

## 12 MARCH 2015 (Term 1 Week 7)

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 <sup>st</sup> Break Lunch 10.45 to 11.30 a.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Break Lunch 1.00 to 1.30 p.m.
Parade	Wednesdays 8:50 a.m. School Hall
Banking	Tuesdays
Swimming	Started Thursday 5 March to Friday 27 March
Choral Festival	Sunday 22 March to Monday 23 March at the Mackay Entertainment Centre
Family Services Mini Roadshow	Queens Beach State School Tuesday 24 March 8.30 to 9.30am
Fun Run	Monday 30 March
P&C AGM Meeting	Monday 30 March 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Staffroom B Block. Please attend to support our school
School Watch	Please phone 13 17 88 to report anything suspicious on campus.

### From the Principal:

#### PARENT SESSION FOR CHALLENGING BEHAVIOURS AT HOME TUES 31 MARCH 1:30 - 2:45PM

Our school uses a 'Kids Matter' Approach which focuses on the positives of their behaviour and then builds respectful and responsible social and learning behaviours. We have our Guidance Officer Lauren Ross as our mentor and an external consultant Denise Svane to assist us with improving school services.

Denise has offered to hold a workshop session for parents and carers on Tuesday 31 March in the afternoon session starting at 1:30pm in our Computer Lab. Following the parent session, Denise will then provide the Staff of QB with a Professional Development session.

We appreciate the mentoring of both Lauren and Denise as improved behaviour in the classroom and also at school will make learning experiences better and family life more happy for every person in that family.

#### P&C NEW DATE FOR OUR AGM MONDAY 30 MARCH 7:00PM

On Monday 9 February, we held an attempted AGM. Unfortunately, we did not fulfill all Executive Positions and we did not have the Audited Reports available.

We now have people willing to take on the Executive Roles and will have available for everyone's perusal the Audited

Financial Reports for the P&C and its two sub-committees (Tuckshop and Beach Hut).

The AGM will now be held on Monday 30 March at 7:00pm in the Staffroom in B Block.

Please come along and have a say in your child's school, as we need a quorum (9 members of the association) to ensure fair representation at our meetings.

#### ATTENDANCE - WELL DONE TO FAMILIES - 93% AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE RATE

Your child benefits from being here at the very beginning of the day. First up we mark the roll and complete Warm Ups which are memory joggers for our Sight Words, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, Number Facts etc. If your child is regularly late for these instructional sessions, they may feel disadvantaged during the day as they did not hear the overview for the day's learning sessions.

All teachers explain and discuss with students about their WALTs (We Are Learning To) and TIBs (This Is Because) and WILFs (What I'm Looking For).

We regularly ask the students the following questions and you may wish to try these as well with your child.

What are you learning? How are you going? How do you know? How can you improve? Where can you go for help?

For those families with attendance rates at less than 85%, we will develop a plan to reduce unexplained absences.

#### BIG 3 RULES - BE A LEARNER @ QB

Easy to remember – our 3 Big Rules

**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be Responsible**

Then they will be the best learner they can be!

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

If you would like to receive our newsletter via email please register at the office or email [tstar55@eq.edu.au](mailto:tstar55@eq.edu.au) with your name, your child's name and your email address. You can also keep up to date with our schools activities by downloading the QSchools app or visiting our website at [www.quebeacss.eq.edu.au](http://www.quebeacss.eq.edu.au).

#### OBSS LEARNING TARGETS FOR 2014

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 27 Feb	94.43%	Fri 6 Mar	91.47%
Mon 2 Mar	94.43%	Mon 9 Mar	94.93%
Tues 3 Mar	95.16%	Tues 10 Mar	94.70%
Wed 4 Mar	96.31%	Wed 11 Mar	95.61%
Thurs 5 Mar	96.54%	Thurs 12 Mar	95.61%

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.

#### SPORTS NEWS

Fun Run is being held on Monday 30 March.

Please return Sponsorship Forms and Money to the office on or before Friday 27 March.

#### SCHOOL BANKING

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has previously done school banking and anyone wishing to join can collect an application form from the office.

Banking Day is Tuesday.

Please see Tarragon in the office with any queries.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM BOWEN STATE HIGH SCHOOL

All Bowen State High School Facebook updates can now be viewed through the Bowen State High School website.

Parents do not require a Facebook account to do this.

Log into <https://bowenshs.eq.edu.au> to get all your current updates for school activities and calendar events.

#### SPEEDY SPEECH SOUNDS PARENT & TEACHER WORKSHOP (Assist Your Child In Learning To Read)

Where: Merinda State School Library

When: Monday 16 March  
3.30 to 4.30pm

Cost: \$50.00

Please see Queens Beach State School Office Staff for a Registration Form or email Hayley Laidlow on [the.principal@merindass.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@merindass.eq.edu.au)



#### **In a NUTSHELL ...**

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

#### **THIS WEEK: PARENTS HAVE NEEDS TOO!**

Being a parent means that a great amount of time is focused on ensuring that our children's needs are met and we often end up neglecting our own. We often have to look after our needs first so we can then meet the needs of others. Try these suggestions to ensure you are taking care of yourself:

- Take time away from the kids – we all need privacy at times
- Be healthy – look after yourself and your eating habits. Exercise if you can as this has a major effect on mental health
- Take time out to relax – enjoy your weekends and holidays – a relaxed parent is more able to enjoy the family
- Take on an interest or a hobby that you enjoy and put aside an hour a week to pursue it
- Let others help and support you when you can't – too often, we feel we need to be able to do everything and juggle everything – ask for help when/if it is needed
- Educate yourself about being a parent – read books and see what the experts say

Remember we are all important and we all have needs so factor in some time for you! And remember happy parents benefit the entire family!

- Miss Ross

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