Principals Note

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful and relaxing holiday and you have all returned to us safely. The term is off to a flying start, it is another busy term with sports days, under 8’s, State Education Week and Naplan just to name a few. Please remember to check the upcoming dates on our website.

Text Message System

Thanks to P&C funding we now have our text msg service up and running. This will be a valuable tool to ensure all are kept up to date with current events and variations to prior arrangements. As this is an ongoing cost to the school, the system will only be utilised for last minute reminders so please continue to check the web site as all upcoming dates to remember are posted. If you can’t always remember the site address just Google ‘Bluff State School’ and you will find a link. IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MOBILE NUMBER PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

Dress Up Day

Book Fair will once again be held in conjunction with the Biggest Morning Tea. Yes, it’s time to organise costumes for our annual ‘Dress as your favourite book character’. Georgina and Heidi have kindly offered to run the book fair, so please direct any question to them.

Under 8’s

This year Under 8’s will be held at Dingo School on May 22. This is for children and younger siblings of students in Years P/1/2. Students are in care of parents at Under 8’s and require personal transport. The activities will start at 9:00am and finish at 11:00am with lunch. An optional tuckshop will operate on the day, a list will be forwarded once we receive it.

School Photos

June 18 is the prospective date for our school. We have our fingers crossed that the shipment of school shirts that were ordered in January will arrive in time. We are continuing to make calls to the supplier to ensure this happens.

P&C

Staff and students would like to thank Penny and Kyleigh for their time as P&C Executives. A special thanks must be given to Julie. For the last 15yrs Julie has taken on the role of treasurer and has gone above and beyond to ensure that our students have had all resources to better our school and education. Thank you Julie! We will introduce our 2013 executive committee members once the paperwork is complete. PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED MINUTES.

New Student

We would like to welcome Cody and his family to our school community. Cody is in year 4 and likes computers and riding his scooter. Please make them feel welcome and introduce yourself.
Resources
We still have an amount of resources that need to be catalogued so our students can start to use them. These resources have been chosen through the Earn and Learn program to best suit the requirements of the C2C. If you have anytime that you would like to come to learn the cataloguing process please contact Max in the office.

Duaringa District Cross Country
Five of our students competed in the DDCC on Tuesday Savannah Makaylah Flynn, Varleigha and Damon. I would like to congratulate them all on their efforts.
Savannah, Makaylah and Valeigha all made it through to the Central Highlands team. CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

State Education Week May 6—10
To celebrate State Education Week on Thursday 9th May the school is having an open morning from 8.30am to 10.30am. We will begin the day with a free breakfast at 8am, afterwards you can visit your child/rens classroom and see all the great work they have been doing. Hope to see you there.

Arts Link
Arts Link is on next Tuesday at the CWA Hall. ‘MC Platypus and Queen Koala’s Roadtrip’ it is an interactive hip hop show that will have students dancing and singing to the beat. It is a story of a confident character that loses her self-esteem and her voice because of a bully at school. The audience must find ways to help rebuild MCP so she can finish the concert. The concert showcases friendship, resilience and being the best you can be. Please return payment prior to the day of the performance.

Pie Drive
Money and order forms due back by the APRIL 30 with delivery on May 9.

School ANZAC Day Ceremony
The Anzac Day Ceremony for Years P – 7 will be held on Wednesday April 24 at 1:00pm.
Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend. Tea and coffee is available after the service.

Community ANZAC Day March
The ANZAC Day March on Thursday 25 April at 10.30am, Students are required to assemble at the CWA Hall by 10.15am. Full school uniform, including the broad-brimmed hat, is required. Remember to let Mrs Ohl know if you participate in the march so she can add it to your extra-curricular record on OneSchool. If there are any questions regarding this service please direct them to Mr Kel Cook.

Acceptable School Bed Times
In 2012 an article in the Sunday Mail provided some information about sleep for children. You may be surprised to know that experts advocate:

10 to 12 hours sleep each night for primary school children
9 to 11 hours sleep each night for secondary school children

The article cautioned parents about letting children see their adult sleep habits and allowing children to follow an adult’s habits. There have even been studies done which plot the amount of sleep against the academic outcomes of children which suggest that the more sleep students get and the earlier to bed they retire, the higher their achievement at school. How much sleep does your child get? What time is bed time?

P&C Raffle
Please have your raffle tickets back to school sold or unsold by Monday 22nd April. The Raffle will be drawn Tuesday 23rd on Parade.

Blackwater Tennis is holding MLC HOT SHOTS
Ages 5 – 12 year olds
Starts week of 29 April 2013 at the courts on the Capricorn Highway.
to register or for more information Ph: Nat Waters 0419785781 or
e-mail mitchnat@bigpond.com
Welcome to term 2! P1 has got straight back into work this week and I have been so impressed with the attitudes towards returning to school and completing work. The progress and enthusiasm these children are showing is amazing! This term we start new units across each curriculum area.

In Maths across the first five weeks we are looking at time, sequencing and measurement in both year levels. The preps have been working hard at sequencing objects, events and numbers and the year ones have been focused on calendars. Our English genre at the moment is retells of a variety of stories. Completing a retell requires a lot of different skills which means students will also be engaged with various other aspects of the English curriculum as well. The focus of English this week was on predicting the storyline, events and characters in a book and comparing this to what actually happened in the story. Health this term will be looking at healthy lifestyles, and our Art unit is on learning different dances. P1 will be doing SOSE this term instead of History and we will be learning all about Turkey. This ties in well with ANZAC Day which we have been talking about this week. Science is very hands on, with students exploring the properties of different materials – ask your child about our bird seed activity they did on Thursday afternoon.

Student work will be displayed under the office building throughout the term, but please continue to come in and look at what your child has been doing. We are currently taking down last terms work to make room for some new fantastic work samples!

Miss I

Last term saw students writing persuasive texts, arguing their view on either a ban on homework or discussing if children should always eat what their parents tell them. I was most interested to read Sam’s concern about the potential choking hazard that seeds may cause if accidently swallowed, making sweets a much safer food choice than fruit.

Since the holidays, students have been busy learning about ANZAC Day and preparing a wreath for use in the School ANZAC Day Service on the 24th of April.

Our SOSE topic for the first part of this term is Towns and Communities. We will be investigating the various components that make a town including homes, workplaces and recreational areas. A map of our imaginary town, Wallville, will gradually take shape on the classroom wall. Students have been busy working on the first part of the town, the farms on the outskirts of town. Be sure to keep an eye out for them appearing on our classroom wall over the next few days.

Mr Chadbone
Student Council News

Student Council is selling ANZAC Day badges before and after school right up to and including Wednesday 24th April. Badges are $5 each and are two of the special release Centenary designs. Student Council has also purchased a silk ANZAC Day sticker for every child in the school to wear at our ANZAC Ceremony next Wednesday. These stickers are a special design that is supposed to remove easily off of clothing. A new set of sports markers arrived on Monday and have been labelled with the school name by SC members. These markers are the first of many purchases SC wish to make of equipment for the school. Fast approaching is the May Fair in Blackwater. Details about this are still to be discussed at our next meeting, but Student Council will be having a stall. As we get closer to this event, if you are able to help out on the day please let us know.

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I must say I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book.

Groucho Marx
AGM MINUTES
Bluff State School P&C Association
Meeting Started: 2.45pm
16 April, 2013
Minutes:

| Present | Kyleigh, Kristy Summer Muller, Sallee, Sam, Jo, Alison, Julie, Kirsten, Michael, Lisa, Tanya, Kiley, Georgina, Stephen, Mel, Heidi |
| Apologies | Max, Constance |
| Previous Minutes read as true | Moved-Kyleigh, Second- Julie |
| Treasurer’s Report | Audited documents approved and to be received |
| Business Arising | Treasurer will have the ability to pay all Tuckshop related expenses and Soft Drink Machine related expenses. Moved- Julie 2nd Kyleigh AIF |
| General Business | All positions declared open and available: President- Summer nominated Kristy- declined Kristy nominated Sam- declined Summer nominated Heidi- declined Heidi nominated Summer- declined Julie nominated Alison- accepted Secretary- Kristy nominated Summer- declined Sam nominated Summer- declined Kristy nominated Mel- declined Summer nominated Tanya- declined Mel nominated Kristy- declined. This position has not been filled and will be advertised as vacant Treasurer- Heidi nominated Constance the committee has been advised that Constance will take the role and is to accept her nomination at the next General Meeting. Constitution template presented to the meeting. Constitution has been revised and adopted. Moved-Kyleigh 2nd Alison AIF |
| Meeting Closed | Next Meeting: March 2014 |
Present: Kyleigh, Kristy, Summer, Sallee, Sam, Jo, Alison, Kirsten, Lisa, Tanya, Kiley, Georgina, Stephen, Mel, Heidi

Apologies

Previous Minutes read as true
Moved: Kyleigh
Second: Alison

Student Council Report
Student Council Representatives not present today

Principal's Report- Kiley Lennox
Presented budget balance
ANZAC Day- discussion around holding ceremonies at school. General feeling that being held at the hall is a preferred choice to being held at school. Kiley to pass on information to Kel.
Text message system is currently in operation however some technical difficulties
State Education Week 6-10 May. Open classrooms to be held on Thursday 9th May. P&C to hold a barbecue breakfast. To be discussed in General Business
ANZAC Day- School service 1pm on 24 April. Town service 10.30 am. Students will be encouraged to march and wear full uniform to represent school.
Flood relief- Jambin, Goovigen, Monto or Bundaberg are suggested recipients of flood relief money and goods.

Tuckshop Report
Sports Day Menu to be sent home soon
Request for QAST membership
Tuckshop is to return to Friday

Correspondence
Incoming:
ANZ statements
Accountants to be paid
Ezi Flor
Blackwater Gifts & Flowers

Outgoing:
Nil

Treasurer's Report
Balance as at 05/04/2013: $15316.78

Business Arising

Playground: Ron has been paid for work completed up to date
Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Heidi waiting on forms from Penny
Soft Drink Machine: Julie has been unable to find one that is appropriate. To check with Julie B if she is willing to continue stocking the machine.
Signs on shed: Flammable and hazardous materials need to be stored in cleaner's room
Text books: Text books to be ordered
Raffle: Raffle tickets sent home. Tickets and money starting to return
Fundraising: Pie drive forms have been sent home to be delivered 9 or 10 May
Stephen to do line marking- footy club has given approval to utilize their linemarking machine
Donga Door repairs completed by Tanya
Buddy reading starts next week it is the older students reading to younger students

ANZAC Day- lunch for candidates to be supplied by P&C. Moved Kyleigh 2nd Heidi AIF
ANZAC Day wreaths. Moved to spend $50 on purchasing supplies to make wreaths for ANZAC Day ceremonies. Moved Kyleigh 2nd Tanya AIF
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Ezi Flor to be considered
Senior shirts are due to be delivered next week
Shed door Stephen to purchase new locking mechanism for tractor shed to spend $100. Moved Sam 2nd Heidi. AIF
Tuckshop roller doors to be looked at. Lisa Cook to contact her brother-in-law to look next time he is in the area.
Sports training to be conducted after school. Kristy to commence training this Friday at 2.30pm. Parental supervision is required
Julie B was thanked for her time spent as P&C treasurer.

Meeting Closed
Next Meeting: May 14 2013