

Newsletter

Blue Hills College

Where Christian Values Matter

2 Nov 2017

Calendar

- **Book Fair**
2 Nov
- **Pathfinders Investiture**
4 Nov
- **Primary Swimming Lessons**
6—10 Nov
- **Year 12 Formal**
9 Nov
- **Remembrance Day**
11 Nov
- **Adventurers Investiture**
11 Nov
- **Blaze Out**
17 Nov
- **Pathfinders Fun Day**
19 Nov
- **CAROLS NIGHT**
26 Nov

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

One of our past teachers would always say to students "you're a champion". This came known as his signature. Not only did it reflect on how he viewed the world but it was always seen by students as words of encouragement and support. While the word champion has usually been linked to the sporting realm, we all know that we can be champions in many different ways. Each of us have champion qualities that help define who we are and what makes us unique, but on the other hand, we all have parts of us that are less glamorous and more awkward or weak.

The good news is that despite the areas in which we are not champions and at times we feel less than victorious, God's love for us and Jesus death on the cross means that we are Champions 24/7.

Lyndon Darko
Acting Principal

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not die but.... become a Champion!!!

*Some of our
Pre-kindy
Champions!*



Charity Baskets

Our Charity Baskets are starting to fill up. Thank you to those families who have already donated non-perishable grocery items. These baskets are very much appreciated by the clients of the women's refuge 'Hope Haven' in Ballina. We will be collecting items right up until our Christmas Carols Concert when we will hand them over to a representative from Hope Haven.

Thank you for your generosity!

General News

Pre-Kindy Gardens

This term Pre-Kindy children are learning all about gardening and with the help of parents at a working bee last term, we now have a thriving vegetable garden. The children have planted lettuce, carrots, cucumber, radishes, and many other plants.



We have made a flower wall and enjoy looking at the lovely colours. We also have a new grassed area where we can play. Thank you to our mums and dads who helped out with clearing all the garden area up.



Year 3

It was great to have Ben Parkinson's grandparents in Year 3 to show the class about growing up in the 1940's.

There were lots of funny stories that they shared and the class were very glad that they came.



Volunteers Morning Tea



Our volunteers enjoyed a sumptuous morning tea along with singing from Year 3 and a little gift from Year 1 to show our appreciation for their generosity of giving time and assistance to our College.



Contratulations!

Michael Bull and Hannah Cappe (right) participated in the Newcastle Permanent Maths competition. New South Wales was divided into two regions (Hunter and Northern Rivers). Hannah got second place in the whole Northern region and Michael Bull got a first place in the Northern Rivers district. Both did extremely well and we are very proud of them.



Malachi (right) competed at State CIS where he won 6 medals from 6 events & was named Para-Athlete of the day. Malachi went on to represent Blue Hills at State All Schools PSSA where he qualified to again represent Blue Hills College at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in December. Malachi has a long string of awards and broken records. Well done!



Year 5 Cupcakes

Cupcakes? What do cupcakes have to do with Maths? Well, usually nothing but on Monday they served another purpose. If the baker makes 8 trays with 24 cupcakes in each tray how many does he make altogether?

We worked in groups and had to make a poster showing all the different ways we worked it out. We decided as a group, after different equations were used, that he make 192 cupcakes. We also got to eat a cupcake each. This helped us work out the answer.

By Naomi Smith



General News

Kindy Orientation Day

A "ROAR" of a time!

On Tuesday, 24 October, the rising Pre-Kindy students got to visit our Kindergarten classroom to experience first-hand what life is like in big school. During the visit, the students participated in a variety of enjoyable activities including story time, craft, drama and team building games. During story time, great discussions were had around the famous Aesop fable "The Lion and the Mouse" whereby the kids discovered that little friends may prove to be great friends, the importance of always helping others and most importantly that no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted! A huge thank you to our Kindergarten teacher for 2018, Mrs Finey, for her tremendous story-telling and drama skills!



Pre-kindy Grandparents Day

Over 40 special relatives and guests were welcomed by Year 6 students on Tuesday, 31 October. As they arrived at the Pre-Kindy playground, they were taken on a tour of our lovely garden which features vegetables being grown (the best in Lismore!) a hanging flower wall and a look at our playground.

Everyone moved into the Pre-Kindy room (it was a bit squishy with over 60 bodies in it!) and the Pre-Kindy's sang, danced and read sentences to everybody.

Together, with the help of their friends, they made a clay coiled vase.

Everyone then went downstairs where there was delicious food surrounded by beautiful decorations.

Just when they thought they could rest - the Hokey Pokey music came on and everybody joined in with the children to dance, sing and laugh together. What a fabulous afternoon we all had!

Thank you to all those staff members and parents who helped decorate and for all of our guests who travelled to join us for this special occasion.



SCU Discovery Day

On Tuesday, 24 October 2017, Southern Cross University held its annual Discovery Day and saw many Northern Rivers students from the various Secondary Colleges converge on the University for the event.

Three students from Blue Hills College elected to attend this day. It was an excellent experience, with the University providing a range of sessions for students. There were information sessions which were broad overviews of the benefits of attending Southern Cross University and the advantages of tertiary education in general. Following this, students were directed to small sessions focused on specific fields of study. A barbecue lunch was provided and the day was a great success and very beneficial for those who attended.

BHC Past Student

Congratulations to Sophia Husband, our BHC School Captain in 2013, for her success as a graduating Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Teaching student at Avondale College.

Sophia received 4 Academic Excellence awards for Ministry of Teaching (Secondary), Adventist Media Journalism, the Allen and Andrea Steele Huguenot History award and the prestigious Avondale Prize of Excellence. The Prize pool nets Sophia a grand total of \$4,500

for all her hard work. This will assist her to establish herself in her new position at Carlisle Adventist Christian College in Mackay, Queensland where she will move in the new year to teach English, Drama, Art and Bible.

Sophie loved her time at BHC then Avondale and encourages all students to make the most of their experience if they have the fortune to go. She made friends, had adventures, played sports, and travelled overseas to do one of her teaching pracs in Cambodia. Sophie was also the Editor for the Jacaranda Year Book and became a residential assistant in her final year, mentoring younger students. Watch out world, here she comes!



Secondary Science

Smelly Science - recently Mrs Tinworth has been dissecting all kinds of things, like kidneys with Year 8. While this is an important discovery time, unfortunately it tends to leave a bad smell. So if your children come home talking about the smell at school, its not the sewage system breaking down, but smelly science in progress.



General News

Speech Night Change of Date

Please note that there has been a change in the calendar in regards to Speech Night for both Secondary and Primary. Speech Night, which was to be held on 29 November, will now be held on the **6 December**. A reminder note will sent out at a later date.

Year 7—10 Exam Date Changes

PLEASE NOTE: The calendar date for the Year 7-10 exams are incorrect and that the exams dates are as follows: 29/11/17 - 4/12/2017

End of Year Bookfair



Friday, 3 November - Wednesday, 8 November 2017

Shopping hours are: - 8am to 9am

- 12.30pm to 3.30pm

We will not be holding a parade for this Bookfair

—NO COSTUMES

Every time you buy a book your name goes into a draw to win a voucher to spend at Bookfair.

First prize \$40

Second prize \$20

Japanese Trip



I am currently in the process of fielding enquiries for a 12 day cultural and language

study program to Japan for high school students in Sept-Oct 2018. It will comprise visits to some of Japan's most famous sites and five nights spent with a host family at our sister school, Chiba Nichidai Daiichi High School. Students will travel to Japan with their Japanese teacher and Principal, along with a Japanese tour guide.

The approximate cost of this excursion will be \$3,700 (airfare, train travel and travel insurance, accommodation, meals, and excursions to destinations within Japan). Spending money is extra. Please be aware that these prices are an estimate and may change due to airfare costs, international circumstances and taxes, as well as the value of the Yen against the Australian dollar. Ultimately, I would like to reduce anticipated costs of accommodation and meals through raising funds to assist all students participating in the program.

Interested families are encouraged to email me with their thoughts on rspence@bluehills.nsw.edu.au.

CANTEEN SURVEY

There is still time to get the Canteen Survey in. *Thank you for supporting the BHC Canteen.*

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*)

6 Nov	Edward Stevens-Kowald	13 Nov	Kassidy Field
	Jayd Whicker		Paris Hall
7 Nov	Tayla Wood	14 Nov	William Harrison
	Daniel Benfield		Rhianna Lawton
8 Nov	Fletcher Bond	15 Nov	Isabelle Lovegrove
	Abby Brunton		Kaine Manwarring
9 Nov	Elke Bulmer	16 Nov	Matthew Nielsen_Sonda
	Grace Buswell		Tess Papadopoulos
10 Nov	Malachi Canning	17 Nov	Clancy Pratt
	Jacob Fayers		William Saunders
Staff	Daniel Sekulic	Staff	Sky Carden
	Dean Doyle		Mary-Anne Coppock

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