**Principals Note**

**Communication**
Communication was identified by parents as an issue we needed to work on at our school. The staff and I have been working hard to come up with ideas to improve this issue eg. Text messaging system, open days and ‘what we've been learning board’ just to name a few.

Parade is another great way to communicate upcoming events and what's happening in our school however it has come to my attention that parents are missing important information as we have people talking and using mobile phones. It would be greatly appreciated if these behaviours could stop so everyone can hear all information shared. Thank you for your cooperation.

**New Forms for Bluff State School**
As some of you may be aware, new forms regarding school activity permissions and transporting children have been put into circulation. Please note that to abide by Education Queensland requirements these forms must be completed fully. An excursion is being put into plan these new forms and will be sent home accordingly. Please be aware that from this point on one per child must be completed, not one per family as in the past.

**Small School Sports**
Students are now getting ready for small school sports next Friday at Duaringa. Students will need parent transport and supervision as teachers will be responsible for an event. Permission forms went home on Thursday for students who are travelling with someone other than their parents. If this is the case please fill it in and return it to school asap. Duaringa P&C will have a BBQ available for lunch. They will also have a variety of snacks and cold drinks on sale during the day as well. No need to pre-order. Please be at Duaringa by 8:30am dressed in Bluff School uniform. Good luck and GO BLUFF!!!!

**Start Reading**
The reading period for 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge began on Tuesday, 14th May and ends on Friday 6th September. Our school has registered to participate in the challenge. Our goal is for every student to complete the challenge. Students record sheets will remain at school in each classroom younger students parents can help their child/children fill out their sheet and the older students will be responsible for completing theirs. If you have any question please ask your teacher.

**Camp**
Camp has been finalised and we are off to Longreach, students are excited. Parents will be fundraising in the coming weeks to keep cost as low as possible. Any help or fundraising ideas would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me.

**Sports Day**
What a fantastic day! Student participation and sportsmanship was outstanding, Congratulations to Tumba on their win. A very big thank you to all parent, community and staff helpers (before, during and after) without your support this event would not be possible.

**Life Education Van**
Thursday next week we have the Life Ed van visiting us. A very big thank you to Mr Craig Clanfield for volunteering to drive the van to Bluff from Dingo, this has saved students $2 each.
NAPLAN has been the focus of our morning sessions this week with the year threes doing the test for real and the year two and year four students doing practice tests. By doing a previous year’s test during the testing period, it allows the year two students in particular a chance to experience the exam conditions that will be in place during the NAPLAN tests. This will mean that the exam experience is not so new to them when they are in year three and, along with the skills they learn from looking at the types of questions and strategies that can be used, will be able to achieve the results that best reflect their knowledge without being overawed by the exam experience.

Students have begun work in their new maths textbooks bought with funding supplied by the Parents and Citizens’ Association. Students have been learning about fractions and relating fractions to the concept of division.

Over the next few weeks we will be investigating the history, geography and culture of Turkey. Turkey is the country of study for the CWA poster competition this year. Year two students will be entering the colouring competition and year three and four students will be designing a poster to promote Turkey.

Happy Birthday
Bluff State School turns 106 on June 4!
Petria– Silent achiever who asks for help when she needs it.
Brock H– Improvement of attitude toward learning
Cody K– Consistent effort in class work

Jehu– Working well independently
Preston– Improved attitude and extra effort in class
Levi– Enthusiasm and working hard

Students of the Week

Sports Day
Student Council News

Once again Electronics Day was a huge success. Students did a great job of using their items responsibly and following school rules. Well done everyone!

This Tuesday, the 4th of June, will be a State of Origin day. Students are invited to wear origin colours (blue or maroon) to school in support of their favourite team. Students will need to bring a gold coin donation and hold onto it until a student council member collects it during class. Please note that this is not a free-dress day. If your child does not own or wishes not to wear blue or maroon clothing, they will need to be in school uniform.

Website News

Don’t forget to check the website calendar for all event dates.
P&C page coming soon.
www.bluffss.eq.edu.au

“Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.” — Dr Seuss