Dear Parents,

Welcome to the fast and furious Term 4! I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday and managed to relax at some point. There are a lot of exciting events coming up in the next few weeks. Please ensure that you read and record the date claimers for this term.

Every day counts
The beginning of term is an extremely important time as new units and concepts are being introduced and taught. Attendance is imperative because if students are not at school, they are missing vital information, which will affect their end of term and semester results.

Prep 2015
Bluff State School would like to welcome our new Prep students for 2015 – Sam, Rylan and Bridie. We have begun our Prep transition program with the Pre-Preps visiting last Wednesday and for the following two Wednesdays with a full transition day occurring later in the term. On the same days, we are also transitioning the current Year 2 cohort into the Year 3-6 classroom. These sessions allow the students to experience the work that they will be involved in in 2015 as well as their peers and classroom.

Family Fun Day
I’m looking forward to seeing you all at the Bluff Family Fun Day – a fundraising initiative by the P&C Association.
Date: Saturday 25th October
Time: 4pm – 9pm
Place: Bluff Footy Field
Admission: Family Pass (2A, 2C) $20, Adult $8, Children $5.

Staffing Arrangements
I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Bronwen Day for all of the work she had done this year and wish Mrs Day and her husband all the very best as they begin a caravanning adventure around Australia. Mrs Meredith Pidgeon will be taking the 3-6 class every Friday until the end of term.

Tuckshop
Thank you to Melanie and Tamsin for working in the tuckshop last Friday. This week tuckshop will be on Thursday – thank you Melanie and Angie.
Technology and Craft Club
Technology and Craft Club will be on every Wednesday afternoon from 2:45pm – 3:30pm. A note with more information and a permission form was sent home today.

Swimming
Swimming invoices were sent home last week. Students will be swimming for 4 weeks from Friday 17th October. The Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at Blackwater pool on Thursday 20th November.

2015 School Leaders
All current year 5 students have shown an interest in becoming a school leader for 2015. There will be special parade on Thursday 23rd October at 8:30am for the leadership speeches.

CARS and STARS
Drawing Conclusions and Making Inferences
Information is sometimes not clearly stated or explained in a reading passage. You must figure out some information on your own. Whenever you figure out something the author doesn’t tell you in reading passage, you are **drawing a conclusion** or **making an inference**.

- Pay attention to the details in a reading passage. You can use these details to figure out information that is not clearly stated or explained.
- Use the details from the reading passage and what you know from your own life to draw a conclusion or to make an inference.

Transition to high school
The Term 4 transition days for the Year 6 students to High School are as follows:

- Enrolment interviews continue – parents make individual bookings online
- Tuesday 21st October – 9am-12pm to participate in High School lessons
- Thursday 4th December – Full day
- Friday 5th December – Full day
- Friday 5th December – Parent BBQ including activities and performances

P&C Meeting
Our October P&C Meeting will be held this afternoon. I’m looking forward to seeing you there!

**Date claimers for this term**
More information regarding each event will be provided closer to the day.
Monday 13th October: P&C Meeting
Wednesday 15th October: Prep Transition Afternoon
Friday 17th October: Swimming
Monday 20th October: Student Free Day
Tuesday 21st October: Year 6 Transition to High School (9am-12pm)
Wednesday 22nd October: Prep Transition Afternoon
Thursday 23rd October: Leadership Speeches
Friday 24th October: Swimming
Sunday 25th October: Family Fun Day
Welcome back! Term 4 is the busiest term of the year with final units, assessments, transitions, preparation for 2015 and end of year events. Term 4 is also an opportunity for students to start preparing for the expectations and learning that they will be undertaking next year. Transitions are a large part of this preparation as well as other changes within the classroom. One example of this is Prep students will now be completing spelling tests every Monday and Friday, and will have spelling homework as well.

We are continuing our Poetry unit in English, with the focus this term on creating, innovating and reading poems. Prep students are learning about addition and subtraction concepts in Maths and will be introduced to “rainbow facts” – the combinations of numbers to make 10. Yr 1 & 2 students are learning about money and time.

The Geography unit this term explores ‘special places’. In Health we will be engaging with the Daniel Morcombe unit on Child Safety, in which ‘students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing. The lessons are sequentially and developmentally structured and include activities to develop students’ skills’. Our science unit is ‘Toy World’ and explores the properties and movements of objects and the sources and uses of light and sound.

All students had a fantastic time during our transition afternoon on Wednesday. It was very exciting to meet our Prep students for 2015 and they did a great job at listening and following instructions. There are two more transition afternoons occurring over the next two Wednesdays, with a final transition day in the final weeks of school.
Welcome back to another busy and exciting term as we count down the weeks until Christmas. Please see below for the unit outlines of what the students will be learning about in English and Science.

**English**

**Engaging with poetry**
In this unit, students listen to, read, view and adapt poems featuring an Australian setting. They analyse texts by exploring the context, purpose and audience and how language features and devices can be adapted to create new meaning. They write and present a poem.

**Science - Physics phenomena**

**Year 3/4** - In this unit students will learn about the physical sciences through the unifying context of a sporting event. Students will use the context of assisting a character in the organisation of the sporting event and complete investigations and activities to investigate the ways heat is produced and transferred, and to understand how objects are affected by contact and non-contact forces. Students will investigate how heat is produced and the behaviour of heat when it transfers from an object or area to another. They will identify that heat can be observed by touch and that formal measurements of heat (temperature) can be taken using a thermometer. Students will identify that heat transfers from warmer areas to cooler areas. They will consider everyday questions about heat and conduct a range of investigations to solve them. Students will plan and conduct investigations about heat and heat transfer, and will collect data safely using appropriate equipment to record formal measurements. They will represent their data in tables and simple column graphs to identify...

**Year 5/6** - In this unit students will investigate the properties of light and the formation of shadows. They will investigate reflection angles, how refraction affects our perceptions of an object’s location, how filters absorb light and affect how we perceive the colour of objects; and the relationship between light source distance and shadow height. They will plan investigations including posing questions, making predictions, and following and developing methods. They will analyse and represent data and communicate findings using a range of text types, including reports and annotated diagrams. They will explore the role of light in everyday objects and devices and consider how improved technology has changed devices and affected peoples’ lives.

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**Supporting Bluff State School in 2014**

Jellinbah Resources
What’s on this term at PCYC for Youth!

OCT 17th
Wild Wild West Theme Scooter/Skate Disco

NOV 7th
Disney Theme Scooter/Skate Disco

NOV 14th
Fantasy Theme Scooter/Skate Disco

DEC 5th
Final Friday Night 2014 Event- Disco

All events start at 6pm-8:30pm
$5 Entry
(Must be a current PCYC member)
Prizes for best dressed

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What’s on this term at PCYC for Adults!

NOV 1st @ 7pm
Monster Ball (18+ ONLY)
(Costume or all black attire)
$50 Includes:
- Welcome Drink
- Alive entertainment (DJ FLURO)
- Nibbles

NOV 8th @ 5pm
BINGO and Trivia
(All ages - Under 18 must be supervised)
Pre-Purchased Tickets only
$50 Includes:
- Admission
- 2 Course Buffet Dinner
- Bingo book pack
- Trivia answer book
- Lucky Door ticket
(Prices alter with age)
- Bar Operating

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ALL PROCEEDS RAISED FROM THIS EVENT GO TO BLUFF STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

family

25th OCT 4PM-9PM
AT THE BLUFF FOOTY FIELD (macca's oval)

RACES & PRIZES, STALLS, BAR & CANTEEN, DJ
GAV, FACE PAINTING & BALLOON ART

ADMISSION
FAMILY PASS
(2A 2C) $20
SINGLE TICKETS
Adult $8
Children $5
Included in the family pass and single tickets are wristbands which allow entry into all races and balloon art & face painting.
GATE ENTRY ONLY $2

BUS PICK UP & DROP OFF FROM BLACKWATER
AVAILABLE
$2 per person must be booked in advance

STALL HOLDERS WELCOME
Stall sites $15 no matter what size

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