Dear Parents,

Attendance
As you know, every day counts. I would like to thank and congratulate all parents of Bluff State School for ensuring that their children come to school every day. Our current attendance rate is 93.8%. This is very close to our goal of 95%. Well done!

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will occur in Week 10. A roster for booking a time has been posted outside both classrooms. Interview times will be 15 minutes.

NAPLAN
I am very proud of the Year 3 and 5 children that sat the NAPLAN tests earlier in the year. We have achieved some wonderful results. Reports will be received this week. I would like to remind parents that your child is not judged entirely on the NAPLAN results, rather, we look at a variety of assessment results and on-going work in the classroom. Every child is case managed to be moving forwards.

Camp Payments and forms
Please ensure that all consent forms are returned to school. Final payments are due by Friday 5th September.

Fun Run
The Emmi Bielenberg Memorial Fun Run will be held on Thursday 4th September. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who have already volunteered to help out with water stops and running with the children. If you could help out at all please let Max know.

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. The list of great books with interesting characters is very long, for example, Harry Potter, Spot, Where’s Wally, Little Red Riding Hood, Geronimo Stilton, Zac Power. 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 this Friday 5th September.
CARS and STARS
We have been learning about the strategy Finding Word Meaning in Context. When you use clues in a reading passage to figure out the meaning of a new word, you are finding word meaning in context. The words and phrases around a new word often provide clues to the word's meaning. These clues are called context clues.

- Context clues are often in the sentences where the new word appears. They can also be in the sentences before and after the new word.
- Clues about the meaning of a new word are often found by thinking about the way the word is used in the sentence.
- Clues about the meaning of a new word can be found by thinking about the details in the paragraph where the new word is found.

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!

Life Education Van
The Life Education van recently visited Bluff State School. Harold and I thoroughly enjoyed our time at your school and we were made to feel very welcome. Harold received lots of beautiful pictures from the children. We have put them all up in the van so that he can look at them every day! The Olive family also very kindly delivered the Life Education van to the next school for us. Thank you!!

In addition to the lessons in the van, all students and classroom teachers received workbooks and resources to extend the lessons delivered in the Life Ed classroom. Parents and carers can find out what was covered in the mobile classroom by going to the parent section of the Life Education website http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents. Click on the relevant links to also check out the 'conversation starter' ideas so you can carry on discussing the lessons at home. There are also some fun and engaging online and offline activities you can do with your child, health and safety tips and free apps to download.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children. I found them to be enthusiastic, attentive, well-mannered and respectful. They are a credit to their parents and carers and the staff and management of the school.

Kind regards,

LIZ HILLS BA(Hons), PhD
EDUCATOR
CENTRAL QLD LIFE EDUCATION

Date claimers for this term
More information regarding each event will be provided closer to the day.
Thursday 4th September: Emmi’s Memorial Fun Run
Monday 8th September: Year 4-6 Camp
Monday 15th September: P&C Meeting
Friday 19th September: Dress up as a book character
Friday 19th September: Last day of term

Warm regards,
Elizabeth

BLUFF STATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
AGENDA 2014

Reading Comprehension
Writing (including spelling, grammar and punctuation)
Numeracy (problem solving)
Explicit Instruction teaching
Attendance – no more than 8 days absent a year
Parent and Community Involvement
Rowdy has improved his writing and neatness in bookwork while Charlotte has been doing some fantastic sounding out while reading. Kody has been doing excellent work with his number recognition and Bailey has been a responsible class member.

The school sleepover was a great success! Most students who attended followed the rules and enjoyed themselves. A movie was watched, games were played and delicious food was eaten. Some awesome superheros were found at school on Monday for our Superhero Day. We raised $69 for the Muscular Dystrophy Research Foundation to help people suffering from this terrible disease.

Student Council would like to remind all students and parents that when participating in our events, that it is extremely vital that all involved follow the rules, time frames and attend with positive attitudes. Some students behaviour at the sleepover and on Superhero Day was not acceptable and has meant that Student Council will be rethinking the events that they host in the future. Rules and timeframes are set for legal and safety reasons, and participants not following these rules put the future of such events in jeopardy. Student Councils main focus is giving back to the community and the school and this is what parents and students need to remember.
P-2 students are well into our Poetry unit and have been doing a great job at identifying the features of poems including rhyming words, nouns, verbs and adjectives and are beginning to read poems with rhythm.

Our Science, History and Technology units are at the assessment stage. These assessments will be completed over the following weeks. Year 1 parents, please look out for your children’s history assessment which involves them interviewing an ‘older’ family member. These sheets MUST be returned by the date indicated on the note in order for students to complete their assessment.

Rotations are going well, a big thank you to those parents who have come in or volunteered to help. All students love showing off their skills to parents!

3-6 Classroom

Camp is only 1 week away!! This week we will be sorting through the consent forms and sending home any that are incomplete or not completed correctly. Please ensure that these forms are returned to school as soon as possible. A reminder that medication (including Panadol) must be labelled by a pharmacist with your child’s name and dosage otherwise it cannot be administered.

While the Year 4-6 children are on camp, the Year 3 children will be working in Miss I’s classroom with set lessons and activities.

This week we will be completing our Health assessment on the 5 dimensions of health. The children will also be finishing their Science posters and will present them to the class. Please ensure that your child is at school every day so that we can complete all assessment items before camp. Thank you.

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- Funded services for ASD & Better Start Initiative

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Phone: 1300 994 854

Supporting Bluff State School in 2014
Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of 10 – 11 year old children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au
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5th OCT 2014
CONVOY DEPARTS UNI 9:30am to PARADISE LAGOONS
GATES OPEN 11am FAMILY FUN DAY FUNDRAISER
To register for The Convoy and Markets contact Megan at info@cqconvoy.com CQ Convoy Inc.

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The Voice 2014’s Taila Gouge
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