Principal’s News

Leadership Day
Last week our Year 6 students attended GRIP Leadership day in Emerald. Thank you to Mrs Jaques for taking the students in for what was reported as a great day.

P & C Meeting
A reminder that the P & C AGM will be held on Wednesday the 9th of March at 2:45pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop will be running every Friday of Term 1 for first break only. A weekly tuckshop menu will be sent home once completed as some items are only available while stocks last. A new Term 2 menu will be sent home once completed as some minor changes will take place to align with new ‘Red Day’ laws.

Swimming
We have 3 weeks remaining of swimming for Term 1. Please be reminded that students leave for swimming at 11am, therefore for health and safety reasons it is appreciated if students arrive at school in uniform rather than togs. Please note the swimming dates below for this term.

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 librarians have started to make good use of our library this year and are enjoying reading our many new titles gained from the 2015 Book Fair. Please keep in mind that students require a library bag to keep our books in tip top condition. Also, if your child has not finished their book in the borrowing week it must be returned to school for re borrowing.

Healthy Lunch Idea
Prepare a batch of whole wheat pancake batter, using about 1/2 the liquid. Stir in a cup thawed frozen corn, one small grated zucchini and a handful of Parmesan, and some sliced shallot. The zucchini will add moisture; add more liquid if the batter is too stiff. Cook until golden, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Pack with Greek yogurt for dipping. –YUM!
As the term progresses it is imperative that we remember, ‘Every day counts’:

Students who miss school, miss important learning.

1 day absent per week = 1 Term every year missed
1 day absent per week from Prep to Year 7 = 2 years of schooling missed.

CLASSROOM NEWS

P-2

I hope everyone has been enjoying the odd shared class story through Class Dojo. This is an excellent tool used to ensure parents have an opportunity to keep up to date with classroom activities.

Last week students finished writing and typing their presentations about a chosen character from the text ‘Inside Out’. I am pleased with the efforts of students and the quality of work they produced. Next week students will present these to their classmates as a spoken presentation.

In Maths, students have been looking at measurement, specifically time:

- Prep students have been investigating the days of the week.
- Year 1 students have been making and telling o’clock and half past times on both analogue and digital clocks.
- Year 2 students have been making and telling ‘quarter to’ and ‘quarter past’ times on both analogue and digital clocks.

Students have thoroughly enjoyed making their analogue and digital clocks (which will be sent home when we have completed our studies) and investigating different aspects of these clocks.

In History, students have been studying the changes in film/movies throughout time. We have looked at the 1800’s and prior, which led us to making a ‘Magic Lantern’ (the very first film instrument used) and a ‘flip book’ to resemble how they created moving images in the 1800’s. All students have been very interested in learning about film and can’t wait to find out when sound and colour came into movies (the examples have been considered boring).

Year 2 students have been making and telling ‘quarter to’ and ‘quarter past’ times on both analogue and digital clocks.

Soundwaves focus

Short vowel sounds and consonant sounds

Week 5: Empty Eggs, ‘e’, ‘e’, ‘e’ - Girls Giggle ‘g’, ‘g’, ‘g’
Welcome to Week 6 – We have had another busy two weeks.

Duaringa Districts – Congratulations to the following students for trying out for DD trials and being picked in DD teams. All students will be representing their area in the coming weeks. It is fantastic to see so many students from our small school representing Duaringa District. Good luck to all students.

Rugby League-Bailey, Preston & Rowdy
Netball-Lexy & Latoya Touch-Bailey

We will be finishing off topics in preparation for assessment time over the next two weeks.

English
Persuasive Texts – students will be reading, writing, editing and publishing persuasive texts on a range of topics

Maths
Year 3 – 2 and 3 digit addition and multiplication expressions
Year 4 – Guided inquiry and multiplication patterns
Year 5 – Fractions and chance
Year 6 – Measurement – Length and Area

Geography
3/4 – Data and Comparing human and natural characteristics
5/6 – Climate and Climate data

Science
3/4 – Importance of survival – human and natural factors
5/6 – Case Studies – Adaptations

History
3/4 – Researching convicts from the First Fleet and writing historical paragraphs
5/6 – Free settlers

Art
Students are compiling their digital stories using PowerPoint and adding audio

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Levi has been applying himself to all tasks and producing some wonderful work as a result. Preston has done a fantastic job with creative writing tasks and has completed his final reading level. Koda has been displaying exceptional skills when developing her sizzling sentences and Lakisha has been working very hard with her creative writing. –Keep up the great work! ☺️
ON PARADE

Ian Mallyon presented us with an appreciation certificate. Ian had been cycling for the Magic Miles which supports Cancer Council’s Accomodation Lodge in Rockhampton. Our students went out the front to cheer him on and to show our gratitude for his cause.

AROUND THE TOWN

CWA
On behalf of the Bluff Branch QCWA, we are gauging interest from ladies in the Bluff area who would like to become members. If no new members are forthcoming, this branch will unfortunately close, leaving Bluff without a Community Hall. Please contact Bev on 0419648098 or Val on 0427861934 with expressions of interest or questions regarding CWA.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Have something you would like to include in our fortnightly publication? Email Max, admin@bluffss.eq.edu.au

PUZZLE TIME

LATERAL THINKING.
Can you think of a way to cut a cake into eight equal pieces with only three cuts?

Answer in the next newsletter publication!