Principal’s News

RSL Bursary
Each year the RSL offer a great opportunity for students in year 6 to receive assistance towards their high school educational needs. The successful applicant will receive a $750 bursary. Like most grants, this is completed through an application process. Students are to address academic achievement, community services and participation in extra curriculum activities during their senior years. Staff have provided students with information regarding the process. Please be reminded that it is the students’ responsibility to collate the application package, which is due on November 4th. The successful applicant will be announced at our end of year celebration.

2017 Leaders Application
Application packages will be sent home early Term 4. If your child is interested in any of the positions, please keep your eyes out for this pack.

Attendance
Every Day Counts. As we draw closer to the school holidays, it is imperative to understand that attendance is still monitored. Important learning continues to take place in each classroom even at the completion of assessment.

P & C Meeting
A reminder that the P & C are holding a meeting on Wednesday afternoon at 2:45pm in D Block. Everyone is welcome to attend.

School Uniform
A friendly reminder in regards to our school uniform policy. All students are to wear a school shirt, black shorts or skorts and covered footwear. If you require further uniforms, they are available for purchase from the school office between 8:00am and 11:00am daily. We appreciate your support.

School Sign
Our new electronic school sign has been ordered. Keep your eyes on this space and be wowed with full colour messages in the near future.

Vegemite Scrolls
Preheat oven to 200. Rub 1 ½ cups of SR flour and ½ cup wholemeal flour with 80g butter. Add ½ cup cheddar and ¼ cup parmesan. Add 1 tab of milk and knead. Push dough to rectangle shape approximately 1cm thick. Spread with vegemite and a little extra cheese. Roll dough into long rope shape and cut into 8 equal rounds. Place on lined baking tray, brush with milk and bake for 20 minutes.

Have a happy and safe break. See you all in term 4!
Students in the P-2 class have worked extremely hard over the last couple of weeks to complete their assessment. I am happy to say that all students have been successful and provided quality PowerPoints that incorporated hyperlinks. P-2 students have been working hard on their spelling strategies and making the connection between spelling and reading. Over the last couple of weeks, students have been investigating the second sound for ‘a’ - ‘ai’ (long sound) and third sound for ‘a’ – ‘ar’ and when he can make the sound by himself and when he needs the controlling ‘r’. These have been a great strategies and seen students spelling words like ‘gymnast’, ‘multitask’ and ‘telepath’ to name a few.

All students need to be recognised for their fantastic achievements in reading, with students in the P-2 class showing an average gain of 5-6 reading levels each for the year to date. This is a tremendous achievement and as a class we will be celebrating this success next Thursday with a classroom reward.

During maths, students investigated algebra ‘finding the unknown’. They also removed the boring boxes and replaced them with letters (like the big kids). Students experimented and problem solved with questions such as 4x + 5 = 13. We then applied this to our patterns and were able to work out a range of problems using an algebraic equation. For example: find the 9th number in the following pattern – 3, 6, 9. Students worked out how many jumps it would take to get to the 9th number (8), the rule of the pattern (3) and the starting number (3); therefore (8 x 3) + 3 = x.

\[3, 6, 9, __, __, __, __, __, __\]

This week, we will be revising many aspects covered throughout the term, along with having some fun with our spelling strategies. I would like to take the opportunity to wish everybody a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday the 4th October at the commencement of Term 4.
Casual Catch Up With Mrs Conway’s Clan

News
Last week, our class welcomed three new students, Mikayla in year 3 and Nathan and Laura in Year 4. The students have been completing their diagnostic testing whilst the rest of the class have been busy finishing of their assessments. This week is the last week of Term 3.

Student Council
Student council are holding their movie night on Thursday night. $3 per student (includes entry, popcorn and a bottle of water). The event will be held in the library. Mrs Conway and Mrs Edwards will be attending the event. The night will commence at 6pm and finish at 7:45pm.

In our classroom:

Maths
3/4- Number facts – Multiplication and Division
5/6 – Problem solving – word problems involving whole numbers and decimals.

English
This week students will be revising their editing skills and writing using dialogue and paragraphs as well as grammatical comprehension.

Science
Students have completed their assessments on their chosen planet and presented it as a PowerPoint. The students have created fantastic work!

History
Students are still completing their history brochure using Microsoft Publisher. The students have showed perseverance and enthusiasm in completing their assessment. Mrs Valda Beak and Mrs Sue Olive visited our classroom last week to talk about the history of Bluff, Blackwater and the surrounding areas. The students thoroughly enjoyed their experience and learnt much about their home town. It was unique and extremely valuable to hear from a past pupil of our school and Blackwater. Thank you again Sue and Valda.
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Xander displayed improved effort in spelling and as did Levi. Kayden and Lexy both showed improvements in their writing. Sam and Asher and Jasiah put in an excellent effort with their spelling while Rowdy did some pretty outstanding poetry! KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

**Photo Gallery: Golf with Dave and Jack meeting the 3-6 staff pet- Harold.**

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