

7th May, 2009 (Week 3 Term 2)

Queens Beach State School

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

Event	Day / Date
Parade	<i>Each Wednesday 09.00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Area except 6/13 May for Naplan Practice and Testing.</i>
Tennis Tournament	<i>9-10 May Tennis Competition Community will use our grounds for weekend tennis.</i>
P & C Meeting	<i>Monday 11th May 7 pm in the Staffroom. All welcome. Volunteers for our annual school Fete are needed. Please support our major fundraiser for the year.</i>
Yrs 3, 5, 7 Tests <i>Please ensure attendance on these Test Days</i>	NAPLAN Test Dates 12 – 15 May 2009 <i>NB There will be no Religious Education Sessions on Wednesday 6th May & 13th May due to Naplan Testing.</i>
Walk to School Day	<i>Friday 15th May. A note will be sent home with information about this annual event.</i>
Anti-Bullying Show “The Magic Words”	<i>Friday 22 May – 2 sessions - 9 and 10 a.m. Minimal cost to families thanks to PCAP Support. Letter coming home soon. All students are to attend this session.</i>
Dress Differently Day	<i>Friday 29th May. Free Dress Gold Coin Donation to Autism Queensland. NB Free Dress Days are always an option for families.</i>
Under 8’s week	<i>15 – 18th June, Big Day Out – Thursday 18th June</i>
School Fete	<i>Saturday 1 August – Helpers needed</i>
Year 7 Dinner	<i>Monday 7th December</i>
School Watch	<i>13 17 88 Ed Qld Security has requested that we lock all gates each day.</i>

From the Principal:

Anti-Bullying Strategies

International research about bullying advocates that schools and teachers should always - keep talking about and addressing - every incident of teasing, excluding or annoying. As long as we are always reminding children about the ‘right thing to do’, we can reduce bullying to the lowest possible level.

My commitment to your family is that I will always investigate concerns that your child presents to me. Sometimes, children may be hesitant to report concerns to a teacher on duty, therefore we encourage them to tell their family, and then if you could report any issues onto us.

To ensure that children have positive experiences about values and manners, our school will have a presentation called The Magic Words for all classes about telling the truth, showing respect and using good manners. Last year, the students saw “Sticks and Stones” which was brilliant and well remembered. Our choir often sings the theme song from this production.

Tracey Street – Traffic Report

Parents report that they feel their children are safer as traffic violations have been reduced. Both Police and Education Queensland have asked schools to target these concerns in order to prevent future accidents.

Regards Mary Franklin

NAPLAN TESTS for Yrs 3s, 5s, and 7s

Next week, our students in Years 3, 5, and 7 will take part in the National Testing on Literacy and Numeracy. It is vital that children in these Year Levels attend on the testing days - Tues 12 May – Language Conventions and Writing; Wed 13 May – Reading; and Thursday 14 May Numeracy. Test times range from 40 to 65 minutes depending on the student’s Year Level.

Sports Report:

Soccer: Well done to our Bowen Soccer Reps. Good luck at the Whitsunday Trials on Friday. Aiden McConnel, Maty Jenkins, Zac Bakis, Zeldine Barnard, Hannah Bakis, Jaydan Mattingley, Toya Samuels and Ericka Inch.

Rugby League: Well done to Harry Hockings, Aidan McConnel and Jack MacDonald on making the Whitsunday Rugby League Team. These boys will attend a 2 day trial on the 17th and 18th May.

Bowen Touch Trials: are on the 19th May. Monday afternoon Club Touch is back on this Monday.

Cross Country: What a day it was for our long distance runners. Well done to the following students who have made the Whitsunday Team. Jaydan Mattingley, Tyra Power, Hannah Bakis, Kaleihla Querro, Sophie Putrino, Sophia Power, Susanna Connolly, Maty Jenkins, Cooper Cooper and Mackenzie Mathieson.

Morning Sport:

Monday 8am – Athletics Tuesday 8am – Touch
Wednesday 8am – Tennis Thursday 8am ARL Cup
Friday 8am – Softball

All interested students in Years 5, 6 & 7 should attend. Bring a spare shirt and water bottle.

Wanted: Tins to be used for musical instruments. These may include baby formula tins, milo tins and biscuit tins. Please send them to the music room. We need heaps!!!!

Families Update: Toys at School:

No trading of personal items at school.

Generally speaking toys are not appropriate at school. If, as a parent, you allow your child to bring a toy to school for the purpose of a “show and tell” activity, be aware that it is at your risk. Toys should then be left inside the classroom and are not to be played with at lunch breaks. This also includes any other valuable items, such as music CDs.

Jewellery (including expensive watches, ipods) should not be brought to school at all. The school is not responsible for any items children bring from home to school. Mobile phones must be kept at the Office during the day.

Remember that the prime purpose of being at school is for a formal education, not to play.

The National Assessment Program Update – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in four tests during this period – Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

The Language Conventions test will incorporate spelling, grammar and punctuation while the Numeracy testing will incorporate number, space and measurement.

The Year 7 and 9 Numeracy tests will consist of a calculator-allowed test, followed by a non-calculator test.

If your child is absent for school during this period, they will still be able to participate in testing sessions on Friday 15 May. Please contact your child’s school in this instance.

A brochure with more information about NAPLAN 2009 is available for download at www.naplan.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN09_WebsiteBrochure_v3.pdf

If you have any questions about NAPLAN 2009 visit the Queensland Studies Authority website at www.qsa.qld.edu.au/assessment/7972.html or contact your child’s teacher. There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

Talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class. Discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks, when you read together. Ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading. Encourage your child to write descriptive stories about something they have seen, heard or read about – who are the main characters, what are they trying to do and why, where is the story set and how will it end. Maintain a positive attitude about the tests. Ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests. Ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school please contact your child’s teacher. For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map

Cooinda Family Centre together with the Bowen

Community Council Inc.: Welcomes FAMILIES to Bowen.

You’re invited to afternoon tea at 3pm Saturday 9th May at Cooinda Family Centre, 20 Williams Street (opposite Repco). If your family has settled in Bowen in the past 12 months we would like to welcome you, introduce you to some of the great services that exist to support families and present you with a welcome pack containing information and vouchers for local businesses. RSVP to Cassie or Deborah 4786 3866 by Thursday 7th May. Sponsored by Whitsunday Regional Council & BEST Employment Services.

FOR SALE: 3 x Queens Beach State School Uniform Polo Shirts – Very good condition, size 6, \$12 each. Please phone Karen on 0438330447.

Netta Netball / Net Set Go:

Ages: Year 1 – Year 4 boys and girls.

When: Thursdays 5:00 – 6:15pm

Where: Bowen Netball Association Courts, Sporting Complex. For more information phone Tanya Gaudry on 47851450.

Bowen PCYC Activity Centre – May 2009:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1.5.2009	2.5.2009
				7-10pm YOUTH CAFÉ Canteen Open	
4.5.09	5.5.09	6.5.09	7.5.09	8.5.09	9.5.09
330-430pm WRC Youth Group	4-6pm PCYC 3on3 Basketball	3.30-5.30pm Sport N Rec Active Fun/Crime Prevention Comp	8am-12pm HPC Lighten up program	PULSE Disco 6-12yrs 630-930pm DJ, Games, Lucky Door Prizes. \$3.00 Door entry Canteen Open.	10am - 12pm Sport N Rec Mothers Day Craft
430-630pm PCYC Free Time		530-630pm PCYC Free Time	3-5pm PCYC Free Time		
11.5.09	12.5.09	13.5.09	14.5.09	15.5.09	16.5.09
Volunteers Week	Volunteers Week	Volunteers Week	Volunteers Week	Volunteers Week	Volunteers Week
330-430pm WRC Youth Group	330-630pm 3on3 Basketball	10am-1pm Girudala Antenatal class	8am-12pm HPC Lighten up program	7-10pm OPEN HOUSE Movie, Games Canteen Open Bring your Beanbag	10am - 12pm Sport N Rec P is 4 Paint
430-630pm PCYC Free Time		330-530pm Sport N Rec B is 4 Basketball	3-5pm Free Time		
		530-630pm PCYC Free Time	6-9pm HPC Lighten up program	\$2 entry	
18.5.09	19.5.09	20.5.09	21.5.09	22.5.09	23.5.09
330-430pm WRC Youth Group	330-630pm PCYC Slip N Slide V’s Water Kick Ball	3.30-530pm Sport N Rec Scenario-Scenario-Survive	8am-12pm HPC Lighten up program	8-11pm The Sound Cube DJ, Lucky Door Prizes Games \$5 non members \$3 for members	10am-12pm Sport N Rec Let’s Make N Bake
430-630pm PCYC Free Time		530-630pm PCYC Free Time	3-5pm PCYC Free Time		8am-3pm The Job Shop First Aid
25.5.09	26.5.09	27.5.09	28.5.09	29.5.09	30.5.09
8am - 3pm Girudala workshop	8am -3pm Girudala workshop	10am-1pm Girudala Antenatal class	8am-12pm HPC Lighten up program	7-10pm YOUTH CAFÉ Canteen Open	10am-12pm Sport N Rec Crazy Crafters
330-430pm WRC Youth Group	330-630pm PCYC Slip N Slide V’s Water Kick Ball	330-530pm Sport N Rec T is 4 Table Tennis	3-5pm PCYC Free Time		
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