Blue Haven Public School

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Term 4 Week 7

Dates for your diary

Stepping Stones	Wednesday 17 November	Koala 8.45am - 10.15am Echidna 11.15am - 12.45pm
Kindergarten 2022 Parent Information Sessions	Thursday 18 November	5:30pm to 6.30pm via zoom
Stepping stones	Monday 22 November	Platypus 8.45am - 10.15am Kookaburra 11.15am - 12.45pm
Stepping Stones	Wednesday 24 November	Koala 8.45am - 10.15am Echidna 11.15am - 12.45pm
Kindergarten 2022 Parent Information Sessions	Thursday 25 November	5:30pm to 6.30pm via zoom

Notes for Parents:

- Medical Note

2019 Australian Education Awards WINNER Primary School of the Year – Government

School Vision 2021-2024

To be a high performing school with a positive and inclusive school culture that promotes the wellbeing and success of all

NSW Government Education Public Schools

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Blue Haven Public School - Principal's Message

Hi Parents/Caregivers

Attendance Matters
Attendance is important as it makes certain that every child maximises each learning opportunity.
Regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility.

Students Leaving
If your child is not returning to Blue Haven Public School for 2022 as you are moving or changing schools, can you please contact the office as soon as possible. This is important when preparing classes for next year. We appreciate your support.

Sickbay
If a child presents to the sickbay with flu or cold-like symptoms, we are required to send the child home and they need to have a COVID test. If they receive a negative result, they can return to school when their symptoms have completely gone. Upon their return the office needs to sight the negative result; this can be emailed to the school's email: bluehaven-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

If you do not wish to have your child take a COVID test, you can get a doctors clearance letter that states that they do not have COVID and do not require a COVID test.

Best Teacher Competition
The Daily Telegraph is running a competition to find the Best Teacher on the Central Coast. Thank you to the parents that have nominated some of our amazing teachers. It is this recognition from the community that truly shows how much our amazing teachers do on a daily basis is valued. I feel grateful that I work alongside such an amazing and dedicated group of teachers.

Stepping Stones
Our Kindergarten transition program Stepping Stones began this week. It will run over Week 7 and Week 8 with each child attending two sessions. Just a reminder for your child to attend these sessions the full enrolment requirements must be completed. Please email the school at bluehaven-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions about your child's enrolment status and/or the Stepping Stones sessions.

Road Safety
Children are really good at learning and copying what they see to develop their own value systems. That is why it is so important that we need to work together to teach our children to respect the rules and laws that keep us all safe. When parents pull up in 'No Stopping' or 'Bus Zones', consider the message that you are sending to your child.
We need to make sure that our children understand the rules that we have and the reasons behind them. It is important that children know these don't change because we are 'running late', or 'the line is just too long and it will take forever'. Children need to know that their safety comes first and that is why we make sure that we follow the road rules especially out in front of schools.

School Banking
School Banking will resume next Tuesday 23rd November. It will run for 3 weeks and our last day for banking will be Tuesday 7th December. As a gesture of goodwill, every active banker will be eligible for a final reward. To obtain one of these rewards, students need to engage in school banking over the last 3 weeks of the program.
This will be the last year that the School Banking Program will be offered.

Blue Haven Public School - Principal's Message

Mosquitos
As schools are required to have their windows open to ensure good ventilation in all classrooms. We have noticed that we have had an influx of students being bitten by mosquitos. Until we are able to have fly screens installed on all our windows, we ask that parents consider applying insect repellent to your children, as a part of your morning routine. Particularly on the days after we have had rain.

Epicentre
The Epicentre (San Remo Neighbourhood Centre) is located at San Remo, providing a large number of supports and services for our families to be able to access. The links below contain videos that will introduce you to the Epicentre and share with you some of the support and services available to you.

Who are we - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odDfRTZRc_U

What we do - https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Z3tVDh5ITHs

Community Programs - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v32yTAPJoYU

Emergency Relief - https://www.youtube.com/shorts/R06bk3jRzag

Blue Haven OoSHC - https://www.youtube.com/shorts/vTcfR7X-12A

Volunteer with us - https://www.youtube.com/shorts/vpaDyFddCT4

Please reach out to this great local organisation for support or if you would like to get involved with them as a volunteer.

Donny's Summer Reading Challenge
Reading is the key to success in education. Over the 2021-22 summer holiday break we are encouraging students in Years K-5 to do more reading.
Reading with, or to a child will help keep their reading skills alive and prevent the loss of these skills.
Donny's Summer Reading Challenge encourages students to read books at home, the library and online.
Please complete the opt-in form and return it to your class teacher to ensure your child/ren can take part over the holiday break.

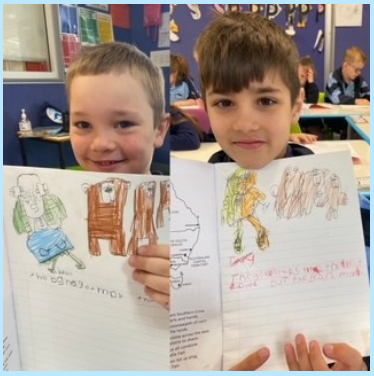
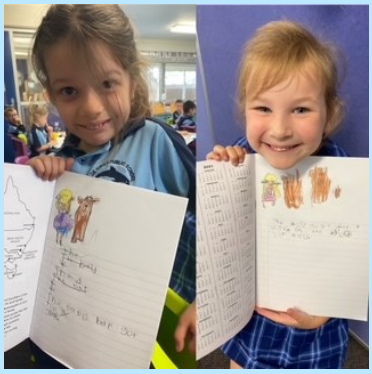
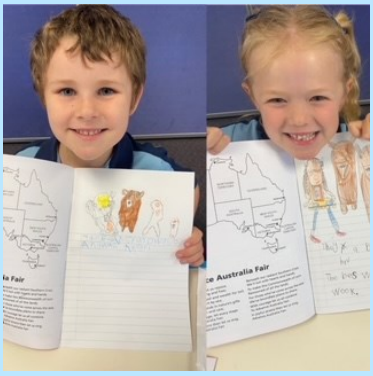
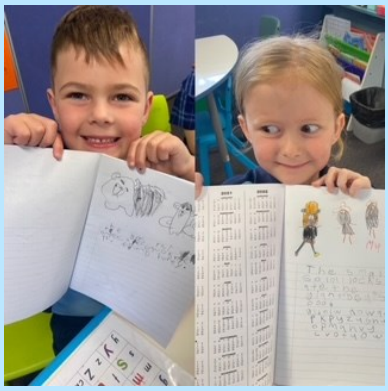
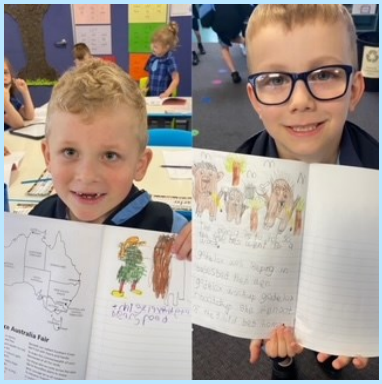
Stay safe Blue Haven,

Dale Edwards

Principal

Kindergarten News

KD are ecstatic to be back at school! We have been enjoying our writing lessons and working on our drawings to help us plan our 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' narratives.

Year 1 News

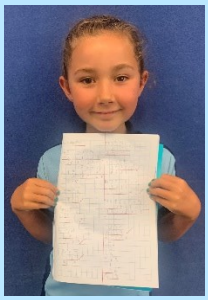
This week, Blue Haven Public School commemorated Remembrance Day. 1F learnt why it is important to acknowledge and remember the people who have fought for our country. We also learnt that poppies grew in the battlefields of the First World War. We were excited to create our own poppies and proudly wear them!

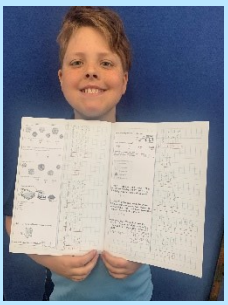
Year 2 News

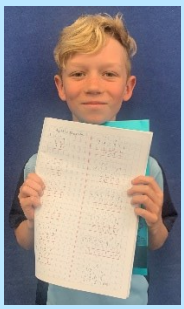
2K have been learning all about foods of the world, the origins of food and safety in the kitchen during our General Knowledge Warm Ups. They love starting their day with warming up their brains by learning about food and have had amazing discussions during fruit break about the growing process of their foods! We have even had 2K students bringing in fruit and vegetables they have grown in their own veggie garden!

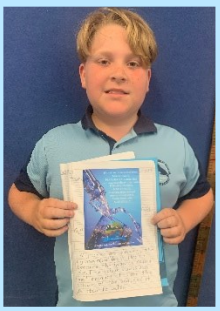
Stage 2 News

3/4V have had a fantastic return to school. As a class, they have set a goal of improving their bookwork and taking more time when producing cursive handwriting. Here are some amazing examples of their hard work since returning to school.



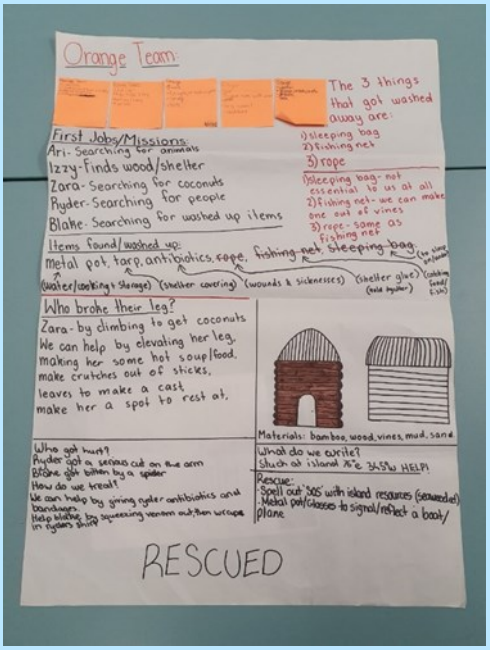


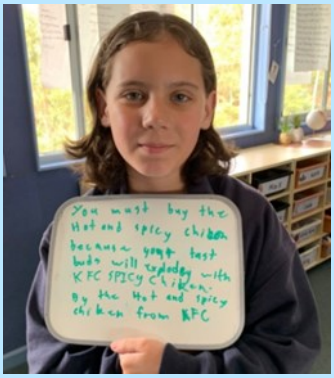


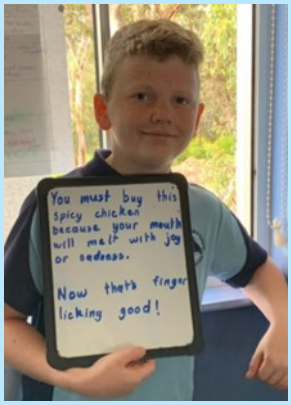


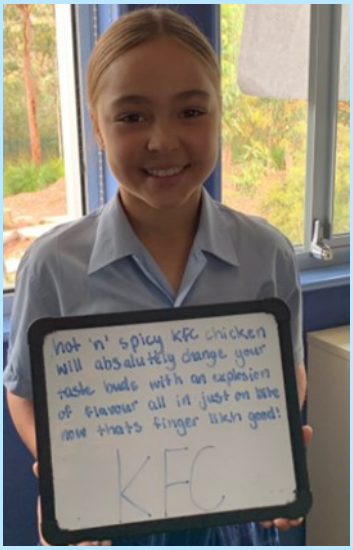
Stage 3 News

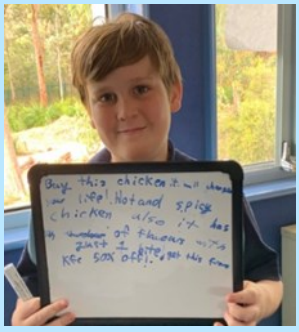
6M collaborated in a series of challenges to survive being stranded on a deserted island; 5G have been writing persuasive sentences using high modal words; and 5/6C have been focusing on their warm ups and routines.











18/10/2021

Donny's Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Donny's Summer Reading Challenge is a fun project to encourage students in Years K-5 to do more reading over the summer school holidays.

Reading is the key to success in education, but reading is not confined to school – what is learned at school needs to be used at home through reading for pleasure and interest. Reading with or to a child will help keep their reading skills alive and prevent the loss of these skills.

Participating students will be sent home with a Donny tote bag and some school texts to get them started. Students will be encouraged to also read books at home, the library and online. A Google Site will also be made available to find books in the community, read online stories, read and write book reviews and to log any reading.

Students will have the opportunity to earn prizes based on the number of days spent reading. Students will receive these prizes in the first week back of school in 2022.

- **Grand Prize (30 days reading):** Certificate + brand new book + Major Prize + Minor Prize
- **Major Prize (25 days reading):** Certificate + Donny notebook & pencils + Minor Prize
- **Minor Prize (20 days reading):** Certificate + Donny squishy toy

Students are invited to express their interest in completing Donny's Summer Reading Challenge over the summer school holidays by completing the attached form and returning to your child's class teacher by 19/11/21.

Dale Edwards
Principal

Tom Fitzpatrick & Kristy West
Organising Teachers

Donny's Summer Reading Challenge

I would like my child _____ of class _____ to participate in Donny's Summer Reading Challenge. I understand that my child will be sent home with school texts which are expected to be returned in 2022.

_____ _____ ____/____/____

Parent Name **Signed** **Date**

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BLUE HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Stepping Stones

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

WHAT IS STEPPING STONES?

The aim of the Stepping Stones program is to make your child's transition to school as positive an experience as possible through a series of visits.

Stepping Stones will be open to students who are fully enrolled for Kindergarten in 2022.

Throughout Stepping Stones, the children will experience a range of activities that develop fine and gross motor skills whilst getting a taste of life at "big" school with our fantastic 2021 Kindy teachers.

Stepping Stones this year will be made up of 2 sessions across 2 weeks for each student. Your child will also receive their Kindergarten recruit pack when attending these sessions.

PARENT INFORMATION ZOOM SESSIONS

We are excited to bring you parent information sessions, via Zoom, to provide you with a comprehensive guide into the programs that are conducted at our school and the reasoning behind why we do what we do at BHPS.

TOPICS AND DATES:
(ALL SESSIONS ARE AT 5:30- 6:30PM)

Thursday November 11th:
Speech and Occupational Therapies

Thursday November 18th: Curriculum and Schools as Community Centres (SaCC)

Thursday November 25th:
Start of Kindergarten and Q&A

ADDITIONAL ONLINE ZOOM STUDENT SESSION

On Thursday 2nd of December at 3:30pm

we will be hosting a special online Zoom student session for Kindy 2022 students. We would love for you to attend. Activities will include story time and craft.

CONNECT WITH US FOR ZOOM SESSIONS THROUGH THIS LINK

Where: Zoom Meeting
https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/67930415912?pwd=WEZyb3VxdnpHTm16dU5vcWFRb3dmZz09

Meeting ID: 679 3041 5912
Passcode: 575117

Traffic and Parking around your School

Parking rules are designed to stop vehicles from parking where it would be dangerous or inconvenient for others. Please consider the residents when parking in streets surrounding your school.

☑ A **School Zone** is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Between the School Zone and End School Zone signs you must obey the school zone speed limit. The school zone speed limit only applies on gazetted school days and during the times shown on the sign.

☑ **School Bus lights** – buses use signs and orange flashing 'wigwag' lights to warn motorists and pedestrians that they are picking up or setting down school children. The lights begin to flash when the bus stops and the doors are opened. They keep flashing for about 30 seconds after the doors close and continue even after the bus moves off. You must not drive past the bus in the same direction at more than 40 km/h while the 'wigwag' lights are flashing as there may be children crossing or about to cross the road.

☑ A **No Parking Zone** means that you must not stop for more than two minutes. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle. No Parking Zones are suitable for dropping off and picking up.

THESE SIGNS MEAN YOU MAY STOP HERE TO DROP OFF / PICK UP

BUT YOU MUST

- **stop for up to 2 minutes only**
- **stay within 3 metres of vehicle**

Kids look to you to keep them safe - please park legally in school zones
HEAVY FINES and DEMERIT POINTS APPLY

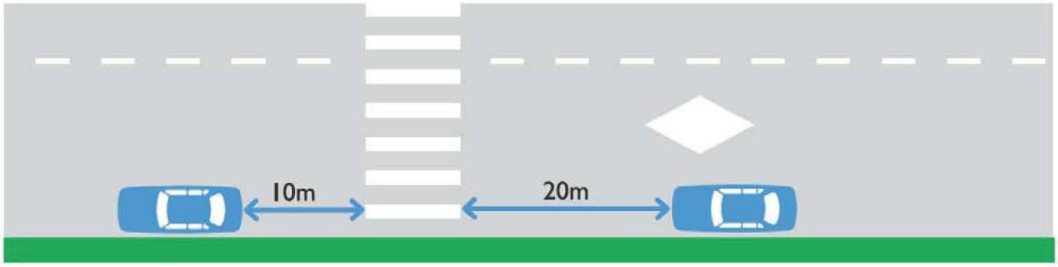
☑ A **Bus Zone** means that the area is restricted for bus use only. If hours of operation are shown, the restriction only applies to this time. You may use this area outside of these times.

☑ A **No Stopping Zone** means no stopping at any time.

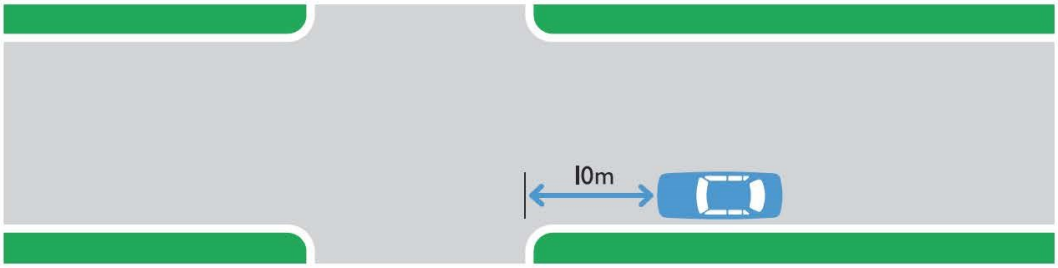
Other times when you must not stop

You must not stop your vehicle (that is, bring it to a stop and either stay with the vehicle or leave it parked) in the following circumstances:

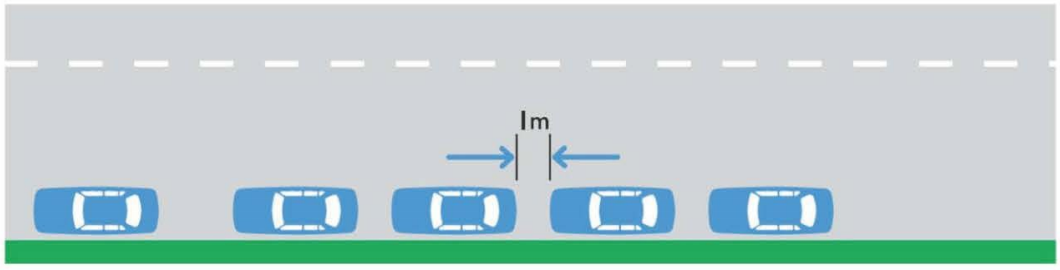
- Double parked (that is in the road alongside a car that is parked)
- Across a driveway or footpath
- On a median strip or traffic island
- On footpaths and nature strips
- On or within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a children's crossing or pedestrian crossing



- Within an intersection
- Within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights unless signposted otherwise



- In Bus Stop, Bus Zone, Taxi Stand or Taxi Zone signed areas
- At least one metre from any other parked vehicle, close as possible and parallel to the kerb, and facing the same direction as the traffic lane



- Within three metres of any double centre lines
- Within 20 metres before and 10 metres after a bus stop

Adherence to signposting, linemarking and road rules around your school will assist in providing a safe environment for the school community and residents.

Central Coast Council

Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890 (9am-1am daily)
For webchat, visit: headspace.org.au/eheadspace

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

1800RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

QLife

LGBTI peer support and referral

1800 184 527 (6pm-10pm daily)
qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

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Healthy Lunch Box recipe

Vegetable gratin

Ingredients

Olive oil spray
1 kg frozen chunky mixed vegetables, thawed
1 tbsp margarine
2 garlic cloves, crushed
¼ tsp dried thyme
¾ cup plain flour
1 tsp Dijon mustard
2 cups reduced-fat milk
1 cup reduced-fat cheddar cheese, grated
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 cup fresh wholemeal bread crumbs
2 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped

- Serves 6

Method

Preheat oven to 190°C. Spray an 18 x 28 cm shallow baking dish with oil. Drain thawed vegetables well and set aside.

Melt the margarine in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and thyme and cook for 30 seconds. Whisk the flour and mustard into the milk and gradually whisk into the saucepan. Cook, whisking constantly, for 5 to 10 mins or until thickened. Remove from the heat and stir in ¾ cup of the cheese until melted. Fold in the vegetables and pour into the baking dish.

In a bowl, combine the remaining cheese with the bread crumbs and parsley. Sprinkle over the vegetables and bake for 20 min or until golden brown.

For more recipes visit:
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