Dear Parents,

Welcome to week 6. We are now past the half-way point in the term and the weeks are going to get busier. Please remember that you can come and see me if you ever have any concerns or questions.

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Thursday 28th May. All students are expected to wear their correct school uniforms. The photo envelopes went home with your child last week and are due back to school on photo day.

Book Fair
The Bluff State School Book Fair will be held from Monday 1st June to Thursday 4th June. Thank you to Jess Low who has organised many activities to make the week exciting and successful. We have a school target to purchase 100 books from Book Fair. If the target is reached then we will have a whole school Finding Nemo movie afternoon.

Inter-house Athletics Carnival
This Friday (May 29th) is our School Athletics Carnival. The day begins at 8:30am and will conclude by 2:30pm. We require some parent/grandparent volunteers for the field events so please see Liz if you can help. The students need to wear their house colour shirts, black shorts, joggers and hat. The P&C will be operating a tuckshop all day and would appreciate some assistance so that they can watch their children participate in events as well. Thank you.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival and Under 8’s Day
On Friday 5th June the whole school will be going to Dingo State School to participate in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival and Under 8’s Day. Parents, you are responsible for transporting your child to and from Dingo State School on Friday 5th June. The day begins at 8:45am and will conclude by 3pm. This year will are asking all students to attend the day. Students born 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003 – Eight year olds to twelve year olds will participate in all athletics events and be eligible for age champion. Students born 2008, 2009 and 2010 will participate in a running event for school points and will part take in a number of different rotational Under 8’s activities. Kindy and playgroup students are welcome to attend these activities as well.

Be Safe…..Be Responsible…..Be Respectful
Arrival before school
Students should not be coming to school before 8:20am. This is to ensure the safety of the children as there is no supervision of students prior to classes beginning. If your child needs to be at school prior to 8:20am they need to be sitting outside of my classroom. Before school is an important time for teachers as they are busy preparing for the day and having meetings. Please wait outside in the morning until the doors are opened by a teacher. If your child has no reason to be at school early could you please keep them at home until 8:20am.

New students
Over the last 2 weeks we have welcomed 3 new students to our school: Mack (Prep), Braydon (Year 5) and Will (Year 6). I’m sure that you will make them and their families feel welcome and introduce yourself.

Playgroup
There will be no playgroup for the next two weeks due to the sports carnivals. Playgroup will start back on Friday 12th June.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide event for students from Prep to Year 7. The reading period for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge commences on Tuesday 19 May and closes Friday 29 August. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.
For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below.

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<th>Year level</th>
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<td>Prep to Year 2</td>
<td>Read or experience* 20 books</td>
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<td>Years 5 to 6</td>
<td>15 books</td>
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*Experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to.

The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 7 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read. Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. Students who complete the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

P&C Meeting
Our June P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 15th June at 2:45pm in D Block.
Date claimers for this term

May
26 Tuesday CWA International Day
28 Thursday School Photos
29 Friday Bluff Inter-house Athletics Carnival

June
1 Monday Book Fair (through to 4 June)
3 Wednesday Emerald Show Holiday
5 Friday Small Schools Athletics Carnival (Dingo SS)
5 Friday Under 8’s Day (Dingo SS)
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

BLUFF STATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AGENDA
2015

Reading Comprehension
Writing (including spelling, grammar and punctuation)
Numeracy (problem solving)
Explicit Instruction teaching

Warm regards,
Elizabeth

Students of the Week

Congratulations to Xander, he has been having a go at everything asked of him, while Preston has displayed wonderful attitude! Belle has been doing some fantastic writing and Charli has shown an extremely positive attitude towards her English assessment!

KEEP UP THE FABULOUS WORK!
What's going on in the.... P-2 Classroom

This week I am going to start a new system for sight words that will hopefully allow me to see every child each week.

Monday – no sight words as we have parade.

Tuesday – Prep

Wednesday – Year 1

Thursday – Year 2

If your child has learnt their words before their day then please go back through the previous lists of sight words with them. You could try spelling them out and writing sentences.

This term we have been learning about retelling stories. Last week every child made a retell story rope with the following parts – setting, character, problem, beginning, middle, end and tie up. Please use these parts when encouraging your child to retell the story after reading at home.

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

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<td>- Compare lines and 2D shapes.</td>
<td>- Addition and Subtraction.</td>
<td>- Calendars – days, weeks, months.</td>
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<td>- Faces of 3D objects.</td>
<td>- Part and whole values.</td>
<td>- Tell time to the half hour using analogue and digital.</td>
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<td>- Sort 2D shapes and describe.</td>
<td>- Thinking strategies.</td>
<td>- Read and write clock times to the quarter hour.</td>
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<td>- Use numerals and symbols.</td>
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<td>- Describe location.</td>
<td>- Solve simple addition problems using thinking strategies.</td>
<td>- Solve simple addition and subtraction problems.</td>
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Congratulations to all of the students on their beautiful artwork that they entered into the Blackwater High School Art Show. All of the students worked hard on their pieces and they should be proud of their work. Charli received a merit award and Lexy won the Best Artwork in the Upper Primary division. Well done girls!

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<td>3/4 Assessment – presenting their opinions to their cohort using a poster creating using Microsoft Word.</td>
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<td>5/6 – Assessment – creating a comic using bitstrips and developing it into an animation using Microsoft PowerPoint.</td>
<td>5/6 – Assessment – adding audio to their comic (Year 6 only) and showing their comic to their cohort</td>
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Autism Awareness

On Thursday 28th May an Autism Awareness Morning Tea is being held in the ‘Hall’ at Blackwater North State School from 9.00 - 11.30am.

The purpose of the morning tea is to raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder. We will have a representative from Autism Queensland, a medical practitioner, parents and other interested people.

Please ‘drop in’, share morning tea and chat to others about ASD and pave the way towards developing a greater understanding of the needs of those with Autism.
WELCOME TO
WEBERS CIRCUS

BLACKWATER PCYC
MAY 28 – MAY 31
THURSDAY 7PM
FRIDAY 7PM
SATURDAY 3PM AND 7PM
SUNDAY – LAST SHOW 11AM

Trick Ponies ★ ★ ★ ★
Wheel of Death ★ ★ ★ ★
Acrobats ★ ★ ★ ★
Hula Hoops ★ ★ ★ ★
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