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Term 3, Week 8

Bluff State School

Principal’s News
Christine Killey
On Thursday the 18th August, staff and students enjoyed a follow up visit from Christine around the implementation of her program ‘Independent Spelling Stars’. Staff modelled a typical lesson for both staff and Christine to observe and provide feedback. Additionally, Chris then demonstrated (with students) how she would implement and teach different spelling strategies; such as the 1, 1, 1 strategy used for adding suffixes that start with a vowel. Again staff were left feeling invigorated, empowered and ready for the next step with the implementation of this program. As some of the strategies seem ‘far-fetched’ (because Australians use words from many different countries) and students like to prove them wrong, Chris has also agreed to participate in an EdStudio whereby students can challenge her strategies and she will respond.

Transition to High School
A reminder that permission notes for Semester 2 transition are due by Friday 2nd September. If you have any questions in relation to high school transition, please don’t hesitate to contact administration.

Emmi Memorial Fun Run
Thank you to everyone who attended the Emmi Memorial Fun Run on Friday, your support for this wonderful cause is greatly appreciated.

Pea and Noodle Fritters
Stand 11/4 cups of peas in boiling water for 2 minutes. Drain. Roughly mash peas with a fork. Add ½ packet shelf fresh hokkien noodles, ¼ cup SR flour, ¼ cup milk, 2 eggs, ¼ cup parmesan cheese and one finely chopped red onion. Season with salt and pepper. Heat rice bran oil in pan and fry fritters for 2 minutes on each side. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towel to drain. Serve with cherry tomatoes and carrot and celery sticks.

Year 7 Scholarships
A reminder that year 7 scholarships on offer by Blackwater State High School are due tomorrow (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.

Upcoming Events
♦ Yr 6 Taster Day - September 7
♦ Scholarships due - August 30
♦ Last day of term - September 16

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The P-2 class have started researching their chosen country as part of their English and Geography assessment piece. Students have used a range of texts including books and online information. This has been a very interesting time as some of the information students have found is contradictory; for instance in one book we were told that there are deserts in Turkey, however all information on the internet states that this is not the case.

Students are are now in the stages of turning their notes (dot points) into informative sentences and paragraphs. All students are very keen with this assessment as they are typing their first draft and have started adding hyperlinks into their PowerPoints.

In History, students have been studying families and how they are different. They have started planning their family tree models which they will make over the coming weeks. This is a 2 step assessment whereby the 1st step will be completed this term, and the 2nd next term.

During week 6, students investigated time and how to read and made ‘quarter past’ and ‘quarter to’ times on analogue clocks. In small groups, students made their very own clock on the carpet. Students drew a circle with chalk using a hoola hoop and used their fraction knowledge to cut it in half and quarters.

They then evenly placed 60 counters around the circle to represent each minute on the clock. They discussed where each number had to go and how many minutes they each represent; furthermore, students discussed why we call it ‘quarter past’ and ‘quarter to’.

Students then used a paddle pop stick for the hour hand and a straw for the minute hand to represent different times, including times to the minute (5:52).

Last week students examined multiplication and the relationship it has with both division and addition. Students represented multiplication facts as repeated addition and using arrays. During the activities, students also completed a range of problems that required them to use the alternate operation (division); for example: $5 \times \square = 45$

Focus for the coming weeks:

**Week 8:** Patterns and Algebra – Identify, describe and solve problems using patterns.

**Week 9:** Location & Transformation – Investigating flips, slides and turns.
Casual Catch Up With Mrs Conway's Clan

Welcome to Week 8!
Assessment time! – We are now starting our end of term assessments. I have provided a brief description of each assessment the children will complete over the next two weeks. Our Maths assessments are completed as we finish each unit therefore students are assessed throughout the term on different mathematic topics.

News
Student Council raised $40 for the Brisbane Children's hospital (Beilenberg family choice). The money was donated by students wearing their brightest clothing for the Annual Emmi Memorial Fun Run. A huge thank you to all of the students for demonstrating such great enthusiasm throughout the event. The students thoroughly enjoy the event each year and it was very nice to share the morning with Emmi’s family.

Harold’s new outdoor home – David Edwards (Mrs Edward’s husband) made our little class pet an outdoor cage. The cage allows Harold to be out on the grass through the day and inside at night time. Harold loves his new cage! Thank you Mr Edwards.

In our classroom:

Maths
3/4- Measurement – comparing, perimeter and area
5/6 – Measurement – perimeter, area and converting between units.

English
Assessment – students will write their own poems on their chosen topic. Students will include onomatopoeia, alliteration, rhyme, rhythm, repetition, similes and metaphors. Students will present their poem in an oral presentation.

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

Week 8 - Silent E – a silent is needed as ‘v’ and ‘u’ cannot end English words. This helps to spell over 300 words. For example - prove

Week 9 – Silent E – is making ‘c’ and ‘g’ say their ‘second’ sound. For example - notice

Science
Assessments – create an informative brochure using Microsoft Publisher about their favourite planet. The student's publisher skills will be used as their technology mark for this term.

Art
This term the students completed their mosaics, these pieces will be assessed.

History
Students will choose one of the following areas/explorers and create visually inviting and informative poster.
- Lt James Cook
- Matthew Flinders
- Charles Archer
- Ludwig Leichhardt
- Bluff
- Dingo
- Gracemere
- Duaringa
- Blackwater.

The students are very excited that Mrs Valda Beak will be coming in to talk to them about our local history.
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Both Koda and Jack R have been doing fabulous work with problem solving in Maths while Braydon has been showing some outstanding talent in our Japanese lessons.

Linkin has been showing great progress in spelling and reading while Lane is continuing to do fantastic problem solving. Maston has been putting in a super effort with his reading.

Keep up the great work!

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