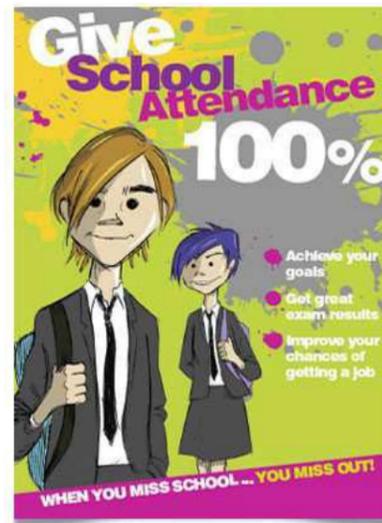


Christmas Concert



Rewards Day – Term 4



School starts back on Monday 23rd January 2017! We can't wait to see you.

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

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Key Dates

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	23 January First Day of School	24 January Breakfast Club – 8am	25 January	26 January Australia Day Public Holiday	27 January Parade - 8:50am School Hall - Yr 6 Leadership Positions for 2017
Week 2	30 January	31 January Breakfast Club – 8am	1 February	2 February	3 February Parade - 8:50am School Hall
Week 3	6 February	7 February Breakfast Club – 8am	8 February	9 February	10 February Parade - 8:50am School Hall

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant end to the school year we have had. This week, the children have been engaged in a number of events. On Monday we had our school Christmas concert. I would like to thank all the parents that attended to support their children. It was a wonderful day and I thoroughly enjoyed listening to all the songs that the children had learnt. Mrs Conway, thank you for a brilliant job organising and rehearsing for the big day.

We have also seen our students attend rewards days this week. I have spoken to many students and teachers who have told me what a wonderful time they have had down at the front beach playing games, having a picnic and then cooling off at the swimming pool. Congratulations must go out to our students, it is wonderful that so many of you have shown brilliant behaviour, following the four values of our school over the last 5 weeks. You are a credit to our school. Thank you to Miss Horvath and Mrs Insch for organising this event, it has been a brilliant reward for the students at the end of a hot term.

On Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of hosting our graduation evening for the Year 6 students. It was wonderful to be able to share this evening with the students, teachers and their supporting families, our students are a credit to themselves and all that they have achieved this year. To the Bowen State School Year 6 graduates. Well done on your exceptional time at BSS. I am, honored that I had the privilege this year to support you through your last year of primary school education. I can already see in you the successes that I know you will have throughout your lives. Keep on laughing, keep working hard, and work for something you believe in, something that inspires you. When you do, you will be most successful. Know that life is not fair and that you will fail often, but if you take some risks, step up when the times are toughest, face down bullies, and never ever give up – if you do these things, then you will be successful in life. Congratulations goes to you on your last days at primary school, follow your passions, continue to be leaders, and best of luck in your future.

As a school we have had many successes throughout the year. Congratulations to all our sporting children who reached sub-district, Whitsunday and state level. Academically we have performed brilliantly, with over 80% of all students in the school achieving an A-C standard in English and Maths. It gives me such joy to see the continual growth we are having academically at the school.

BE A LEARNER

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL

To our amazing staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for such a brilliant year. Our staff at Bowen state school believe in always doing what is best for the students. Your kindness and caring for our students is the reason that we have seen them blossom throughout the year. Thank you for being dedicated, ambitious and caring members of the Bowen State School team.

To all our families in our school community, I want to thank you for a brilliant year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Bowen SS and I am excited for what 2017 will bring. To our families that are leaving our school. Best of luck for the future and all that life brings. I am very pleased to inform you that I will be staying on as Acting Principal for Term 1 in 2017 and Mrs Katie Cannell will remain as our Deputy Principal.

Please stay safe over the holiday period, have a very merry Christmas and happy New Year and I look forward to see you all in 2017.

Kind regards,
Jemille Malouf
A/Principal

Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations to all our students for completing the first stage of their education at Bowen State School. Below are the various academic, sporting and citizenship awards for this year. Congratulations to these students.

The Bowen State School Boy and Girl Dux for 2016: Isaac Fellows & Teagan Insch

The class academic awards for 6A: English: **Isaac Fellows & Charlotte Baker**
Maths: **Isaac Fellows, Charlotte Baker & Rhiannon Marshall**
Science: **Isaac Fellows & Georgia Baker**
Technology: **Lachlan Smith & Rhiannon Marshall**

The class academic awards for 6B: English: **Rudolf Domingo & Teagan Insch**
Maths: **Rudolf Domingo, Teagan Insch & Taylah Martin**
Science: **Rudolf Domingo & Teagan Insch**
Technology: **Lachlan Altmann & Teagan Insch**

Academic achievement bursaries: Year 6A: **Charlotte Baker**
Year 6B: **Rudolf Domingo**

Academic merit bursaries: Year 6A: **Romeena Tablon**
Year 6B: **Emma Gellatly**

Music Award for Woodwind: **Taylah Martin**
Music Awards for Percussion: **Sayge Bannister**
Music Awards for Rhythm: **Chloe Smith**
Music Award for Brass: **Rudolf Domingo**
Music Excellence Award: **Rudolf Domingo**
Music Encouragement Award: **Lily Bartlett**
2016 School Captains: **Luke O'Sullivan & Angelica Namoa**
Rudolf Domingo & Teagan Insch
Samantha Tapim & Luke O'Sullivan

Athletics Sports Award: **Lachlan Altmann**
Cricket Sports Award: **Teagan Insch & Taylah Martin**
Netball Sports Award: **Luke O'Sullivan**
Rugby League Sports Award: **Taylah Martin & Jacob Dunster**
Soccer Sports Award: **Taylah Martin & Lachlan Smith**
Touch Football Sports Award: **Taylah Martin & Dallas Jones**
Cross Country Sports Award: **Taylah Martin**
Soft Ball Sports Award: **Zye Odd**
Sports Encouragement Award: **Samantha Tapim**
Sports Encouragement Award: **Nathaniel Kleinert**
Boy's Sportsmanship Bursary: **Georgie Rogers**
Sportsmanship Prize: **Emma Gellatly & Damon Todd**
Young Achievers Award: **Sayge Bannister**
Citizenship Award: **Meg Garrod**
Spirit of Bowen State School Award: **Meg Garrod**

Deputy Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our learning at Bowen State School continues right up until the last day of term – we have work to complete and our teachers are already looking at the first unit that will be taught in 2017 and beginning the groundwork for these. Every day does count at Bowen State School and we thank the 90% of our families for showing the value of learning through 90% or above attendance this term.

Summer holidays are approaching quickly. It is really important to keep up the regular reading habits that have been built over the year. When students come back from several weeks of holidays without having picked up a book, they often find it a little more challenging to rediscover their great reading behaviours.

Some tips to engage your children in reading over the holidays include:

Visiting the library

Visiting the library is like a book wonderland. Every possible genre, modern and classic are available. Children can borrow a number of books and when they have finished, return them to borrow new ones!

Mystery book

Often, much loved books from early childhood are put aside as children learn to read more 'exciting' and 'modern' texts. Try digging up some of these cherished books, wrapping them in brown paper (or any paper) and hiding the books around the house. As your child finds the book, allow them to unwrap and read the book together (or have your child read the book to you).

Reading to relatives

Holidays are usually a time for visits from family and friends. Try asking your child to read to a younger (or older) relative when they arrive.

Mrs Cannell

