Dear Parents/Caregivers and students

America’s premier showman is famous for saying, “There’s a sucker born every minute.” But in reality, Barnum never made the cynical statement. Here’s the story: In upstate New York, George Hull and his cousin William Newell plotted to bamboozle the public. They had a sculptor in Chicago carve a fake giant prehistoric man from a three-thousand pound hunk of gypsum. Then they arranged for well drillers to “accidentally” find the fake fossil of this 10-foot-tall man they had buried on their farm. Their Cardiff Giant, as it became known, became a popular attraction. Crowds paid fifty cents to see the supposed petrified remains. The carving looked so authentic that scientists argued whether the Cardiff Giant was a real petrified man or a prehistoric statue. Newell sold the giant to a banker, David Hannum, who displayed it in Syracuse, now charging a dollar per person to see it, a fantastic amount in 1869. Meanwhile, P. T. Barnum was looking for a new exhibit for his American Museum in Manhattan. His museum was famous for such oddities as the White Whale, the Fiji Mermaid (which was really just the upper half of a monkey attached to the stuffed lower half of a fish), the famous dwarf “General Tom Thumb,” and the original Siamese twins, Chang and Eng. Barnum offered Hannum $60,000 for the Cardiff Giant. When Hannum refused, the ever-resourceful Barnum just made a copy, claiming it was the original. Angry, Hannum applied for a court order to stop Barnum. The judge ruled that both men had fake giants, reasoning that a forgery of a fraud was no crime. It was the disgruntled banker David Hannum who was quoted when he saw the crowds lining up to see Barnum’s copy of his scam: “There’s a sucker born every minute.” That’s how the quote became associated with Barnum. With all the swindles, scams, and cons in the world today, people everywhere are wondering if there is anywhere they can go for dependable truth. The Bible proclaims, “And the truth of the Lord endures forever” and “The entirety of Your word is truth” (Psalm 117:2; 119:160). Jesus assures us He is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), and John testifies that “grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17). God and His Word are the one unfailing Source of truth.
General News

CIS State Athletics — Sydney

Our champion has done it again! Congratulations to Malachi Canning for his outstanding achievements at the recent CIS State Athletics Championship in Sydney. Malachi came back with 6 medals! He achieved:

- 2nd in 800 m
- 2nd in 200 m
- 3rd in 100 m
- 2nd in Shot put
- 2nd in Long jump with a new personal best
- 2nd in Discus with a new personal best

Well done Malachi! You are doing us proud.

Year 6 STEM Work

Year 6 have been investigating the transfer and transforming of Energy this term. Recently, the students made their own simplified hydro-electricity machine.

NCIS Netball

This year Blue Hills College was represented at NCIS Netball by a primary girl’s team and a girl’s open secondary team. The Grafton NCIS Netball competition saw challenges on the court and off the court, with the heavens opening up and making for some wet play throughout the day. Both girl’s teams played with heart and soul despite the weather, with some close games to be had for the primary girls. I am very proud of the girls and how they represented Blue Hills College on the day, showing great sportsmanship and support for one another.

On 21 August our School was represented by 27 students at the NCIS athletics. The event was held at Coffs International Stadium. All students/athletes who participated are to be commended for their sportsmanship and their commitment to all events they entered.

Two students from Blue Hills performed exceptionally well and qualified for the CIS athletics carnival. Isabelle Lovegrove placed 1st in the Under 12’s Shot Put and Malachi Canning placed 2nd in the Under 12’s Discus. He proceeded to compete in Sydney as can be seen above.

Thank you to all staff in attendance.

A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can’t go anywhere until you change it.
You Can Do It Values Program

Congratulations to Malcome for achieving the 25 Keys Award for the You Can Do It program. Excellent!!

Year 1 Gold & Platinum Awards

Congratulations to Charlotte Duncan, Xander Brown, and Cooper Dendle for achieving their Platinum Awards and Liam Sekulic for his Gold Award. Well done!

Great Helpers!!

Please have a good look at these boys. They have done a fantastic job picking up litter all around campus. Thank you boys. I am so happy about all the hard work you did. You need to challenge the high school now.

Excellent work by Year 1 students

Three of our Year 1 students received some special recognition from the Principal for their outstanding work on Tasmanian Devils. Well done!

Lily Smith, Charlotte Duncan & Liam Sekulic

All week Zain Avery in Kindy has been doing the same thing. Picking up all the litter around the classrooms. It is looking so much better and school is looking cleaner and brighter. Thank you so much.
SCU Head-Start provides an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students (HSC or QCE) to gain direct entry and advanced standing into a variety of courses offered at Southern Cross University. **Free from university fees**, the program offers you the chance to gain a taste of university life, stimulate your interest in academic pursuits and enhance your educational performance and long term aspirations. This is a great program and we would like to encourage our students to consider this opportunity. The subject could also count towards their HSC.

The program has been designed for students who have the academic capability to succeed at university. Applicants will be selected on merit, based on their academic performance, a personal statement and the recommendation of their Principal.

**Registration closing date (2019): 13 Oct 2018**

Applicants advised if their submission was successful: 30 Nov

Head-Start Orientation Day: February 2019

Head-Start classes commences: 4 March 2019

End of Head-Start Program: 14 June 2019

Applications can be submitted at: [https://www.scu.edu.au/study-at-scu/high-school-students/entry-pathways/scu-head-start/](https://www.scu.edu.au/study-at-scu/high-school-students/entry-pathways/scu-head-start/)

Please see Mr Neuhoff for more details or talk to any of our students who have completed it.

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On Wednesday evening, 12 September, Ben Hawkins, one of our Year 11 students, graduated from the communications course he did at Southern Cross Uni. Ben achieved a distinction for the course and we would like to congratulate him on his outstanding achievement. Well done Ben!
Students in Kindergarten had a great time writing and drawing about tractors!

Thank you very much to all our students, parents and staff for raising $1,290 for our farmers on Mufti Day. This is an excellent effort!
The Year 9/10 students enjoyed a great excursion to outback NSW recently. They visited some museums, visited some mineral springs, went down an opal mine and noodled for some opals. One of the students was very lucky and found a significant opal, which was cut and polished for her. Thanks to Mr Darko and Miss Fuggle for looking after the students on their trip.
Our Year 12 students produced excellent work for their major projects in Industrial Technology this year. A lot of hard work has gone into producing these excellent projects. Well done on an excellent achievement! We would like to wish you all the best for the final outcome of your projects.

The projects will be on display at Prize Giving Night.

Ethan Gray

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**Student projects for Industrial Technology**

Bailey Merritt

**Father’s Day Program**

Thank you to all our fathers and grandfathers who came and joined us for our Father’s Day Program at school.
Mr John Koronui will be offering classes for a type of Korean Marshall art called ‘Hapkido’ here at the College. Hapkido teaches self defence, self confidence, and discipline. John has 20 years of experience in Hapkido and will love to help anyone who is willing to learn self defence. The classes will go for about an hour from 3.30-4.30 pm and will be held at Blue Hills College in the MPC. For further information, please contact John on 0409142704—Facebook page jkhapkido

A school blazer, size 10, is for sale. It is only one year old and in immaculate condition. It has been dry cleaned and is for sale at $130. Please contact Catherine on 0435852872 if you are interested.