Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2. It was wonderful to see all of the children back last Monday and hear about all of their Easter adventures.

School ANZAC Day Service
Thank you to:
- The Blackwater Cadets, Mr Steven Webb and Sister Carmel for attending and speaking at the ceremony.
- Our three seniors for leading the ceremony – Wyatt, Charli and Rory.
- Miss Cooper, Mrs Conway and the 3 – 6 class for presenting “The Last ANZAC”
- Heidi S for organising and making the lunch for the Cadets on Friday.
- Everyone that attended the school ANZAC Day service. Thank you for showing your support.

Duaringa District Cross Country
- Students from Grades 4 to 6 are eligible to participate.
- Parents are responsible for transport to Duaringa State School on Friday, May 1.
- The day will start off at 9am sharp and should be finished before 2:30pm.
- Mr Clements and Tim Loughland (Duaringa SS Principal) will be running the day.
- Students will be timed for their appropriate race and given certificates at the end of the day.

NAPLAN Parent Information Session
Thank you to the parents and staff who attended the NAPLAN Parent Information Session. The session provided clarity for parents around NAPLAN. More information is also available on the NAPLAN website: [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html)

Life Education
The Life Education van visited Bluff State School on Friday, 24th April. In addition to the lessons in the van, students and classroom teachers received workbooks and resources to extend the lessons delivered in the Life Education classroom. Parents and carers can find out what their children learned in the mobile classroom by going to the parent section of the Life Education website [http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/what-your-child-learned](http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/what-your-child-learned) and clicking on the link for the relevant lesson (ie bCberwise or Harold’s Mystery Tour). You might also like to read over the 'conversation starter' ideas so that you can carry on discussing the lessons at home. There are also some fun and engaging online and offline activities you can do with your children as well as articles, tips and strategies on health and safety issues, and free apps to download.
Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children. Harold and I thoroughly enjoy visiting Bluff State School and we look forward to returning.

Kind regards,

LIZ HILLS BA(Hons), PhD, EDUCATOR, CENTRAL QLD LIFE EDUCATION

Medication at school
As winter approaches, children may become sick. Please remember that if your child requires medication to be administered during the school day then it must accompany a medication application form. Medicine will only be administered if it is in a labelled bottle with a doctor/pharmacy label stating your child’s name and amount required clearly on it.

P & C Meeting
Our April P&C Meeting is being held this afternoon, Monday 27th April at 2:45pm in D Block classroom.

Date claimers for this term
April
27 Monday  P&C Meeting

May
1 Friday  Playgroup 8:30am – 10:30am
1 Friday  District Cross Country, Years 4-6, Duaringa SS
8 Friday  Playgroup 8:30am – 10:30am
12 Tuesday  NAPLAN
13 Wednesday  NAPLAN
14 Thursday  NAPLAN
15 Friday  NAPLAN Catch Up Day
22 Friday  Blackwater Art Show
26 Tuesday  CWA International Day
28 Thursday  School Photos
29 Friday  Playgroup 8:30am – 10:30am
29 Friday  Bluff Inter-house Athletics Carnival

June
3 Wednesday  Emerald Show Holiday
5 Friday  Playgroup 8:30am – 10:30am
5 Friday  Small Schools Athletics Carnival (Dingo)
8 Monday  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
12 Friday  Playgroup 8:30am – 10:30am
19 Friday  Playgroup 8:30am – 10:30am
26 Friday  Playgroup 8:30am – 10:30am
26 Friday  Last day of term

Warm regards,

Elizabeth

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BLUFF STATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AGENDA 2015

Reading Comprehension
Writing (including spelling, grammar and punctuation)
Numeracy (problem solving)
Explicit Instruction teaching
Attendance – no more than 8 days absent a year
Parent and Community Involvement
Congratulations to Darbee who is always on task. 😊
Meanwhile, Rory has been showing great leadership skills in all areas of school.
Well done! girls!

What's going on in the....

P-2 Classroom

Welcome to Term 2!

I would like to thank all parents for supporting the home reading program by ensuring that your child is reading out loud every night and retelling the story after reading.

Sight words will continue to be a focus in our classroom this term. If your child has learnt their sight words and can say them immediately in any order then please send them to school to be tested.

In English this term, the Prep – 2 class will be creating and presenting a retell.
In this unit students listen to, read and view a range of narratives, including some multi-modal texts, to explore the use of descriptive language in the construction of character. Students retell a familiar story as a multimodal text incorporating written, oral and pictorial information and present their retell orally to a familiar audience.

Magic Sight Words
The following table is what we are learning about in Maths over the next two weeks.

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Firstly, CONGRATULATIONS! All of the students sang amazing. The students have been practising the Last ANZAC song all week and their performance was breathtaking. The students should be very proud of their hard work. There were three ANZAC ceremonies that students attended since Friday and all students showed respect and integrity throughout each service. They represented the school and themselves with pride. The behaviour of the Bluff students has been 100%, positive all weekend. Some of the comments have been “the students are a credit to themselves”, “their dawn service performance brought me to tears” and “they were angels in the darkness” (referring to their dawn service). Well done to all of the students – I am very proud of them. A special mention to the three Year 6 students – they set up and ran our school ANZAC ceremony, they demonstrated outstanding leadership and were an inspiration to the rest of the school.
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