Principal’s News

End of Year Celebrations
Invitations for our End of Year Celebrations have been sent home. 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.

Year 6 Graduation
We will celebrate the graduation of our year 6 students in a couple of weeks’ time. Invitations were sent home last week to invited guests as identified by the students. If you received an invitation can you please R.S.V.P as soon as possible with your meal choices so the venue can be advised.

P-2 excursion
To reward the students in the P-2 class for their hard work and excellent behaviour throughout the 2016 school year; students will be going on an excursion to Emerald this week. Notes and information was sent home last week and we hope that all can make it. It should be a memorable day.

Report Cards
Report cards will be available this week. A message media text will be sent to all families to advise when they are ready for collection. If you would like a meeting with the classroom teacher, please ensure you contact them to arrange a suitable time.

Principal
The new principal has been appointed for 2017; Natasha Mallory from Sarina. Natasha will be visiting our school tomorrow. She will be joining the P-2 class on their excursion therefore a short meet and greet will be arranged for the morning. A message will be sent out later today with more details.

Holidays
I would like to sincerely wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

To our year 6 students – all the best for high school. You have grown into some fine young men and I am sure that you will all represent Bluff in a positive manner and achieve anything you put your minds to.

To staff departing from Bluff in 2017, I wish you all the best and hope that you follow your aspirations. To all staff, thank you for your hard work and support throughout the year. Education is a team sport and I have been lucky enough to work with a great team who are all dedicated to ensuring our students succeed.

To all students, don’t forget – you can be whatever you want to be. Ensure you follow your dreams – success is just around the corner if you are ready to work for it.

Please keep a watchful eye over our school during the holidays!

Upcoming Events

♦ P-2 Excursion  - Nov 6
♦ Yr 6 Grad Dinner  - Dec 7
♦ End of Year Celebration  - Dec 8
♦ Last Day of Term  - Dec 9

A friendly reminder:
Students to be dropped off no earlier than 8:15am
Asher demonstrated persistence with assessment pieces and was helping others where possible. Belle showed some awesome writing! Samantha always follows directs and has been completing set tasks in a timely manner.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Students in the P-2 class have been continuing to focus on their spelling strategies each morning. Last week, students investigated the 1,1,1, strategy. This strategy provides students with the skill of determining when to double the final consonant before adding a suffix that begins with a vowel, such as 'ing' or 'ed'. Students enjoyed working with this strategy and tried to test it on the odd occasion.

During maths, students have been continuing to complete their mental maths each day. They have also been revising all other concepts covered in maths throughout the Semester. Students have recalled and displayed some great skills during these revision sessions.

Our Christmas craft activities have been keeping us busy. Last week we finished our plastic cup snowman – please come in and have a look. We have also been making a number of props to be put on display at our End of Year Celebrations.

Merry Christmas from the P-2's
A Message From Mrs Conway

With only 5 days left of the school year, we are celebrating our final days together. A massive thank you to Miss Cooper for attending camp at short notice, Mrs Edwards and Jeff Olive for caring, supporting and feeding the students last week on camp. All of the students had a great time and shared their favourite stories this morning. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for all your support for myself and my class. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Bluff State School. It will always hold a special place in my heart, for countless reasons, the students, the community, it will always be my first school, my children’s first school and that my husband attended this school. I wish every student all the best for the future. Each and every one of them are unique to me, I will be sad to say goodbye but I know that they will continue to grow into inspirational young adults. Merry Christmas to all and a happy new year!

Camp Gallery 2016 Capricorn Caves