Dear Parents,

Welcome back I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday and well needed rest. Term four is one of our busiest, so make sure to check the calendar on the website for important upcoming dates. Our first is the Freaky Friday Fete next Friday. Hope to see you all there.

Freaky Friday Fete

Unlimited ride bands are available for pre purchase from the office for $30 and are also available on the night for $35.

Every day counts

The beginning of term is a very important time as new units and concepts are being introduced with have an effect on the next five weeks and assessment so students attendance in very important. If student are not here they are missing vital information which will affect their end of term results.

Triple A

Notes went home yesterday for the next round of Triple A, cooking which starts next Wednesday. If you wish your child to participate please have your notes and money returned by Tuesday. Remembering students in years P-2 need an adult to help them.

Early Arrivals

A friendly reminder that students are not to be a school before 8.15am in the morning. When students arrive at school if there teacher is not in the classroom, students are required to sit in the area outside Miss I and Mrs Lennox’s room. Students are not allowed to play as there is not a teacher on duty.

5/6/7 Camp

The year 5/6/7 Camp was fantastic a big thank you to Chelsea Olive and Sir Bryan Wells for their help during camp. I have to say the behaviour of the students while away was excellent and we can be very proud. Kyleigh and I received complements from people on the behaviour of our students everywhere we went. Great Job Guys!!

Transition to high school

Dorothea Jensen, Deputy of Blackwater High and Lisa Jefferies, year eight coordinator came to speak to students on Tuesday about transition to high school. She gave the students an idea of what they would be doing on those transition days. Students got to ask questions and dispel some of their fears. A letter went home on this day about times and activities happening on transition days. If you have any further questions don’t hesitate to contact me.
Prep – transition
Details of the prep transition will be out soon. Keep your eye out for that.

Gardening Competition
The school has WON the business section of the gardening competition!!! Very exciting! A big thank you to Trina, Steven and helpers for all their hard work to making our school look amazing.

Post Office Closure
With the Post Office closure in Bluff please make sure to update your school records with your change of postal details as soon as possible.

Tuckshop Rooster
There is a new tuckshop roster for this term under the admin building please put your name down if you can help………. remember no helpers no tuckshop.

Year 7 RSL Bursary
A reminder to students that the year 7 bursary is due on November 1. Interviews will be held on November 18.

Breakfast
P&C will start breakfast again on November 1. Breakfasts will happen fortnightly from this date.

Student Free Day
Monday 21 October is a student free day. Students are not to attend however school will be open.

School Notes
Just a reminder about school notes, if they are on:
White paper it is general information
Blue paper they need to be returned to the school
Pink is student council information
Yellow is tuckshop information

Have a great fortnight
Kiley

Student Council News
Over the holidays, Miss I purchased 11 new DVDs for Student Council. These DVDs are utilised during rainy lunchtimes, end of term party days etc. Student Council is still in the process of purchasing new equipment for the Sport’s Shed.

At the Freaky Friday Family Fete, Student Council will be having a Haunted House. The Haunted House will go from 7.00 – 8.30pm at the 5-7 class and is a $2 entry fee. Please be aware that the classroom will be dark and there are ‘scary’ things occurring in the Haunted House. Please ensure that your child will be ok to go through the house. Miss I or Mrs Clanfield will be in the house at all times. If anyone has any dark tarps or fake spiders, bugs or snakes that Student Council would be able to borrow for the night please bring to Miss I ASAP.

Student Council has implemented a “Talent on Parade” activity. There are sign up sheets around the school. Anyone can sign up as long as they are prepared for their week, the ‘talent’ is school appropriate and goes for 2 minutes or less.

As you read this, Bandana Day has happened. We have sold over a box and a half but have yet to count the amount of money raised. Thanks to everyone who has helped us to raise money for this great cause.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from Germany, Italy, Finland, Colombia and Mexico will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Welcome to Term 4! I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. As usual in Prep/1, we have hit the ground running. English over these past two weeks, has concentrated on finishing off our Poetry unit from last term. All students have now either written their own poem (Prep students) or reconstructed a poem (Year 1 students). Students have worked extremely hard to write these and present these poems in front of the class this week.

Maths this term will be covering multiple areas that have not yet already been covered this year. At the moment, prep students are learning how to share equally and year 1 students are working on chance and data. Our SOSE unit is focusing on place & space where students are exploring their immediate environment and will complete activities where they identify and discuss the features, landmarks and why places are special. We are continuing and finishing off our Daniel Morcombe unit in Health. In Science we are exploring senses and movement.

I am extremely keen to get the OLLEY/P-MAP program laminated, cut up and assembled by the end of the year ready for 2014. A lovely band of helpers cut out all the resources earlier in the year and I need another merry band of helpers on Tuesdays to come up and laminate all the pieces. Mrs Wood works in the library on a Tuesday and is happy to show volunteers how to work the large laminator. Once all the pieces have been laminated, we will then require manpower to cut it all out and assemble accordingly. Please see me as soon as possible if you are able to help out.

As we progress further into the term I am happy to have parent teacher interviews. This will allow discussions to occur between myself and parents about where your child is at, before report cards are released at the end of term. Please contact me to organise a meeting time.

Congratulations to the following students:

Petria-working hard since returning from holidays
Lexy-working hard since returning from holidays
Riley-improvement in handwriting and spelling

Welcome to term 4 and what is already proving to be an exciting term. Students have been busy editing their own poems which I am in the currently in the process of marking.
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the ‘Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?

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Know: All householders need to know where your Emergency Kit is kept.

Check: and update the contents of your kit regularly, to ensure everything is in working order and has not expired.

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STRENGTHENING AWARENESS
"What's true for me"

ONE DAY
Workshop 1

Come and join like-minded women in a small group for this workshop. Explore the positive ways of improving your life in a fun one day Workshop.

The aim of this workshop is to increase your self awareness, some of the topics covered are:

- Demonstrate relaxation technique to bring you into balance
- How fear can limit your life
- Examining your values
- Lost of identity & identifying your authentic self

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| RSVP:    | 4 Oct 2013 |
| Cost:    | $20.00     |
| Time:    | 9:30am-2:30pm |
| Lunch:   | BYO Lunch  |

To Register
Cost: $20/person
registrations@centacare.net or Phone 1300 523 985

"Fees are negotiable and no one is refused a service based on an inability to pay. Please speak to the facilitator if you have concerns about the fees"