

## 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 (Week 9 Term 2)

### Queens Beach State School

Ph 4791 3111

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

Event	Day / Date
Parade	Each Wednesday 08.55 a.m. - 09.10 a.m. in the Multi Purpose Area.
P & C Meeting	Monday 20 July 7 pm in the Staffroom. Note date change due to School Holidays / Student Free Day 13 July. All welcome.
2009 Fete Meeting	Wednesday 24 June 3.15pm. Volunteers for our annual school Fete are needed. Please support our major fundraiser.
Field Events Final 10 - 13 years	11.45 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. Fri 19 June Parents and Supporters are welcome to encourage all our participating children.
P - Year 4's only Free Dress Day	Friday 19 June - Donations of grocery items, bottle of anything or gold coins for the fete are appreciated.
Bowen Show	Holiday Tuesday 23 June
Athletics Day	25 June 10.45 a.m. - 03.00 p.m.
Free Dress Day	Fri 26 June. Whole school - bring a gold coin, grocery item or bottle of anything.
Winter Vacation	29 June - 13 July. Resumes Tues 14 July.
School Photos	Monday 27 July
School Fete	Saturday 1 August - Helpers needed
Presentation Night	Thursday 3 December at McKenna Hall
Year 7 Dinner	Monday 7 December
School Watch	13 17 88 NB We lock all gates each day.

### From the Principal:

#### H1N1 Influenza A (Human Swine Influenza) - students returning from Victoria

With the escalation of H1N1 Influenza A (Human Swine Influenza) in Victoria, the seven-day time-out period for school students, and early childhood and care centres has been expanded to include those coming to Qld from Victoria.

It means students returning from visits to Victoria will now face the same expectations for time-out as students arriving in Queensland from the United States of America, Canada, Panama and Japan, who are asked to observe a seven-day time-out before entering a Queensland school.

If your child is returning from Victoria, or planning a visit to Victoria in the near future, please contact the school to discuss ways we can minimise the impact on their schooling.

Our teachers will provide students with enough work and direction so they can continue their studies from home for the five days of school they could miss.

The best way all of us can help prevent the spread of infection this flu season is by ensuring that everyone in your household, and at school, practises good hygiene including:

- coughing or sneezing into tissues
- disposing of used tissues immediately after use
- washing hands frequently with liquid soap/ alcohol-based gel
- washing hands prior to and after touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

For important information for parents / carers about the time-out period and how schools are responding to H1N1 Influenza A (Human Swine Influenza), visit the Department of Education and Training website at [www.deta.qld.gov.au](http://www.deta.qld.gov.au)

#### Help us keep our school secure these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number - 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene, just ring 13 17 88.

#### Reports and Parent / Carer Meetings

Teachers are currently conducting Parent Meetings. If you wish to book an Interview please contact the Office. Reports will be distributed next Wednesday 24 June. You may receive your child's Report earlier if you are going on holidays or are having Parent / Teacher Meetings.

Regards Mary Franklin

#### Sports Update

Well done to Harry Hockings for his success representing Whitsunday at the Nth Qld Tennis Trials.

Well done to Darius Miller, Shaniah Power, Ericka Inch, and Toya Samuel for making NQ Touch Team.

#### P & C - Fete Update

A Free Dress Day will be held for Prep - Year 4's on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, due to the field events being run on this day, we ask the Year 5 - 7's come in their school uniform. Whole school Free Dress Day will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Gold coin donations are welcome on these days, however you may prefer to donate a grocery item or bottle of anything. We are now getting closer to our biggest fundraiser of the year and would like to ask for donations for the following:

- books for book stall
- items and bottles for bottle of anything stall
- any items for our white elephant stall
- pots / potting mix / plants / seedlings for plant stall
- Grocery items for the grocery raffle.

All items can be dropped at the Office and are gratefully appreciated.

Unlimited ride tickets (over 3 hours) will be on sale after the holidays, \$24.00 per pass, if purchased at the fete the cost will be \$28.

#### School Photos - Option to Order On-line

Advanced Life. - Ph: 47250 899(Townsville) 40518611 (Cairns) Townsville Fax: 40 518 711

Email: [cairnsoffice@advancedlife.com.au](mailto:cairnsoffice@advancedlife.com.au)

Dear Parents, We will be photographing your school on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

You will receive a Flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available.

Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope.

**Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.**

**Each student must have his/her own envelope.**

We have a new auto-mated system for payments by credit card.

You can go on line [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) for easy to understand payment instructions.

Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a "family order envelope" from your school & return it to the office. Sibling photo's can not be ordered online.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Your Team from Advanced Photo Cairns.

**Using Language Creatively** - Literacy involves using language to communicate effectively and to make meaning and sense of the world. Sometimes we are required to interpret and use language creatively, where words and phrases might be used in unexpected and unfamiliar ways.

There are many ideas you can try to encourage your child to use language creatively. These include: describing people, places, events and objects in unusual and unexpected ways, as is done in poetry, plays, cartoons and videos; locating ways in which other speakers and writers use language in creative ways, for example, puns and word plays in TV and magazine advertisements, rhyming and repeated sounds in picture books and reading the by-lines and captions in newspapers; discussing favourite sayings and creating new ones together ; sharing a love of language by talking about how language is used in different contexts and situations. Talk about your favourite poems, plays and stories and discuss with your child what you like about the author's

#### Childhood Injury Prevention in Mackay - **WINTER SAFETY**

With cooler weather approaching, the winter woollies, electric blankets and heaters, will soon be coming out of the cupboards. Now is the time to prepare for a safe and injury-free season.

##### Prevent house fires

Install electrical safety switches to protect against faulty wiring or products. Test every 3 months. Check electrical appliances for frayed or damaged cords. Replace or have repaired by a qualified electrician. Use power boards instead of a series of double adaptors. Keep heaters away from curtains, furniture, clothing, bedding and other flammable material. Check they are turned off before going to bed.

##### Survive house fires

Install smoke alarms, test batteries monthly, and replace annually, keep a fire extinguisher or fire blanket in the kitchen for small fires. With larger fires the priority is to save lives, have a fire escape plan that you practice with your children at least twice a year. Practice "**GET DOWN LOW and GO! GO! GO!**" and "**STOP, DROP and ROLL**" you're your children.

##### Prevent burns and scalds

Install guards around fires, heaters and stove tops. Keep irons and iron cords out of reach, choose low fire-risk children's nightwear styled to be close fitting and made of less flammable material, look for the fire risk label, closely supervise children at BBQs, petrol and other volatile liquids should not be used to light fires, keep matches and lighters out of reach of children. Think twice about using a baby walker. They enable children to move quickly into danger, and to reach hazards such as irons, heaters and fires. Queensland Fire and Rescue Service offer the following services to all Queenslanders:

*Safefhome Initiative* - local fire fighters come to your home assess potential fire hazards and to assist in developing a fire escape plan for your family.

*Fight Fire Fascination* - an intervention course for children with an unhealthy interest in fires.

Visit [www.fire.qld.gov.au](http://www.fire.qld.gov.au) for more information.

**The Education Tax Refund - Get 50% back**

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

#### Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following: Youth Allowance (student) aged 18, Disability Support Pension, ABSTUDY, the Veterans' Children Education Scheme, the Student Financial Supplement Scheme, a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004, an Australian Postgraduate Award, Independent students are also eligible to claim.

#### What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of laptops, home computers and associated costs - for example, internet and paper, educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs, stationery and art supplies, school textbooks and associated learning materials, trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

♦ Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit

[www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

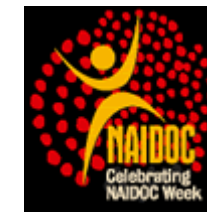
#### When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

♦ **Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.** If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

For more information:

- visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)
- phone the Tax Office on **13 28 61.**



#### NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Girudala Co - Op Family Fun Day - Honouring our elders, nurturing our youth. on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2009 12 - 5pm  
50 George Street Bowen

Free entry, food and activities, drinks will be on sale.

Try the bush tucker, traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dancers, Kids face painting and fence mural, live music, elders blessing, academic awards for local schools, time capsule and balloon release, displays and lots more.

**FOR SALE - 1 x 3 seater & 2 X 1 seater lounge suite, solid timber with floral tapestry cushions - \$300 ono, contact Melinda on 47851412 AH.**