Dear Parents and Caregivers

Homework Club
The Blackwater CHRC have begun a new initiative in our community, a Homework Club. The homework club meet every Tuesday 4-5pm at Panda Park. Students from all schools are offered the opportunity to come to the park to complete their homework and receive support and assistance, if required.

The club are looking for more children to participate - this is a great initiative especially if homework at your house means slamming of doors, yelling, tears and tantrums. The children are supplied water and fruit for afternoon tea.

The homework club is also looking for parents or teachers that may like to offer support and help out. This is a great way to develop and build strong relationships.

If interest is not shown we will lose this resource. Please direct any enquiries to Felicity Quirk 0422 349 030.

NAPLAN
Students in years 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN (National Assessment Program of Literacy and Numeracy) this week. We will be providing Milo and toast in the morning for these students on Tuesday and Thursday, and our regular breakfast club will be held on Wednesday. It is important that students attend these days so that they can show you how they are doing in Literacy and Numeracy compared to children around Australia. Students completed language conventions and writing yesterday, today they will be partaking in the reading and Thursday will be numeracy. I wish our students all the best.

Robotics Program
Last week Blackwater North SS started our Robotics program with students from years 3 and 4 partaking in this program. A big thank you to Sara Whittington, our deputy principal for convening this program and giving our students this great opportunity. I would also like to thank and acknowledge THIESS for supplying us with helpful resources such as their engineers to help support this program.

Road Safety on Bauman Way
Could I just ask parents to remind their children that when using the crossing on Bauman Way to clear the entry and exits after crossing and not to hang there waiting for their friends. This causes uncertainty for drivers as they do not know if students are crossing or not. Thankyou for your understanding in this manner.

Until next time, Damien

Building Foundations + Sustaining Gains = More Opportunities

Have you joined us for Parade this year? Each week a class will be performing an item on Parade to illustrate our Values of the school. Parade is on at 9am each Friday. Please come along and see some great displays of creativity.
**Crazy Socks to Support Chappy Week**
To celebrate Chappy Week, we will be holding a crazy sock day on Friday, 27 May. To wear your crazy socks, you need to pay a gold coin donation. The money raised will be donated to the Blackwater Chaplaincy LCC. Each year, the Chaplaincy LCC need to raise $22000 to keep our chaplains in our schools. The Chaplains support all three schools in Blackwater and Dingo State School. Can I please remind students that on free dress days you still need to wear closed shoes otherwise you cannot play in our playgrounds. This is a safety requirement for all students.

**Breakfast Club**
Breakfast Club on Wednesday mornings has been going well. This is one service that our Chaplain Flor does in our school. We have some companies in town that provide the food each week for our students and we thank them most generously. Flor is always after a few extra hands to provide the food each week for our students. Please mark it in your calendar as it is an exciting and fun morning for all children under eight.

**Life Education Van**
Healthy Harold and the Life Education van are currently visiting our school. Thanks to Curragh for sponsoring the Life Education van visit enabling all students to attend free of charge. Each class attends for a session and the children are given a workbook to complete after the visit.

**Under Eights’ Day**
Under Eights’ Day will be celebrated in Blackwater on Friday 29 July from 9am – 12 pm. The celebration will be held in Rotary Park and all the town schools will be combining to put on the event. Parents will need to accompany children to the park as our teachers are all involved in running activities on the day. Please mark it on your calendar as it is an exciting and fun morning for all children under eight.

Further information will be available closer to the date.
WE’RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY 20 MAY 2016

Well it’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:
- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Smarter Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 20 May 2016!

NRL Scallywags
Blackwater Crushers JRLC are holding NRL Scallywags on home games. This is to involve children aged 2-5 years of age. No cost, please see facebook page of Blackwater Crushers JRLC for details or contact Anthony Quirk-0418302241 or aquirk@lcrgroup.com.au

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10am—2pm

Due to recent Legislation changes, Centrelink may stop your Family Assistance Payments if your child/ren are NOT up-to-date with their immunisations. If you are unsure if your child is up to date with their vaccinations you can still bring them along to the FREE clinic.

For further details on clinics: Riaz Ahmed or Tegan Schefe on 4921 7777

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ~ 29 APRIL

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