

25 JANUARY 2017 (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
<i>School Times</i>	Start Time: 8:40 a.m. Finish: 2:45 p.m.
<i>Lunch Breaks</i>	1st Break Lunch 10.45 to 11.30 a.m. 2nd Break Lunch 1.00 to 1.30 p.m.
<i>Banking</i>	Tuesdays
<i>Parade</i>	Wednesdays 8:50 a.m. School Hall
<i>Free Play Group</i>	Wednesdays, 9:30 to 11:30am, 0 – 5 Years, at Queens Beach State School
<i>Australia Day-Public Holiday</i>	Thursday 26 January 2017
<i>P&C Annual General Meeting</i>	Monday 13 March 2017 7:00 p.m. Staffroom B Block Please attend to support our school
<i>Year 6 Camp</i>	Wednesday 29 March to Friday 31 March 2017
<i>School Watch</i>	Please phone 13 17 88 to report anything suspicious on campus

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

WELCOME TO A VERY EXCITING 2017!

Each year our staffing and classes are based on Day 8 (2 Feb) student numbers. We have planned for about 416 students which gives us nearly 18 classes. We are using some of our **Investing for Success Funding (\$220 890 in 2017)** to provide additional teacher support for the Early Years and for Learning Support (especially for children with speech needs). We have **no school fees** as we appreciate how costly it is to have children at school for so many years.

Our **P&C supports the wearing of our school uniform** while sunsafe clothing is our minimum expectation. Please ensure children do not wear jewellery, expensive watches, nail polish, temporary tattoos to school. Please save these activities for the holidays.

We welcome **Sally Turner to Year 1** - Sally has strong connections to Bowen and has been teaching in Townsville.

Additionally we welcome **Kerry Love** who will be available if our numbers increase over the holidays to take a class, or if there are no extra classes formed, Kerry will remain as a Relieving Teacher. Kerry also has strong ties to Bowen with her husband working for WRC.

SCHOOL ROUTINES

It is vital that your child is here on the first day when teachers explain in great detail how the classroom

operates and to **increase your child's confidence around daily routines.**

Yes we will have a Wednesday morning **Parade each week (8:50am - 9:20am)** and you are welcome to join us to get a picture of how our school works.

We do have a **few donated uniforms** from families leaving Bowen if you have multiple school age children or experiencing hardship. Please ask at the Office.

Our **AGM for the P&C will be on Monday 13 March at 7:00pm** in the Staffroom (B Block). We keep the meetings to one hour maximum. Please have a say in your school by attending.

CAR ZONE - PICK UP AND DROP DOWN (KISS AND GO)



Over the holidays, WRC made great progress with creating a safe zone for families to arrive and depart during peak times. The rain however has delayed the final stage (i.e. bitumen). Regardless it will be ready soon and it will give us time to assist drivers in best practices for using this zone.

The most important protocol is to stay in line and move slowly forward - **do not overtake for any reason.**

If your child has not arrived after 2 minutes please go around and try again. Please encourage your child to get out quickly if you plan to arrive in the first wave of cars.

It is great to see families stagger their pick up times - some early - some in the middle - and others later. This strategy works really well for everyone's safety. If your child tends to dawdle please do not arrive in the first wave.

The zone will have some additional parking and hopefully this will free up spaces for visitors during the day.

ENROLMENTS FOR DAY 8 - THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

Please ensure your child is in **attendance for our Day 8** download which gives us our teacher and teacher-aides allocation for 2017.

We are **able to include future enrolments who are going to attend QBSS and will arrive by 3 March.** After that date we cannot count the student as part of our effective enrolment.

If you know of a family coming to QB please ensure that they have **enrolled as a Future Enrolment.** One student can be the difference for keeping a teacher allocation.

BOOKS IN HOMES - 2015 - 2016 THANK YOU GLENCORE - OUR SPONSOR

For the past 2 years, Glencore has been our sponsor for the Books in Homes Program. **Glencore provided 9 books each year for over 400 students for 2 years. This program provided families with valuable reading resources which cost \$75 600.**

Our school has received considerable advantage due to Glencore's outlay and mentoring. We **acknowledge Bruce Coles and Kim Beasley** for attending our Presentation Parades and the community representatives **who encouraged children to read and enjoy books.**

There may be other Bowen enterprises who may wish to co-fund with our school in 2017. If so please contact the Office.

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. Also students who are departing school before the 2:45pm pm bell, could parents please come into the Office and sign their children out.

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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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.



TUTORING

For further information regarding tutoring please contact Leslie Chidley on 0439 166 002.

FOUND-PAIR OF BOOTS

A pair of little black boots have been handed into the office. Please see the office staff, if you think they might be yours.

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
Fri 13 Jan	Holidays	Fri 20 Jan	Holidays
Mon 16 Jan	Holidays	Mon 23 Jan	96.15%
Tues 17 Jan	Holidays	Tues 24 Jan	94.72%
Wed 18 Jan	Holidays	Wed 25 Jan	96.14%
Thurs 19 Jan	Holidays	Thurs 26 Jan	Public Holiday

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



In 2017, the QBSS students will continue on their You Can Do It journey, building their skills in the 5 key areas of: **Confidence, Persistence, Resilience, Organisation and Getting Along.**

YCDI lessons will be held regularly and students who demonstrate the skills are given the opportunity to win rewards and gain recognition for their social and emotional growth. YCDI student certificates will also be presented on parade every second week.

Our YCDI parade presentations will resume later in the term. We loved seeing so many parents in attendance at these parades in 2016 and we hope this support continues into the new year.

Remember to speak with your child/ren about the YCDI program, lessons and parades or ask your child's teacher. The program offers lifelong skills and strategies that, if applied, allow our students to have a healthy mindset, happiness and success into the future.

Mrs Doyle