Dear Parents/Guardians & Students

Welcome back to the second term. It is going to be a very busy term and we have had a number of activities already. We hope and trust it will be a smooth ride ahead. This week a number of our senior primary leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Program. Hopefully they came back with lots of ideas on how to be good leaders. Well done leaders!!

Carel Neuhoff (Principal)

Calendar

- **Year 7 Info Night**
  10 May
- **NAPLAN**
  10-12 May
- **Healthy Harold**
  12, 16, 17 May
- **NAPLAN Catch up**
  13 May
- **Book Week**
  16-20 May
- **Prelim Ass Free**
  16-20 May
- **Year 7/8 Immunisations**
  17 May
- **Book Week Parade**
  18 May
- **NCIS Cross Country**
  19 May
NAPLAN Tests

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 at BHC will be sitting the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10-12 May 2016. Friday will be catch-up day.

These tests occur every year and involve the participation of all schools in Australia.

The Principal will reward students who show improvement in their NAPLAN results, so please encourage your children to put in their best efforts.

2017 Year 7 Information Night

ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS

2017 YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

You and your son/daughter are invited to the Year 7 Information Night at Blue Hills College on Tuesday, 10 May 2016, starting at 6.00pm.

We would like to give a short address to you as prospective Year 7 parents about Blue Hills College in the Secondary Campus.

This will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions and to meet Secondary staff over light refreshments.

While this is taking place, we will run three activities for your son/daughter in the wood technology workshop, the food technology kitchen and the science laboratory.

Life Education — Healthy Harold

Healthy Harold will be visiting our College again this year on Thursday, 12 May, and 16-17 May. The program costs approximately $10 per child. The cost per child includes the Life Education session, a student workbook and sticker for each child. This is a great opportunity for the students to learn more about life and health. The program has always been very well accepted and supported in the past and students enjoy the sessions.

Hosting Japanese Students

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.

Touch Football—Hepburn Park

On Tuesday Blue Hills College represented the school in the NCIS touch football. It was so hot we all felt like we were going to melt with all the running around to events and games. There was a primary boys team, a primary girls team, a girls high school team and a high school boys team. All of them played really well and had heaps of fun. There was about 300 students from the Northern Rivers area and they had good teams that were tough to beat. Thanks to Mr Ward, Ms Chilcott, Mrs Merritt and Mr Chambers for being there and supporting all of us and thanks to Mr Ward for organising the NCIS touch football games.

The Primary school girls played really well, but were beaten in some of their games. We had really good players and I was glad to be their team captain. Good job girls!

~ Emily Harrison ~
Thank you to all the staff and students who made our Mother’s Day Concert a great success. It was so great to see so many mothers and grandmothers at the concert. Hope you all enjoyed it!

Mother’s Day Stall

A big thank you to Mrs Jennie Wiley for all her hard work to get all the Mother’s Day gifts together. Thank you also to the team of ladies who helped Jennie selling all the gifts. Thanks ladies, you did an awesome job!
Our first Adventurers for second term kicked off last Saturday afternoon. If your child is between 6-9 years of age and you would like them to be involved with some great afternoon activities on a Saturday afternoon once a month, please contact Mrs Allison Parkinson for more details.

A very wet ANZAC march

Adventurers
General School News

Uniform Shop Changes

Just a reminder that our Uniform shop has closed down and all our stock will be sold at “The School Locker” in Ballina. The address is:

**The School Locker**

**Harvey Norman Home Maker Centre**

**26 Boeing Avenue**

**Ballina (Phone: 6620 5700)**

They are still busy setting up the online shopping facility, but please order all your uniforms via phone until the online orders has been finalised. They are happy to deliver goods to the school until further notice.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us, should you have any questions in regards to uniforms.

Uniform Shop Managers

We would like to extend a BIG thank you to our ladies who managed our Uniform Shop. They ordered all the stock, managed the store, and balanced all the books. Thank you to Vanessa Nish and Kim Wright for all your hard work in the store. Thank you also to Ann-Marie Harrison who supported them and helped with all the finances.

From Left to right: Ann-Marie Harrison, Kim Wright & Vanessa Nish

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.
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 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

Piano Lessons

Please contact Mrs Pirlo directly on 0434997371 if you are interested.

Family Support Network

A group for everyone who is raising teenagers! Tuesdays 10am—12.30pm on May 3, 10, 17 & 24. Bookings essential 6621 2489.

143 Laurel Avenue Lismore, parking in Shepherd Lane.

Building skills to deepen and strengthen your relationships.

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)

9 May  
Tynikah Hampson-Hick  
Tyler Lockhart  
10 May  
Liem Nguyen  
Talani Smith  
11 May  
Tilly Smith  
Bonnie Tinworth  
12 May  
Jed Wood  
Brooke Yates  
13 May  
Drew Ashcroft  
Letori Bond  
Staff  
Brendon Carvill  
Semele Hillier  
16 May  
Kirah Burns  
Edwina Cappe  
17 May  
Isabelle Cappe  
Samuel Chawalilwar  
18 May  
Jack Cormack  
Sienna Creighton  
19 May  
Lily Eze  
Samuel Fayers  
20 May  
Jaime Groves  
Emily Harrison  
Staff  
Denise Macdonald  
Ros Hopkins

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

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