Principals Note

This is the last newsletter for term two. The term has passed very quickly and it has been jam packed with activities.

School resumes on Monday, 8th July. Please note that all students should be at school that day – it is not a student free day. The only student free day this year where students do not come to school is on Monday 21 October.

Report Cards

Report cards will be ready for collection on Friday. As has become usual practice parents are asked to pick up their report cards from the office on Friday morning. If reports are not collected on this day they will be posted. If parents would like an interview please make an appointment with your child’s teacher in Term 3 to talk further about your child’s progress.

Term Excursion

Students and staff are heading out to the Gemfields on Friday; the bus is leaving at 7.30am sharp. Mrs Svenson will be at school to supervise students not attending the excursion.

Disco

Students, staff and parents alike had a fantastic time at the disco. A big thank you to Miss I, Mrs Clanfield and student council for organising such a fantastic event, I am looking forward to the next one.

Sports Days

This term has been very busy in terms of sports days, Bluff school sports, Small School Sport and Duaringa District. A group of our students are now eligible to compete in the Central Highlands Trials. I would like to congratulate all students for their participation and sportsmanship. You are wonderful advocates for our school.

CWA – Country Study

Students CWA projects have inspired and impressed. Judges have never had it so tough in their decision to pick winners. Congratulations and well done to everybody.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. Remembering that school is out of bounds during the holidays and is not a place to play or hang out.

SAVE THE DATE – School Fete

25th October  Theme – Halloween

The organisation of the fete is coming along nicely. However the fundraising committee is always in need of volunteers. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.
As we approach the end of term 2 and the release of report cards, I am very impressed with the progress that all students have made so far this year. Prep students have settled in well and now follow routines (and sometimes even jump ahead of me if they are that use to things!), instructions and complete tasks well. Year 1 students are enjoying being the “big kids” and I am very proud of the example they set for the preps and the willingness to lend them a hand. Year 1’s are finding curriculum a bit harder this year but are showing great resilience and a “have a go” attitude. Well done all!

Both year levels are well into our Biography unit for English and explain what is included in this genre. Over the final days of term we are hard at work turning our ideas and plans about the characters into written biographies. Patterning is the focus in maths, so keep your eyes out for some pattern artworks to start appearing as students practise their skills. This week your child will have brought home their (wet) wind-chime! It would not have been a scientific investigation if we didn’t check whether the creations could withstand wind and rain of course.

A few parents have asked me about home readers for the preps. Please be assured that I am aware that other schools have already started on these, just as most prep classes are now sending home sight words. Home readers are something that need to be started off right and require a nightly commitment by parents to ensure that reading is completed and your child is engaged and developing their skills appropriately. I will be sending home information about this next term so keep your eyes out for that.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

All students did a super job putting together very eye-catching posters and colouring pages for the CWA international day. Well done to all the students.

Year two students have been continuing their investigation of the forces of push and pull. They have made some wonderful toys using recycled materials. Keep an eye out for the photos on the display board near the parade area. Year three and four students have been investigating the solubility of Epsom Salts and sand in a variety of common household liquids.

Students have been brushing up on basic maths facts over the last fortnight. Year two students have been practising double and near double addition facts and year three and four students have been practising two and four times tables.

Thank you to all students who participated in State of Origin Free Dress Day. $53 was raised and has already been added in to the camp fundraising money. Our “Formal” disco was very popular and children were well behaved. A fantastic effort was made regarding the ‘formal’ aspect. Mrs Clanfield and I are very impressed at the eagerness of students to raise money for camp and within reason we are encouraging this. Students have been reminded that Student Council operates in order to improve and engage all students across the school, not just those who are eligible to attend camp. They have responded well to this and are ensuring that they are spending their money in a way that benefits all students. Well done on another great term Student Council!

Don’t forget to check the website calendar for all event dates.
P&C page coming soon.
www.bluffss.eq.edu.au
Brant- consistently working hard and taking his responsibilities of school leader maturely.
Grace- rising to the challenges of prep
Brayden J- taking on extra responsibilities in a leadership role

Bailey J- Excellent results with spelling
Cody C- Showing great perseverance