Dear Parents/Guardians & Students

Daylight savings has come to an end and the deciduous trees are losing their leaves, all a sign that the end of first term has arrived. The Year 12 students are more than halfway through their HSC work and in 6 months they will be finished with school, which is quite a scary thought because there is still so much that needs to be done before their exams. In the meanwhile we have our first set of holidays for the year and we would like to wish you a relaxing and peaceful time during the coming two weeks. May God bless you and have a great holiday.

Carel Neuhoff
Principal

A little boy and his father visited the country store, upon leaving the store the owner of the store offered the little boy some free candy.

"Get a hand full of candy" the merchant said to the boy. The boy just stood there looking up at his father. The owner repeated himself, “Son get a hand full of candy, it’s free.”

Again the boy did not move continuing to look up in the face of his father.

Finally the father reached into the candy jar and got a hand full of candy and gave it to his son.

As they walked back home, the father stopped and asked his son why he did not grab a hand full of the free candy.

The boy with a big smile on his face looked into the face of his father and said, “Because I know that your hand is bigger than mine.”

Whatever your needs may be today, place it in your Father’s Hand, because His Hand is much bigger than yours!

Have a fabulous, BLESSED holiday!!
General School News

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Please make a booking and come and discuss your child’s progress with the teachers.

The Parent/Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, 27 April, from 3.30—6.30 pm. A letter with all the necessary instructions and details has been forwarded to you and another copy will be included with the report card. This will tell you how to make an interview booking with a teacher. We allow 10 minutes for each interview because our time is limited. Please make a double booking if you feel you will need more time. Please contact our administrative office if you need any support.

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.

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 on 0488163663 or send an email: cneuhoff@bluehills.nsw.edu.au

Work in Japanese class

Following on from Harmony day last week, Year 7 and 8 have been researching the devastation of the first atomic bombs dropped on Japan during WW2. In the spirit of creating a world of peace for the future I would like to share with you a beautiful haiku poem written by Montana Field.

“Mushroom cloud
The zen garden’s sand
Fused into glass”

Trip to Japan—Sept/Oct Holidays

Japan is the buzz word around the campus this week as many students are considering the opportunity to visit Japan this year. A trip is being organised for high school students from Year 7-11 to Japan and the Chiba Nihon University Daiichi School who visits us every year. As this is our first year we are still ironing out the wrinkles and working to negotiate a more affordable option for the students. More details will be available after the school holidays.
Cross Country Carnival

On Wednesday, 30 April, Blue Hills College held their annual Cross Country. We enjoyed excellent weather with the sun shining and a lovely breeze to cool us down. The entire school was involved in the Cross Country, from the Pre-kindergarten class who ran the length of the oval, right up to Year 12 students. Students were eager to compete and it was great to see an increase in the participation rate. All students who participated received either a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or participation ribbon for their efforts. We were very pleased with the excellent results. Those students who did very well will be selected to represent the school at the NCIS-Cross country on Thursday, 19 May. Information regarding this event will be given out to those students closer to the date. Blue Hills College would like to thank all those parents and caregivers who came along and supported the day and everybody who helped making this a success.
NAPLAN Tests
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 at BHC will be sitting the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests in Week 3 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10-12 May 2016.
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.

ANZAC March
On Monday, 25 April, Blue Hills College will be involved with the ANZAC Day March in Lismore. This is not a compulsory event for our school, but is a great opportunity to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.
For students wishing to participate, we are required to assemble at the Clyde Campbell Carpark near the Police station at 8.30am. Students should be in full Winter ‘s’ uniform. Sunscreen, a hat and a water bottle will be useful items.
There will be teachers to supervise students during the march. Please come and collect your children from behind the big Moreton Bay fig tree to the right of the epitaph. We hope to see you there!

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 7.00pm.
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.

Mother’s Day Concert & Stall
It is that time of the year to honour our mothers and grandmothers. We would like to extend an invitation to all our primary school mothers/grandmothers to come and enjoy a special Mother’s Day Concert here at the College on Wednesday, 4 May. The program will commence with afternoon tea at 1.45pm and the concert will commence at 2.15pm. We hope you will be able to join us.
The Home & School Committee will give students again the opportunity to purchase small gifts for their mothers and/or grandmothers. Gifts can be purchased at the College and prices will range between $1-5. Times and dates for the stall will be published early next term.

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.
Young Writers Group

Peter Blanch (Yr 11), Savannah Wright (Yr 10), and David Blanch (Yr 10) - budding young writers from Blue Hills College taking a moment to remember the fun and inspiration they received through attending the Young Writers Group at the Lismore Library. Local author Jessie Blackadder shared her expedition into the world of writing.

ANZAC Service

On Friday, 9 April, we had our annual ANZAC Service at school and we were fortunate to have Mr Thomas George, the local MP Member for Lismore and Mr Bob Mowle, the Vice President from the local RSL Branch in Lismore, visit our school as distinguished guests. It was also great to have Pastor Keith Jackson play the trumpet, Pastor Peter Howard and our students and school leaders participate in the service. Thanks to everybody who made this a success.
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)

4 April
Jacob Fayers
Kassidy Field

5 April
Toisha Foster
Paris Hall

6 April
William Harrison
Isabelle Lovegrove

7 April
Kane Manwarring
Matthew Nielsen
Sonda

8 April
Hannah Oldfield
Anatasia Paspapolous

Staff
Rebecca Fuggle
Sherree Merritt

Term 2
25 April
ANZAC Day

26 April
Clancy Pratt

27 April
Rueben Robinson

28 April
Naomi Smith

29 April
Murphy Tinworth

30 April
Ryan Adams

Staff
Julianne Krieg
Rosie Gunders

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.

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