

9 FEBRUARY 2017 (Term 1 Week 3)

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	1st Break Lunch 10.45 to 11.30 a.m. 2nd 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
Swimming	Starting Thursday 16 February to Friday 10 March 2017
Prep Sausage Sizzle	Saturday 4 March 2017 Bowen Home Hardware 9:00am to 12:00pm
P&C Annual General Meeting	Monday 13 March 2017 7:00 p.m. Staffroom B Block Please attend to support our school
Year 6 Camp	Wednesday 29 March to Friday 31 March 2017
School Watch	Please phone 13 17 88 to report anything suspicious on campus

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

DAY 8 THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY -

STUDENT ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

On Day 8 this year, we had 425 students enrolled for 2017. We had sufficient enrolments to be allocated 17 classroom teachers. We started the school year with 18 classes as we were committed to enhance learning opportunities in the Early Years (Prep - Year 2) by reducing class sizes. To achieve this goal, we used some of Investing For Success (I4S) funding to purchase an extra teacher.

We also used I4S funds to provide additional learning support - particularly for speech programs. Our Parent Survey in 2016 confirmed that this was a high need area for families.

The remainder of our I4S Federal funding will be used to support Teachers' work in the classroom through extra Teacher-Aides who assist with Early Intervention Strategies (such as the Barbara Brann activities which fill the gaps in children's learning).

We do however have full classes now in Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms. Consequently, these classes will be allocated additional Teacher-aide time to compensate.

SIGN OF THE TIMES - WE HAVE A NEW LED SIGN

We have 'come of age'. Our sign receives message-input via WiFi. It is so much more fun than winding up a metal board with letters that can blow away.

We can also set messages for a particular timeslot. Between 2:30pm and 3:00pm we have safety messages about the use of the Car Zone. We can **optimise safety for your child, if each driver:-** keeps left; does not overtake; loads all passengers from the kerb side; and does not perform a U-Turn in the Car Zone.

WHITSUNDAY REGIONAL COUNCIL (WRC)

PROJECT @QB - CAR ZONE

We acknowledge the role that WRC has taken in the **nearly 10 years of advocacy** to achieve a safer location for collection and drop off of students. This project is nearly finished!

Once the fencing has been re-instated, we will be able to seek quotes for the **Waiting Area** (oval side of the fencing). We will provide seating and shade for those children who will be waiting for their drivers. It may need to be done in stages due to our Facility Budgets. Perhaps it could be a joint venture with our P&C.

When the New Zone is operational, it will be the **same safety expectations** - keep left, no overtaking; load from kerb side; and no U-turns.

Every child's safety depends on each driver using our facility. **Safety doesn't happen by accident!**

FREE MICROSOFT OFFICE 2016 FOR STUDENTS

All Queensland state school students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

Students will need to use their school email address to sign in.

Visit www.education.qld.gov.au/office2016 for detailed instructions.

P&C ASSOCIATION - WE NEED YOU

We are holding our AGM on Monday 13 March at 7:00pm. If you would like to know more about how our school operates please join us. You are very welcome to nominate for any positions or just be a member. We will have about 8 meetings a year and endeavour to finish the meetings in one hour (apart from the AGM which would take about 1.5 hours).

We have one large fundraiser for the year - our school Fete in August. Please join us for our AGM and have your say in how we move forward into 2017.

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING

Permission forms and money

are due by **Monday 13 February**.

Swimming dates for 1HG, IT, 1Y and 3K are

Thursday 16 February, 23 February, 2 March and 9 March.

Swimming dates for 2D, 2M, 2S and 3W are **Friday 17 February, 24 February, 3 March and 10 March.**

LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

All students and parents are reminded when students arrive to school after 8:50 am, they are to come via the Office to receive a late slip to pass onto classroom teachers.

Could parents please come into the Office and sign their children out if they are leaving before the 2.45pm bell.

STUDENT ABSENCES

If for any reason your child is going to be absent from school, please give the office a call before 9:00 am on **4791 3111** or drop in to let us know the reason of absence so that we can mark the roll for the Teacher.

If you receive a text message from QBSS to say your child is absent from school **please let the school know a reason by returning a text message.**

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Get all the latest info on your phone.

The Qschools app lets you connect with your state school to get up-to-date information including push notifications, emergency announcements, newsletters, calendar events and news.

Visit <http://qld.gov.au/QSchools> and download now.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have changed address, phone or contact details please remember to let the school office know so we have the correct information for your child. It makes it difficult to get in contact with parents when we do not have the correct information. If you are unsure what details we have saved you are welcome to come in and check with the office staff.

SCHOOL BANKING

TUESDAYS

Win a holiday to Tokyo Disneyland!!

Simply make 15 school banking deposits before the end of term 3 to go in the draw to win a family holiday to Tokyo Disneyland.

For more information or to open an account visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking.



OBSS 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
Fri 27 Jan	88.11%	Fri 3 Feb	95.92%
Mon 30 Jan	95.90%	Mon 6 Feb	93.53%
Tues 31 Jan	94.47%	Tues 7 Feb	94.26%
Wed 1 Feb	95.68%	Wed 8 Feb	93.78%
Thurs 2 Feb	95.44%	Thurs 9 Feb	94.26%

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

THE BEACH HUT-OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The Beach Hut currently has vacancies for before and after school care. The Beach Hut operates Monday to Friday and is located on the grounds of Queens Beach State School. Before School Hours are 6:00 am to 8:30 am. After School Hours are 2:45 pm to 6:00 pm. Please phone Daniel for more information on 4785 0055.

JUNIOR SPORTS SIGN ON DATES

CLUB SPORT	DATE	TIME	WHERE
Bowen Junior Hockey	Sunday 12 February	From 2:00pm	Bowen PCYC
Bowen Blast-Soccer	Wednesday 15 February	4:30pm to 6:30pm	Sports Complex
Seagulls-Rugby League	Saturday 18 February	From 9:00am	Denison Park
Bowen Athletics	Saturday 18 February	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Sports Complex
	Tuesday 21 February	4:00pm to 5:00pm	Sports Complex
	Saturday 25 February	1:00pm to 3:00pm	Sports Complex
Cyclones-Netball	Sunday 19 February	9:00am to 11:00am	Netball Courts
	Tuesday 28 February	4:30pm to 5:30pm	Netball Courts
Bowen Junior Touch Football	Saturday 25 March	2:00pm to 4:00pm	Sports Complex
	Monday 17 April	4:30pm to 5:30pm	Sports Complex

More information can be found on our website home page under Community Notices.