21st May, 2009 (Week 5 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	***Each Wednesday 09.00 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Area.***
P & C Meeting	***Monday 15th June 7 pm in the Staffroom. Note date change due to Queens Birthday Public Holiday. All welcome.***
Anti-Bullying Show "The Magic Words"	***Friday 22 May – 2 sessions - 9 and 10 a.m. Only $2.50 per student thanks to PCAP Support. All students are to attend this session.***
2009 Fete Meeting	***Wednesday 27th May at 3.15pm A Block in the Year 5 classroom. Volunteers for our annual school Fete are needed. Please support our major fundraiser for the year.***
Dress Differently Day	***Friday 29th May. Free Dress Gold Coin Donation to Autism Queensland. NB Free Dress Days are always an option for families.***
Education Week	***First week in June. Book a tour of the school and its facilities with the Principal. Great for any parent or carer who hasn't had this opportunity before.***
Relationship Ed	***9&10 June 7p.m (see item) for venues.***
Under 8's week	***15 – 18th June, Big Day Out – Thursday 18th June***
School Fete	***Saturday 1 August – Helpers needed***
Presentation Night	***Thursday 3 December at McKenna Hall***
Year 7 Dinner	***Monday 7th December***
School Watch	***13 17 88 Ed Qld Security has requested that we lock all gates each day.***

From the Principal:

Green and Healthy School Competition

Our school will participate in the judging of the Green and Healthy Schools on Wednesday 27 May from 11.30a.m. – 01.30 p.m. We have 2 judges examining our projects ranging from our Environmental Club to Clean Beach Programs.

Did you know that we recycling food scraps, cardboard, and cans? Did you know that we produce solar power that goes back to the grid? Look at the solar panels on A Block Roof.

We also have mulch and compost as well as a wormery to improve the quality of our gardens. Tuckshop wastage is fed to the poultry which produce eggs.

Did you know that we have a Litter Buster Program which has reduced litter by over 50% in all areas. Well done, students and teachers, good luck with the judging.

Private Property across from School Grounds

The owners of this property have requested that cars and children do not enter this area. They are especially concerned for children's safety as large brown snakes have headed for the large trees following recent clearing and mowing. The Police will monitor this safety issue on our behalf.

Regards Mary Franklin

Sports Report:

Rugby League - Well done to Jack MacDonald, Aiden McConnel and Harry Hockings – NQ Rugby League in Proserpine Sunday and Monday.

Soccer - Congratulations to all those who made the Whitsunday Soccer / Football Team – Toya Samuel, Ericka Inch, Jaydan Mattingley, Aidan McConnel and Maty Jenkins.

X – Country - Cross Country Whitsunday Trials were held last Wednesday, well done to the following runners:

Jaydan Mattingley – 2nd – U/10 Tyra Power – 4th – U/10
Hannah Bakis – 3rd – U/11 Kaleihla Querro – 6th – U/11
Sophie Putrino - 1st – U/12 Sophia Power – 2nd – U/12
Suzanna Connolly – 2nd – U/13
Maty Jenkins – 2nd – U/10
Mackenzie Matheson – 6th – U/12
Tristan Grobler – 1st – U/13 Jake Morrell – 2nd – U/13
Cooper Cooper – 8th – U/11
NQ Trials on Tuesday – Good Luck!!

Touch Footy - 16 Students from QBSS were yesterday selected in the Bowen Touch Teams.

Tennis – Harry, Liam, Ryan, Jessie, Sophia, Phoebe, Arania and Natasha.

Relay for Life - Congratulations to Bev Douthett who won the "Relay For Life" Mothers Day Raffle and thank you to everyone who support our fundraising efforts.

Thank You - On behalf of our School we would like to thank **Coates Hire** for the loan of the pole saw to trim our trees and to **Bowen Earthmoving** for the sand for our Prep sandpit.

P&C News - This week, the P&C has provided our school with 36 new home readers at a cost of nearly $300. These books are well used within our lower school and are expensive so we urge parents to please ensure they are returned each day after use.

Our P&C has also provided 24 large bottles of sunscreen to our school. Each classroom now has a bottle of sunscreen for students use.

These are just some of the fantastic things our P&C does for our school. Please come along and support your P&C at the next meeting.

Celebrate School Cleaners Day - School Cleaners Day 2009 will be held on Monday June 15, giving Queensland state school communities a chance to formally recognise the outstanding contributions of school cleaners. Families are encouraged to acknowledge their efforts.

NAPLAN - Have your say on the Queensland Education Performance Review - Parents, caregivers and other members of our school community are encouraged to provide feedback on Professor Geoff Masters' recommendations for improving education outcomes in Queensland's primary schools.

His final report, *A Shared Challenge: Improving Literacy, Numeracy and Science Learning in Queensland Primary Schools*, was presented to the Premier of Queensland Anna Bligh and Education and Training Minister Geoff Wilson on 1 May.

Professor Masters' report contains five key recommendations to improve the performance of Queensland primary schools in literacy, numeracy and science.

They are:

1. That all aspiring primary teachers be required to demonstrate through test performances, as a condition of registration, that they meet threshold levels of knowledge about the teaching of literacy, numeracy and science and have sound levels of content knowledge in these areas.
2. That the Queensland Government introduces a new structure and program of advanced professional learning in literacy, numeracy and science for primary school teachers.
3. That additional funding be made available for the advanced training and employment of a number of 'specialist' literacy, numeracy and science teachers to work in schools (and/or district offices) most in need of support.
4. That standard science tests be introduced at Years 4, 6, 8 and 10 for school use in identifying students who are not meeting year-level expectations and for monitoring student progress over time.
5. That the Queensland Government initiates an expert review of international best practice in school leadership development with a view to introducing a new structure and program of advanced professional learning for primary school leaders focused on effective strategies for driving improved school performances in literacy, numeracy and science.

You can read the final report and have your say on the recommendations by visiting the Queensland Education Performance Review website at www.education.qld.gov.au/mastersreview
The consultation period closes on Friday 29 May.

State Education Week 1 – 6 June 2009 - This year, State Education Week will coincide with Queensland Day celebrations as part of the state's 150th anniversary.

Families are invited to visit the school during State Education Week and **have a tour of the school with the Principal and visit your child's classroom**. Please book a time that would suit your group with the Office.

Key events being held during State Education Week include the Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools when regional winners will be announced. State Education Week 2009 is an opportunity to recognise the amazing talent and achievements of our students and teachers and to celebrate the history of education in Queensland. For more information visit: www.education.qld.gov.au/community/events/edweek/index.html

Special Education Program - The Queens Beach Special Education Program and Bowen State Special Education Unit are holding four plant Stalls at the Hansen Park Markets during May and June. The money raised goes towards sending our students to the Challenge Games camp in Townsville in July.
The stalls are on 24th and 31st May and 14th and 21st June.
Hope to see you there!!!
On Friday 29th May we are having a Free Dress Day with the theme "Dress Differently"; please support this by getting your children dress in sun safe free dress and sending along a gold coin donation.
All monies raised are donated to Autism Queensland.

VALUES BASED SEXUALITY EDUCATION

9th June—12th June - Jonathon Doyle from Choicez Media will be in Bowen conducting presentations with students, teachers and parents from 9 June to 12 June. Jonathon will discuss a range of topics including;

- The impact of a sex saturated media culture upon the emotional, physical and relational health of young people;
- The growth and impact of pornography upon young people;
- Cultural pressure to be sexually active;
- Recent trends in adolescent sexual behavior.

***A bit about Jonathon**; Jonathon is a gifted communicator, with the passion and skills in motivating and educating people to make great choices in life. Jonathon has a particular interest in Values Based Sexuality Education, leadership training and staff development. In all he does he seeks to present the material in a dynamic and cutting edge way. This desire, warmth and down to earth personality makes him a popular speaker at major events throughout Australia and overseas.*

Parent Sessions - There will be two parent sessions;
Tuesday 9 June, 7.00pm—Queens Beach State School
Wednesday 10 June, 7.00pm—St Mary's School
Bowen school parents are invited to come along to either of these sessions.

Conveyance Allowance Assistance – Conveyance Allowance is an assistance provided by Queensland Transport to eligible parents/guardians who drive their students to school or to the route of a school bus.
There are several types of Conveyance Allowance available. These are determined by the type of school attended, distance driven to school or bus route and the type of school bus service (if any) provided in your area. Application forms with further details are available by calling into the Passenger Transport section of Queensland Transport in Endeavour Street Mackay or by telephoning 49518313.

For Sale – Wii – Legend of Spyro, Eternal Night. New game, never used, $40. Phone Cheryl on 47852425.

DISCO!!!!!!!!!!!!

PCYC Activities Centre
Cnr Williams Street & Leichhardt Street
Sound Cube Disco
Friday Night 22/5/2009
6pm to 10pm
Lucky Door Prizes, DJ, Games, Canteen Open
$5.00 non members
$2.00 members
No Pass Outs

Goin' Places Raffle - Are the North Queensland Toyota Cowboys your team? Buy a ticket and win a fully signed 2009 Cowboys Jersey – tickets at the office - $5.00 per ticket – all money raised goes towards assisting Kirby Darwen Amos attend the International Scholar Laureate Program in the United States in June 2009. All support is greatly appreciated.

Bowen High's P&C is currently undertaking a review of the day uniform. The review consists of three alternatives for both the boy's uniform and three alternatives for the girl's uniform. A sub-committee has been working on the proposal for eighteen months and has liaised with local and regional uniform suppliers to arrive at the alternatives. There will be an article in the Bowen Independent, about the options (with a colour photo) and the uniforms will be on display in the front window of the Council Chambers in Herbert Street, from Monday the first of June until Friday the twelfth of June. During this time, the P&C asks that you view the choices and register you preference of both the boys uniform and separately your preference for the girl's uniform. You can lodge your preference of uniform by either sending an email to the.principal@bowenshs.eq.edu.au or coming into the school office at Bowen High and completing a form. Please have a say in the future appearance of students at Bowen SHS.