

29 JANUARY 2015 (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 |
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| 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. |
| Parade | Wednesdays 8:50 a.m. School Hall. |
| Banking | Tuesdays |
| P&C Meeting-AGM | Monday 9 February 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Staffroom B Block. Vacancies for all positions. Please attend to support our school. |
| School Watch | Please phone 13 17 88 to report anything suspicious on campus. |

From the Principal:

WELCOME TO 2015

Great to see new and returning families for a very exciting and fun-packed 2015. Bowen is a fantastic place in which to live, work and learn. Our teachers want the very best for your child's well being and learning improvements. We are a bigger school with a 'small school' appeal. We want to get to know your child's needs as a learner and work with them to reach their targets and goals.

To deliver the best for your son or daughter, we need to have them at school for each day possible. Sadly there has been a trend for long weekends with Fridays and Mondays having higher levels of absentees than other days. Please help us to help your child and have them at school for every day possible.

DAY 8 STAFFING ON THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Each year, schools receive their staffing based on the student enrolment on Day 8 of school. We have planned for 17 classes based on our predictions for future enrolments.

We will let you know as soon as possible after Day 8 if there will be any changes to classes.

We may also have new enrolments over the vacation and may need to move some children into other classes due to these changes of loss and gains. We will do this as soon as possible to ensure stability for your child.

We welcome to our school Mrs Vikki Collins from Bowen SS and farewell Ms Jasmine Richards who will support Merinda SS and Miss Lorelle Jurgens who is now at Bowen SS. Sue Connolly has taken a years leave to work in the Ipswich district. We wish our new and departing staff the very best in their new locations.

GREAT NEWS: 'BOOKS IN HOMES'

PROGRAM SPONSORED BY

GLENCORE

Glencore has sponsored our school for the 'Books in Homes' Program. Subsequently, each and every student at our school will receive 9 books which they can keep (3 books each in Term 1, 2, & 4). This project will encourage children to become excited about reading as the books are very attractive and have high interest value to young readers.

Students will have the opportunity of selecting their own books from a display each time. Glencore's donation is huge and greatly appreciated by our staff and P&C. Students will be supplied with a Book Bag to keep their books in. We will have a Parade at the end of Term 1 to acknowledge and thank Glencore for enriching the lives of our young readers.

DAY 8 - TEACHER ALLOCATION FOR 2015

There may be changes to our classes due to an increase in enrolments. We now have 429 students. It is likely that we will receive an 18th teacher after Day 8. The changes will be to the middle years as we have large classes in Year 4 and Year 5.

If your child is going to be moved you will receive a letter informing you of the change as soon as we have it finalised. We realise it is a hard time to disrupt the students, however it will mean reduced class sizes that will ultimately benefit the education of the children.

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.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting is the AGM on Monday 9 February 2015 at 7:00p.m in the Staffroom in B Block. Vacancies for all positions. Please attend to support our school.

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.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

This year, Mr Denning will be taking lessons on Friday. The lessons start Week 2. A timetable will be posted in the student's classrooms.

OBSS LEARNING TARGETS FOR 2014

Attendance daily – 95% or more

30% or more of students in **Top 2 Academic Bands**

Improvements in **Reading, Writing and Spelling.**

| Date | %Attendance | Date | %Attendance |
|--------------|-----------------------|------|-------------|
| Mon 26 Jan | Public Holiday | | |
| Tues 27 Jan | 96.75% | | |
| Wed 28 Jan | 97.91% | | |
| Thurs 29 Jan | 96.27% | | |

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

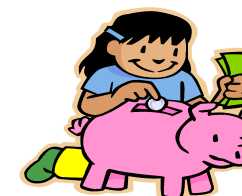
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SPORTS NEWS

In 2015, Queens Beach State School will be implementing units from the newly formed HPE curriculum. These units will offer a variety of different sports and activities with the goal of promoting a lifelong active lifestyle for our students. Families will also have access through our school website to the new edublog **HPE at the Beach**. This blog will be used as a noticeboard for important dates regarding upcoming sports and also to celebrate our students' sporting achievements.

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.

SCHOOL BUS ASSISTANCE

The Safety Net Scheme was developed by the State Government to assist students who do not receive other forms of School Transport Assistance and are members of lower income families.

To be eligible for assistance under the Safety Net Scheme, students must be in one of the following categories.

- Students of families eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students eligible for a Health Care Card;
- Students of families eligible for a Pensioner Concession Card;
- Students of families receiving Veterans Affairs Pension;
- Students placed under a Care and Protection Order.

Further details are available by telephoning 4951 8673. Application forms are available from the school office.



In a NUTSHELL ...

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

THIS WEEK: Preparing for Transition and Change In 2015

With the start of a new school year, will bring with it a big change for all students, particularly the Preps coming to school for the very first time and the Year 6 and 7 students making the move from Primary to Secondary. It can bring with it ups and downs and transitions and change can be a major source of stress for many kids. Consider the following to relieve any anxiety:

- Talk about the new change as much as possible – the more they know, the less anxious they will be. Encourage them to talk about how they feel about it and reassure them it is normal to be a little anxious about it
- For the little ones, read story books about going to school, watch video clips about the first day so they get familiar with the situation. **You** may even decide to devise a little goodbye routine and practise this a few times before their first day
- Come up with a specific drop off and pick up spot and time so that your child knows you will be there for them at the end of the day
- Be positive and enthusiastic – your child is more likely to look forward to the change if you are positive about it (leave the “it’s a scary thing my baby going to high school/ school” conversation to your friends and around your child say things like “it’s going to be so exciting – you will love every minute of it and you will be fine.”
- Find a buddy for your child – maybe someone they can walk into school with on the first day/week
- Be prepared ahead of time (eg: school lists/ uniforms etc to ease any anxiety over not being organised and ready

- **Miss Ross**

STEAM TRAIN VISITING BOWEN

The Whitsunday Regional Council has been approached by Queensland Rail to host a Welcome Event to help celebrate 150 years of Queensland Rail wherein they are planning steam train journeys along the Queensland coast with the Rockhampton to Townsville sector expected to run from January 30 to February 3. On Sunday 1 February 2015 the steam train will be arriving at the Bowen Railway Station at 2.30pm and departing at 2.40pm. The train will only be stopping in Bowen for a short period and everyone is welcome.