Dear Parents,

Fun Run
This year the Emmi Bielenberg Memorial Fun Run will be held on Thursday 4th September. We require volunteers for water stops and runners to run with the children. If you could help out at all please let Max know.

Science Week
All children will be attending a science show in Blackwater on Thursday 21st August. We will be leaving Bluff at 9:30am and returning by 11:30am. Thank you to L & F Mine Transfers for providing transport so that we can attend this special show. Please return the permission form as soon as possible. Richard Scholes is back with some of the most exciting earth-shattering, lightning striking experiments that will change the way you see and feel the weather. *Crazy Science: The Crazy Scientist Strikes Back* is a visual, messy, larger than life look at the way our wild world works.

Wombat Stew
On Wednesday 27th August, we will be attending a Wombat Stew Theatre Production in Rockhampton. More information is being sent home today.

Camp Payments
Thank you for your patience while we adjust the final invoices for camp. These are being sent home today. Final payments are due by Friday 5th September.

Book Week
Bluff State School will be celebrating Book Week in week 10 from Monday 15th September to Friday 19th September. Children are able to come dressed as their favourite book character on Friday 19th September. We will have a parade and literacy rotations on Friday 19th from 8:30am – 10:30am. Parents are invited to attend this session.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
A reminder that the Premier’s Reading Challenge sheet is due back to school by Friday 5th September.

Book Club
Book Club is due back at school by this Thursday 21st August.
Library Books
Please make sure that your child/children are returning their library books every Thursday. If they have not finished reading the book and wish to keep it for another week, the book may be re-borrowed. The library may also be used by parents to borrow extra reading books for their children.

CARS and STARS
We have been learning about the strategy making predictions. When you think about what might happen next in a reading passage, you are making a prediction. Making a prediction is a way of using clues from a reading passage, as well as things you already know, to make a good guess about what might happen next.

- Clues are often in the title of a reading passage. Read the title, and then make a prediction about what you will be reading.

- Clues are often in the details of a reading passage. Details about the things characters do and say often help you make a prediction about what they might do or say later in the story.

- Clues are often in the pictures included with a passage. Pictures can often show something that is happening or will happen soon.

Pie Drive
The P&C are running another pie drive. Forms were sent home on Friday. All forms and money need to be returned by Friday 29th August. The pies will be delivered on Friday 12th September. Thank you for your support.

Bluff Rabbitohs
Congratulations to the Bluff Rabbitohs for their win on the weekend earning a home Grand Final. The Rabbitohs committee members are holding a house decorating competition. It will be judged on Thursday 28th August and the winner will receive a prize pack. Students are also being invited to wear red and green to school on Friday 29th. Let’s get behind our local footy team!

P&C Meeting
Our September P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 15th September at 2:45pm in D Block. I’m looking forward to seeing you there!

Reading Tip for Parents: What’s “Just Right”?
Children feel confident and competent when they read books that are “just right.” But how do you find a “just right” book? Have your child read the back and front cover, and first page of the book. If there are more than five words that he cannot pronounce or understand in context, the book may be too challenging. Be supportive about finding a more perfect fit. Choosing the right book will help your little reader feel successful.

2014 Central Highlands Multicultural Festival – 10th Anniversary
Saturday 23 August 2014, 5pm – 10pm
Emerald Showgrounds, Capricorn Highway
www.multiculturalfestivalcentralhighlands.org.au
Date claimers for this term
More information regarding each event will be provided closer to the day.
Wednesday 27th August: Wombat Stew Excursion
Monday 8th September: Year 4-6 camp
Friday 19th September: Last day of term

Warm regards,
Elizabeth

Students of the Week

Mia has been doing really well with her mathletics while Paige has been showing us some great work with English. Latoya has been persevering in all areas of our maths this week and Darbee showed fantastic Bluff SS manners during Harold’s visit.

Student Council News

A letter and permission forms were sent out last week outlining all information about the sleepover. Please read this information carefully and return the permission form by FRIDAY 22 AUGUST. Any children whose forms are not returned by Friday will not be permitted to attend. Please make sure that you have filled in the contact person and number on the permission forms. Please contact or see Miss I with any questions or concerns. Student Council is looking forward to a great night!
P-2 students have been learning about Platypuses in order to write their information reports. Students are finishing these off this week. We will then be starting our poetry unit where students will be learning about the features of poems, how to understand and answer questions about poetry and learning to construct and modify poems.

As we are now in week 6, students will be beginning assessment over the next few weeks. It is vital that all students are at school all day every day. Already several students are behind in concepts due to repeated absences. Prep parents, please remember to send in a family photo so that your child is able to complete their history assessment tasks. Yr 1 parents, please keep your eyes out over the coming weeks for your child’s history assessment questionnaire which will need to be completed and returned ASAP.

If anyone has shoeboxes that they are able to bring in for our Science/Technology units, they would be very much appreciated.

3-6 Classroom

Firstly, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who have been bringing in cardboard boxes and other recyclable materials. It is fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and I know that the children are very excited about making their arcade games in the last week of term.

As the end of Term 3 quickly approaches, assessment across all of the Key Learning Areas is beginning. Please ensure that your child is at school every day so they are not missing revision work or assessment. The children will be writing and editing their Dreamtime Stories this week. We will also be revising the maths topics that have been learnt this term in preparation for the assessment. The children have all been enjoying researching their favourite planet and finding out a lot of interesting facts.

At present we do reading groups on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and have 3 groups. I would like to split these groups up even further and have 5 reading groups so I have put up a request for parent help on both mornings from 8:30 – 9am. If you are able to assist please add your name to the roster outside the classroom. Thank you!

Don’t forget: Children of all ages love being read to!
Help your child become a better **READER**
Questions to ask your child while reading **fiction** text.

- Who is the main character?
- What is the setting in the story? Does the setting change?
- What was the problem in the story and how was it solved?
- Did the character change during the story? How?
- How are you like the main character? How are you different?
- What do you predict will happen next in the story?
- Why do you think the author chose this title for the story?
- Do you like the title of the story? Why or why not?
- Can you think of a different title for the story?
- Which character from the story would you choose to be your friend? Why?
- Which part of the story was the most exciting? Why?
- Did you like the end of the story? Why or why not?
- Which parts in the story could really happen? Which parts could not really happen?
Help your child become a better **reader**

Questions to ask your child while reading nonfiction text:

- What is the main idea of the text?
- Can you tell me something you already know about this topic?
- What did you learn from reading the text?
- Are there any words that you do not know what they mean?
- What are some new words that you learned?
- Do you have any questions after reading this?
- Were there any features (diagrams, charts, pictures) that were important?
- Where could you find out more information about this topic?
- What questions would you ask the author about this topic?
- What would be a good title for this text?
- Can you think of another book that you have read about this topic? How was it similar? How was it different?
- Did you like the text? Why or why not?

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