The year has quickly drawn to its conclusion and I would like to thank the wonderful staff and students at Bluff State School for your dedication, hard work and resilience. We have come so far this year and I am proud of the achievements of all our students and staff. It is with regret that I must leave and return to Brisbane, due to family reasons, but I will take with me many fond memories of the wonderful moments I have shared with staff and students at Bluff. I would also like thank the families who have supported the school and staff throughout the year and the changes that have been implemented. Ed Queensland is a progressive organisation and change will continue to occur to ensure the students always receive the best education possible. When schools and families work together the students will reap the benefits.

The students kept us well entertained at our learning celebration on Thursday night. Congratulations to all our award winners. Take pride in what you have achieved and strive hard to continue the good work. If you missed out on a major award, don’t be disappointed. Seek feedback from staff to help you determine how you can improve, then set yourself a goal, think about steps you might take to obtain this goal and work to achieve this. We have had a great deal of positive feedback about the night from many families and everyone was able to fit in quite comfortably. Our last big event is the Yr 7 graduation tonight and we look forward to this evening.

Yesterday we had our rewards day at Rockhampton Bowling. The children really enjoyed themselves. I have included photos in the newsletter. Top scorer of the day was Erin on 107 and following 1 point behind was Latoya on 106, then Wyatt followed on as 3rd on 103 points. Well done everyone on a great day and good sportsmanship.

Our new principal has been appointed to the school and I would like to welcome Mrs. Kiley Lennox to Bluff State School. Mrs. Lennox will be teaching the Gr 3–7 classroom and Miss I will come down to teach the P–2 classroom. Mrs. Lennox is keen and excited to begin at Bluff and looks forward to meeting everyone and working with you all next year.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and all the best in the future.

“Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow”…… Anonymous

Below is a list of major award recipients from our Learning Celebration.

- RSL Bursary: Aaron
- Lions Recognition Award: Aaron
- CWA Bursary: Hannah
- Most Improved Literacy: Savannah & Ayzlin
- Most Improved Numeracy: Ty & Charli
- Principals Encouragement Award: Jehu & Brayden
P&C News

Please keep your eyes peeled for the date of our Annual General Meeting. We will endeavour to hold this meeting as early as possible in the new year. Please keep in mind that all positions will become available.

Picture Products are due this week and delivery will be made on arrival.

P&C would like to extend a huge thank you to Jo for her dedication and guidance to our school.

We wish you the best for the future!

See any strange behaviour around our school on the summer break.......report it!

Photo Gallery
# P&C MINUTES

**04 December, 2012**

**Meeting Started: 2.55pm**

**Minutes:**

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| Previous Minutes read as true | Moved: Penny  
  Second: Alison |
| Principal’s Report—Jo Bulger | Jo announced that she is moving on and a new principal will be appointed in the next few days  
  Opinion Survey results—discussion held surrounding the improvements over the last few years  
  Recorder Band commenced with Mr Chambers—goal for playing Advance Australia Fair on parade  
  Partnership commenced with Bluff Family Store to supply ice-creams to our student’s of the week.  
  Spelling, Grammar and Comprehension focus for next year after reviewing this year’s result  
  Student attendance has been quite low, Jo has asked for the P&C to support the staff to encourage high attendance  
  Considering the introduction of parent helpers  
  Thanks from Jo to the P&C for all the support during last 12 months  
  Major changes including behavior management, school hours  
  Students settling into class so much quicker  
  72% improvement in comprehension in lower grades and over 50% in comprehension in higher grades  
  Transition survey—some great feedback  
  Code of conduct for staff and P&C members to be held on the last Thursday of the holidays  
  Moved: Jo 2nd: Penny |
| Tuckshop Report—Georgina Clarke | Microwave—Bought and installed  
  Georgina to contact Julie re sending out IOU accounts for tuckshop  
  Georgina reimbursed for microwave  
  Oven to be tagged out and looked at by electrician—faults have been reported.  
  Electrician to contact and investigate all electrical facilities—Max to contact Q-build  
  Front bench to be shelved—stainless steel, new oven, fans, microwave storage unit, centre power point switch, screens, beautification of the area—possibility of applying for a grant for an revamp  
  Deep freezer to be tendered  
  Ice creams off the menu  
  Possibility of offering icy cups on a Friday afternoon  
  Mop bucket to be replaced  
  (5) Folding tables to be purchased  
  End of year celebration—note went home with students to advise each family of bringing Welcome back breakfast for 2013—4 February. Moved: Georgina 2nd: Penny Alf  
  Thank you to Madonna for stepping in Georgina, her help has been greatly appreciated.  
  Thank you to Georgina |
| Correspondence | **Incoming:**  
  Nil  
  **Outgoing:**  
  Nil |
**Treasurers Report**

Julie not in attendance- no treasurers report

**Business Arising**

- **Fence Friends:** Fence Friends activity completed, hung and look great- positive comments
- **Hinges for Esky:** Steven Clarke purchased hinges, the hinges purchased are not suitable- not necessary
- **Playground:** Ronnie to contact Jo via email, waiting on his reply
- **Cookie Dough Fundraiser:** This will be a fundraiser for next year
- **Plates Fundraiser:** Update- Kyleigh to contact Pictureproducts re delivery date
- **Executive positions:** Secretary position is still available, a reminder that all positions will become vacant at the next AGM. Without a treasurer- P&C committee is unable to operate without executives. Julie to look into purchasing treasurer’s computer program for future years use. Some interest in positions
- **Soft Drink Machine:** Julie to follow up on having a drink machine at Jellinbah Mine. Julie is waiting on quote for machine. Require someone to be responsible for refilling and collection of money. Expressions of interest to be placed in newsletter. Yarrabbee happy to have us supply a soft drink machine. Jim Muller happy to fill machine.
- **Footy Tipping:** Kyleigh suggested that the footy tipping be cancelled and all monies refunded to those who have paid.
  - Kyleigh- moved 2nd-Penny AIF
- **Water coolers to be purchased:** Georgina

**End of Year Trophies- Purchased**

**End of Year Books for every student:** Concerns expressed regarding only prep students receiving books at the end of the year. A decision has been made at a previous meeting regarding this issue. Students have queried and been informed that funds used for this will be able to supply the library.

**I-Pads-** A discussion held regarding the purchase and implementation of I-Pads- Julie to look into the cost involved regarding the purchase of these. Teachers to discuss the use of these in conjunction with the curriculum.

**Working Bee-** Penny to be contacted if anybody would like to conduct any grounds care in preparation for commencement of the school year. Georgina to organise this event.

**General Business**

- **AGM-** to be conducted ASAP. Penny to contact Julie re auditing
- **Deep freezer-** to be tendered for a reserve price $80. moved Jo B 2nd Heidi AIF
- **Welcome back breakfast for 2013-** 4 February.
  - Moved: Georgina 2nd: Penny AIF
- **Goal for next year to be rubber soft fall**
- **P&C Break up-** to be held at Fifi’s bistro 13th December 5.30pm. Penny to contact hotel. P&C to pay for nibbles and buy your own drinks. Penny to advise and invitations to be sent. Moved-Penny 2nd-Heidi AIF
- **Book Donation:** Constance donated some books for library
- **Mower fuel-** To be supplied by school not P&C
- **Signs on shed-** Flammable and hazardous materials need to be stored in cleaner’s room
- **First Aid Kit-** Top up required for tuckshop first aid kit
- **Uniforms-** Uniforms will available during the last week of holidays
- **Confectionary machine-** Suggestion of a confectionary machine to be placed at railway station. Moved-Georgina Nil in favour
- **Computer chairs-** Kyleigh to get quotes and report back
- **New web page-** P&C to purchase webpage tabs Moved- Kyleigh 2nd-Constance AIF
- **Raffle-** A raffle of 3 nights accommodation for Toowong Motor Inn. 2 vouchers donated. 1 to be raffled at End of Year Learning Celebration and 1 to be raffled at Australia Day Fair
- **Combining fundraising-** A suggestion of combining with other schools to hold a large fundraising venture. Amazing Race type fundraising venture to be looked at.
- **Thanks to executive-** Georgina thanked executive committee for all efforts

**Meeting Closed 4.55 pm**

Next Meeting: February 2013