Farewell
Firstly I would like to start by thanking the Bluff School and community for your ongoing support throughout 2016. I have enjoyed watching students develop and progress through their learning and achieve some outstanding results. Unfortunately I am saying farewell to Bluff State School in 2017 as I take on a new adventure in a permanent capacity. Miss Webb is continuing on at Rolleston next year and the position at Bluff will be advertised in the coming days. I would like to thank all staff members for their tremendous work throughout the year in ensuring our students are provided with high quality learning experiences and the support they require. Should you have any questions in relation to my departure, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Interschool Swimming Carnival
We would like to thank all parents and families who attended the event and helped where possible. We appreciate your assistance.

Sports Captain Speeches
We will be holding a special parade on Thursday morning for students to present their sports captain speeches. Everyone is welcome to attend and show their support. Students and staff will vote at the conclusion of the speeches and our captains will be announced at our End of Year Celebrations.

End of Year Celebrations
Invitations for our End of Year Celebrations will be sent home this week. We welcome all community and family members to join us at this event to celebrate student achievements and successes. The event will commence at 6:30pm with the awards ceremony on the school oval (behind the library). A light dinner will follow and the evening will conclude with the student performances. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

High School Transition
Wednesday will be the final high school transition session for our year 6 students. Students have been enjoying the sessions and feel confident and ready to start high school next year. We would like to thank Blackwater State High School for offering the program and enabling our students to experience and become familiar with the high school setting.

Report Cards
Report cards will be available during week 10. If you would like a meeting with the classroom teacher, please ensure you contact them to arrange a suitable time.

3-6 Camp
Next week students in the 3-6 classroom will be attending their camp at the Capricornia Caves in Rockhampton. A number of activities have been organised to ensure students not only have fun, but learn some new skills. We hope you have a fantastic time.

Thank you
A shout out to McIntosh Truck, Bobcat and Excavator hire for removing our old school sign to make way for the new one that is heading our way in a few weeks time!

A friendly reminder:
Students to be dropped off no earlier than 8:15am
Romen did some sensational spelling this week while Sam achieved above benchmark for words their way. Lexy showed some outstanding work in advertising and Logan displayed an improved effort in handwriting. Xander was commended for showing fantastic improvement in reading using decoding skills while Halle achieved the prep PM benchmark. Kayden worked hard in his English assessment and Preston displayed leadership by helping his peers.

**Students of the Week**

P-2

Students in the P-2 class have been working extremely hard to complete their final assessment pieces. All students need to be commended for their efforts and their achievements on these tasks. I have included a few pieces from the students below.

Last week in ‘Spelling Stars’ students focused on the ‘a’ making the ‘o’ sound after a ‘w’, ‘wh’ or ‘qu’. Students continue to enjoy developing their vocabulary through investigating words and using our i-pads to search word origins, definitions and parts of speech.

As the term begins to come to an end, students in the P-2 classroom are revising all concepts covered in maths. Students are continuing to complete their weekly problem solving activity and interact with hands on activities.

P-2 students will continue with their normal routine throughout the coming weeks – **every day counts** – but we will add some Christmas activities into our timetable.
Casual Catch Up with Mrs Conway’s Clan

High school transitions – the year 6 students have been thoroughly enjoying their high school experiences and the karaoke sessions in the car with Mrs Ohl.

Swimming carnival – congratulations to all of the students. You all tried your best and swam like fish. Your hard work was evident in the results. Well done!

Camp – one more week until camp. If you require another note outlining what the student’s need to bring on camp. Please have your child ask for another note. Everyone is becoming very excited!

Homework – this week will be last week of homework due to camp in week 9.

Student progress – if you would like an update on your child/ren’s progress this semester, please feel free to contact me or drop in to make a time to catch up. Email: sconw38@eq.edu.au

HISTORY
In the olden days in Austria it wasn’t that different at school. We nearly have the same things. When my poppy was at school 77 years ago it was a bit different. Poppy’s village was were everything was, it was called Kirchdorf. Our village is called Bluff.
Back in the past when my poppy was going to school it was different. In summer they walked. In winter they skied to school and walked back as it was uphill. We sometimes come to school on bikes in summer. Getting to school is different and was worse back then.
In the olden days they had different furniture like desks. They had lift up desks with a bag that held there ports. They had ink pots for writing quills. Around grade 5, ball point pens came out. Our desks have pull out trays. We write with pencils these days. It’s easy because we can rub out mistakes. 77 years ago they had pen and you can’t rub it out.
In the past 77 years ago when my poppy was a kid he loved playing soccer. Poppy’s play was different because his play time was 1 hour long, my play time is 30 minutes 1st brake and 15 minutes for second brake. Poppy’s playtime would be better because they got more time for fun.
In the past school was different to now. In the past school was worse for some things and better for others. It was worse because of the cane but better because the play time was long. We are lucky that we don't get the cane and we get air-con.
By Rori

3-6
Can you believe there is only:

- 13 days left of school
- 4 days until camp
- 31 days until Christmas

Harold’s Term 4 Weekend Roster

| 8  | 26/11/16  | 27/11/16 | Braydon Jones |
| 9  | 03/12/16 – 04/12/16 | Charley West |
| 10 | 10/12/16 – 11/12/16 | Mrs McNamara |

BYE BYE HAROLD!

Harold will be joining the McNamara family on a permanent basis when school finishes. We would like to thank all of the parents that have kindly taken care of our class pet this year. Harold is going to a loving family and will continue to be spoilt by children.

Swimming Calendar Term 4

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