Principal’s News
With only a few short weeks remaining of Semester 1, students are diligently completing important assessment pieces and classroom tasks. I am happy to say that all students are demonstrating growth across our focus areas of reading comprehension and problem solving. Keep up the great work and remember to read every day.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival
This Friday (27th May) students and families are invited to participate in the small schools athletics carnival held in Dingo. The event is being held in conjunction with Under 8s week with a variety of activities organised to help students celebrate on the day.

Year 6 Taster Day
Students in Year 6 will once again be involved in another taster day at Blackwater State High School on Thursday the 9th June. These days are organised to assist students with their transition into high school, and involve activities that allow students to meet their teachers for next year and fellow colleagues.

School Photos
This year our school photos will be held on Friday the 17th of June. Information and order packs will be sent home this week to be returned on or before the above date.

CQ Principal Conference
This year principals in the Central Queensland region will be gather at Gladstone on the 2nd and 3rd of June. This conference provides valuable information on a range of topics and networking opportunities.

Healthy Lunch Idea- BBQ Popcorn
Combine a tsp each of paprika, oregano, thyme, onion salt and 1/8 cup of oil in a bowl. Heat remaining oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Add 2 pieces of popping corn. Oil is hot enough when corn turns slowly in a circle. Add remaining corn. Cover pan tightly. Shake pan when corn starts popping. Remove from heat when corn stops popping. Transfer popcorn to a bowl. Add paprika mixture. Toss to combine. Cool. Place popcorn in snap-lock bags for lunchboxes.– YUM!!
P&C Executives
President: Darlene Radlingmayr  Secretary: Tanya Dickens  Treasurer: Kyleigh Clanfield
Many thanks to these volunteers for taking on the executive positions. If you have any enquiries, ideas or need an item added to the agenda at the next P&C meeting please contact one of the executives or email bluff.s.s.pandc@gmail.com

Next P&C Meeting
Our next meeting will be held on the 8th of June, at 2:45pm in D Block. Everyone is welcome to attend—especially if you would like to know what is happening within the school. Just a reminder that member support is appreciated and regular attendance at meeting is a requirement for your membership to remain valid.

Athletics Carnival
Many thanks to Darlene, Di, Maggie, Kyleigh and Tamsin for running the tuckshop at the athletics carnival.

Uniforms
After revision of base purchase price to the P&C and base sale price at the school administration office, uniform item prices have been altered. The P&C are being proactive in sourcing a more inexpensive alternative. There is also a selection of preloved uniform items available. Below are the updated prices for new uniform items.
- Hats: $15ea
- Shorts: $20ea
- Skorts: $20ea
- Shirts: $40ea

Tuckshop
Tuckshop is now held on Thursdays to coincide with the availability of volunteers. A reminder that pre orders are required the day before tuckshop on 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. Invoices for previous unpaid monies will be sent out at the end of every month.

Fundraising
**100’s Board:** Prize $100. $2 per number. On sale at the Bluff Hotel. Drawn once 100’s board is full. Many thanks to Graham and his staff at the Bluff Hotel for supporting our P&C Association and assisting with our fundraising. The 100’s board fundraising will continue throughout the year.

**State of Origin Footy Doubles:** Tickets are $2 each with a prize of $200. The first game is on the 1st of June and the winning ticket must be produced by the 15th June to the school administration office. Tickets are available for purchase from Bluff Hotel and the school administration office.

**Annual Garage Sale:** On the 24th July from 8am-midday. Stall sites are $10 per site no matter how big or small. If you are interested in holding a stall, please contact Tanya on 0439988856 or email bluff.s.s.pandc@gmail.com More details to come in the next newsletter.

Volunteers are an essential part of fundraising. When you volunteer, you help raise vital funds for the running of the school community. Can you spare a little time to help volunteer with your school P&C? Getting involved is a great way to meet new people and learn new skills. If meetings aren’t your cup of tea, you can help in other ways like cook sausages at a barbecue, assist in finding sponsors and donations for events, help at a working bee, assist in the tuckshop, or assist in a wide range of other activities and fundraisers throughout the year, every little bit counts! Keep an eye out in the school newsletter for ways you can help.

Volunteer’s Needed!
If you are able to volunteer, please contact one of the P&C executives.

**Dingo Races**
The P&C has been approached by the Dingo Race Committee about controlling the gate for their race meet on the 27th of August from 10am to 4pm. For volunteering at this event the P&C will receive a donation from the Committee.

Tanya Dickens 😊
The P-2 class have been busy learning and revising aspects of narratives. Students have been using their knowledge of narrative structure to retell events in order and identify the characters, setting, problem and solution. This week, students are investigating how characters are developed in narratives and the language associated with characterisation.

Last week we investigated shape and the main difference between 2D shapes and 3D objects. Students used hands on materials to make shapes and discuss their properties including edges, vertices and faces. Through these activities students also investigated the difference between prisms and pyramids – prisms have rectangular or square faces while pyramids have triangular faces. All students demonstrated persistence during these activities, as our materials didn’t always want to play the game.

In the coming weeks students will be focusing on:

**Week 7: Number and Place Value** – Exploring the connections between operations and solving problems using a range of strategies.

**Week 8: Fractions and Decimals** – Recognise and describe simple fractions. Interpret common uses for fractions in everyday life.

As the term draws to a close, students will be completing their Geography assessment piece. Students will choose a favourite place to focus on. They will highlight particular features of their place; categorising them into natural, managed and constructed, as well as identifying the types of activities that they enjoy at their chosen location. Students will put the information together in the form of a brochure using the computer program ‘Microsoft Publisher’.

Christine Killey
Strategy

Students have been learning about

**V power**

There must be a **vowel** in every syllable and a **verb** in every sentence!
Assessment Time
All of the students have started to work through their assessments and PAT testing. The students are working extremely hard and are putting in 100%. The results from these tests will be recorded on their report cards for this term.

English
How to train your dragon.- We have finished both the film and the novel. We have found huge amount of differences between the novel and the film. Majority of the class prefers the film to the novel. We have created a comparison plot diagram in our classroom to show how the storyline differed between the two mediums. Feel free to drop in and have a look.

Maths
Week 7
Year 5/6 – Number and Place Value – mental strategies for multiplication and division
Year 3/4 - Number and place value – 4 and 5 digit numbers
Week 8
Year 5/6 - Fractions – Compare and order
Year 3/4- Location and Transformation – Maps and grid references

Science
We will be revising our concepts and starting our short answer and 3D projects for our assessments

History
The class will be working on their short answers and posters assessment.

Geography
Students will be comparing the vegetation and animals in Australia compared to Greenland due to the climate and location.

Art
The students have completed unbelievable artworks for the art show. We are very proud of their creativity, enthusiasm and effort. Special thanks to Mrs McNamara for her brilliant whole school art lesson with food colouring and string. We all loved it! Thanks Mrs Mac.

Sports Day
Congratulations to the students for showing excellent sportsmanship at our recent sports day. Congratulations to all our age champions and runners up. Please check out the photo gallery below for some great action shots!

NEWSLETTER ITEMS
Have something you would like to include in our fortnightly publication? Email Max, admin@bluffss.eq.edu.au
Halle, Darbee and Mack have been doing great work with rhyming words and poetry, while Jack O has been showing awesome progress with numbers. The Year 6 boys have been doing some fabulous work multiplying with decimals. (Absent from photo: Preston)

—Keep up the great work! 😊

**PUZZLE TIME**

**RIDDLE**
If you want to go from point A to B
You'll likely have to make use of me
I have no wheels; I'm not a car
In fact, I do not travel very far
I'm free to use; you need not pay
I'll be used by many in a single day
I can decide whether or not you'll pass
And sometimes I come with a looking glass

What am I?

**ANSWER to LAST PUZZLE:**
The boy with the clean face saw that his friend had a dirty face and assumed his face was dirty as well (and conversely, the boy with the dirty face saw his friend had a clean face and assumed his face was clean as well).
PHOTO GALLERY

Interhouse Sports Carnival
Friday 13, 2016
From eLearning Japanese Class

Recently, I attended the State School Language Teachers’ Conference in Brisbane. There were about 80 language teachers across the state attending. One of the main topics the presenter was focusing on was Achievement Standards. Since most of the eLearning students have finished their first exam, it is an appropriate time to share what ACARA/the national curriculum is looking for from language learners. The achievement “C” in ACARA is what language students should be aiming for and in order to achieve “B” or even “A”, they must demonstrate higher order thinking skills using higher literacy skills. I’ve started to use the ACARA Literacy learning continuum to encourage them, not only to think outside of their comfortable box but also to remind them to use the English Grammar Knowledge Element when they answer challenging questions. I hope your child will gain more opportunities to practise languages, English and Japanese in my class.

Next unit is all about speaking. Your child might ask to practise with you. I hope you don’t mind.

Should you have any enquiries about your child’s progress please do not hesitate to contact me at kiwak1@eq.edu.au and 49993333 at Crescent Lagoon State School.

Yours in language,

Kanako Iwakura

eLearning Japanese Teacher
COMMUNITY NEWS

Volunteer Host Families Needed!

World Education Program (WEP) is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation approved by the regulatory authorities in VIC. We are urgently looking for volunteer host families for exchange students arriving in July 2016 for a term, semester or year.

Imagine knowing someone who:
• runs around in shorts and t-shirt in the middle of an Australian winter because the temperature is equivalent to summertime in the student's home country,
• takes a photo of a meal you have prepared to send overseas because it looks so different,
• is amazed that we can travel for hours and still be in the same state of one country.

How does it work?
You can choose a student who you think will fit best into your family. WEP host families are responsible for providing the exchange student with a room (can be shared with sibling of same sex and similar age), meals and a welcoming family environment. In return, you will gain a new family member and friend for life. All WEP students come with their own spending money and insurance.

Arriving Soon:
Alessandro (Italy) “I am friendly, open-minded and curious about other people and cultures. I am passionate about sport. I particularly enjoy basketball, martial arts and playing table tennis. I also enjoy reading and listing to music. I look forward to this amazing opportunity!”
Maurizio (Italy) “Hello! I am open-minded, curious and very determined to learn English as well as I possibly can. I play water polo three times a week and I spend a lot of time reading. I can’t wait to come to Australia, be part of my host family and learn about their culture!”
+ many more

Find out more!
Simply jump online or contact WEP today to receive a free information pack including student profiles.
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