Principal’s News

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Kate Kirk for ensuring a wonderful book fair. The decorations were fantastic and made the area attractive and engaging for the students. In addition to this, a thank-you to all families who supported the book fair and earned our school P & C $170 of books.

NAIDOC
This year, NAIDOC week falls in the school holidays – 3rd to 10th July. To ensure our students have a chance to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements, Bluff State School will hold NAIDOC day on Tuesday the 19th July (week 2). This year we have invited Malachi Conway from Rocky Instincts to visit our school and complete some traditional demonstrations and activities with our students. We welcome any families to come along and join us throughout the day.

Premiers Reading Challenge
A quick reminder that the Premiers Reading Challenge is not a competition, yet encourages students to develop their love of reading. When students complete the challenge, their efforts will be recognised in the form of a Certificate of Achievement from the Premier of Queensland. 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 teachers.

Report Cards
Report cards will be available for collection on Tuesday 21st June. If you are unable to collect your child’s report, it will be posted Thursday afternoon. Remember, if you have any queries in relations to your child’s report, please make a suitable time to see the classroom teacher.

Rural Fire Brigade
Early in term 3 the Rural Fire Brigade are doing upgrades on their property on Church Street. This includes construction of a new shed. Students are reminded that this area will be out of bounds.

School Holidays
I would like to wish all students, families and staff a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back on deck for Term 3, Monday the 11th July.

Healthy Lunch Idea- Cheese Quesadilla
Place one soft taco shell on a plate and sprinkle with cheese. Place a second shell on top of the cheese. Microwave for 30 seconds or until cheese has melted. Let cool and cut into four pieces. ENJOY!!
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.

CQ News
Did you remember to grab a copy of the CQ News? Our one page school feature was published last week. Copies are still available from Bluff Family Store.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Sam showed persistence and patience with technology this week, while Isabelle and Will completed some outstanding work in their geography assessments. Koda and Asher worked industriously their geography assessments as well.

—Keep up the great work! 😊
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 13th of July, 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 meetings is a requirement for your membership to remain valid

P&C Support
The P&C support the school in many ways. So far this year we have purchased text books for all students throughout the school, donated $500 towards school camp costs, purchased books for all students for the end of year celebration, and are currently sourcing graduation gifts for year 6 students, and upgrading the electricity in the tuckshop. Our main goal over the next 5 years is to upgrade and shade the multipurpose sports area (basketball court). All of this would not be possible without everyone’s help, and the P&C would like to say thank you!

P&C Donations
The P&C would like to say a special thank you to Coffee Connect from Blackwater for kindly donating $200 to the P&C. Also many thanks go out to Ron the vegi man, who has kindly been donating fresh produce to the tuckshop. We would also like to say thank you to all parents & guardians who brought a plate of food for the Book Fair morning tea, it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! A note was sent home last week seeking donations of time and items for upcoming events. Many thanks to those whom have already returned their forms and kindly offered to donate their time and items.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop this week is being held on Wednesday, orders are fine to be handed in on that day.
Next term there will be some minor changes to the tuckshop menu and prices of items. Please keep an eye out for the menu in the first week of school. Tuckshop will still be held on Thursdays with orders due in on Wednesday in term 3.

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 the school administration office.
Congratulations to Neil Crosby with the winning ticket of Game 1 11/5
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 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 were sent home on the Friday 17th of June. If you did not receive an order form or need an extra one, please see the school administration office. Order forms and money are due back at school on Friday the 15th of July, which is the first week back at school after the holidays. Pies will arrive the 29th of July.
Election Day: On the 2nd of July in conjunction with election day, we will be running a stall from 8am-12pm at the school, where we will be selling a hot breakfast, footy doubles and a money tree raffle.

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 barbeque, 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.

Election Day Stall 2nd July
To help run the stall from 8am-12pm.

Garage Sale 24th July
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 ☺
Lateral Thinking
You have two strings of different lengths and a book of matches. If you place a lit match on the end of the longer string, it will burn for exactly 10 minutes. The shorter string on the other hand, will burn for exactly 1 minute.

How can you measure exactly 5 minutes 30 seconds using the matches and the strings?

It may have taken a while, but the P-2 Geography brochures are complete. All students worked extremely hard to create their brochure using Publisher, and ensure they included all aspects required of the task. Students had to follow a range of steps, including:
1. Find pictures on the internet
2. Save chosen pictures to their files
3. Insert pictures into the document
4. Move and Resize pictures, and
5. Adjust position of writing around pictures.

Students have done an excellent job, and to help commend them on their work, we have put their brochures up on display.

Over the last couple of weeks in maths, students have been investigating fractions and how this directly relates to money. After students consolidated their knowledge of fractions being part of a whole, we introduced monetary values – coins. Students explored coins (5c, 10c, 20c and 50c) as being part of a whole $1. They studied how many of each coin they needed to make a dollar and represented this as a fraction. As a bit of fun, students extended their knowledge of fractions and tested their problem solving skills to work out a % discount on a given monetary value.

Scenario: Students investigated how many 20c coins they needed to make $1 (a whole);
5. They then discussed what fraction of $1 they would have if they only had 1 20c piece;
1/5. Students were shown how 1/5 equals 20%. They were then asked to make $3 with 20c pieces and asked to work out how much they would save if there was a 20% sale on.
Students tried multiple ways of working out their answer; they were then given a hint to make 3 $1 piles. With this, all groups worked it out by taking away 1 20c piece from each pile and adding them up; 60cents.
This week students will review, reinforce and extend learnt concepts from throughout the term.

Last Puzzle Answer:
1 + 2 + 34 + 56 + 7 = 100
Encourage your child to read over the holidays to keep up their fantastic skills.

Assessments
All of our assessments are finished and the students should be proud of their effort. Report cards are ready for collection on Tuesday.

Camp
Student Council will start fundraising for camp next term. Their first project will be selling icy cups after school for 50c. The students will work on a roster to ensure all of the students are sharing responsibility.

Homework
There will be no homework this week.

5 days until the end of term!

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

**AWESOME HOLIDAY IDEAS**
1. Make an ant farm.
2. Bake cupcakes.
3. Make a cubby house under the table.
4. Invite friends over to play.
5. Make homemade pizza.
6. Dance to music.
7. Have a theme day. This may be butterflies, piracies, princesses, fairies, dinosaurs or a particular colour.
8. Make an inside obstacle course with cushions, pillows, boxes, chairs and blankets.
9. Ice biscuits.
10. Play dress ups and do a play.
11. Make recycled paper.
12. Make a robot out of cardboard boxes.
13. Buy a note book and write a school holiday diary
14. Reorganise your room.
15. Make fruit Kebabs.
16. Write a letter to someone.
17. Hang a sheet from a tree to make an outside cubby house.
18. Eat outside.
19. Plant a vegetable or herb garden.
20. Make an outside obstacle course.
23. Do an outside treasure hunt.
24. Create an outdoor play garden.

**A sad Goodbye to Lakisha and Curtis Jones, who are moving south before the arrival of their new sibling. — Best wishes to you both and to your family!**

**Reading is fun**

**Just Do It!**

The first day of Term 3 is **11th July 2016**. I hope you all have an exciting and relaxing holiday.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Get ready for racing, Fun Night!
Friday July 15th
Registration from 5:30pm, Track time starts at 6:30pm.

Briefing for all riders and families will be held just before riding commences.
The crew at Central Highlands BMX Club have been working hard to bring the thrill of racing to town.
Our first Club night is booked and we are ready to showcase our sport to the region.

How can you be a part the fun?
Join our Facebook Group Central Highlands BMX Club.
Visit our club page on the BMX Australia Website
https://www.facebook.com/groups/918793764906916/

To join our Club events, all riders must hold a current BMX Australia membership.
Simply go to the BMX Australia website http://bmxaustralia.com.au/ and follow the links to get yourself a 4 month trial membership.

Leading up to our first race night we will have a club meeting/working bee at the track located at Sunrise Rotary Park, Opal Street, Emerald, July 9th.
You are welcome to join us anytime from 9am onwards.
This is a great opportunity to come and meet the team and we can answer any questions you have.
Bring your bike and we can give you some tips on getting it “race ready”.

Street bikes are perfectly fine to begin with; they just need a couple of simple and free modifications.