



# Bowen State School School Newsletter

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## Key Dates

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5	20 February	21 February Swimming Yr 1,3,4	22 February Swimming Yr 1,3,4 School Banking Red Food Day	23 February	24 February Parade: 8:50am
Week 6	27 February	28 February	1 March Bowen Sub District Rugby League Trials - Rugby Trials for Boys turning 11 or 12 School Banking	2 March	3 March Parade: 8:50am
Week 7	6 March Bowen Sub District Tennis Trials	7 March	8 March School Banking	9 March Bowen Sub District Netball Trials- girls ages 10-12	10 March Parade: 8:50am

## Attendance

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

	Week 3	Week 4
Prep A	85%	80%
Prep B	97%	97%
Prep C	99%	97%
1A	96%	91%
1B	95%	86%
1C	92%	85%
2A	87%	90%
2B	90%	85%
2C	91%	90%
3A	96%	87%
3B	98%	94%
3C	91%	88%
4A	89%	88%
4B	93%	86%
4C	93%	91%
5A	92%	87%
5B	90%	84%
5/6C	92%	93%
6A	98%	89%
6B	93%	87%

Congratulations to **PC**, 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](http://everydaycounts.eq.edu.au)).

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last fortnight has seen some excellent success in the classroom. I have been extremely impressed with the learning that is happening in all our classroom and how well the students are applying themselves to the work that they are doing. We have had a focus on bookwork this year and how students are taking pride in their learning in their books. It has been great to see that students have been applying the expectations – using their best handwriting at all times, using a tuler to neatly draw margins, ensuring that all work is dated.

Our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP for 2017 was presented at our recent Parents' and Citizens' Meeting. In 2017 our three core priorities are Reading (every student progressing), 85% of our students achieving a C or better in English and Maths and Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL). All three of these areas at our school have been well resourced through our general grant money and Investing for Success. Our Investing for Success program will be discussed at our next P & C meeting, which is the 13<sup>th</sup> of March at 6pm in the Library.

We have also been advised by our Regional Facilities Manager that Bowen State School has received funding to refurbish our Upper G Block teaching and learning spaces. This is a brilliant opportunity for our school classrooms to be upgraded and targeted towards our teaching. Parents will be advised in a letter once a start date has been finalised of any temporary classroom changes during this refurbishment is being completed.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our teacher meet and greet session. I thank our teachers for opening up their classrooms and sharing the wonderful opportunities our students will have with their learning in 2017. I look forward to continuing to work with all our families over the 2017 school year.

Kind regards,  
Jemille Malouf  
A/Principal

## Well done to our Achievers!



Red Food Day is on Wednesday the 22nd of February. Pre-order forms have been sent home and online ordering through flexi schools is also available. Please note that the normal tuckshop menu is still available on Red Food days.



## 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,

It has been a pleasure over the past week to see so many happy student faces moving around our school. This term promises to be another great term where we can work with you in close partnership to see each and every student reach and exceed their potential in all areas of school life they exceed their potential in all areas of school life they experience.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Parent/Teacher Meet and Greet sessions. It was a wonderful session and I am looking forward to working with you this term.

Have a great fortnight.

Katie Cannell  
A/Deputy Principal

## Triple P positive parenting

Triple P ([www.triplep-parenting.com](http://www.triplep-parenting.com)) has lots of different ways parents and carers of kids and teenagers can get free support. All families are different, so if you are looking for a little bit of help or a lot, or something in between, you can register for seminars and groups or arrange one-on-one support. Just follow the links on the website.

## Search for a Safety Star competition

Seqwater is encouraging and celebrating safety at local dams, lakes and parks this summer, with their Search for a Safety Star competition.

Entry is easy — simply take a #safey — a photo of yourself playing it safe in the great outdoors.

The #safey photo can be with family, friends, a sporting team or community group. But remember, you must be having fun and playing it safe for your entry to count!

The more your #safey relates to the safety tips on [Seqwater's website](http://www.seqwater.com.au) (<http://www.seqwater.com.au>), the greater chance you have of winning a \$5000 BCF gift card or aGoPro.

Enter [online](http://www.safey.com.au) ([www.safey.com.au](http://www.safey.com.au)).



### 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

### Year 6B

Year 6B have wasted no time getting down to a productive 2017. To date a large number of students have nominated for and gained leadership positions within the school. My thanks to you all for making a commitment to assisting your school.

Within the class, the students have had the opportunity to develop their engineering skills through group discussion, planning and building a paper tower and a spaghetti tower. All students cooperated and worked very well together.



### Prep B

#### Little Scientists

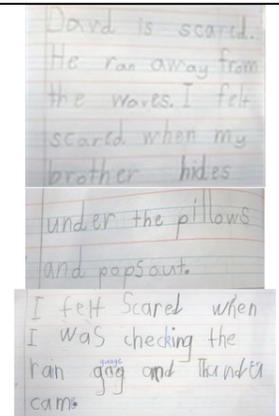
In Science this term our class is learning about living things and what they need. We have been using our five senses to learn about living things and we are having fun being 'little scientists'. We know that living things can move, grow, breathe and reproduce.

Our class has enjoyed lots of interesting activities, like exploring the playground to find any living things – we found bugs, ants, trees, bushes, birds, butterflies and a lizard. At another time, some students were blindfolded and used only their sense of smell to identify items such as limes, shallots, detergent, vegemite and peanut butter. We have used magnifying glasses to have a closer look at the features of living things.



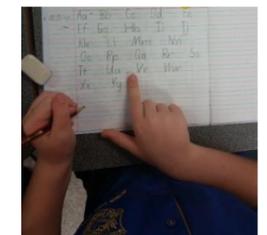
### Year 1B

Year One students have been looking at how characters in stories are feeling, and then making a personal connection with that character. We read *There's A Sea In My Bedroom* and these are some connections students made.



### Year 2B

This term, students have been focussing hard on their handwriting skills. Coming into Year 2, there is a size difference in the lines that students write in – the lines are closer together, requiring students to adjust the size of their writing. Each week students have a handwriting lesson where they practice correct letter formation and placement between the red and blue lines, writing numbers, and writing and punctuating sentences.



### Year 3B

Kenny the Mango from Bowen Tourism was the special guest at 3B's launch of Crunch and Sip. This program is designed to provide students with an opportunity to have a nutritious snack and water break to assist their learning. 3B students are trying the program for the first time in Term One to see if they can fit the break into their program and tell others of the benefits.

Students got to taste test a variety of vegetables and fruit the parents help cut up and talk to Kenny about the different colour fruits and vegetables they would see in their class.



### Year 4B

In 4B have been having fun creating realistic drawings of apples. We are so proud that they look like *real* ones. Come on in and look at our gallery.



BE A LEARNER

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL