

12th March, 2009 (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
<i>Parade</i>	<i>Each Wednesday 09.00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Area. 18 March - Harmony Day Celebrations</i>
<i>Free Dress Day</i>	<i>Friday 13th March. "Think Pink". Wear pink or red and bring a gold coin donation for "Relay for Life".</i>
<i>Bookclub closes</i>	<i>Easter bookclub closes Friday 27th March.</i>
<i>School Disco</i>	<i>Friday 3rd April. "Red Day" for Tuckshop, disco, raffle.</i>
<i>P & C Meeting</i>	<i>Monday 6th April 7 pm in the Staffroom. All welcome. Please note the change of date due to the Easter Vacation.</i>
<i>Easter Vacation</i>	<i>Friday 10 April – 20 April (inclusive) NB Mon 20 April is a Student Free Day.</i>
<i>School Watch</i>	<i>13 17 88. Please ring this number if you see anything suspicious on campus after hours.</i>

From the Principal:

School Security

Our school recently received an advisory visit from Education Queensland's School Security personnel. It was suggested that we padlock the gates at 06.00 p.m. and on the weekends. Staff will have keys to gain access as many prefer to work over the weekends to ensure classroom activities are ready for students.

Remember: No children or adults should be on campus after hours unless they have permission from the Principal.

NB the Tae Kwon-Do Group has permission for evening sessions.

Healthy Lunches

Teachers encourage children to eat their nourishing foods first (e.g. sandwich or equivalents such as crackers and cheese; wraps with meats; burritos with fillings; yoghurts and fruits). Then they can eat from the other choices in their lunch boxes. In this way, children do not eat the other choices and then tip their wholesome foods into the bins. We appreciate how much money and time you put into providing these nutritious foods and teachers want the children to develop better choice patterns. Naturally, you may always provide foods that suit your preferences.

Regards

Mary Franklin (Principal)

Chappy News:

The Breakfast Program on Tuesday mornings is going great. Thank you to the volunteers who ran it in my absence a fortnight ago (well done girls and guys). The exceptional turnout of Volunteers has helped to make it a great program. Also thank you to those who have donated money as well as time, it is very much appreciated.

Please remember: Breakfast Program, Tuesdays 7.45 – 8.30 and Prayer Group in Computer Lab Wednesdays 8.30 – 8.30. Blessings and have a great week.
Mr Oral Power (Chappy)
QBSS Chaplain

Active Afternoon Sport:

Great to see so many participants (who have returned their permission notes) enjoying our After School Sport Program. Parents please ensure that **only the student's whose year levels specified are present on the day.** Younger or older siblings must not remain at school as supervision is only provided for the groups from 3.15 – 4.15 sharp:

Mondays – Years 1-7's (all siblings in same family)
Wednesdays – Years 4-7's (no child minding available)
Thursdays – Years 1-3's (selected children as monitors)

NAPLAN Testing

During May, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will partake in Australia wide testing in literacy and numeracy. The National and State Governments' priority is focused on improving the learning outcomes of Queensland children. In order for teachers to achieve these national goals, all children must ensure that their behaviour and cooperation is of the highest standard. If you would like further information please drop into the office and collect a parent brochure.

Sports Report

Our Netballers have dominated the Bowen Selections at the recent trials held at QBSS. Seven girls were selected in the team. They are Jaleel, Shaniah, Destiny, Arania, Erika, Phoebe and Hannah. Well done and good luck at the Whitsunday trials.

Bowen Athletics Club – Sign on - for all ages.
Sunday 22nd March at IGA 9.30 – 12.00 noon.
Wednesday 25th March at Sporting Complex 4.30 – 5.30 pm.
Competition starts Saturday March 28th at 1.45pm.
Further information phone Jo on 4785 1082.

Touch Football starts Monday 16th March at Denison Park.
U/7 – U/10 – 4.30 – 5.15 p.m.
U/10 – U/13 – 5.15 – 6.00 p.m.
Come and try on the 16th and 23rd March at no cost.

We currently have 37 boys and 1 girl training for Rugby League. These trials will be held on the 1st of April at Denison Park. Training next week will be at **8am** not 8.15am due to Merinda students coming over to train in the mornings.

Holiday Kid's Club Bowen 2009

Where: McKenna Hall

When: Tuesday 14th April 2009

Time: 9am – 3pm each day

Cost: \$10 per day, per child (includes morning tea & lunch).

For information please contact Envoys Wes or Debbie Bust on (07) 4786 3057 or 0407 126 416.

Bowen Athletic Club Season Sign on.

Sunday 22nd March 2009 9.30 – 12 noon

Magees IGA Supermarket (with Sausage Sizzle)

And

Wednesday March 25th 2009 4.30 – 5.30pm

Col Leather Sporting Complex.

Competition meets held every Saturday afternoon commencing 28th March 2009, 1.45pm warm up. No canteen available for first day only.

For further information contact Joanne Andison on 4785 1082 ah or Angie Crowther on 4786 2109 ah.

Bowen Seagulls Junior Rugby League

Under 6, 7, 8

Training will commence at Denison Park on Wednesday 18th March 5.15 – 6pm.

Any new players that have not registered please do so at Powell Street News.

WANTED: Coloured scarves that can be donated to the music department. It would be preferable if they were one bold colour however any scarves would be appreciated. Thank you, Pauline Kreymborg



You're Invited...Grant Applying to help schools ...

To attend the **Whitsunday RADF** (Regional Arts Development Fund) **Community Consultation and Grant Application Workshop.**

When: Saturday 4th April and Sunday 5th April

Where: Whitsunday Regional Council Boardroom, Bowen on April 4 and Proserpine Entertainment Centre on April 5.

Time: 9am

What to bring: Pen, paper, application forms (if you have started filling them out or need help) and great ideas.

Application forms will be available on the day.

RSVP: Anna on 49461799 or Jody on 49450200 by Friday 27th March 2009.

AFL Volunteers – Expressions of Interest -NAB AFL AusKick

AFL is coming to Queens Beach in 2009. NAB AFL AusKick is an introductory program for primary school aged boys and girls and their families. In the weekly program (run for 8 weeks) you learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules and play football in a fun and safe environment.

We are calling for expressions of interest for parents and members of the local community to be involved in delivering the program in Queens Beach during term 2, 2009. All volunteers will receive an induction from AFL Queensland development staff along with an AusKick uniform. AFLQ

staff will coordinate the resources required and will promote of the AusKick program within local primary schools.

For more information and to forward your expression of interest, please contact Ryan Usher on 0424 156 248, 4951 0622 or email rusher@afllq.com.au

Creativity delivered to your door

As part of the **Year of Creativity**, you may soon receive a very special postcard from your child.

Sponsored by Australia Post, the *Launch your Ideas* project will give students across Queensland the opportunity to put their ideas, words and images on limited edition Year of Creativity postcards.

Students then mail their unique and creative postcards **free-of-charge** to family and friends.

The specially printed postcards will be handed out to students during class time by teachers who apply to be part of the project.

So – don't forget to check your letterbox during 2009 Year of Creativity (YOC).

It's a fantastic way to support your child's creative development and also gain a special keepsake.

To find out more about the projects, competitions and events throughout this year, go to the YOC website at www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au

Learning about length and measurement

From an early age, your child is taught about length and measurement in the classroom. You can share experiences in your home to help improve their numeracy skills. Explain to your child that the length of something is the distance between two points.

You and your child can measure the length of objects using different items as measuring units e.g. hands, fingers, feet, straws, paperclips, ice cream sticks or even pencils. Here are a few ways you can explore length with your child:

- during daily activities, take the opportunity to ask your child to compare lengths of different objects, or line up objects, such as shoes, from longest to shortest
- remember to keep asking questions using language such as 'which object is shorter, longer, lower, wider or thicker ?'
- encourage your child to compare the heights of people in your family or objects in your home. You and your child could create a height chart and record the height of visitors and friends and discuss your findings
- provide experiences and opportunities for your child to estimate length and get them to verify their estimations
- as your child learns about metres and other standard units of measuring such as centimetres, you can encourage discussion on estimating the lengths of various objects.

If you would like more information to assist your child in understanding length and measurement as well as improving his/her literacy and numeracy skills, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/