Principals Note

Welcome back!!! I trust everyone has had a relaxing and restful holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to officially introduce myself. My name is Kiley Lennox and I am very excited to have the opportunity to work with you and your children. I have been teaching for about ten years. Most of my teaching career I have spent in rural communities. I have had the opportunity to teach in different size schools but the consistent has been multilanguage classrooms. For the past three years I was at Park Avenue State School in Rockhampton. During my time at PA I had the opportunity to take on the role of Head of Curriculum (HOC) which was both challenging and rewarding. I took on this roll as it gave me the opportunity to keep up to date with the latest in teaching. I then had the opportunity to work with teaching staff and admin to affect changes in teaching methods, and to implement the best pedagogy to ensure student success. I intend to share my knowledge and experience with staff at Bluff SS to further improve students’ success at our school.

Wow we are off to a flying start; it is the end of our first week already. There has been some changes in staff position, which I would like to make you aware of.

I would like to welcome Max Ohl into her new position as Administrative Officer and Jo Jacques as a part time teacher aide. Jo will be working in both classrooms, two days a week.

It was lovely to see so many parents at parade on Tuesday. I would like to say thank you all for making me feel so welcome. I would just like to remind everyone when arriving or leaving the school grounds please do it through the front gate and not through the car park. This is for your safety and the safety of your children.

Student absences – if your child/children is absent from school please let the office know or send in a note. If your child/children has been absent for 3 consecutive days and we haven’t heard from you we will be calling to check to make sure everything is ok.

Numbers – our school numbers are up to 51 which is fantastic. There has been talk of another teacher, this is a wait and see. We will lodge of numbers to District office on day eight and they will make to decision.

Payments to school— please be aware that the office does not keep cash on premises therefore can not give change for uniforms etc. Please ensure if you require items from the uniform shop you have the right cash.

Swimming—response has been positive regarding swimming lessons for our students. Costs to parents will be advised early next week.

I hope everyone has a great week and if you have any concerns please come and talk to me.
Welcome to all the students and families in the P-2 class this year! We have had a busy but fun first week back to school. This week the focus has been on getting to know the children, establishing rules and expectations and seeing where all the children are at. Please reinforce at home the importance of following rules as this allows everyone to stay safe and happy and to learn effectively. Students are doing a great job at learning classroom routines and following instructions and are quickly learning about the consequences involved when rules aren’t followed. The year 1’s and 2’s are enjoying being the role models for our prep students and have been relishing some whole class play time that has served as a way of refreshing oral language and social skills.

A letter went home with students this week that outlined some general information about the routines and classroom. If you did not receive one of these notes in your child’s communication folder, please see me. Parents, please ensure that you are not arriving at school too early in the mornings. For the prep students especially, school is a long day and arriving even 15 minutes early can make them tired during key learning times. At the earliest, 8.15am is the time that students should be arriving and this is also the time that staff are busy preparing for the day. Please feel free to come in before or after school with your child and look at what they have been doing. As work is completed it will be displayed around the room or in your child’s books. I am looking forward to a great year in the P-2 class!

The year 1 & 2’s using their ‘show me boards’ to practice their sight words.

The preps using hands on learning to develop maths skills.

Student Council News

This week, student council had their first meeting for 2013. With nine students in attendance, students discussed how they wished to run student council this year and voted on positions. A decision was made that student council will have one fundraising event each term. Money raised will be used in several ways including replenishing student council stock such as pucker powder, and supporting charities and other good causes through making donations. Students made the decision to focus the rest of their time during each term on setting up activities during lunchtimes.

Congratulations must go to the following students who were voted into positions within student council. Brant Clanfield is President, with Wyatt assisting him as Vice President. Charli is taking on the role of Secretary. Student council treasurers are Will H and Preston. A special mention must go to Jehu, Rowdy and Bailey J for showing great enthusiasm to take on a role and Keisha for explaining the aspects involved in each position. The votes were close and all students showed great sportsmanship when the final votes were announced. Well done all! Students in years 3 – 7 are encouraged to join the student council.

Meetings are held every Tuesday at first break.
Available Now!

Local organisations are invited to apply for Council’s Community Grants and Loans Program for equipment, facilities / programs in the following categories:

**Community Grants:**
- Community Assistance up to - $5,000
- Sport and Recreation Assistance up to - $5,000

**Community Loans:**
- For projects over $5,000 and up to $20,000

Applications Close
5pm, 28 February 2013

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