

25 January 2018 (Term 1 Week 1)

Queens Beach State School

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Office Hours - 08.00 a.m. to 04.00 p.m. Mon – Fri

Event	Day / Date
School Times	Start Time: 8:40 a.m. Finish: 2:45 p.m.
Lunch Breaks	1 st Break Lunch 10.45 to 11.30 a.m. 2 nd Break Lunch 1.00 to 1.30 p.m.
Banking	Tuesdays
Parade	Wednesdays 8:50 a.m. School Hall
Free Play Group	Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30am, 0-5 years, at Queens Beach State School
Australia Day Holiday	Friday 26 th January
School Watch	Please phone 13 17 88 to report anything suspicious on campus

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Newsletter Week 1

Welcome back to a new school year. We welcome new families to our wonderful school. On Monday morning, I saw many happy faces of our students starting their new year level and even bigger smiles as parents left the school grounds with no book packs or children.

Communication:

We have a variety of ways to share information with our community. We have a Queens Beach SS Facebook page; make sure you like the page. If you have a smart phone, download the Q Schools App (it's free) and favourite Queens Beach SS. Be familiar with our school webpage for important information. Our fortnightly newsletter is sent home on Thursdays with the youngest in the family. Also, feel free to drop into the office and speak with our office staff about the happenings around the school.

It is important to realise that having a discussion in the aisles of Woolworths or at the football grounds with a staff member is undesirable. If there is something that you would like to discuss, please make an appointment with the teacher. Our staff need the opportunity to have some 'down time' when participating in the Bowen community.

Attendance:

Our goal at Queens Beach SS is to have students attend 95% of the time. Every Day Counts at Queens Beach State School! If your child is here at school, they can maximise their educational potential. We will

continue to reward positively, classes and students whose attendance is high.

Below is a table showing the impact that missing school days and being late can have on students' learning.

If your child misses...	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing at grade 4

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly 1 and a Half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

Parent Feedback:

At Queens Beach we want to deliver a high quality curriculum and manage behaviour in a proactive way. I have an open door policy. At times, we will need to have a discussion giving constructive feedback to you or requiring your feedback to us. If you ever have any concerns or relevant information please make an appointment to talk with me.

Sign In and Out Procedures:

If children are arriving late or leaving early, they must go through the office. This ensures that the attendance records of your children are accurate. If leaving early, you must have a slip from the office as proof that they have been signed out of school.

Behaviour:

Our school rules are Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful.

We explicitly teach the students the 5 Keys to School Success through the 'You Can Do It' Program. These keys are Confidence, Resilience, Getting Along, Persistence and Organisation.

We implement the High 5 at Queens Beach. This is a tool for our students to use to problem solve any anti-social behaviours. Students use these strategies to defuse a situation. The skills are Ignore, Talk Friendly, Walk Away, Talk Firmly and Report.

High Five



We have developed a whole school classroom management program. The steps give students the opportunity to make 'good choices' in the classroom. After each session, the steps are reset giving the students an opportunity to start fresh. You will see these posters in all classrooms and around the school.

QB Behaviour Steps



Parent Waiting Areas:

In the afternoon, we ask that parents wait in the walkway towards the tuckshop and not around the classrooms. Students are easily distracted and having adult presence and conversations can interrupt their learning.

Students are not to play on the playground before and after school without Queens Beach staff supervision. Please ensure your children are safe while on the grounds.

QBSS LEARNING TARGETS FOR 2017

- **Attendance** daily – 95% or more
- 40% or more of students in **Top 2 Academic Bands**
- **85% or more with C or Higher in English**

Date	%Attendance	Date	%Attendance
Mon January	94.84		
Tues January	96.26		
Wed January	93.47		
Thurs January	95.10		

NB Bowen Police Liaison Officer and Bingalie Project Officer support families in increasing their attendance rate from below 80% to 95% or higher.

School Banking

We will be running the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program again this year. Students receive prizes for regular saving and have the opportunity to enter competitions and also track their savings progress online. If you have not received an information pack and are interested you can collect a pack from the office or go to the Commonwealth Bank website for more information and to apply.

Medication

If your child is required to have any medication at school either on a regular basis or as a one off a permission form must be signed at the office. All medication must have a chemist label on it with your child's name and the dosage.

Local Sports

Sport is great to help keep children healthy and happy – many local clubs are starting their sign days – check Facebook or ask at the office for more information.