

10 SEPTEMBER 2015 (Term 3 Week 9)

Queens Beach State School

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

| Event | Day / Date |
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| 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 |
| Walk To School Day | Friday 11 September 2015 8:00am at Golf Links Roundabout |
| P&C Meeting | Monday 14 September 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Staffroom B Block. Please attend to support our school |
| School Vacation & Labour Day Holiday | 19 September to 4 October 2015 Monday 5 October 2015 |
| School Resumes | Tuesday 6 October 2015 |
| Year 4 Paluma Camp | Wednesday 21 October to Friday 23 October 2015 |
| School Watch | Please phone 13 17 88 to report anything suspicious on campus. |

From the Principal:

WORKING BEE FOR STUDENT COUNCIL

Our students have learned a valuable lesson. If you pursue a dream and do the ground work things can change!

Our Student Councillors reported to us that students wanted more handball courts to relieve congestion and avoid conflict between groups. We put their request into our Minutes of Meetings and asked for a Facilities Visit and a meeting with our School Grounds Officer to do a site proposal.

We had to consider underground issues such as Main Water and irrigation pipes. We had to consider costs and decided against a block wall which was expensive and required engineer drawings. We voted for a low cost approach to get 2 separate courts.

We put a request into the newsletter and got the help and expertise we needed.

Thank you to the following workers who made our playgrounds so much better for us:-

Mr Jim Stark, Mr Adam Gatkowski, Mr Nathan Collison, Mr Malcolm Crook, Mr Brent Edgerton, Mr Adam McGrath and also our Mr Maltby and Mr Insch who are veterans of pathways and discos.

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

For 2016, we have a capacity to enrol 75 students as a maximum in Prep classes. We are firstly obliged to enrol students from within our school zone. Once that has been done, we are able to take enrolments outside of our zone on the proviso that we retain a buffer for new students moving to Bowen who live in our zone; and that we do not exceed 75 in total. Students from Outside the Zone will initially be placed on a Waiting List.

There is also a possibility of the school enrolling those students who were born in July and just missed out on Prep for 2016. These children will go onto a Waiting List and it is the school's decision whether to accept their early enrolment.

If you are not sure of how your child is situated for 2016, please contact the Principal or Deputy Principal for further information.

KEEPING SAFE @ QB - PICK UP ZONE

Thank you to those drivers who keep left and do not overtake when using our Pick Up Zone after school. Remember no u turns in zone.

BIG 3 RULES - BE A LEARNER @ QB

Easy to remember – our 3 Big Rules

Be Safe – Walk Around Buildings.

Be Respectful – Polite To Each Other.

Be Responsible – Word Hard On Goals.

Then they will be the best learner they can be!

Regards Mary Franklin

Principal

P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting is on Monday 14 September 2015 at 7:00p.m in the Staffroom in B Block.

Thanks, Deb Ballinger (Treasurer).

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.

BOWEN SWIMMING CLUB – 2015

Starts Tuesday 6 October

Come and join the Bowen Swimming Club. Tuesday nights from 5.30 starting October 6th. Membership is \$30. See pool staff for more information.

OBSS LEARNING TARGETS FOR 2015

Attendance daily – 95% or more

35% or more of students in **Top 2 Academic Bands**
Improvements in **Reading, Writing and Spelling.**

| Date | %Attendance | Date | %Attendance |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Fri 28 Aug | 92.77% ✓ | Fri 4 Sept | 96.53% |
| Mon 31 Aug | 92.33% ✓ | Mon 7 Sept | 90.05% |
| Tues 1 Sept | 91.16% | Tues 8 Sept | 93.75% |
| Wed 2 Sept | 93.26% | Wed 9 Sept | 95.14% |
| Thurs 3 Sept | 96.06% | Thurs 10 Sept | 94.21% |

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

Bingalie PaCE Project Officer supports families in increasing their attendance rates.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

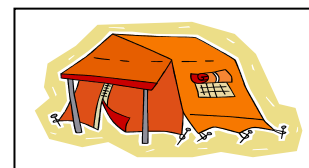
On Friday 11 September is Walk to School Day. Students from Queens Beach State School are set to pound the pavement.



Teachers from school will be leaving from the Golf Links Roundabout at 8.00 am and walking directly to school. So please feel free to drop your students off with us if you can see us walking along the road or alternatively join us. Students are advised to bring a water bottle, hat and wear closed in shoes.

YEAR FOUR CAMP

Our Year Four Students are off to Paluma Camp Wednesday on 21 October to Friday 23 October. Cost



of the camp is \$140.00. The second payment was due by Friday 4 September. The final payment is due by Friday 9 October. After having a visit from Paluma Staff this week, students are getting very excited about camp.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKERS

We are at the final stage for Woolworths Earn & Learn. Tuesday 8 September was the last day for Woolworths to give out the stickers. If you have any more sticker sheets or stickers at home please return them to the school office before the end of next week. The sticker sheets will be sent over the holidays and redeemed for educational resources.

In a NUTSHELL ...



Practical and positive advice from your school's Guidance Officer!

THIS WEEK: PETS AS GREAT TEACHERS AND THERAPISTS

Children can learn a thing or two from pets and with appropriate reinforcement from parents, here are just a few lessons they may experience:

- **RESPONSIBILITY** – children can learn how to feed, care for, clean, play and exercise their pet and a weekly routine may even be put in place
- **GRIEF & LOSS** – often children's first experience of a loss in their lives may be due to a pet and this can act as a teaching tool to prepare them for other losses they will inevitably experience in their life
- **COMPASSION** – they have to learn how to care for something, play gently, take proper care, be kind and accept difference
- **THERAPY** – a pet always listens, they love you unconditionally, when you're having a tough day, a pet may be able to lift your spirits, prompt you to get out of the house and go for a walk (if your pet is a dog). A pet can help increase interest in life, making people feel less alone and improve self-esteem. A sense of belonging is always fulfilled with a family pet.

Don't underestimate the benefits of having a family pet. Nonetheless, these benefits still need to be taught and emphasised by parents.

- Mrs Doyle

BOWEN TRIATHLON 2015

Junior Triathlon-Saturday 10 October

Under 8s, 8-10 years, 11-13 years

Swim, Cycle, Run

Entries online at www.whitsundaytriclub.com

Contact William Dawson 0419 203 787

