What an exciting year we have ahead of us! It has been an exceptionally positive start to the year, with an enthusiastic school community who are all determined to ensure every child at Bluff State School receives the best possible educational experience.

All the students have started the school year with enthusiasm and excitement. Already, Miss Bopf and I have them working hard as they strive to implement a very full and engaging curriculum. Our Prep students and Year One students have done particularly well and are taking great pride in their reading, writing and math work that they have completed. It certainly is an exciting time in the classrooms! I would encourage you to pop into your child's classroom, talk to the teacher and see first-hand the fantastic work that they are doing this year.

Improved communication is a key focus in 2017. As a school we are committed to ensure a clear line of communication between the school and home. This will see a greater utilisation of social media, easy access to upcoming events, improved signage (including the installation of a digital sign at the front of the school) and more opportunities for face-to-face consultation. Please follow the official school Facebook page as it will be updated regularly with school information.

As is the case at Bluff State School, the curriculum will be fully differentiated, meaning that students that require additional support or extension will be provided for. Being a smaller school, your child has access to smaller group work, one-on-one teacher time and very experienced teacher aides working with them. This in turn, helps your child get the best education they can whilst they are here at Bluff.

We have a fantastic group of school leaders who are determined to make their mark in 2017. Already, the Student Council has met (lead by Ms. Mallory) and is devising projects that will benefit both Bluff State School and the wider community.

Thank you also to the school and wider community for making my transition to Bluff as welcoming as you have done. My family and I have settled in beautifully and this is a credit to you town.

Enjoy your week.

Tash Mallory
Acting Principal
Focus for 2017
This year our school will focus on Community Engagement, Reading Comprehension, Problem solving in Mathematics and Writing.

Enrolments
From 2017, it is compulsory for Queensland children to undertake Prep prior to Year 1. Prep is a full-time program in primary schools. Children attend Monday-Friday, from 8.30am-2.30pm. Children must be 5 by 30 June in the year they enrol. If you know of any children not currently enrolled in Prep please let them know that they can come and see me and we can enrol them for 2017. If you are wanting to enrol your child at our fantastic little school, or know of new families moving to the area, now is the best time! Come and visit our school, chat with staff and students and enrol your child for 2017 today. We look forward to meeting with you.

Cupcake of Kindness
This year, each week, a student or staff member who displays a level of kindness towards others and is spotted by the kindness fairy will receive on parade a special cupcake of kindness. The first person will receive their award on next week’s parade.

Students Resource Scheme
Thanks to those parents who have made their payment of $100 for the book packs provided. Just a reminder to those of you still needing to finalise payments, these need to be paid by the 17th February or alternatively, if you need a payment plan please pop in and see Max at the office, we are only too happy to provide a plan.

Swimming
This year we are swimming in a week block. All cost for swimming will be covered by the school, however a gold coin donation for the bus company to carry forward to a charity of their choice would be appreciated. Students will leave school at 11am and return to school by 1pm.

Massive Thank you
A massive thank you to the P and C for the breakfast they provided us with on our first day back. The bacon and egg wraps were a great idea and the kids loved having a sausage sizzle for afternoon tea.

Camp 2017
Super exciting news about camp...this year camp will be a WHOLE school event!! Camp will be in term 4 and is a fun, educational and rewarding experience for everyone involved. The school will be spending 3 days at the educational centre on North Keppel Island. More information will be provided as the year progresses. Student council and the P and C will provide some fundraising for this camp and parents will be asked to pay the remaining amount. Payment plans will definitely be able to be set up for families as we want 100% of our students involved.

FaceBook
This year we have begun an official school Facebook page for you to follow the daily happenings of our school. https://www.facebook.com/BluffStateSchool is the link you will find us at.

Social Tennis
This year we would like to start a social tennis game on Sunday afternoons at 4pm. All are welcome. Please bring your own snacks and drinks and we can make this a great little afternoon.

After School Sport
This term we are hoping to have afterschool sport delivered through the Sporting Schools program. More details will be in next weeks newsletter.
Hi All

My name is Marsha West and I have taken on the role of Bluff State School’s Tuckshop Convenor. The tuckshop will be open every Friday, “$5 Fridays”. The menu will consist of 2 main items, plus a set menu of other items such as poppers, pikelets or popcorn. The menu will change every Friday on a monthly rotation.

I am also looking for volunteers (Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles or community members) to join me on a Friday for a couple of hours.

Why volunteer? Volunteering your time allows the profits from the tuckshop to be passed on to the P & C Association to help fund worthwhile projects within our school such as text books and end of year whole school camp.

You are more than welcome to come along and see me and have a chat about the tuckshop or if you have any ideas for recipes. Or contact me either via email marsha_32@hotmail.com or 0401 653 239.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Marsha West
Tuckshop Convenor
$5 Fridays
3rd February 2017 (1st Friday of the month)

Your choice of either

Bacon and Egg roll

Or

Chicken, Lettuce and Mayonnaise Wrap

With
2 pikelets and strawberry jam
Popper
Quelch icy pole

Please ensure orders are placed by 9am Friday morning.

Any change required will be taped to the outside of your child’s tuckshop bag.

Bluff State School proudly supports QLD Smart Choices for a healthier eating guide for all children.