Dear Parents,

Welcome to Bluff State School for 2015! It was wonderful to see everyone after the holidays and we have enjoyed welcoming our new families to the school. The students in both classes have all settled in well and we are all looking forward to a fantastic year.

Parent Teacher Information Evenings
Prep – 2 will be having their information session on Tuesday 3rd February at 2:45pm. Year 3 – 6 will be having their information session on Wednesday 4th February at 2:45pm. We have split the sessions so that families of children in each class may attend both. These evenings are a great opportunity for you to come along and receive some more information about what your child is going to be learning this year, as well as the class routines for 2015. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Parade
This year parade will be held on a Monday morning at 8:30am under the Admin building. The structure has changed and the 3 seniors will be leading the parade.

Swimming
Swimming lessons will commence in Week 3. You will receive a note regarding swimming later in the week. Children will travel via L & F Ward Mine Transfers, to Blackwater. The bus will leave at 8:30am and return by 11am. Students need to wear togs under their uniforms to school, and bring a swim bag with a sun shirt, sunscreen, towel and comb. Please make sure that if your child wears their togs to school, that they have underwear in their bags to get changed into and ensure that everything belonging to your child is named! Please contact the office with any queries.

Student Absences
If your child is absent from school, late for school or needs to be picked up early, please call the office or send a note to school. The office number is (07) 4982 9167.

Found – Tablet
On Thursday last week, a tablet was found on the school over. Please see myself or Mrs Ohl in the office if you think it may belong to you. You will need to describe it and know the passcode.

Payments to school
Please ensure that when sending money to school for events such as swimming, or purchasing from the uniform shop, that you have the correct cash. The school does not keep any cash on the premises that therefore cannot give change. Thank you for understanding.
Anaphylaxis
Within our school community there are a few students who have a life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g. almond, cashew, hazelnut, pistachio). We respectfully ask, that where possible, please limit the products sent to school that contain any kind of nut. All children will be constantly reminded not to share food and to wash their hands after eating. Your cooperation and understanding of this matter is appreciated.

Birthday Cakes
Children are welcome to bring birthday cakes to school to celebrate their birthdays. Please see me with any questions.

No Hat, Shade Play!
As Bluff State School is a sun smart school, students that do not bring their hats to school are required to play only under the Admin building during play time.

P & C Meeting
Our first P & C Meeting for the year will be on Monday 9th February at 2:45pm.

Pick Up
Just a gentle reminder to not park in the school car park. This is for our children’s safety!

Student Banking
School banking has commenced for the 2015 school year. If you would like the opportunity for your child to bank via the school, please contact the office for the necessary forms.
School banking provides children with an opportunity to make deposits each week. Student will receive a yellow Dollarmites wallet and deposit book to bring their deposit to school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. Every deposit earns them a star sticker, and once they’ve collected 10 stickers on the chart they are redeemed for an reward.

Newsletters
Newsletters will continue to be fortnightly on a Monday and be published on our website (www.bluffss.eq.edu.au). Easy access to our website information can be obtained through the QSchools App available for Smart Phones. An alternative to this is to have your newsletter emailed to you. If so please forward an email to admin@bluffss.eq.edu.au with Email My Newsletter Please in the subject line.

I hope that all families have had a wonderful first week and are enjoying getting back into the school routine. Please come and speak to me if you have any concerns or questions.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth
Welcome to the Prep – 2 class of students and families for 2015! We had a fantastic week last week getting to know the children and where they are at. It was very exciting to hear and read about all of their holiday adventures. Our class talked about the states and territories in our country. We also sequenced a map of Australia and made an itsy bitsy Australia Day book. In Maths, we looked at the days of the week and months of the year.

Thank you for not bringing your child to school until 8:20am. The children are getting into the routine of waiting until the doors are opened at 8:20am, putting their lunch box away, signing in and playing or reading on the carpet.

I am looking forward to seeing you tomorrow afternoon (Tuesday 3rd February) for our Parent Information Session at 2:45pm in our classroom.

We are only starting week 2 and already the students are working hard in all of their learning areas. We enjoyed Tuesday and Wednesday, getting to know each other and learning our classroom expectations. The students have set their own 2015 New Year goals – their little people look amazing, come and have a look!

In English the year 3 and 4’s are working on Narratives, last week we looked at the structure of a narrative. Ask them how they remember the narrative structure. The year 5 and 6’s are working on short stories. We have had fun changing the point of view of short stories that we have read.

All grades are working on different topics in Maths, all students are working immensely. Their efforts are evident in their work. Year 3-time, Year 4 – Place Value, Year 5- Probability, Year 6-Prime and composite numbers.

The year 3-6 class have made a commitment to stop ‘put downs’ A ‘put down’ is something that you say or do that may hurt another person’s feelings. Great leadership 3-6, keep it up!
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Karen Seiler, Baralaba QHRWN. "From paddock to paddock"