

**10<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 (Week 9 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.
Camel Cards & Calendars	ALL \$10.00 each - Please have all orders at the office by Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September. Monies raised will purchase seating for students.
Music Concert Evening	Thursday 17 September 06.30 – 7.30 p.m. in Multi-Purpose Area Gold Coin Entry. We will celebrate our Instrumental Music and Choir Achievements.
Free Dress Day	Friday September 18, please bring a gold coin donation, fundraising for Maty Jenkins – State Cross Country Champion.
School Holidays	Monday 21 September – 2 October
Student Free Day	Monday – 5 <sup>th</sup> October – Ministerial Student Free Day
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:**

#### **NAPLAN Testing**

Our results from the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (Naplans) will be published from Monday 14 September. Our teachers and students are always aiming high and looking for ways to improve teaching and learning in every classroom.

If you have a child in Years 3, 5 or 7, you will soon receive a Student Report from Naplan. Please see the following information about Naplan, if you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Our current goal as a whole school is to improve our **Reading Comprehension** achievements more than any other school in Queensland. We believe we can do it!

#### **Anti-Bullying**

Within the media, there have been many examples of school bullying. I would like to assure all families that our school takes a tough stance on bullying. As Principal, it is my first priority that every child feels safe at school. Families have been informed in Newsletters and on Parade that children who hurt others will be suspended, and also children who disrupt the learning in the classroom will be warned and if they continue will then be suspended.

If there is an instance of bullying at school, we will investigate this as we have access to all participants and if we can prove an incident we will follow with a strong consequence and often with a suspension. Please encourage your child to report all instances of

bullying as bullies rely on them staying silent. Please also encourage your child not to do the same behaviour back (e.g. swear, hit, punch) as they may have a similar consequence. Children are not to take the law into their own hands.

Our school has a number of programs to reduce bullying – Hands Off; Sticks and Stones; Magic Words; Responsible Behaviour Plan; Bully Busters.

Thanks go to families who have reported issues to us and I would encourage others to contact me or the class teacher to raise our awareness.

Unfortunately, some incidents occur outside the school in other domains (e.g. bus travel; club or sporting events; domestic violence). These types of bullying should be reported to Police, Community Agencies or Bus Company. It is still useful for us to be aware of any issues so do let the class teachers know.

#### **PCAP Update**

PCAP Projects have funded many opportunities for our students. Due to local government amalgamations, the boundaries have changed. There is a possibility that Bowen schools will no longer be included in PCAP funding. Our P&C A and schools have written letters of support. This change would result in the loss of many tens of thousands of dollars support to our learning programs. Please promote and support PCAP on our behalf.

Regards  
Mary Franklin

#### **2009 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy test results**

In May this year, around one million students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participated in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 14 September 2009, The Queensland Studies Authority, which is responsible for the administration of the NAPLAN tests in Queensland, will begin distributing results to schools across Queensland. Every student who participated in the 2009 NAPLAN test will receive an individual report containing their results.

This report provides a range of information about your child's performance on each of the literacy and numeracy tests. It also contains a detailed guide on what was assessed in each test and how to interpret these results. Parents and carers are encouraged to thoroughly read the report and the explanatory notes.

While these tests are important 'point-in-time' indicators or 'snapshots' of student achievement in literacy and numeracy,

the results should be considered along with other information collected by our school about your child's performance.

If you have any questions or concerns about NAPLAN testing, please contact the school office.

#### **Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities**

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury.

Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

#### **Yoga in the Classroom**

Year 1 students practise yoga every Monday morning with Donna and Sunny. As the children's confidence in the yoga asanas (postures) grows, so has their concentration and ability to absorb complex directions, as they learn the series of yoga postures.

The students of the Year 1 classes can all do Dog Pose, Cat Pose, Tree Pose, Child Pose and many, many other yoga postures, including a lovely long relaxation, Yoga Nidra, which we do together at the end of each yoga class.

If any parents are interested in joining the adults' class - Donna McLachlan and Gillian Power will guide you through an introduction to basic yoga postures.

Come and join us at the CWA Hall at 52 Herbert St in Bowen - at 10.30am on Tuesdays, and 5.30pm on Thursdays.

For Mums and Dads who still have little ones at home - we've organising a creche for the kids, while you learn yoga - coming soon. For those interested in creche and yoga, talk to Gillian on 47 86 6646. And for general inquiries about the yoga classes, call Gill on same number, or Donna or 4786 6148.

#### **TRUE BLUES / GOTCHA'S**

Congratulations and well done to all those student's who have been caught doing something great in our school, some of these special people have also been rewarded with our weekly prize from the tuckshop, they are:

Dekoda Pointer, Chantel Dyne, Bevin Querro, Kali Chidley, Logan Milliagan, Lachlan Maxwell, Ericka Inch and Hayley Dare.

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

With the holidays fast approaching, please look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please phone 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, don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call Education Queensland's School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.

#### **CAR BOOT SALE**

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
**9.30am to 12pm**

**Bowen State School**  
**(Gregory Street Oval)**

**\$10 site fee**

**Phone 4786 9555 to book your site**

**Fruit and Veg on sale**

**Donations gratefully accepted**

**Your trash is someone else's treasure**

**Money raised will support Bowen State School Opti-MINDS Team (Bright Sparks) trip to the State Finals in Brisbane.**

**Whos Chatting to your kids? -** A must for parents of children with internet access – for information about safe ways to enjoy the best of the internet visit the Australian Broadcasting Authority web site <http://www.cybersmartkids.com.au> and the Australian Internet Safety Advisory Board website <http://netalert.net.au>

**ASTHMA** – In the last decade, 13 Australians died from shark attacks. **3908 died from asthma.** Why are we so scared of sharks? – Asthma...do you know what to do? Contact the asthma infoline on 1800645130 or [www.asthmaqld.org.au](http://www.asthmaqld.org.au)

**Wanted...Expressions of Interest for Crossing Supervisor positions – please contact the office to register your details.**

