Principal’s News

It has been a busy start to the Term with a lot of tremendous work being accomplished by all staff and students. Unfortunately for personal reasons, Mrs Jaques has decided to take leave from Bluff State School for the remainder of the year. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours throughout the year and look forward to seeing her back in 2017.

NAPLAN
This year NAPLAN will be held from Tuesday 10th May through to Thursday 12th May. During this time, students in years 3 and 5 will sit a series of 4 tests (Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy). This year it will be held in D Block and supervised by Miss O’Neill.

CQ News
Our next edition in the CQ News will be printed on Wednesday. Please keep your eye out for this and provide staff with any feedback possible.

Athletics Carnival
Our athletics carnival is being held on Friday the 13th of May. If you are unsure what house your child is in, a list has been put on the notice board. We encourage students to wear their house colours on the day; but also follow sun safe rules. A program of events will be put on the notice board throughout the week. Following our carnival, Small School Sports will be held in Dingo this year (a decision made last year) on Friday the 27th May. Permission notes and information will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Parent-Teacher Meetings
Notes will go home this week regarding parent-teacher meetings, remember that the time slots work under a first in best dressed policy, and this is why we ask for preferences. A confirmation note will be sent home with your child to advise which preference has been suitable. If you cannot make any of the times provided, please notify your child/ren's teacher so a written progress report can be sent home. If you have any questions regarding the parent-teacher meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Student Banking
Don’t forget student banking has started for the year. Bank books must be at the office on Monday mornings for processing. Drop into the office if you would like to start your child’s saving plan.

Healthy Lunch Idea
ALOHA RICE: Cook rice according to directions on the packet. Wash and finally chop ½ carrot, ½ celery stick, 1/2 small red capscicum, 1 small shallot, 2 slices ham, 440g tin pineapple rings. Add all of the chopped ingredients to the cooked rice and stir. Add black pepper to season and 2 tabs of salad dressing made from a healthy oil. Eg canola.
–YUM!
P&C NEWS

Feedback Form
We would like to hear some feedback around our P & C Meetings and whether they are held at suitable times for families. If you could fill in the attached form and return to school by Friday, it would be greatly appreciated.

Dingo Races
The P & C has been approached by the Dingo Racing Committee about controlling the gate for their race meet on the 27th August. We are seeking people who would be willing to assist during this event. It will raise funds for our organisation that will be utilised in supporting the Year 3 – 6 camp to be held in Term 4.

May Day
A quick reminder that our P & C will be having a stall at this year’s May Day celebrations in Blackwater. If you can spare some time to assist on this day, please fill in the attached form and return to school; alternatively you can contact Tanya.

100 Board
Graham has kindly agreed to support the P & C once again through assisting with running a 100 board at the pub. Tickets will be sold throughout the week, starting Tuesday, and the winner will be drawn the following Tuesday.

Footy Doubles
State of Origin is just around the corner and this year the P & C will be selling footy doubles on all 3 games. If you would like to be in with your chance to win, keep your eye out for the tickets.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop is held on Thursdays now to coincide with the availability of our volunteers. Please be reminded that orders are required the day before tuckshop (Wednesday) and are to be accompanied with the money for the order. Unfortunately if orders continue to come in without payment, the lunch will not be supplied.

CLASSROOM NEWS

P-2

WOW! A huge congratulations to students in the P-2 class for their tremendous work with reading and spelling. So far this Term, students have investigated and learned new vocabulary associated with poetry including, alliteration, rhyme, rhythm and reconstruct. Students have examined a number of poems and identified the rhyming pattern and syllable count (this gives the rhythm), which has been used to jointly reconstruct and change some poems. This is a task that students will undergo independently for their culminating assessment task in the coming weeks.

Prep to 2 students have been working hard during maths on their number revision and data collection and representation. A display has been put up under A Block to share some of the fabulous work.

In the coming weeks students will be focusing on:

Week 3: Measurement – Compare lengths using formal and informal units of measurement

Week 4: Patterns and Algebra – Investigate and Describe patterns.

Geography has seen us investigate – what is it? Students have looked at places and features of places. They have begun examining what constitutes to natural and man-made features, along with how we display these items on a map. As the unit progresses, students will choose a focus place to develop a brochure that identifies specific features and what makes it special to them. I can’t wait for them to show off all their digital technology skills they have been learning.
Welcome to Term 2!
Firstly I would like to congratulate all of the children for the fantastic behaviour at our school ANZAC Ceremony. A special mention to the Year 6s for their great presentation and speaking skills.

**English**
We are continuing to read and watch How to train your dragon. Students are comparing the characters and their descriptions in the film and book. So far we have found a lot of differences.

**Maths**
Week 3
- Year 6 – volume and capacity
- Year 5 – Division and multiples
- Year 4 - Partitioning 5 digit numbers
- Year 3 – Partitioning 3 digit numbers

Week 4
- Year 6 – Adding and subtracting decimals
- Year 5 – Reflection, transformation and rotation
- Year 4 - ordering and comparing 5 digit numbers
- Year 3 – Number patterns

Science
- 3/4 - Adding and removing heat to different materials
- 5/6 – Reversible changes

**Geography**
Students will be studying Europe – its location in the world and its natural and environmental characteristics

**History**
- 3/4 – Australia and Queensland Day, Bastille’s Day
- 5/6 – Federation – ‘the argument – for or against’

**Health**
Students will be looking at what foods and how much we should of them we should eat to be healthy. Students will be keeping a sleep diary to ensure that are receiving sufficient sleep to be healthy.

**Art**
Thank you to all the students that collected their bark, leaves and small sticks for our art collages. Students will be finishing their collages over the next two weeks. Check out our beautiful water colour fruit bowls. The students should be extremely proud of their accomplishments. They are amazing.

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

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**ANZAC DAY**
Organisers of the ANZAC Day dawn service and town service were very proud of the way the children conducted themselves during these commemorative ceremonies. They represented Bluff State School very well and should be proud of their efforts.

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**Class Dojo**
Please remember to download the app or use the website www.classdojo.com.au to view our class story. There are photos and news uploaded weekly. If you need your child’s unique log in again…email me at sconw38@eq.edu.au
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Jack R has been doing some magnificent work with numbers and place value, while Koda has been taking time with her work and always tries her best. Bailey has been an academic risk taker!

—Keep up the great work! 😊

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Notes went home last week advertising the disco that students in the student council have organised. The theme is Sports and the event will be held on Friday the 6th of May. Remember there is a $2 entry fee and prizes will be awarded on the night.

**PUZZLE TIME**

**NUMBER PUZZLE**

There are 7 girls in a bus.
Each girl has 7 backpacks.
In each backpack, there are 7 cats.
For every cat, there are 7 kittens.

How many legs are there in the bus?

PS: Paws are considered legs, and a cat has 4 paws.
PPS: This is a real math problem, not a trick question.

**PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER**

You have a small coin, an empty wine bottle, and a cork. If you put the coin in the bottle and replace the cork into the neck of the bottle, how can you get the coin out without taking out the cork or breaking the bottle?

*Push the cork into the bottle and shake out the coin.*