

10 NOVEMBER 2016 (Term 4 Week 6)

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 |
| Swimming | Starting Thursday 3 November to Wednesday 30 November 2016 |
| P&C Meeting | Monday 14 November 2016 7:00 p.m. Staffroom B Block Please attend to support our school |
| Bowen District Schools-End of Year Music Concert | Tuesday 15 November 2016 6:00pm Bowen Summergarden Theatre Adults \$5.00, Children-Free Candy Bar Available |
| Bookclub | Friday 18 November 2016 Closing Date For Last Bookclub Order |
| La Petite Danse School Production Alice in Wonderland | Friday 18 November & Saturday 19 November McKenna Hall, 6:30pm Tickets Available stickytickets.com |
| Family Portraits | Saturday 19 November 2016 Queens Beach SS Library |
| Prep Parent Information Session | Monday 21 November 2016 6:00 to 7:30pm |
| Prep Open Day | Tuesday 22 November 2016 9:00 to 11:00am |
| Trading Card Day | Friday 25 November 2016 First Break at Tuckshop Tables |
| Bowen State High School Year 6 Into Year 7 Transition Program | Monday 28 November 2016-6S Attending Tuesday 29 November 2016-6G Attending Wednesday 30 November 2016-6S & 6G both Attending 8:30 to 2:45pm Students need to be dropped off and picked up from the High School |
| School Uniform Orders Due (Orders to be given to the Tuckshop) | Wednesday 30 November 2016 |
| Presentation Night | Thursday 1 December 2016 |
| Swimming Carnival | Friday 2 December 2016 |
| Year 6 Graduation Dinner | Wednesday 7 December 2016 Queens Beach Motor Hotel 5:30pm for a 6:00pm Start |
| Year 6 Airlie Beach Trip | Thursday 8 December 2016 |
| School Watch | Please phone 13 17 88 to report anything suspicious on campus |

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

OBSS - FOUR YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2020

Following our 'Have Your Say' Surveys, we have compiled a 4 Year Plan to ensure ongoing quality teaching and learning improvements in the future.

At our next P&C Meeting on Monday 14 November at 7:00p.m., we will present our plan for 2016-2020. This plan is now on our school website. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ring us.

From our 4 Year Plan we develop a Yearly Plan for 2017 and then one for 2018 and so on.

This Annual Plan ensures that we can be flexible and respond to changes (e.g. such as receiving an Entrepreneurs Grant).

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017 - URGENT ATTENTION

We are currently forming our classes for 2017. At the moment, this is a challenge as we are waiting for future enrolments (mainly Preps) to send in their Enrolment forms.

If you have younger children/siblings starting school next year please put your forms in - as your child cannot be placed on a classroom list until we have your details.

We want to keep our teachers on Day 8 in February 2017, so please get your enrolments to us as soon as possible. Teacher allocation is dependant on Day 8 ~3 February student numbers.

If your delay is due to obtaining a birth certificate, we can process your enrolment as a future enrolment until proof of age is secured.

STUDENT COUNCIL - TRADING CARDS DAY

Our Student Councillors have surveyed students, teachers and families to see if there is any interest in holding a Trading Day for people who collect cards (e.g. football, sports, cars, pokemons etc.).

Usually these items stay at home as children do not cope well when they lose their belongings and there is no way to identify the ownership of such cards.

The Student Council has proposed a **trial for Friday 25 November during first playtime**, where students may bring cards that they are willing to trade and sit at the tables near the Tuckshop to display their trades. Mrs Franklin and the Student Reps will assist and supervise.

No money is to be exchanged as it is a 'swap only' basis.

We will see how this goes and get feedback to see if there is interest for more Trading Days.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kindergarten and Day Care groups are regularly visiting Prep to see what it will be like being at school as part of our Transition process.

RREAP provided payment for all students to attend Life Education Van (i.e. being healthy and safe) and Fun with Maths (i.e. activities involving higher order thinking and problem solving skills. Value = \$11 per student.

Mrs Bullemor took 5 students to Paluma Writers Camp for an amazing immersion into writing and illustration of novels.

We only have 37 Prep enrolments (i.e. one and a half Prep classes). We were expecting 60 students to be enrolled for 2017.

BOWEN STATE HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 TRANSITION PROGRAM

Our **Year 6 Students** will be attending **Bowen State High School** for the **Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Program**. **6S will be attending on Monday 28 November. 6G will be attending on Tuesday 29 November. 6S & 6G will be both attending on Wednesday 30 November.** Students need to be dropped off and picked up from the High School.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Pre-order forms for 2017 school uniforms, hats and library bags have been sent home this week. Please return forms to the School Tuckshop as orders will be placed at the end of November. Orders will arrive before the start of school next year. Pick up days and times will be advised in the school newsletter before we break for holidays.

BOOKCLUB NEWS

The closing date for the last **Bookclub** for 2016 is **Friday 18 November**.

PALUMA WRITERS' CAMP 2016

This term five of our Year 5 students, Thomas Hansson, Hannah Moore, Hannah Daley, Mia Russell and Hunter Honnery, went to Paluma for a Writers' Camp. Author Leonie Norrington and illustrator Colwyn Campbell worked tirelessly with our students for 3 days developing their writing skills and introducing them to watercolour illustrations. Throughout the camp our students trekked through the forest and met many characters that they were then able to include in their story. The theme of the story was 'The darkness is coming'. The darkness was referring to the rainforest dying. Eventually Leonie was able to collate all their writing samples and produce a story that they all owned. Each student was also responsible for illustrating one page of the story. Our students were alert, hardworking and respectful at all times. They were a credit to their families and our school.



OBSS LEARNING TARGETS FOR 2016

- 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 28 Oct | 90.39% | Fri 4 Nov | 91.89% |
| Mon 31 Oct | 91.87% | Mon 7 Nov | 90.89% |
| Tues 1 Nov | 96.55% | Tues 8 Nov | 95.07% |
| Wed 2 Nov | 92.61% | Wed 9 Nov | 94.33% |
| Thurs 3 Nov | 93.37% | Thurs 10 Nov | 93.84% |

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

BOWEN DISTRICT SCHOOLS-END OF YEAR MUSIC CONCERT

Date – Tuesday 15 November
Time – 6:00pm
Venue – Bowen Summergarden Theatre
Entry – Adults-\$5.00, Children-Free
Candy Bar available



As we progress towards an intense time of reporting and assessment it is very important to help our students get the strength to cope with and then recover from the weeks that lie ahead in a responsible, safe and respectful way. The following tips may help at home. "Resilience" is the key. Resilience involves bouncing back from difficult experiences and often needs to be taught.

Parents can promote resilience by showing a love and trust in their children. Parents are like coaches who coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Therefore, as parents, we need to build independence and problem solving in our children. There is also a resilience wordle for your interest.

YCDI FORTNIGHT FOCUS: Top 10 Tips to Help Build Resilience in Your Child

1. **Make kids active participants in the family.** Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.
2. **Teach your child how to make friends.** Encourage your child to be a friend in order to get friends. Social support builds resilience.
3. **Help your child by having him or her help others.** Encourage them to help you in a task at home. This may help a child who feels helpless to feel worthwhile.
4. **Maintain a daily routine** at home. Sticking to a routine can be comforting to children.
5. **Take a break**-teach your child how to focus on something besides what's worrying him. Although schools are focusing on assessment, let your child have some unstructured time during the school day to allow for creativity.
6. **Teach your child self-care**- teach your child the importance of making time to eat properly, exercise and rest. Make sure your child has time to have fun and have some "down time" to relax and then deal with stressful times.
7. **Nurture a positive self-view**-Help your child remember ways that he or she has successfully handled hardships in the past and then help him understand that these past challenges help him build the strength to handle future challenges. Teach your child to see the humor in life, and the ability to laugh at one's self.
8. **Maintain a hopeful outlook**-help him or her see that there is a future beyond the current situation and that the future can be good. Use history to show that life moves on after bad events (e.g., after cyclone damage).
9. **Accept that change is part of living**-help your child see that change is part of life and new goals can replace goals that have become unattainable.
10. **Discipline in a way that promotes self-discipline and self-worth.** This means being consistent, but not rigid. Remember that positive feedback and encouragement are often the most powerful form of discipline.

REMEMBER- Children learn by watching and copying adults such as parents so let them see us persevere and stay calm and flexible in dealing with life's challenges.



Ms Collins (YCDI Coordinator)