

8th October, 2009 (Week 1 Term 4)

Queens Beach State School

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

| Event | Day / Date |
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| Parade | Each Wednesday 08.55 a.m. - 09.10 a.m. |
| P & C Meeting | Monday 12 th October 7pm in the staffroom |
| Student Free Day | Monday - 19 th October |
| 2010 Prep Parent Information Night | 5 th November in the Prep classrooms |
| 2010 Prep Open Day | Friday 6 th November in the Prep classrooms |
| Active Afternoon Sport Break Up | Wednesday 18 th November. BBQ Sausage sizzle. |
| Disco | Friday 23 rd October - Fundraiser for Sports Stars. |
| 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:

Welcome back to new and returning families. Term 4 is a very busy and intensive Term. Please assist your child/children to remain focused and encourage them to understand that **every day of attendance counts** towards their learning progress.

Naplan Student Reports

The students who sat for the Years 3, 5, and 7 tests received their Reports on Literacy and Numeracy this week. In 2008, our school outperformed 60 -80% of schools in the Mackay Whitsunday Region with the Years 5s and Year 7s being very 'statistically solid' in their achievements.

This year, our Year 3 cohort have performed superbly in comparison with the other schools in our region, and also in comparison with the nation - remembering that our **Queensland children have had 1 year less of schooling** than the children in the other states. This age discrepancy will change as our 2007 Prep cohort move through the year levels.

Please remember that we cannot compare the achievements of 2008 with 2009 as these are different students with differing learning needs and strengths. Next year, we can then make comparisons for the Year 3 2008 results with their results in 2010 for Year 5.

As a community, we need to **celebrate the efforts and energy of our teachers and teacher-aides** who devote themselves to improving our children's learning as well as nurturing their well-being.

As a school, we are always looking at how we can do things better. We have joined a project entitled '**Growing Schools Performance**' for the next 2 years. We have an ambitious goal - that the improvement in the Reading Mean is more than any other school in Queensland for Year 3 and Year 5 and that this improvement is greater than the improvement shown across the Nation. Our staff members believe that with our focused energy, we can explicitly teach Reading Comprehension Strategies that will raise our student's achievements and ultimately provide them with more life options.

Lastly, **congratulations to all students** for giving their best attempts in the Naplan testing situation which can be very overwhelming for some.

Storm Surge / Tsunami Alerts or Warnings

The school has an Emergency Evacuation Plan in place if we are advised to leave the campus. We have a siren which let staff know to move students through the Marshall Street exit to Mt Nutt Water Tower. In the absence of any warnings, we move children onto the highest flat roofed buildings which will place them in a good position for being at the highest possible height above sea level. During an alert, we actively monitor radio, TV, Council Office, and the Bureau of Meteorology Website. Please phone us if you require any further information.

Regards
Mary Franklin

Chaplain Update:

Hi everyone, hope you had a great break and you are all excited about the 4th Term. Just a reminder that the Breakfast on Tuesdays at 7.45am will commence next week and the Prayer Group is on Wednesdays at 8am in the computer lab and everyone is welcome. Oral Power (Chappy)

Sporting Updates:

There is a lot of fundraising going on at the moment for our sports stars. Please support them where you can with their sporting ventures. Recently we had 2 rounds of footy doubles for the Grand Final Game, Paramatta vs Melbourne Storm - the winning tickets were - Homeside, five & Opposition, twelve. One has been won by Nic Jenkins and the other draw is unclaimed.

Active Afternoon Sport is on again for Term 4 3.15 - 4.15pm - Mondays for years 1-7's, Wednesdays for years 4-7's and Thursdays for years 1-3's only. The last day will be Wednesday 18th November for all years 1 - 7's, with a break up BBQ Sausage sizzle. During this term some days we will be walking to and back from the Wangaratta Bowls Club or the Queens Beach Tennis Court for our activities but all students will be back and collected from school at 4.15pm. If you require any more information or a permission form, please see the office.

Swimming - Permission notes were sent home this week for swimming lessons this term, the dates are as follows:

Week 2 - 15th-16th Oct. Prep and Year 4-7.
Week 3 - 22nd -23rd Oct. Prep and Year 4-7.
Week 4 - 29th-30th Oct. Prep and Year 4-7.
Week 5 - 5th -6th Nov. NO SWIMMING
Week 6 - 12th-13th Nov. Prep and Year 4-7.
Week 7 - Swimming Carnival 19th NOVEMBER. Year 4-7s only.
Week 7 - 20th Nov. Prep only
Week 8 - 19th-20th Nov. Prep and Year 4-7.

| Thursday | Friday |
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| 9:10 - 11:00 - Year 5/6F & 6T | 11:50-1:00 - All Preps |
| 11:50 - 1:25 - All year 4's | 1:00 - 2:55 - Year 7M & 6/7J |
| 1:45 - 2:50 - All year 5's | |

NOTE: Year 4s in Year 3/4 will be swimming with Year 4M.

Letter to staff members, and parents and carers of students in Queensland schools

Dear Parent, Carer or Staff Member
As you may be aware, a national program to vaccinate Australians to protect against Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 Influenza Virus, (Human Swine Flu) commenced on 30 September 2009.

The initial phase of the vaccination program is aimed at protecting people who are most vulnerable to severe complications from infection with the pandemic influenza virus. The Commonwealth, in conjunction with States and Territories, are strongly recommending vaccination for people aged 10 years and over who are in one of the following groups:

- individuals with chronic disease (eg. heart, liver, renal, lung, kidney, neurological disease)
- individuals with respiratory disease (eg. asthma)
- individuals with immunosuppression
- obese individuals with a body mass index (BMI) of over 35
- children over the age of 10 attending special schools (including students with special needs in regular school settings)
- Indigenous Australians
- pregnant women
- parents and carers of children aged between 0 - 6 months
- healthcare workers.

At this stage vaccination is only available to people 10 years of age and over. It is anticipated that the data from the clinical trials for children will be available late October. Vaccination for children will commence some time after this.

Although the focus is on protecting those in the vulnerable groups, the vaccine is available to all those wanting to protect themselves in the community. Should you have any questions or concerns about your or your child's eligibility for the vaccination, please contact your General Practitioner (GP).

I urge you to visit your local GP to receive a free vaccination to help protect against this disease. The cost of the vaccine is free, although GP's may charge a consultation fee. General Practice Queensland (GPQ) has advised that most GPs will bulk bill for consultations solely for the purpose of pandemic vaccination. If you require further information on how to obtain the vaccine, please contact your local GP or visit the Queensland Health vaccination website

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/vacc.asp>

Yours sincerely
Dr Christine Selvey
Chief Health Officer
Queensland Health.

Alabaster Box - We will not be silent Tour.

Originally from the Gold Coast, Alabaster Box is returning from the USA to rock with Aussies across the nation to officially release their latest album "We will not be silent". Their North Queensland Tour will be in Bowen, October 29th at McKenna Hall. Tickets are available at Civic Video or call 47851055 for more information.

INVITES ALL NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES JOIN TODAY
NIPPERS START THIS SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 9AM TO 11AM
ESPLANADE, QUEENS BEACH
ALL AGES WELCOME (PARENTS TOO)
CONTACT CHARLENE 47850200
0418355400
LEARN SURF SAFETY, RESCUE, FIRST AID, GO TO CARNIVALS, GET FIT AND HAVE FUN.
MEMBERSHIP- FAMILY \$15 (1 ADULT 2 KIDS)

Share Your Thoughts on Parenting

Share your thoughts and ideas about parenting and programs to support parents, as part of a project conducted by the Parenting and Family Support Clinic (PFSC) at the University of Queensland. We are looking for parents of a 2-10 year old child to complete a survey and view some short videos about parenting programs P. The study is available online at: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/engagement>. Alternatively if you reside in the Brisbane metropolitan area, you can complete the study at the PFSC by contacting Faye Nitschke (Email: faye.nitschke@uqconnect.edu.au or Ph: 07 3365 7307).

Wanted - Tall plastic containers eg. Flour or pasta type, please drop to office.



DISCO!



School Disco - Sports Fundraiser
Friday 23rd October
6:30pm - 9pm
\$2 entry Food and drinks available
Glow products also available.