

Newsletter

Blue Hills College

Where Christian Values Matter

8 Jun 2017

Calendar

- **Pathfinders Expedition**
10– 11 Jun
- **Queen's Birthday
PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
12 Jun
- **ICAS English Writing**
13 Jun
- **ICAS Spelling**
14 Jun
- **Year 7-10 Assessment
Free**
20 -26 Jun
- **Brainstorm K-6, Yr7-9**
23 Jun
- **Blaze Out**
23 Jun
- **Pathfinders & Adventurers
Hall Night**
24 Jun
- **Year 7-10 Exams**
27-30 Jun
- **Term 2 Ends**
30 Jun
- **HOLIDAYS**
3 - 18 Jul
- **Term 3 Begins**
19 Jul

Dear Parents/Guardians & students

We all communicate with each other on a daily basis and when our communication breaks down, we experience all kinds of problems and frustrations. As a school we have to deal with the fact that parents quite often feel that we do not communicate enough with them, or that our information does not come across clearly enough. On top of that we have the constant problem that letters and newsletters land at the bottom of the school bag, or it miraculously change into a paper plane and thus never reaches home, with the result that we have a communication break down. Over the last three years we have been working very hard to fix the perceived communication problem. At the beginning of this year we send you a letter by mail and asked you to choose a preferred method how you want us to communicate with you. We are still waiting for all the responses to come back.

Currently we are communicating to you either via physical letters (if that is what you chose), by email, or by SMS. When a letter goes out via email and it has a permission component that needs to be completed, we also post the letter on our webpage. Please remember that physical letters may take up to a week to reach you. All the high school assignments and tests are put on Google docs and your child will have access to that from home. We also post reminders of all events on our Facebook page and on occasions we even send you an SMS as a reminder. We will be exploring this option even more over the coming months. All our events are also listed as reminders in our newsletter and we have given you a Blue Hills College calendar at the beginning of the year with all our events and important dates listed. Sometimes we have to make changes, which is most often due to unforeseen circumstances like our Athletics carnival and we would like to apologise if that has inconvenienced you. If you feel that our communication is still lacking some components, please do not hesitate to contact me so that we can address it. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding in this matter and please don't forget to read your emails.

Kind regards
Carel Neuhoff



General News

Bookmark Winners!

Congratulations to all of the students who submitted a bookmark to the 2017 Bookmark Challenge! There were so many fantastic entries. Here are our Winners:



Ginevra (Yr 3), Abby (Yr 3), Bethany (Yr 7), Isabelle (Yr 5), Grace (Yr 5)



Adeline (Yr 5), Alisha (Yr 3), Naomi (Yr 5), Ginger (Yr 6).

These chosen students had their bookmarks copied, printed and laminated for everyone who attended the Book Fair to enjoy. Many parents during the Book Fair commented on the wonderful talent displayed through the bookmarks, and loved that they could take one home to enjoy.

Mrs Carden

**ICAS English Writing on Tue 13 Jun and
ICAS Spelling on Wednesday 14 June.**

**Also a reminder that the
Year 7-10 Exams will be
from 27 June until 30 June.**

Primary Chapel

We have had some wonderful chapel times this Term. One highlight was when one of our parents (and firefighter), John Koronui came and spoke to us about kindness and helping others.



Primary Silver Awards

We are very proud of our latest Silver Award recipients. Congratulations.



Year 6 Drama Assessments

Over the last two weeks the year six students have been busily rehearsing and dramatizing their Bible play scripts. On the



26th of March the students presented their drama scripts as an assessment to their peers. The students' enthusiastically brought costumes to school to make their drama presentations come alive. Each drama was of the highest quality and each student should be proud of their individual and group effort.

General News

Host Families for Japanese Students

Japanese host families

Blue Hills College will be hosting 20-25 Japanese students from our sister school in Tokyo this year from **21**

July — 3 August and we would love it if you could host a student at your home for a small amount of time.

The experience of hosting a Japanese student is often both an enriching and exciting one for you and your family. Students usually develop friendships with each other that last a lifetime as well as gain an important insight into other countries and cultures. If you are interested in hosting a Japanese student then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Neuhoff or Mrs Spence ASAP! Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Families will receive \$300 at the conclusion of their students home stay to assist with covering expenses.*



Grip National Leadership Camp 2017

Would you like to develop valuable leadership skills whilst having enormous fun during the July school holidays? Students in Yr 10-12 are invited to participate in a national leadership camp being held in Brisbane, hosted by the GRIP Leadership team.

Teenagers from around Australia will be gathering for this 4-day camp from July 3-6. GRIP Leadership is well known for organising Australia's largest student leadership events and helping students reach their potential as a leader. Full details available at www.gripleadership.com.au/camp

Year 9 & 10 Timber

These tables are all constructed by Wade Ashcroft from salvaged pallets destined for the rubbish.



STORMCO 2017

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, 1 July**, and returning **Sunday, 9 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

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

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POSTPONED TO FRIDAY, 9 JUNE.

APOLOGIES

FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED.



**Hope
to see
you there!**

General School News

Year 12 English Excursion to Sydney

After flying to Sydney on Wednesday afternoon, Year 12 English students visited Sydney's The Seymour Centre on Thursday for Sport for Jove's thrilling 90 minute production of *The Tempest*, which revealed a modern-day twist on the original Shakespearean play. The play focuses on forgiveness, discovery and self-discovery, which are essential aspects of our compulsory HSC Area of Study. The enchanting characters, comedic scenes and breathtaking theatricality (plus our seats in the front two rows) made it a memorable performance.

After lunch, we attended the HSC Symposium of this interpretation of Shakespeare's drama. The director and actors explored the context of the play and the different aspects of discovery within and through the text. The actors performed key parts of the script essential for the topic *Discovery* and then explained their modern-day interpretation. Overall, the Symposium was a very informative presentation that helped the Year 12 Advanced English class gain further knowledge about their prescribed text.

Our trip to Sydney had many other highlights: a delicious meal in Chinatown on Wednesday night, enjoying the music of various buskers, train travel (the first time for one student), shopping and the fun of being somewhere new with friends.

On Thursday we split in to two groups. Mr Darko, Jescinta, Ben and Peter visited the fascinating Pompeii Exhibition at the Sydney Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour. This exhibition featured details and artifacts from before, during and after the destruction of Pompeii in 79A.D. plus a 3D cinematic experience of the city's destruction. Pompeii is an Ancient History topic for the H.S.C. so was this visit very valuable.

Meanwhile, Mrs Strong, Mikayla, Luke, Lilli, Sam and Aleks went walkabout and each student acted as a tour guide for one of the points of interest along the route. The tour included the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park, the Australian Museum, the Great Synagogue, the Archibald Fountain, Hyde Park Barracks, St. Mary's Cathedral, the NSW Art Gallery, the Mitchell Library, the Domain, the Sydney Conservatorium, the Botanical Gardens, the Opera House, Circular Quay, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Rocks and the Harbour Bridge. One of our guides (a seasoned overseas traveller) saw Sydney for the first time.

We really did pack a lot in to our short stay... and there's so much more to see!

Thank you to Mrs Strong and Mr Darko for sharing these experiences.

(See pictures on the right)

Depression Anxiety Recovery Program

Get Your Life Back!

DARP - Nedley Depression Recovery Program.

Learn How To:

- Enhance your energy levels and mood
- Manage stress without distress
- Overcome depression and anxiety through positive lifestyle choices and right thinking

Contact: Leanne Rudwick Mobile: 0473 969 090

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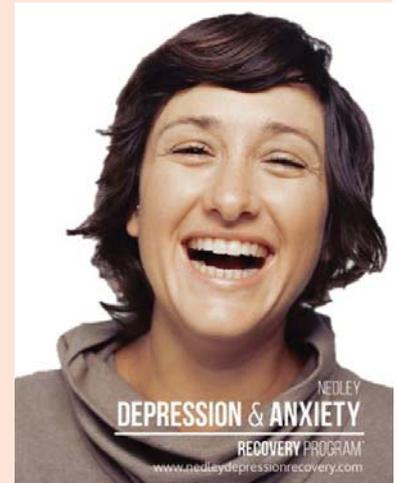
When: Sunday, 25

June at 3:00pm or

Tuesday, 27 June at

6:30pm

Where: Blue Hills College, Goonellabah



General News

Self Defence — Hapkido

Starting on Monday, 12 June John Koronui will be holding classes for a type of Korean Marshall art called 'Hapkido' which teaches self defence, self confidence, and discipline. John has 20 years experience in Hapkido and will love to help anyone who is willing to learn self defence. The class will go for an hour from 3:30pm until 4:30pm and will be held at Blue Hills College in the MPC. For further information please contact John on 0409 142 704—Facebook page— jkhapkido.



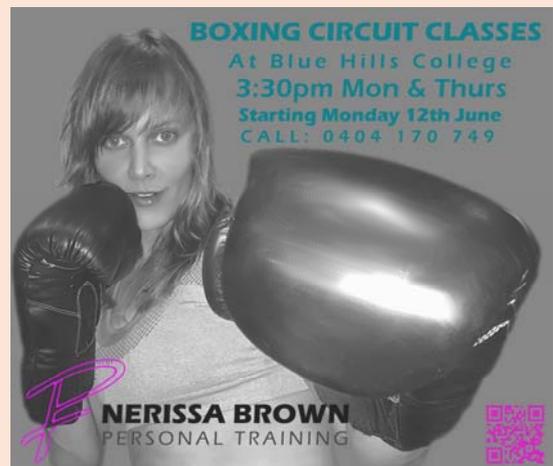
Canteen

NOTICE: Price for Lol's has increased to \$2.50.

Canteen now has Eftpos facility available for students and staff .

Thank you for supporting BHC Canteen .

Personal Trainer—Nerissa Brown



FOR SALE:

- Boys primary shirts - size 14. 3 for \$45. In excellent condition-all soaked, washed and ironed. One has small grease mark on the front which is barely noticeable. Only worn for 2 terms.
 - Boys primary shirts - size 16. 3 for \$50. All in excellent condition. Only worn for 1 term.
 - Boys primary shorts - size 12. Pretty good condition. \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Only worn for 3 terms.
 - Unisex sports polo - size S. slight faded dirt stain on white panel, a couple of tiny pulls. Otherwise in really good condition. \$18. Only worn for 3 terms.
 - Unisex jumper-no fading, excellent condition. Barely worn at all. \$30
- Call Carmel - 0412 656 934

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)

12 Jun	Queen's Birthday	19 Jun	Lachlan Higgins
	PUBLIC HOLIDAY		Malia Hoffman
13 Jun	Henry Williams	20 Jun	Lachlan Jeffrey
	Georgia Wright		Lachlan Pirlo
14 Jun	Rylan Bird	21 Jun	Phoebe Shaw
	Paris Camaroni		Lachlan Somerville
15 Jun	Benjamin Cormack	22 Jun	Lynkane Stevens-Kowald
	Montana Field		Lewellyn Tollett
16 Jun	Seong Green-well Smith	23 Jun	Johannes van Tonder
	Cody Harrison		Wade Ashcroft
Staff	Canteen	Staff	Carel Neuhoff
	Cleaners & Maintenance		Lyndon Darko

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