Principals Note
Today Mr Chadbone came to our school to introduce himself to everyone and to check out the soon to be 2/3/4 classroom. Another addition to our school is Mrs Svenson. Mrs Svenson will be teaching the 5/6/7 group while Mrs Lennox has her Administration day upstairs. If you see Mr Chadbone or Mrs Svenson around the school, please be sure to introduce yourself!

Arts Link
Next Wednesday we will be walking over to the CWA Hall to watch an exciting performance called ‘The Three Endangered Animals’ run by the Arts Link Company. This performance highlights the importance of environmental sustainability and the many ways we can alter our lifestyle. Six dollars per student is required to cover costs. Please have your money to the office prior to this event as we hope for 100% attendance.

School Activities
On Tuesday some of our year 7 girls will be partaking in netball trials in Blackwater. We wish the girls all the best!

Mayoral Luncheon
Next Monday our school leaders have the privilege of attending a luncheon at the Blackwater Civic Centre with the Mayor. Our leaders have a prepared a short speech outlining thoughts on their community and their school. Please ensure that uniforms are up to scratch for this event. Students are required to find their own transport. Please contact the school office if there is a problem.

P&C Meeting
Thank you to the parents who attended the P&C Meeting. We are hopeful that the next meeting, to be held on March 26, will be the Annual General where all executive positions become available. Please consider taking on an active role so we can keep the P&C running for 2013. Please navigate to the ‘Support and Resources’ page of our website to view the minutes.

Fire/Evacuation Drills
In the coming weeks we will be practicing our fire and evacuation drills. Due to staff changes it is imperative that we all know the correct pathway to safety and who is delegated to what area for checking. New or updated signage has been placed around the school. If you hear our sirens, please don’t be alarmed!

Clean Up Australia Day
The Lions are once again conducting our towns clean up. People will meet at the CWA hall at 8am, this Sunday. Please wear a hat and suitable shoes. Any child under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. A sausage sizzle will follow.

As part of cleaning up Australia Bluff Students took a ‘time out’ of class to do a clean up of our school grounds. We are happy to report that we did not have much rubbish to collect at all. Keep up the great work!

Have a great fortnight!
It is hard to believe that we are only in week 5. Students are happily settled into a routine and we are seeing some fantastic learning occurring. The preps are getting clever at recognising, counting and writing numbers to 5. Miss I was doing some number work on the interactive whiteboards with the preps and she couldn’t trick them! The preps also love their Jolly Phonics program, with students recognising letters in books, around the room and in other work. Please encourage your children to look out for letters and numbers in their lives. It is good for them to apply this knowledge outside of school and for practise of these skills to occur at home as well.

The year 1 and 2’s impressed Miss I towards the end of the week when completing assessment. They have been learning and practising identifying emotions in characters in books. A light-bulb moment occurred for most students on Thursday and Friday when they were able to complete assessments mostly independently. Fantastic job all! In Maths, Mrs Edwards has been working with these students on place value and number expansion.

At this stage, as of next week, our year 2 students will be in their new classroom. We will miss these smiling hard workers but I am sure that they will enjoy the challenges and learning that their new class will bring.

Congratulations to Will, Charli, Amelia and Jehu for being our Students of the week for this fortnight. Keep up the work!

For the safety of our students, please do not use the staff car park as an entry/exit to the school.
HELP REQUIRED

Thank you to Jo J who kindly volunteered her time to clean up the soon to be 2/3/4 classroom. Christy J has also been busy organising our resources that we received through the Earn and Learn program. There is still heaps to do if you have any time to spare. Any time is a good time!

School Camp

This year’s camp is currently being considered and information is already arriving via email and post of some very awesome looking destinations. Please keep in mind that school camp is an annual event that tends to ‘sneak up’ rapidly! As soon as the destination is selected we shall advise you all.

Student Council News

Student Council is very busy at the moment. Students did well selling their Pucker Powder straws at the races, raising close to $200. Thanks to all those who bought some straws. Student Council has big plans for the money they are raising, including possibly buying sporting equipment or making upgrades to the forts. SC president Brant, attended the P&C meeting on Tuesday afternoon to represent the student council. He reported about their goals and ideas regarding fundraising and did a fantastic job at something that was bound to be daunting.

The Flood Relief Free Dress day on Thursday raised $101. This money will be forwarded to a school affected by the flood. Thank you to everyone who brought money in to support this worthy cause. Just to clear up any confusion, students are required to dress in sun safe and school appropriate clothes on free dress days. This means shirts that provide sun-protection including decent sleeve length and higher necklines where possible. Enclosed shoes are important even on these days, as students are often involved in sports, cooking, art or other activities where incorrect shoes may increase the chances of injuries. These dress codes are in line with Education Queensland policy.

Every Wednesday, SC runs an activity at first break for the students. So far some activities that have occurred have been monkey tag, footy, t-ball and art. This week’s activity was electronics, with interested students bringing in an electronic device to play under supervision. Students did a great job at using these devices responsibly and according to school rules. Not all students participate in the activities that SC run, but it is a great chance for the SC to display leadership skills and do something for their peers. Members of student council are keen to continue these weekly activities with new ideas being raised at the weekly Tuesday meetings.

Student Council has made the decision that for ANZAC Day, they will be purchasing and providing each student with a memorial sticker. There will also be badges for sale at this time.