

## Attendance

Our attendance target in 2016 is to reach 95%.  
Whole School Attendance Term 4: 90.8%

	Week 1	Week 2	Overall Term
Prep	92.6%	92.6%	92.6%
Year 1	91.5%	91.5%	91.5%
Year 2	93%	93.1%	93%
Year 3	88%	90.8%	89.4%
Year 4	87.8%	88%	87.9%
Year 5	91.1%	89.3%	90.3%
Year 6	85.9%	89.3%	87.6%

Congratulations to our year group winners.  
Week 1: Year      Week 2: Year 2

## School Wide Positive Behaviour

### Week 4 Focus:

All Areas	Learning Areas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be an active participant</li> <li>Whole body listening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be assessment literate</li> <li>Complete your work to the best of your ability</li> </ul>

WEEK 5 REWARD AFTERNOON: 4th November	WEEK 10 REWARD
Bell to ring early on Friday Early lunch and then longer afternoon of rewards Year Levels to arrange rewards	Students to catch bus down to the Front Beach. Spend time on the beach (flying kites/sandcastles /beach sprints/football) and have a picnic lunch. Walk to the pool for a fun swim and then bus back to school.

## Parent Feedback Form

Your feedback is valuable to us. Please provide feedback on how we can improve in the areas below.

What information would you like provided online? \_\_\_\_\_

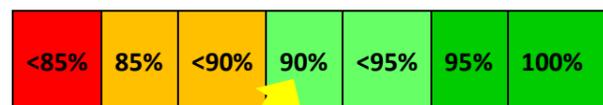
What online services would you like the school to have to communicate information? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to communicate our school priorities? \_\_\_\_\_

When would be the best time/day to hold a parent information session at the school? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to be able to communicate your opinions and suggestions to the school? \_\_\_\_\_

## Attendance Term 3!



Every minute of every hour of every session of every day of learning counts at Bowen State School.

## Student Absences

Parents and Carers are encouraged to call the office to report their child/ren's absences on 07 4786 9560.

At Bowen State school we are reinforcing our need to maintain high expectations and standards across all that we do.

# Bowen State School



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## Key Dates

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	24 October Bookfair  Life Education  Prep 2017 Parent Information 6pm	25 October Bookfair Breakfast Club – 8am Life Education Prep Open Day 2017	26 October Prep Interviews 2017	27 October Prep Interviews 2017 Special Education High school transition 1:30pm– 2.45pm	28 October Parade - 8:50am School Hall  Prep Interviews 2017
Week 5	31 October	1 November Breakfast Club – 8am	2 November	3 November Special Education High school transition 11.45am – 2.45pm	4 November Parade - 8:50am School Hall
Week 6	7 November Fun with maths	8 November Breakfast Club – 8am Fun with maths	9 November Fun with maths	10 November Special Education High school transition 11.45am – 2.45pm	11 November Parade - 8:50am School Hall

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Last week our school opinion survey data was published. As a school community we received fantastic feedback. The positive feedback that from our parent/caregivers was: that their child likes being at our school; their child feels safe at this school; that our teachers expect their child to do their best and our school is well maintained. We are extremely proud to share that 100% of our parents/caregivers believe that we have a strong sense of community and that we celebrate student achievements.

We recognise that there are areas of our school that we need to continue to develop and we are seeking the feedback from our parents/caregivers. In the newsletter this week (on the back page) is a tear off feedback sheet. To help us continue to improve as a school, we ask that you take the time to complete the feedback form. There will be a suggestion box in the office for returned slips.

Over the coming weeks, I will be focusing on transitioning all students across the school to their next stage of learning. For our Year 6 children, we will be working closely with Bowen State High School to prepare our students as they move from primary education to high school. Our Year 6 children will have the opportunity to spend time at the high school, learning about what changes are ahead of them. Next week we will begin working with our new students who will be joining us for Prep in 2017. We are extremely excited to welcome new families and students to our school, as well as continuing to work with many families who already currently have children at BSS. Starting school, graduating to a new school or simply moving from one year group to another means change, and with this can come excitement, anxiety, frustration or isolation. Please start preparing your children for this time of change by talking to them about what new challenges they may face next year. Term 4 is a busy one for everyone and I look forward to continuing working with you all.

Kind regards,  
Jemille Malouf  
A/Principal

BE A LEARNER

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

## Deputy Principal Message

I would like to say thank you to all the staff, students and parents for making me feel so welcome at Bowen State School. I am very happy to be working at such a wonderful school for the last term of the 2016 school year. I have been so impressed with the learning that is happening in all classrooms as I walk around the school. One area that I will be working closely with parents and the community on this term is attendance. All children should attend every school day. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school on every school day. Any time a student is not attending or participating in their educational program it is considered an absence and must be explained. Our school follows up if your child is absent daily with a phone call. We understand that children can become sick or that there could be family emergency, please advise the office if this is the case. I look forward to seeing every child at school every day in term four as we have many exciting things planned and we look forward to a fabulous conclusion to the 2016 school year.

Katie Cannell  
Acting Deputy Principal

## Achievers Award

Congratulations go out to the following students recognised as our 'Bowen Achievers' for following the school values; **being safe, respectful, responsible and a learner.** Well done everyone, you are all brilliant!

### Week 1 & Week 2

PA	Tai Nguyen
PC	Casey Forrester
1A	Tristan Tremain
1B	Hayden Papps – Stephanie Porter
1C	Kasey Holt – Macey Todd
2A	Jaxon Caswell – Shelby Boers
2B	Rashawn Watego – Bailey Davenport
3B	Ashlyn O'Keefe
3C	Kade Crowley
4B	Axyl Tremain
5B	Elly Fleer
6B	Jorja Finlay – Charlie Trewin



## Environmental Committee

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, our school's environmental committee and other interested students participated in the Reef Guardian Schools' Future Leaders Eco Challenge. We drove to Cannonvale foreshore beach to engage with a variety of eco themed activities. First we looked at the role Mangroves play at our beaches by investigating the type of trees and plants that grow there. Then we did a beach clean-up where we found lots of different types of rubbish including broken plates, plastic and over 800 cigarette butts! After morning tea we made bags out of old t-shirts to reduce the amount of plastic bags used and had a talk from the local rangers about what to do if we saw injured animals (Call 1800ANIMAL). After a delicious lunch we made our way to Galbraith Creek to learn about the importance of revegetation of trees near creeks. It was a great day, enjoyed by all.



**Bowen State School**  
Prep 2017

**PARENT SESSION**  
When: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
Time: 8pm  
Where: Bowen State School Library

**ENROLMENT APPOINTMENTS**  
When: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Where: Bowen State School Library

**OPEN DAY**  
When: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2016  
Time: 8am-1pm  
Where: Bowen State School Library

**PRE-PREP TRANSITION DAYS**  
For children already enrolled for 2017  
• Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - 10am-12pm  
• Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - 10am-12pm

## Story Time BSS Superheroes Save the Day!

One dark, stormy day at Bowen State School, Miss Malouf was walking around. She was greeting all the happy students as she click-clacked everywhere.

Something caught Miss Malouf's eye as she moved towards B4. She saw something with red eyes, big fangs and a black cape pop up behind her. It was a vampire! Miss Malouf screamed and ran towards B4.

The students in B4 (William, Blake, Brodie, Kingston and Jennifer) heard that scream. The B4 Superheroes got ready! William turned into Captain America! Blake turned into Superman. Brodie turned into the Hulk. Kingston turned into Batman. Jennifer turned into Supergirl.

First, Captain America said, "Get behind my shield, Miss Malouf!" Then, the Hulk was so huge, that the vampire became frightened. Batman and the Joker (Mrs Carter) used his gadgets to capture the vampire. Supergirl jumped between Miss Malouf and the vampire to protect her. Superman had garlic and vampires don't like garlic. The vampire turned into dust.

Miss Malouf said, "Thanks for saving me!" She gave all the Superheroes belts as rewards and 400 Gotchas each.



### Written by:

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# G'Day Asia

School Performance Tours will be presenting the show, "G'Day Asia", at Bowen State School on October 27<sup>th</sup> 2016. In this engaging introduction to Asia, students are encouraged to get up and participate in both traditional cultural ceremonies and colourful contemporary celebrations. Asian animals also make an appearance. No matter which country we are in, Mischievous Monkey will pop up to tell us "I've got relatives who live here". Elephant elaborates on life in India and Thailand and how she differs from her African cousins, while shy Panda and Orangutan tell how their small families need lots of friends, if they are to survive. This awesome foursome are joined by other more traditional puppets and masks from an Asia past.

With older audiences, wealth is discussed in terms that students understand. Will you pay a few, hundreds, thousands or ten's of thousands of the local currency for a burger and whether or not most children live in houses that have flush toilets, televisions and computers. This eclectic collection with its humorous stories, vivid imagery and loads of audience involvement is designed to leave your students with a lasting impression from the broad canvas that is Asia.

### **The cost is \$5.50 per student.**

Everyone is encouraged to attend, especially our older students. This show will be educational and entertaining for all.



## Congratulations

Georgia Gordon recently competed at the North Queensland Interschool Gymkhana in Townsville. She was the only prep student competing and rode against a competitive group of both grade 1 and grade 2. Georgia rode in six events and came home with 2 thirds and 3 thirds.

