

# Blue Haven Public School

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> **Term 4 Week 9** Dates for your diary



Presentation Day	Thursday 9 December	Years 3-6	
Presentation Day	Friday 10 December	Kindergarten - Year 2	
Year 6 Big Day In	Friday 10 December	Payment due 7/12/2021	
Year 6 Farewell	Monday 13 December	Payment due 2/12/2021	
Students Last Day 2021	Thursday 16 December		
Staff Development Day	Friday 17 December		
Staff Development Day	Friday 28 January		
Staff Development Day	Monday 31 January		
Students Return 2022	Tuesday 1 February	Years 1-6	

Notes for Parents:



### 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



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#### Hi Parents/Caregivers

#### New Staff in 2022

Next year we have some newly appointed staff that will be joining us. Mr Luke Fowler was successful in gaining an appointment as an Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction starting with us in Term 1 next year. Mrs Stacy Parry has also been appointed to our school and will take up a position as a classroom teacher. We have also completed the merit selection process for the appointment of our school's Deputy Principal and I will be able to make that announcement in our next newsletter.

#### Student Leaders for 2022

This year we had 13 highly suitable candidates nominated to run for a leadership position for 2022. Unfortunately we only have 8 members on our school's leadership team. Congratulations to the following students (listed in alphabetical order).

Lilly C	Madden C	Mollie F	Makayla G
Cohen K	Caleb-Xavier M	Stern M	Hunter Z

Captains, Vice-Captains and Ministers will all be named on Presentation Day. With the current restrictions, we are unable to have our parents attend the ceremony. We are hoping that the restrictions that we currently face will be lifted enough at the start of the year, to allow us to have a special morning tea with the parents of our successful candidates.

#### Book Packs 2022

Next year our book packs are increasing by \$15 from the previous \$35 to \$50. This is due to a sports program that we will be running throughout Semester 1. Each student will engage in a special program every fortnight for 2 hours. At this time students will experience many different sporting opportunities, including Gymnastics. This program is a significant investment by the school of \$58 per student each term, and we are asking parents to make a small contribution towards the program. At the end of Term 2, the program will be evaluated. Should it continue for Semester 2, the school will cover the program's costs.





#### **Students Leaving**

It is important if your child will not be returning to Blue Haven Public School for 2022, as you are moving or changing schools, to advise the office as soon as possible. This allows us to form next year's classes as accurately as possible. We appreciate your support.

#### **Student Reports**

All staff have been busily compiling our student's reports, which includes identifying their engagement throughout learning from home. Please be aware that the reports will again be in a simplified version, similar to that of Semester 1, 2020. Student reports will be issued on Friday, 10th December.

#### **Presentation Day**

The school is currently planning for our annual Presentation Day. Like last year, parents will unfortunately not be able to attend the ceremony. Our presentation ceremonies will be held over two days, on the 9th and 10th December, to ensure that we are able to follow the enhanced cleaning guidelines between cohorts accessing the same space. All decisions regarding our end of year celebrations are guided by NSW Health and the Department of Education and made to safeguard all our students and staff. We thank you for your support with this matter.

#### **Phones at School**

It is the school's policy that all mobile phones are signed in and out of the office every day. There is no need for the students to have a phone while at school. All communication throughout the day needs to go through the school's office. Phones in classrooms can be a significant distraction to students and their learning.

#### **Stepping Stones and Documentation**

Our Kindergarten transition program Stepping Stones finished this week. We have met our new recruits for 2022 and have had a great time in the process. The information provided by these valuable days is vital to support us to make the best choices for our 2022 classes. If you haven't completed and submitted all the documentation required, please bring them into the school as soon as you are able. We are excited to welcome them into the Blue Haven team.

#### Transition for students 2021 – 2022

Students requiring additional transition supports when moving year groups will be supported a little differently this year due to our cohorting restrictions.

Transition packs will be sent home in the final week of school and will contain some support materials that children can work through over the school break.

Classroom teachers are nominating students who will require this support, if you have any queries please reach out to your child's class teacher directly.

Stay safe Blue Haven,

Dale Edwards

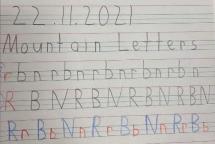
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#### **Kindergarten News**

This term Kindergarten have been building their skills during handwriting lessons. We have been learning how to form letters carefully using the lines. KT have loved using their new handwriting booklets and forming letters neatly on the lines.







#### Year 1 News

Hands on maths fun!!! 1B have been working very hard to read and make half past times on an analogue clock. They have also been learning how to write digital times. It was lovely to see the children using the associated self-talk to help themselves and their learning partner during the pair-share activities.





#### Year 2 News

What better way to explore the concept of capacity than with an outdoor lesson on a beautiful sunny day! 2F had a great time hypothesising the capacity of different containers. We also explored water displacement to measure volume. We had a great time!



#### Stage 2 News

In MAPPEN this past few weeks, 3P have been learning about animation and have created 3D animation story boxes. Some amazingly creative ideas and dramatic story-telling going on here!















#### Stage 3 News

Stage 3 have been working hard in and outside the classroom, even with the term moving so quickly. No rest for us!







