

13th August, 2009 (Week 5 Term 3)

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 08.55 a.m. - 09.10 a.m.
P & C Meeting	Monday 14 September 7 pm Staffroom. Fete update next newsletter.
DISCO	Friday 14 August 6.30pm - 9pm \$2
School Opinion Surveys	Distributed to 40 random families and all students in Years 5 and Year 7 - 17 August
Arts Council Burri Burri	Tuesday 18 August \$6 per child
Bookclub	Closes Friday 21 August
Years 1 -3 Literacy Training	3 teachers will attend this week long Training in Literacy 24-28 August
Camel Cards & Calendars	ALL \$10.00 - Please have all orders at the office by Monday 14 th September. Monies raised will purchase seating for students.
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:

Great News for QB's Learning Improvements

Our school has been selected (along with six other primary schools in our region) to work with Mark Campling who is a leader in school academic performance. Mark is Principal at North Lakes State College in Brisbane which has 2 513 students. Mark is an inspirational guru in the area of explicit teaching practices to ensure improvements in students' learning. We are fortunate to have the benefit of Mark's wealth of knowledge and expertise.

This Learning Improvement Project will extend for 2 years with each school's Principal, Deputy, Head of Curriculum, and a teacher representative meeting with Mark each Term over the project's duration.

Although QB is proud of our academic successes, particularly in last year's NAPLAN results for the Year 5 and Year 7 cohorts, we are aware that there is more effort needed in the area of Year 3 Reading - particularly in Reading Comprehension. It will now be our challenge to intensively support the teaching of Reading Comprehension.

To ensure that the approach we use will be the best option, we will trial using intensive support in classrooms for Years 2 and Year 4 during this Semester to see if these efforts obtain the desired results when this cohort undertake the Naplan Tests in 2010 for Year 3 and Year 5 (currently our Year 2s and Year 4s).

This project is an exciting journey into how teachers and students can work smarter together and I am extremely confident that **we will make - not just good, but great improvements** in children's learning.

As you will appreciate, when we increase support in one area, then we will lose intensity of support in another area. My role as Principal will now re-focus on Curriculum Leadership and thus I will be working in classrooms with children and be less available to families during the morning sessions. You may therefore not have the 'immediate contact' with me as was the case in the past, yet I will contact you as soon as possible; or you may wish to communicate your concerns with our Deputy David Insch rather than wait for me to be available.

Thank you to families who have provided me with feedback in our School Survey with comments and suggestions on our current reading resources; reporting processes; and other learning matters as this information makes us consider how we can better improve learning in our classrooms.

If you would like to complete a School Survey, we have copies available at the Office.

During our weekly Parades, we remind children that they are here to learn and my job as Principal is to ensure that this happens. Please share with your child/ren that disrupting our classroom learning will not be tolerated and that suspension is an option being used more often in the future. If you have this conversation with your child then it will be unlikely that you receive a phone call from us about their behaviour.

Regards
Mary Franklin

From the Sports desk....

Good luck to our cricketers who are off to the Whitsunday Trials on Friday - Maty Jenkins and Aiden McConnel.

Good luck to our Softballers - Jaleel Querro, Toya Samuel and Stephanie Rudd who are off to the NQ Trials on the 30th and 31st August.

Seafood Raffle Tickets were sent out this week, last year Queens Beach raised the most money for Bowen Sub-District Sport. Go ahead and start selling, because the class that raises the most money has Mr Freeman for a day on the last Friday of Term with their choice of games...go ahead and set a challenge to another class!!!!!!

DISCO - Glow sticks and trinkets will be available for sale to help raise money for the all schools Touch trip to Brisbane, please support this event and help us raise much needed money.

HIGH JUMP CLINIC - 15-16th August 2009 - The Bowen Athletic Club is playing host this weekend to Cheryl Dixon, Level IV High Jump Coach. Cheryl will be working with members of the club on Saturday and Sunday to improve their skills in the area of high jump flop. Group 1 (11-13 year

olds/beginners) will attend Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9-12.30 with Group 2 (more experienced jumpers) attending Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1.15-5pm.

Challenge Games

On Tuesday 28th July a group of 34 students from our school, Bowen State School and Collinsville State School, all travelled to Townsville to compete in the Annual Challenge Games. We competed in events such as sprints, vortex throwing, ball games and Frisbee throwing. While in Townsville we also went to Pizza Hut, a disco and the Strand for a sausage sizzle.

Thank you to everyone that assisted us in fundraising for this event. Thanks also to Mr Oral Power and all our wonderful parent helpers who came along and helped us on camp. These fantastic helpers were Mr Mark Milligan, Ms Leah Mattingley, Mr David Wilson, Mrs Rowena Wilson, Mr Kelvin Morrissey, Ms Susan McLeod, Mrs Sam Doherty and Mrs Nadia Todd.

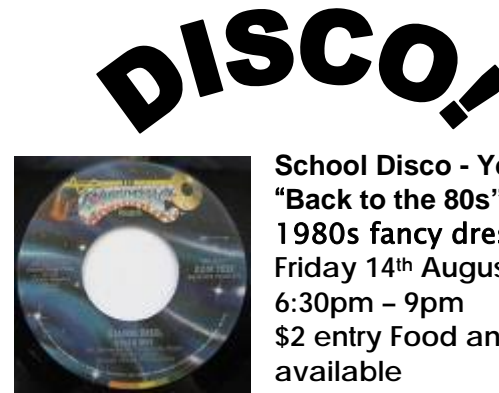
It was a great 3 day camp and we are looking forward to attending the Challenge Games again in 2010.

Fete Feedback -

Grocery Raffle winners:

1st - Wendy Dobe 2nd - Kaye Gannon

3rd - May Buffa Le Reve basket - D. Miller



School Disco - Year 7 Fundraiser
"Back to the 80s"
1980s fancy dress & music
Friday 14th August
6:30pm - 9pm
\$2 entry Food and drinks
available

TUCKSHOP UPDATE:

Thank you to the many families now ordering online, the response has been great and the feedback has been fantastic. If you are not already ordering online, please take the time to check it out at www.flexischools.com.au, it's very easy to do. Cut off time for online ordering is 9.00am daily and you can order in advance if you want.

Our new menu is in place and being well accepted, contact the Tuckshop if you require any more.

As the Tuckshop is becoming increasingly busy, we are looking for volunteers on Wednesdays from 9.00am to 11.00am as this is the busiest time of the morning...if we get a couple of ladies we can roster the weeks around.

REMINDER - RED DAY THIS FRIDAY 14/8/09, we will be offering the following:

1ST Break - Freddo \$1.20, Zings - 50c

2nd Break - Fresh Donuts - \$1.00 by orders in bags only please.

COMMUNITY NOTICE - Register Now! Pregnant and pampered afternoon in Bowen All expectant mums from Bowen and Collinsville are invited to 'Pregnant and Pampered'. Come along and meet other expectant mums and enjoy a free

afternoon filled with pampering, fun and well-being information on **Saturday August 22nd**.

The program runs from **12pm to 4pm** and includes free lunch, sample bag, lucky prize draw and pampering activities. Babysitting is available on request. This event is sponsored by Health Promotion Connections and is open to the whole community. **Ring Josephine Ferguson on 47861000 or Judy Adsett on 47865941 to register as soon as possible.**



It is that time of the year again - Winter is drawing to a close, and it's great to be outdoors exercising. On the weekend of 29th - 30th August you can rub shoulders

with some of the best Under 23 professional triathletes and put your own athletic abilities to the test, competing in either the

Fish D'Vine 11th anniversary Airlie Beach Triathlon (ages 14 upwards) or Ergon Energy "Kidzpower" Triathlon (all ages under 14) and/or The Open Water Swim, Team Sprint Swim Junior and Senior Beach Volleyball Challenge.

The Kidzpower Triathlon starts at 2.30pm on Saturday and has 3 age groups - under 8, 8-10 or 11-13 with different distances for each category. You can enter as an individual, completing the swim, cycle and run, or you can enter a team of 3 with 1 person for each leg. The course includes the Airlie Beach Lagoon and Broadwater Ave, which will be closed to all traffic. This event gets bigger every year and last year over 100 kids took part.

The Fish D'Vine Airlie Beach Triathlon starts at 8am on Sunday - consisting of a 750m swim off the beach, 20km cycle on Shute Harbour Rd and 5km run around the Bicentennial Walkway. Again, you can enter as an individual or as a team and the High School Team Challenge Trophy is up for grabs again, having been awarded to Proserpine State High School for the past 3 years.

Both triathlon events attract some fabulous random draw prizes. Don't forget too - The Open Water Swim and The Beach Volleyball challenge.....so get ready and get set go on the 29th or 30th August. It is also a great weekend for spectators.

Check with School Reception re Entry forms or for further information and online registration go to www.whitsundaytriclub.com or phone Wendy Downes on 4946 5256.

Junior Rugby Union - Fridays at the Mudcrabs field at the Bowen Sporting Complex - This is open to all boys and girls from under 7-8 upwards. Come down to the Mudcrabs field and learn to play Rugby like the Muddies do. More information: Reg Andison - 47851082.

PCYC DISCO

For Primary School age children 6 -12 years

Friday 21st August, 2009

6 pm to 8:30 pm \$2.00 entry fee.

Sausage sizzle, drinks & chips on sale.

Full adult supervision. Children will not be permitted to leave the premises until collected by a parent or carer at the door.

This disco is to raise funds for the Bowen Football players who have been selected to play in the Whitsunday Rep. Team in the Rod Legge Carnival in Mackay. The players are Logan Cross, William Buchanan, Alex Bradford, Ryan Pollard, Kyle Graham and Aiden McConnel.

Venue: PCYC, Williams Street, Bowen

Please contact Colleen Cross on 47861590 a/h if you would like further details.

FOR SALE - SUGAR CANE MULCH - \$10 per bale, please see the office if you would like to purchase some.