2125 worth of books which means we have quite a few hundred dollars to spend on new books and resources for our library.

**Books Donated:**

Thank you to Charlotte & Isaac Daniel, Tayla Wood and Jed Wood for donating some wonderful books to our library.

**Parade Winners:**

Our parade was judged by a person outside of our school and it was a tough job. The winners for this year were:

- **Pre Kindy**: Maddison Hayes & Charlotte Daniel
- **Kindy**: Eva Scott
- **Year 1**: Abbey Tickner
- **Year 2**: Aaron Fayers
- **Year 3**: Loc Nguyen
- **Year 4**: William Saunders
- **Year 5**: Max Contojohn
- **Year 6**: Jack Cormack and Tom Hawkins

A huge thank you to Dawn Harvey and Teagan Hopkins for providing us with an amazing morning tea.
Congratulations to all our purple and silver award recipients!

A few samples of some of the excellent Year 3 Geography assignments completed recently. Well done!

The students in Year 6 recently provided the music for the Upper Primary Chapel. Each of the students in Year 6 participate in the class band and will learn to play a number of different instruments this year. Ukulele, guitar, keyboard, chime bar, autoharp, glockenspiel and a variety of percussion instruments are all utilised to create great music.
Trip to Japan

The Blue Hills College tour of Japan for 2016 has unfortunately been postponed until 2018 in the hope that we will be able to provide a more affordable opportunity to visit our Sister School, Chiba Nichidai Daiichi. We struggled to reduce the overall cost and time was running out for meeting their deadlines and finalising air fares, etc. Unfortunately, we had no other choice but to postpone the trip to a later time. However, it was very encouraging to hear that Chiba High School did advise that they had already 20 families waiting to host a student from Blue Hills College.

The proposed trip was postponed until 2018 because we are currently working on the Ski Trip to New Zealand in 2017. We understand that students will be very disappointed, but we will endeavour to come forward with a better proposal in the near future.

For those students who may still wish to follow an opportunity to travel to Japan, Lismore City Council have just announced that applications have opened for their 2016 Sister City Student Exchange Program.


Trivia & Auction Night

When: 18 June at 5.30 pm
Where: Blue Hills College - Multipurpose Centre
Entrance Fee: $2 (Includes registration for bidding number and Trivia)
MC: Dr Ian Cappe
Auctioneer: Pastor Tim Merritt

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.

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 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.

Schools Recommendation Scheme

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers to current Australian Year 12 students who have applied for undergraduate admission through UAC.

Applications will open in the first week of August and close at the end of September.

SRS offers are:
* made in early December, before ATARs are released
* made only to first preferences

SRS aim to assist access to higher education for current Australian Year 12 students using a wide range of selection criteria, including school recommendations, senior secondary studies and personal awards and achievements.

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 Toomelah, 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 Toomelah. 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

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.

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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.

Parent/Carers we would appreciate it if you could contact us immediately if you had any changes in your email addresses in the last six months. We would also like to request that if you choose to forward your explanation for your child’s absence to school via email, that you use the following email address

absentees@bluehills.nsw.edu.au

That will be very much appreciated. Thanks.

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)