**Principal’s News**

**Christine Killey**

On Thursday, staff and students will enjoy a follow up visit from Christine. Students are pretty keen to hear some more stories about the letters and strategies. We will provide more information regarding the days events in the next newsletter.

**Year 7 Scholarships**

A reminder that year 7 scholarships on offer by Blackwater State High School are due by the 30th August. There are 3 types of scholarships available; sporting, academic and cultural. If you require any assistance in the application process, please don’t hesitate to contact staff.

**Sporting Schools**

Students are continuing to participate in the sporting schools golf program on offer this term. All students have been enjoying these sessions and engaging in the sport well.

**Golfing Star**

A special mention and congratulations to Lexy, for her recent participation in the Junior Olympics held in America. Lexy was away for 4 weeks competing in the event and was rewarded for her efforts with an outstanding result of a Bronze Medal. CONGRATULATIONS LEXY!

**Transition to High School**

Notes for the Semester 2 transition dates will be sent home this week. Please sign and return by Friday 2nd September. If you have any questions in relation to high school transition, please don’t hesitate to contact administration.

**School Vandalism**

Due to recent events and student work being vandalised, it is imperative to remember that the school grounds are ‘out of bounds’ out of school hours. Please contact the police, school watch or staff if you notice any odd behavior around our school.

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**Upcoming Events**

- Emmi Fun Run - Aug 26
- Yr 6 Taster Day - Sept 7

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**2 Ingredient Energy Bars**

Line a 17 x 27cm slice tin with baking paper and set aside. Place 3 cups of dates into a food processor and process until it has a jam-like consistency (you may need to add a touch of hot water if it is dry). Add 3 cups of oats one cup at a time until it’s all incorporated and the mix starts to pull away from the sides of the bowl. Press mixture into the tin. Sprinkle top with extra oats and freeze 1-2 hours. Cut fingers and roll in oats. Store wrapped individually in baking paper.
Last week students in the P-2 class investigated Ladybirds and practiced the steps required for their assessment piece. They shared a book about the animal and found facts during reading (wearing their investigator hats and using their magnifying glasses). From this, they confirmed the facts using another source (internet). Students then categorised their notes into topics and worked together in small groups to write informative sentences. These sentences were then put in order to create a paragraph.

Students are extremely excited to finally get started on their assessment pieces. They have chosen their Olympic Country to study and will follow the steps outlined above over the next 5 weeks to fulfil their assessment task requirements. Their information reports will be displayed in a PowerPoint. Students will also use the hyperlink function for their index to aid the reader (just like an informative book).

In Maths, students investigated chance through a range of hands on activities. They made chance spinners that reflected different likelihoods of events occurring. Students were able to identify, using the appropriate language, the chance of given events in a range of situations. They were extended to using their fraction knowledge to display the probability of an event occurring; like pulling out a particular colour skittle.

Focus for the coming weeks:

**Week 6:** Time – Read clock times, duration of events and calendars

**Week 7:** Number & Place Value – Represent and model facts including multiplication

A quick reminder that if you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please don't hesitate to make a meeting with me at a suitable time to discuss.
Casual Catch Up With
Mrs Conway’s Clan

Welcome to Week 6!

We have had a busy couple of weeks with more things to come.

Congratulations to Jasiah and Preston for representing our school at the Central Highlands Athletics carnival. Jasiah was selected to compete at the Central Division Athletics. Best of Luck Jasiah.

Congratulations to Latoya Byrne, Lexy and Isabelle for competing in the Emerald Netball Carnival on the weekend. The girls played extremely well and showed great sportsmanship. Well done girls!

More on sport...well done to Preston and Kayden for the efforts at the Blackwater Crushers Rugby League carnival on Saturday.

Our school leaders were invited to the 2016 Leaders Summit on Thursday. All of our year 5 and 6 students were selected to attend. Each year the summit is held in a different Central Highlands town with 4 schools selected to speak. This year the lunch was held at the Blackwater Civic Centre and our school was selected for the first time. The school captains, Preston and Bailey, spoke about the highlights of their leadership, the challenges they have faced and what it means to them. Both of the boys spoke brilliantly and represented our school incredibly. Mayor Kerry Hayes commented on the originality of the boys’ speeches and the unique history our small school. Check out the photo with Mayor Hayes. All of the students represented Bluff State School and networked well with our schools from the region. The event was organised fantastically and the students thoroughly enjoyed their experience. A big thank you to Mrs Ohl and Mrs Clanfield for assisting with transport.

In our classroom:

Maths
3/4 - Time and measurement
5/6 – Measurement

English
Students are creating, analysing and editing poetry. The students are working extremely well using poetic devices. The creativity is amazing and they should be proud of their work. During our morning literacy rotations students have been developing their writing skills using our classroom writing prompts, feel free to come in and check them out. Students are using the computers to type their stories in preparation for NAPLAN online. This has improved their typing speeds and assisted in their editing.

Spelling
Each week we work on a new spelling rule. Please ask your child to teach you the rule, this will help them consolidate their learning using their own language.

Science
Week 6 – Earth
Week 7 – Mars

Art
Again a huge thank you to Darlene Radlingmayr for assistance with our mosaics, they have been grouted and are ready to polish. The students have really enjoyed their experience.

History
Central Highlands history including the history of Bluff.
Rori showed fantastic improvement and growth with sight words, while Jack O displayed wonderful improvement with our spelling rules. Preston has recently presented great leadership qualities. Darbee and Mack have made fantastic improvements and growth in reading, while Logan has been working independently in rotations.

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

P-2 starting their vegetable gardens as part of their science lesson.