Parade next week will be held on Thursday to coincide with Book Fair. Gift vouchers will be up for grabs for the best dressed ‘Monsters’.

**CQ Principal Conference**

The theme of the CQ principal conference this year was ‘take a lollipop moment’. This was significant to all of us as it highlighted the little things that we all do that make the greatest difference. All sessions focused on high performing teams. The statement that resided with me the most was in relation to happy teams versus healthy teams – ‘If relationships drive performance then the status quo prevails leading to gradual failure’ but ‘If performance drives relationships then productivity prevails leading to continuous improvement’. Meaning, if we allow our relationships to drive our performance we will gradually fail, however if we are driven by performance productivity will increase leading to continuous growth. Therefore if we are always looking at improving our performance to ensure that every student is succeeding, we will not just go along with ideas that we don’t agree with to keep things civil; we will challenge for the greater good of the students.

**School Photos**

Reminder that school photos are next Friday (17th June). Students are expected to be in full school uniform. If you require additional uniform items, remember the office hours are between 8:30am – 11:00am daily. If these times do not suit, please ring to arrange an alternate time. Additionally, please be reminded that we no longer hold cash on the premises, therefore the correct monetary value is required.

**Healthy Lunch Idea- Cheesy Vegetable Pikelets**

Squeeze moisture from 1 small grated zucchini. Heat oil in pan add zucchini, 1 small grated carrot and ½ cup corn kernels. Cook until softened. Set aside.

Sift 1 cup wholemeal flour and ½ cup SR flour into a bowl. Add 1 ¼ cup of butter milk and 1 beaten egg. Whisk to combine. Add zucchini and ½ cup grated cheese. Spray pan with oil cook 1 heaped tablespoon per pikelet. Turn when bubbles appear.
School Improvement Agenda
During 2016 we are focusing on ‘Reading comprehension’ which is not only a fairly broad concept, yet linked to a number of topics/curriculum areas. Staff have been working hard around ensuring comprehension strategies are explicitly taught in classrooms every week, along with opportunities to practise these skills. Students have been using
- Activate Prior Knowledge
- Making connections
- Visualising
- Inference
- Prediction
- Self-Monitoring
- Questioning

Premiers Reading Challenge
Information regarding this year’s Premiers Reading Challenge has been sent home; if you have not yet received this paperwork, please advise administration. Remember, this is an opportunity for students to be recognised for their efforts in reading and should not be taken advantage of. Students are able to use their daily/weekly home reader texts, borrowed library books or any other books that you may have at home. If you would like extra books during this time, please don’t hesitate to see classroom.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Lakisha has shown great improvement with her spelling while Emily and Levi have been showing awesome persistence during maths and building knowledge around 2D shapes and 3D objects. Lexy has continued to help her younger peers while Romen and Rori are always trying their best and challenging themselves when given a new task.

– Keep up the great work! 😊
**P&C NEWS**

**P&C Executives**
President: Darlene Radlingmayr  Secretary: Tanya Dickens  Treasurer: Kyleigh Clanfield.
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.

**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.

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**Tuckshop**
Tuckshop is now held on Thursdays to coincide with the availability of volunteers. A reminder that pre orders are a 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 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. **Congratulations to the winner Dan Smith. Drawn: 25/5/16 Number: 91**

**State of Origin Footy Doubles:** Tickets are $2 each with a prize of $200. The second game is on the 22nd of June and the winning ticket must be produced by the 6th of July to the school administration office. Tickets are available for purchase from Bluff Hotel and the school administration office. **Congratulations to Neil Crosby with the winning ticket of Game 1 11/5**

**Annual Garage Sale:** On the 24th of July from 8am-midday. Stall sites are $10 per site no matter how big or small. If you are interested in holding a stall or know someone else who might be, please contact Tanya Dickens on 0439988856 or email bluff.s.s.pandc@gmail.com

**Cranston’s Pie Drive:** Order forms will go home on the 17th of June and are due back at school by the 15th of July. Pies will arrive the 29th of July.

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.

**Garage Sale 24th July**
Volunteers are needed for set up and pack up on school oval, and also to run the canteen/cent sale. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

**Pie Drive 29th July**
To help sort out pie orders. Time yet to be advised.

**Dingo Races 27th August**
The P&C has been approached by the Dingo Racing 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 Dingo Racing Committee.

Tanya Dickens ☺
CLASSROOM NEWS

P-2

It has been a busy time in the Term, with students completing their final assessment pieces for Semester 1. All students have been demonstrating patience and persistence with the technology, as they began finalising their brochures for Geography. Students have also been busy getting crafty to show the difference between a character's physical appearance; and how we articulate this, opposed to a character's emotions and how they behave. These items will be displayed in the classroom and around the school in the coming days.

In maths last week, students began exploring the concept of fraction and decimals. They were introduced to the terminology associated with fractions and how they are represented with numerals – \( \frac{3}{4} \) - the top number is the numerator and it tells us how many pieces we have, the bottom number is the denominator and it tells us how many pieces the item has been cut into; therefore with this fraction, I have 3 pieces of the possible 4.

In the coming weeks students will be focusing on:

**Week 9:** Fractions and Decimals – Continuing to recognise, represent and describe fractions
**Week 10:** Number and Place Value – Addition and subtraction problems along with representing multiplication and division

Celebrate our success with us:

Last Puzzle Answer: A Door!

PUZZLE TIME

Number Puzzle

It is possible to break down the seven-digit number 1234567 and insert plus signs between certain digits (or groups of digits) in such a way to produce a result of 100. One way is:

\[ 1 + 23 + 4 + 5 + 67 = 100 \]

Can you think of another way?
Assessments
We have been very busy completing our assessments. Every student in the class has worked extremely hard on all assessments. Their hard work has been noticed by all of the staff. We are very proud of their persistence and dedication.

Reading
Reading is the most important skill a child will learn. Reading will help your child achieve success in other subjects. Research has shown that just 20 minutes a day will help develop critical reading skills. Children that read the most, read the best. Practise, practise, practise!

Please help your child read every night.

CWA – Country of Study
Last week both classes attended the Country of Study morning tea at the CWA Hall. This year the country was Greenland. The students had entered in various projects for the competition component of the event. All of the students submitted high quality work. This was recognised by the community. Well done to all of the students. Unfortunately, it is most likely the last year of the event due to possible closure of the CWA Bluff branch. The event is highly anticipated by students and staff each year. I would like to thank all of the CWA members for the hard work, it was very much appreciated. Check out the photos!

School Camp
This year the 3-6 class will be visiting The Caves for three nights/four days. Please ensure that you return your expression of interest forms as soon as possible to confirm numbers. Once the itinerary is finalised, it will be sent home.

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

COMMUNITY GARAGE
AT BLUFF STATE SCHOOL
Gourmet coffee & cake
Sam to 12pm 24th JULY
All day breakfast

COMMISSION
TIME FOR A SPRING CLEAN? INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR TREASURES?
Stall sites are $10. Not for profit associations free.
To book a stall phone 0439998856 or 49929167
Dr Email bluff_assoc@gmail.com
FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR BLUFF STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bluff and District Bus Association Inc

Urgent Annual General Meeting to be held in order to finalise the committee and distribute funds.

A quorum must be met and a committee must be elected (which consists of previous committee members) to be able to resolve this group.

Date- 15th June, 2016
Time- 4 pm
Venue- CWA Hall

Please attend if you can to assist this committee finalise its financials and to dissolve.

For more information, please feel free to contact Kyleigh Clarfield on 0448612310