**Principal’s News**

**NAPLAN**
Students in years 3 and 5 will sit the annual NAPLAN testing this week. Good luck to these students and remember to try your best.

**Athletics Carnival**
This Friday we will be holding our annual athletics carnival. All families and friends are welcome to join us on the day. Don’t forget to dress up in your team colours for the event – Wonning and Tumburumba. Following our carnival, students will be competing in the small schools sports at Dingo on Friday the 27th May.

**Student Council Disco**
There has been a slight change in date for the student council disco. This decision was made by students in their latest meeting. The disco will now be held on Friday 13th May.

**Parent-Teacher Meetings**
Thank-you to all parents and guardians who made time to meet with staff and discuss their child/rens learning progress this Semester. If you were unable to make a suitable time, please advise the classroom teacher for a written update to be sent home.

**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.

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**Healthy Lunch Idea**
Dust 2 bananas that have been sliced into discs with ¼ cup SR flour. In a bowl mix 1 cup wholemeal flour, 1 tbsp sugar, 1 egg and ¾ cup of milk. Whisk vigorously. Melt butter in fry pan. Dip discs into batter and fry on each side until golden. –YUM!!
Next P&C Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 2:30pm in D block.

Feedback Form
Thank you to the parents who have sent back date/time forms for the P&C meetings. The outcome will be discussed at our next meeting.

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 Fair
Thank you to those parents and families that assisted at the May Day Fair on Sunday 1st of May, it is greatly appreciated. It is through your support that funds are raised for much needed school equipment and events, such as school camp.

100’s Board
The 100 board has started; many thanks to Graham and his staff for supporting our school P & C and assisting with our fundraising events. The first board will be drawn on Tuesday night.

Footy Doubles
Footy doubles are now available from the Bluff Pub and the school administration office for the first State of Origin Game. Tickets are $2 each with a prize of $200 up for grabs.

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

Students in the P-2 class need to be commended on their independence. All students can now log onto computers and required programs independently (when the computers are being nice). This is a huge achievement for some students and a skill they will use throughout their lives. Congratulations! Prep to 2 students are currently completing their culminating task for Poetry. Prep students are writing their very own short rhyming verse, while the year 1 and 2 students are reconstructing a poem of their choice to suit a new topic. Students have to ensure the structure of their poem stays the same through keeping the exact syllable count and rhyming pattern.

In week 3 students used uniform informal units to measure objects in order to compare lengths. They then investigated why we use formal units of measurement. Students identified that this was because all other objects we could use to measure, could be different sizes which would make the measuring inaccurate.

Last week we investigated why algebra is studied with patterns – algebra is about finding the unknown. In patterns we are asked what comes next (the unknown). Students explored many types of patterns including colour, shape, number and growing patterns. With this, they also studied the rule and how to find the rule in a range of scenarios.

In the coming weeks students will be focusing on:

Week 5: Location and Transformation – Interpret simple maps and give and follow directions to familiar locations.

Week 6: Shape – Recognise, sort, describe, classify and draw familiar 2-Dimensional shapes and 3-Dimensional objects.

In the coming weeks, Geography will see us investigate natural, managed and constructed features of places along with what types of activities occur in different places. Students will then use this information to sort and classify features of familiar places and describe how these places change over time.
Happy Mother’s Day to all of our classroom Mums!

It’s NAPLAN time again. Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN this week.
Tuesday – Language conventions and writing
Wednesday – Reading
Thursday – Numeracy
Year 4 and Year 6 students will continue lessons as normal. Please ensure all students have a healthy and sustainable breakfast and lunch with a water bottle.

English
The students have shown fantastic enthusiasm in their book and film comparisons. Students will be writing their own book and film reviews as we progress through book and film. Students have been identifying and creating fantastic noun groups, verb groups and prepositions and are now using these language features in their writing. Well done everyone!

Maths
Week 5
Year 6 – Multiply Decimals
Year 5 – Reflection and Rotational
Year 4- Multiplication and Division facts
Year 3 – Unit Fractions
Week 6
Year 6 – Using mental strategies to multiply decimals
Year 5 – Enlargement, Fractional numbers
Year 4- Word problems
Year 3 – Fractions - Thirds

Science
3/4 – Changing states – melting and freezing
5/6 – Reversible changes – Condensing, evaporation and rusting

Geography
Students will be looking at scale, relative location and vegetation features of Europe

History
3/4 – ANZAC Day and New Year’s Eve
5/6 – Women’s rights – experiences of women during colonial Australia times

Health
Students are looking at the effect of body language in a conversation and how it communicates more than words.

Art
Students have started their Art Show projects and they look amazing. All students could choose what they would like to create for the show. Their art is outstanding. Please check out their water colour fruit bowls outside our classroom.

“An artist cannot fail, it is a success just to be one”

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

COMMUNITY NEWS
A shout out to Ron the Vege Man for donating goods to provide morning tea and lunch for the Staff’s Christine Killey Spelling, Reading & Grammar PD held on Monday (thanks also to Darlene for her hard work)…. REMEMBER- Ron is parked at the Cap Hotel car park every Monday fortnight!
ANSWER to LAST PUZZLE: 10,990 (or 10,992 if you're assuming there's a bus driver).

EXPLANATION: Let's start with the girl legs. There are 7 girls × 2 = 14 girl legs. Now let's count the cat legs. There are 49 backpacks which means there are 343 cats × 4 = 1,372 cat legs. Finally, let's count the kitten legs. There are 343 cats which means there are 2,401 kittens × 4 = 9,604 kitten legs. The total number of legs is 14 + 1,372 + 9,604 = 10,990 (or 10,992 if you're assuming there's a bus driver).

LATERAL THINKING

Two boys were having fun in the school playground at lunchtime. The school bell rang, signalling that lunchime was over. Just as they turned to head back to class, a gust of wind scooped up some dirt off the ground and blew it right into their face. When the wind stopped, one boy's face was covered with dirt, while the other boy's face was perfectly clean. But it was the boy with the clean face who rushed to the washroom to wash up, while the boy with the dirty face went straight to class.

Assuming both children had equally good hygiene habits, can you explain this strange behavior?

Students of the week

Xander has been applying himself to his learning and staying on task, while Asher always applies herself and is making positive progress. Braydon has consistently been improving his effort in all areas.

Bridie showed exceptional work ethics across all areas and is showing positive progress, while Lane did some fantastic work with measurement concepts of perimeter and area.

Latoya is consistently following our school rules.

- Keep up the great work! ☺☺ ☺☺
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