Dear Parents,

School Athletics Day
Wow, what a fantastic atmosphere our school athletics day had. Thank you to all of the children who participated and demonstrated excellent team skills. Thank you the parents and community members who helped by setting up, working on the day and packing everything away. Thank you to the staff who made the day run so smoothly. Thank you also to everyone who came along to watch. Congratulations everyone!

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Monday 23rd June. All students are expected to wear their correct school uniforms. More information will be provided closer to the day.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual state-wide event for students from Prep to Year 7. The reading period for the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge commences on Tuesday 20 May and closes Friday 5 September. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to further develop their appreciation of the English language and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.
For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below.

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*Experiencing a book can include classroom or at-home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a text, or being read to.

The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 7 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read. Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. Students who complete the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier.

SWD Data Collection
Please see the attached letter for further information.

Book Fair and Biggest Morning Tea
The Bluff State School Book Fair and Biggest Morning Tea will be held this Wednesday, 28th May. Thank you to everyone who has been putting in a lot of time and effort to ensure that the day is successful. We have a school target to purchase 100 books from Book Fair. If that target is reached, then next week the children can wrap me up in toilet paper and I will spend the day as a mummy! How exciting!
Small School Sports & Under 8’s
We have been receiving many queries regarding how the sports day will run along with Under 8’s. Details are still being finalised and we will pass on the information as soon as it comes to hand.

CARS and STARS
The strategy that we learnt about last week is recalling facts and details. Sentences that tell more about the main idea are called facts and details. Facts and details explain or support the most important idea in the paragraph.
- Facts and details provide information about the main idea.
- Facts and details often tell about the who, what, where, when, why and how of the main idea.

When you read, look for sentences that:
- Describe a person, place or thing
- Tell the order in which things happen
- Explain how to do something
- Share an experience, idea or opinion

Camp
Thank you to the families that have promptly returned their deposit for camp. Now that numbers are finalised, I can begin booking activities so that the final cost can be calculated.

Preservice Teacher
From Monday 2nd June, Annette Marxsen will be working with me in the 3-6 classroom for 3 weeks. Annette will be observing lessons, working with small groups and taking whole class lessons.

Sign in at the office
If you are coming into our school to assist in any way please sign in at the office. It is important that we know who is in our school at any one time. Thank you for understanding.

Absences
This week I will be attending the CQ Region Principal Conference in Gladstone from the 26th – 29th May. Mrs Alison McLaughlin will take the class on Monday and Tuesday, Miss Helen Cooper will take the class on Wednesday and Mrs Bronwen Day will take the class on Thursday and Friday. Miss I will be Acting Principal in my absence.

Date claimers for this term
More information regarding each event will be provided closer to the day.
Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th May: NAPLAN
Wednesday 21st May: Teaching and Learning Audit, Discipline Audit
Friday 23rd May: School Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 28th May: Biggest Morning Tea and Book Fair
Monday 2nd June: International Day
Tuesday 3rd June: Life Ed visit and RSPCA visit
Wednesday 4th June: Show Holiday
Thursday 5th June: Under 8’s Day and ages 10+ Sports Day at Comet SS
Thursday 27th June: School Jump Off Competition

Yours in education,
Elizabeth
Kayden has been using awesome expression in his reading lately, while Sam is displaying a positive attitude towards learning. Daniel is showing fab progress in learning his golden words and Clay is being a thoughtful person and doing extra jobs when asked. Keep up the great work kids!

What's going on in the....

P-2 Classroom

In English, students are now moving onto turning character traits into written character descriptions. Over the next few weeks, students will be learning how to add these character descriptions into their retells of a familiar story. In Cars & Stars (our comprehension program) students are moving onto the strategy of ‘Recalling Facts and Details’. Students should now be more confident with finding the main idea of a text. All students have been tested on their reading and sight words this week, and some movement is occurring on the reading section of our data wall. Don’t forget to come have a look!

The maths units on measurement have wrapped up, with assessment occurring last week. All students are moving back into number concepts, with preps focusing on: matching numerals with collections and words, before and after, and partitioning numbers. Year 1 students are furthering their understandings on number and place value as they learn to partition numbers within addition and subtraction problems, connect numerals, words and collections, compare quantities, and make equal quantities. Year 2’s are revising addition of single digit numbers; comparing, ordering and representing 2 and 3 digit numbers; and adding numbers ending in a zero.

We are conducting investigations and learning how to predict, observe, record and discuss our results. Over the next few weeks we will begin making physical changes to items in order to complete assessment tasks. In geography, we have learnt what ‘birds-eye-view’ and pictorial maps look like and have practised drawing our own. Students will begin their Geography assessments this week, as there is a lot to get through!
This week in the 3-6 classroom, the students will be researching Vietnam to complete their CWA projects. Did you know?

- The official name of Vietnam is the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.
- Two rivers in Vietnam, the Mekong in the south and the Red river in the north of the country reach the sea spread over huge swampy delta plains. The lands in these areas are very fertile, ideal for growing rice and other crops and home to the majority of the country's population.
- Vietnam shares a land border with China to the north, Cambodia and Laos to the west.
- There are over 92 million people living in Vietnam (92,477,857) as of July 2013.
- The capital city of Vietnam is Hanoi, with an estimated population of just under 6.5 million it is the second largest city in Vietnam. The largest city is Ho Chi Minh City which had a population of just under 7.5 million in 2010.
- The currency of Vietnam is called the dong.
- Traditional culture of Vietnam involves focusing on humanity (nhân nghĩa) and harmony (hòa), with family and the community valued highly.
- The Vietnamese worship a number of cultural symbols, such as the Vietnamese dragon (mythical holy dragon), the lac (mythical holy bird), the turtle and the horse.
- The cuisine of Vietnam traditionally combines 5 fundamental taste elements including: spicy (metal), sour (wood), bitter (fire), salty (water) and sweet (earth).
- Football (soccer) is the most popular sport in Vietnam, other sports of interest include table tennis, volleyball, badminton, tennis, and martial arts.


Please continue to work with your child on quick recall of times tables facts!

**Sports Day News**

All students that participated displayed fabulous sportsmanship and we were very proud of the support shown to others on the day! Well done to Wonning who took out the 2014 Shield!

Congratulations to the following students who took out the age championships and runner up awards on Friday.

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Check out our Sports Day photos further down the Newsletter!

**Student Council News**

Thank you to all those students who dressed up and donated a gold coin for our RSPCA Day. Everyone looked fantastic and the P-2 class especially were very excited to see the costumes. In total, $45 was raised which will be sent to the RSPCA to assist them with their fantastic work.
Emerald Athletics

Nominations are now open for Emerald Athletics C.H. Games - Track and Field Carnival at Marist College Oval on 21st/22nd June 2014. Nomination forms available on website www.emeraldatletics.org.au or contact Wayne Gakowski 4982 0746 for further details.

Nominations close 6th June 2014.

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.
Kind regards,

Elizabeth Webb

Bluff State School
Teaching Principal
INTERNATIONAL DAY &
80TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS
COUNTRY OF STUDY

"VIETNAM"

MONDAY 2ND JUNE, 2014
10.30AM AT BLUFF CWA HALL
MINI CENT SALE / LUCKY DOOR & RAFFLE
SCHOOL CHILDREN’S INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION – ENTRIES IN BY FRIDAY 30TH MAY
$15 LUNCH

FOR CATERING PURPOSES
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Blackwater PCYC Glow In The Dark Skate Night!
10 and Under- 4:30pm to 6:00pm
11 and Over- 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Saturday 31st May 2014
$5.00 entry
Canteen Running
Must be a PCYC Member
Bring your Socks