

Attendance

Our attendance target in 2017 is to reach **95%**.
Whole School Attendance Term 1:

	Week 1	Week 2
Prep A	88%	83%
Prep B	95%	94%
Prep C	100%	97%
1A	96%	96%
1B	98%	97%
1C	81%	80%
2A	87%	92%
2B	85%	90%
2C	83%	95%
3A	94%	97%
3B	94%	97%
3C	91%	99%
4A	93%	100%
4B	91%	96%
4C	91%	93%
5A	97%	91%
5B	92%	88%
5/6C	91%	100%
6A	88%	85%
6B	92%	92%

Congratulations to Prep C, 4A & 5/6C, our Bowen State School Attendance winners!



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**.

Every day counts at school

The Department of Education and Training has a range of free resources to promote the importance of going to school, every day.

Research shows that school attendance leads to positive student outcomes, and can help children to build social and emotional skills.

The *Every day counts* campaign, developed with the input of Solid Pathways students, features popular footy players, including Johnathan Thurston, Sam Thaiday and Greg Inglis. Resources include an animation, comic book, dedicated website and online posters of the footy players.

Check out the resources and see if you can spot some of your favourite NRL footy players — visit the Every day counts

website (everydaycounts.eq.edu.au).



The government have agreed to continue the child dental benefit scheme. This means no out of pocket expenses for eligible children treated by a private dentist. Kylie's Family Dental Bulk Bill the Medicare child dental benefit scheme. If your children are due for their dental checkups, now is the time to access this scheme. The staff in our clinic pride themselves on providing a positive dental experience for children from a young age. This first dental experience is an ideal time to build confidence while supporting them through their development. Please call today to find out more on 47863589.

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Key Dates

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	6 February	7 February Parent/Teacher Session 8.00 – 8.30 & 5.15 – 5.45 Swimming Yr 1,3,4	8 February Swimming Yr 1,3,4	9 February	10 February Parade: 8:50am Year 6 GRIP Leadership Day
Week 4	13 February P & C Meeting 6pm in the Library	14 February Swimming Yr 1,3,4	15 February Swimming Yr 1,3,4	16 February Rewards Day	17 February Parade: 8:50am
Week 5	20 February	21 February Swimming Yr 1,3,4	22 February Swimming Yr 1,3,4	23 February	24 February Parade: 8:50am

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to say a warm welcome back to all our families for the 2017 school year. Our school is a brilliant place and I would like to welcome all our new families and staff. We have had a brilliant start to the school year and I would like to say a huge congratulations to all our students for coming into the new school year ready to learn. I am very proud of all our students and how they have transitioned into their new classes.

Our 2017 School Improvement Plan features raising achievement in English and Maths, Reading and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). The leadership team will be hosting a coffee and cake session in the library on Tuesday 7th February at 9am and 4:30pm to introduce the school leadership team and to explain our key priorities and vision for the 2017 school year.

On Monday we had our first P and C meeting for the year. We are looking to build our P & C committee, which is a group of volunteers, as they provide an excellent service to our school by organising and raising money for the school through fundraising. All monies raised through fundraising, Tuckshop and other initiatives contribute to our school and benefit every student. We all have something to contribute no matter how big or small this may seem. If you would like further information on how you can assist, please speak with your child's class teacher, front office, Deputy Principal or a member of the P and C.

If you have not joined our Facebook page yet, please find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/BowenStateSchool>. We have had an overwhelming response through "likes" and "shares" to the posts that are put up on our school page. It has been such a positive way for our school community to celebrate all the brilliant things that are going on at Bowen State School. You can also stay up to date with what is happening in our school through our school website. <https://bowenss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx>. I look forward to a great year ahead and sharing with you all the success that we have.

Kind regards,
Jemille Malouf
A/Principal

QSchools

The QSchools app lets you connect with your state school to get up-to-the-minute information including:

- Push notifications and emergency announcements
- Newsletters and documents
- Calendar events and news
- Social media feeds

This is available for FREE download from iTunes Store, Google Play, Windows Store and Windows Phone Store. Visit <http://qld.gov.au/QSchools>



**We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land
– the Juru people.
We pay our respects to elders both past, present.**



Deputy Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! My name is Mrs Katie Cannell and I am continuing in the role of Acting Deputy Principal. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families – those joining us for Prep this year as well as joining our school in other year levels. Welcome to our great school!

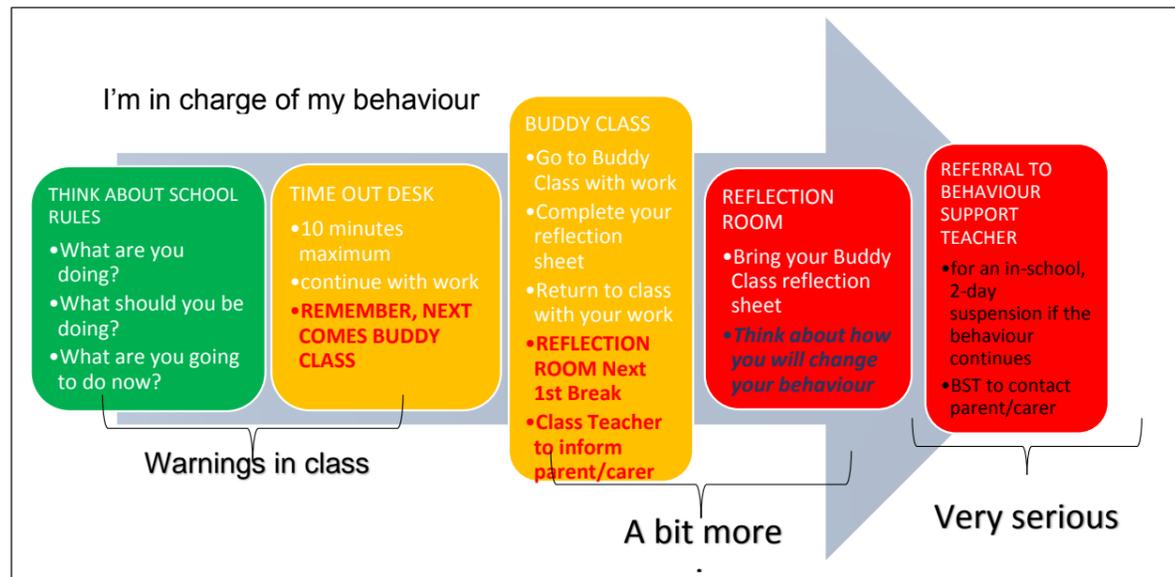
I have been walking through the school every morning and afternoon speaking with children and parents and I am impressed with how settled all the classes are back into routine. Our staff were prepared and ready to go Monday morning of the first week after attending 3 days of professional development in the last week of the school holidays – planning and preparing the wonderful work and learning opportunities for the children at our school. Have a wonderful fortnight

Katie Cannell
A/Deputy Principal

Behaviour Bulletin

Hi everyone! Mrs Maltby here, and I just wanted to take a minute to introduce myself and talk a little bit about my new position at Bowen State School in 2017. I've been working at BSS since 2010 as a teacher in the SEP. This year, I'm really excited to be the school's Behaviour Support Teacher. As BST, I've visited most classrooms already to speak about how important behaviour is in school. I think students are becoming a little more familiar with the behaviour process (see below) we have adopted to ensure all students have the best chance of success in every area. If students are having a bit of a struggle with making the right behaviour choices, that's where I step in and help give some suggestions and some direction. So far, it has been a fantastic start to the 2017 school year, and students have been making great choices! I hope I don't have to contact you as a parent or carer, but if I do, don't be alarmed. I hope we can work together to ensure your child has a great beginning to the 2017 year. If you have any questions, please ring the school to book an appointment to see me or email me at amalt4@eq.edu.au.

Andrea Maltby
Behaviour Support Teacher



Does your child require medication during school hours?

If your child requires medication while at school, please ensure you request an *Administration of medication record sheet* from our office. You will also need to provide the school with the prescription-labelled medication in the original packaging with clear directions for its use.



Brilliant Learning at Bowen State School

<p>Prep A</p>	<p>In Prep this term we are going to be choosing a favourite story and talking about it. We have started by reading "The Magic Hat" by Mem Fox and learning the basic concepts of print - title, author, illustrator, where we start to read the story and discussing the illustrations. To help with sharing the story with our classmates, we have been talking about the characters and events in the story as well as giving an opinion – what we like and do not like about the main character. The children did a "magic hat" collage and discussed what would happen if it landed on their heads. They are gaining confidence as they share their ideas.</p>	
<p>Year 1A</p>	<p>We have had a fantastic start to 2017 in Year 1A! We started our year learning all about Australia. We looked at our different flags and made our own to take home. We discussed different types of Australian animals then wrote about which animal we would like to be for a day. On Friday we made our very own koala masks. Don't we look great!</p>	
<p>Year 2A</p>	<p>Year 2A have made a great start to their year. In Maths, we have been practising our counting skills, Maths facts and problem solving skills. We always try and use concrete objects (counters, paddle pop sticks, bead strings and MAB blocks) to help us. This week we used counters on a 120 board to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. It was interesting to see the patterns we made when we counted. We have also been practising our Maths Facts by doing warm-ups every day. Problem solving is an important part of our Maths lessons and we have been learning how to use a think-board to answer problems.</p>	
<p>Year 3A</p>	<p>Year 3 students are currently learning how to express their opinion in writing. They have been discussing their points of view on topics such as homework, sports and pets. To help students edit their work, we have been utilising smart-board technology to display student work on the board. Students have enjoyed seeing their writing on the big screen and contributing to making corrections and improvements.</p>	
<p>Year 4A</p>	<p>Students in 4A wrote in the shapes of things why they believe Australia is the Lucky Country. They believe Australia is the Lucky Country because of the beautiful beaches and animals such as the kangaroo, emu and koala. They also believe Australia is friendly with no wars but most importantly they believe Australia has the best pies.</p>	
<p>Year 6A</p>	<p>Welcome back to everyone! I hope your children have enjoyed the start of the year as much as I have. This unit in Maths we will be looking at number and chance and data, and in English we will be analysing and creating short stories. Don't forget that our Yr. 6 leadership day is on Friday of Wk. 3 at the PCYC all day. It has been a great start to the year, let's keep it up!</p>	

