

# Blue Haven Public School

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**Deputy Principal: Kristy West**



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## Term 4 Week 9

### Dates for your diary

Presentation Day	Thursday 8th December	3-6 8:45 am - 9:45 am K-2 11:15 am - 12:15 pm
Coffee and Chat	Thursday 8th December	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Year 6 Farewell	Thursday 8th December	5:30 pm - 8:30pm
Year 6 Bowling Excursion	Thursday 15th December	
Christmas Carols	Thursday 15th December	
Last Day for Students	Friday 16th December	
Staff Development Day	Monday 19th December	
Staff Development Day	Tuesday 20th December	
Staff Development Day	Friday 27th January 2023	
Staff Development Day	Monday 30th January	
Students Return 2023	Tuesday 31st January	Years 1-6
Kindergarten First Day	Friday 3rd February	

#### Notes for Parents:

No notes this week



## 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*



Hi Parents/Caregivers,

This year has gone by so quickly and our end of year celebrations have started and will continue for the following two weeks. We have had some amazing times together this year and shared in some really emotionally challenging ones too. It has been so wonderful to see our community come together to support each other through the happy and sad times. I couldn't be more proud to lead our amazing school and am already looking forward to what 2023 is going to hold for us.

Thank you for all your support throughout 2022. I really appreciate the time you have spent with us and the events that have been so well attended this past year. The community input during Coffee and Chats has helped us to refine our processes and improve the lines of communication with our community. I would like to wish you and your families a very happy holiday and hope that however you choose to celebrate this festive season, you return to us safe and well in the new year.

**Important dates for the end of 2022 and start of 2023**

Please note that due to the change implemented by the Department of Education, students do not attend school on Monday the 19th of December. Please make this change on your Blue Haven Public School Calendar. This means that the Year 6 Clap Out will be on the Friday.

2022	
Last day for students	<b>Friday 16th December</b>
Staff Development Day (no students at school)	<b>Monday 19th December</b>

2023	
Staff Development Day (no students at school)	Friday 27th January
Staff Development Day (no students at school)	Monday 30th January
Year 1 to 6 First Day of School	Tuesday 31st January
Kindergarten Best Start and Speech Assessments	Tuesday 31st January to Thursday 2nd February
Kindergarten First Day of School	Friday 3rd February.

**Classes and Numbers for next year**

All students will spend the first day or days in their 2022 classes as we check school numbers and finalise the 2023 classes. This will be in the room that they ended the year, which may not be the class that they were in throughout the year. We will move into our 2023 classes and commence learning programs as soon as possible. We expect to maintain 25 classes again next year.

Transition for students moving into 2023 will be supported by teachers and leaders by building the student's capacity in dealing with change. Some students will receive a document to support their concerns, as required. For those who require it, a printed copy of a transition book will also be sent home for completion over the holiday break. We look forward to supporting all our children as they move into a new school year.

**Staff changes for 2023**

In 2023, we will continue to fund a second Deputy Principal. Mr James Gray will be overseeing and supporting the primary grades, Years 3-6 and Ms Kristy West will be the Deputy Principal that will be supporting infant grades, Years K-2.



## Year 6

It is always with mixed feelings when we farewell our Year 6 students. We have had a great time teaching them over their years at Blue Haven and are proud to have played a large part in helping develop them into well-rounded individuals. We have a number of celebratory events that will take place over the last two weeks of school that we hope will stay with them for the rest of their lives. A few more fond memories to take with them on their way to high school. We wish them every happiness and success in the coming years and can't wait to find out what they will choose to do with the lives that they have.

Our Clap Out is on the last day of school, Friday 16th December.

## Slime Fun Day

The P&C Slime Fundraiser was a huge success, for both our P&C and our students. It was so great to see the smiles on the children's faces and they enjoyed getting slimed and even dumping slime on others, including the teachers. It is no small feat to be able to put on such a huge event and so I would like to say thank you to the P&C for giving up so much time to make a very special event for our students. I would also like to acknowledge the involvement of Mr Chris Garbutt, who worked closely with the P&C to support the organisation, allowing the day to run smoothly.

I want to say thank you to all the children that raised money to support our P&C. As a not for profit organisation that puts all the money raised back into the school, the support is truly appreciated. A very big congratulations to Reuben in Kindergarten for raising the most out of all children in the school. He thoroughly enjoyed dumping buckets of slime over my head at our morning assembly last week as a reward for his outstanding achievement.

## Uniform Drive - Donations for 2023

Over the holidays many of our children outgrow their school uniform and school shoes. BHPS would like to invite our community to the following uniform drive competition. Over the next few weeks please have a look around and if you have any old uniforms that you would like to donate then your child could win a Full School uniform for 2023.

Please ask your child to hand these directly to their class teacher with the Community Donation and your child's name on the bag.

Thanks for your support and good luck.

## Student Leaving BHPS

Families that are not returning to Blue Haven in 2023, please take the time to complete the [Student Leavers form](#) to provide the school with the required information to prepare for their departure. It is very important that we are aware of the new school that children will be enrolling in.

As part of the requirements of the Department of Education, we need this information to follow up with your child's new school, irrespective of state/territory or if it is public, religious or independent.

## Assemblies

There are no more Tuesday afternoon assemblies for the remainder of the year.





### Donny's Summer Reading Challenge

Are you aware that some students can lose up to 25% of their reading skills during the summer holidays?

So we developed Donny's Summer Reading Challenge to combat the 'Summer Slide' in reading. Donny's Summer Reading Challenge is a fun program developed 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 just something that we do at school – what you learn at school needs to be used at home through reading for pleasure and interest. Reading every day will help keep your reading skills alive and prevent the loss of these important skills.

You will have the opportunity to earn prizes based on the number of days you spend reading in the holidays. Students that participate will be sent home with a Donny bag with books. You can also access a number of texts on Donny's website. This website will also list locations in the community to access books.

You can also read books that you have at home, magazines and any other reading materials you may have.

If you have not already registered your interest please click this link: <https://forms.gle/axXn6HqfMWWo58dE7>

### Security

We appreciate the genuine care and concern that our community has for our school and its buildings. If you see or are aware of any security issues over the holidays, please call School Security on **1300 880 021** or, alternatively, you might choose to call the police for serious issues and incidents.

Merry Christmas everyone. We hope that you have a fantastic holiday season. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

*Dale Edwards*

**Principal**

### **San Remo EpiCentre Annual Toy Drive**

This year alone, the EpiCentre has responded to 20,955 requests for assistance. For the past 20 years, the Epicentre has provided toys and Christmas hampers for families and carers who are experiencing hardship through emergency relief program.

Your donation of a toy will give a child some joy.

No need to wrap and for any age is great.

Thank you for putting a smile on a child's face this Christmas.

**Donation Box is located in the front office if you would like to contribute.**



# BASE

## Be At School Everyday

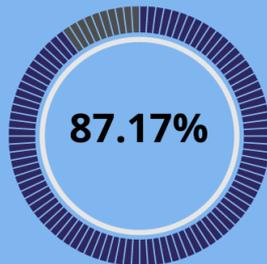


The Department of Education has a goal of 95% attendance for every student. At Blue Haven Public our goal is 93%, as a starting point. For our school, this is an aspirational target. As much as we would like to achieve this, we recognise that children's health and wellbeing will have an impact.

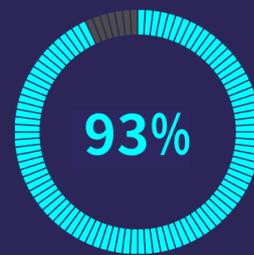
### Every Day Counts

Here are the attendance statistics for Term 4, Weeks 7 & 8.

**BHPS Overall %  
Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8**



**BHPS Goal**

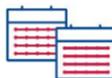


### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

**1** day per **fortnight**  
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

**1** day per **week**  
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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Hello Blue Haven, welcome back to another installment of our Community Corner. I can't believe it's the end of Term 4 and another year, where has the year gone? As we edge closer to the end of year we still have lots of exciting events coming up to close out 2022.

We have our last Coffee and Chat for 2022, this Thursday from 1:30pm to 2:30pm in the library. We look forward to welcoming you into our school. This is a great opportunity to chat with the school about your ideas and let us know what has and hasn't worked this year.

In week 7, we had two very exciting events take place. The first was the return of our book parade which saw all students celebrate their favorite book character. It was also great to see all our community fill Dolphin Cove and make the event such a huge success.

Secondly, we ran our first ever Slime Day. We are very blessed to have an amazing team of P&C that ran the whole day. They spent hours the day before getting all the events up and slime made for our students to enjoy. We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated team raising much needed money for our school.

Our annual community survey has come around again, we are asking for your valued feedback on community support and in relation to my role here at Blue Haven. We appreciate your support and feedback as it guides what we do in our local community. Please take the time to complete our short survey below.

As the term is coming to a close we still have a few events left to fill out the year including Presentation Day and Carols.

As always I hope you have an amazing Christmas and I hope it brings you joy and well earned rest and family time. I look forward to seeing the students walk through the gates once again in 2023.

**Community Survey 2022**



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuTTUjcxYc1gUwL45y4p0-1A48nPbU1Q3mCNkvtEaWRoPaAg/viewform>

Thanks again,  
Chris Garbutt  
School Learning Support Officer/  
Community Partnerships



Yaama,  
As the school year come to a close, we have a lot of celebrations, presentations, transitions and farewells.

I would like to wish our parting Year 6 cohort the very best as they move to the next chapter of their schooling journey in high school, we will miss you. This Thursday at our annual presentation day our Year 6 Aboriginal students will be presented with their parting gift, they have worked hard over the past few weeks creating their art designs for their Didges and Emu Callers.

You should all be very proud of your artworks,



stories and symbolism you have created; we definitely have some talented Aboriginal artists.

Congratulations to Mr Edwards who was nominated for a 2022 Nanga Mai award for Outstanding contribution to Educational Achievement by a non-Aboriginal staff member. We are also happy to be congratulating several Aboriginal students that were nominated for this prestigious award and we will be celebrating their successes at Presentation Day this week.

I invite parents and carers to complete our 2022 Aboriginal Parent Survey, your feedback and input is valued, and we appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/gQGuKhBRN6vB9zVi8>

I wish all our families a safe, merry and relaxing break. See you all in 2023.

Thank you,  
Ms Jodie Swannell, Aboriginal SLSO





### Kindergarten News

KNT have been exploring new phonics sounds. Last week we looked at the 'ph' sound. We read words, sentences and texts, segmented words and wrote sentences with 'ph'. On Friday we made cup phones and went into the playground to use them. It was so much fun!



### Stage 1 News

This week, 2C have been working on measuring and recording lengths in maths. We had a look at how we could model an eighth of a length using different materials and apply this when solving worded problems. Here is one of our examples using just a strip of paper!





### Stage 2 News

3C have had an amazing Term 4 so far and cannot wait to enjoy all of the other fun activities heading our way over the next two weeks!





## supporting young people in school holidays: practical tips for parents and carers

headspace National are hosting education sessions for parents and carers across NSW who are supporting young people during school holidays.

These sessions aim to:

- Identify challenges and opportunities of the school holiday period
- Offer practical ideas for parents and carers
- Provide information about additional support services
- Highlight the importance of self-care

### Where:

Online webinars.

### When:

We will be offering this session multiple times around the school holiday period. Sessions will be held at 12 - 1pm AEDT or 6 - 7pm AEDT.

Session dates will be listed on Eventbrite.

### How do I register?

Click the link to register for a session via Eventbrite: [bit.ly/3UVkYQM](https://bit.ly/3UVkYQM), or copy the URL into your web browser. Alternatively you can scan the QR code:



After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email which will include the Zoom webinar link.

You will receive a digital information pack after the session that includes key messages and links to resources and support services.

### Need more information?

Email us: [programsupport@headspace.org.au](mailto:programsupport@headspace.org.au).

## Nutrition Snippet

### FOOD SAFETY



As the weather warms up it is important to keep food cold, fresh and safe to eat.

Use a cooler bag and ice brick or frozen water bottle to keep the lunch box cold.

For more info and tips read our [food safety blog](#).

[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



## Nutrition Snippet

### SILLY SEASON FUN

Get the kids to design their own festive season creation!



Have fun and get fruit and fibre into the day!

Our super easy [banana pikelet](#) recipe is perfect for the kids to get creative in the kitchen!



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## Nutrition Snippet

### SNACK SOLUTIONS

Do you always hear 'I'm hungry - I need a snack!' but are stuck for healthy snack ideas?



We've got you covered - download your free copy of our [healthy snack guide](#) today!

For more info and ideas visit: [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)



## Nutrition Snippet

### SUMMER SALADS

Summer is the season to enjoy crunchy, colourful, delicious salads.



Try these recipes that use in season veg:

- [Nicoise salad](#)
- [Persian salad](#)
- [Mexican pasta salad](#)

For these recipes and more visit:

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# NSW BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHER PROGRAM

## What is covered by NSW back to school program?

### 3 x \$50 Vouchers

Eligible purchases are limited  
to the following

#### **School uniforms (K-12)**

- Your complete school uniform
- Hats
- Socks
- Shoes
- Umbrellas
- Raincoats

#### **Trade Schools (pathway program)**

- High Vis Polo Tops and Shirts
- Industrial Pants and Shorts
- Steel Cap Boots
- Socks Protectors
- Safety Equipments

**\*T&Cs Apply. No returns, exchanges  
in accordance with our returns policy**



## STAY TUNED!

ONCE THE NSW SERVICES APP  
RELEASES THE PROGRAM, REDEEM  
YOUR VOUCHERS INSTORE OR ONLINE