



Bowen State School School Newsletter

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Key Dates

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
Week 8	13 March BSS Interhouse Cross Country Trials P&C Meeting	14 March	15 March School Banking	16 March	17 March

Attendance

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

	Week 3	Week 4
Prep A	91%	88%
Prep B	100%	98%
Prep C	96%	94%
1A	92%	89%
1B	99%	91%
1C	87%	90%
2A	97%	97%
2B	85%	91%
2C	90%	90%
3A	96%	94%
3B	97%	95%
3C	97%	96%
4A	98%	93%
4B	90%	95%
4C	96%	96%
5A	92%	86%
5B	87%	84%
5/6C	95%	90%
6A	97%	96%
6B	94%	91%

Congratulations to **PB**, 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).

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to all our teachers, students and families in a brilliant first 6 weeks of term. It has been such a pleasure to see how the students have progressed in their learning since the beginning of the school year. This week your children will have started their first unit of work which will go towards their end of semester result. The teachers have been released from class to participate in planning and data conversations with their colleagues. These sessions are extremely important for teachers as they develop the overall learning intention and success criteria for each unit of learning. This is crucial in our teaching as it is used throughout every lesson to teach children what they are learning, why they are learning it and how they can self assess themselves against the success criteria to see if they have been successful. I would like to thank all our teachers for all their hard work and dedication that they show every day to our students and their learning.

This week I have been away at the 2017 Principals' Conference on the Gold Coast. Over 1200 Principals from across Queensland State Schools have come together at this conference to learn from leading educational experts from across the world. It has been an extremely motivating conference and I have been fortunate enough to already hear from Professor John Hattie, Professor Douglas Fisher and motivational speakers Corporal Mark Donaldson and Liz Ellis.

I look forward to returning and sharing this knowledge with our school leadership team and staff.

Kind regards,
Jemille Malouf
A/Principal

Well done to our Achievers!



School Banking is every **Wednesday**. Please ensure children's banking books are given to the classroom teacher on **Wednesday** mornings before school. Banking books are not to be taken to the office.



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,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful fortnight. There have been lots of different activities happening around our great school over the past couple of weeks. Last week the children were all involved in assessment week across the whole school. The children participated wonderfully and all tried their hardest. Last week we also had Luke from Cricket Queensland come and visit our school and run workshops with the children in Year 1 to Year 6. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and learnt lots about the game of cricket. This week I will be attending the Deputy Principal's conference in Brisbane on Friday and the following Monday. I am looking forward to hearing for a variety of different speakers at this event and sharing what wonderful things are happening at our great school. Just a reminder that we have a Facebook page for our school. If you haven't "liked" our page yet please do so. It is a wonderful platform for us to share the exciting work and activities that has been happening around the school. Have a great week everyone!

Katie Cannell
A/Deputy Principal

Book Fair is coming!

20 -24 March - Bookaneer Book Fair - Where the books are the treasure!

Family Competition

The pirate has lost his hat, scarf and sword. You and your family are to make one of these items using paper or cardboard. Bring your entries to the library on Thursday 16 March.

Prizes: There are 4 \$15 vouchers to be used at this Book Fair.



Let's 'stand together' against bullying and violence!

Our school is proud to say 'Bullying. No Way!' On Friday 17 March we will stand united with schools across Australia for the 2017 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Taking a stand together will deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is never okay.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to have open and honest conversations with their children about bullying in all forms.

To get the discussion started with helpful information and tips visit the Bullying. No Way! website (www.bullvinanoway.gov.au)

Brilliant Learning at Bowen State School

Year 5B

5B have been busy in Science extending their knowledge on the behavioural and structural adaptations of creatures. This term they are creating their own fictional creature that is able to survive in a desert and rainforest type environment. Students have studied real animals both native and introduced, and analysed the adaptations they have made or how they have adjusted over time. Students are skilfully developing these creatures electronically on the computers and are enjoying letting their creative side loose!

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Prep C

Our class is learning to blend sounds to say the word (p-i-n > pin). We play a game called, 'What is in the hat?' We are also learning to segment a word into the sounds we hear (nap > n-a-p). We write the sound lines and numbers for the sounds we hear on our whiteboards. Both blending the sounds and segmenting the word into the sounds is part of phonemic awareness. We need to be able to do this to help us learn to read and write.



Year 1C

1C have been discussing facial expressions, gestures and words that authors and illustrators use for their characters in picture books. During art, we made our own surprised faces by drawing our faces and blowing paint for our hair."



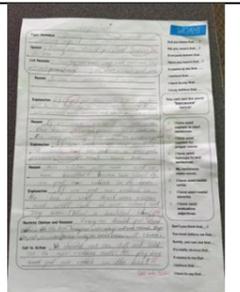
Year 2C

We have had a fantastic start to 2017 in 2C! In science we are learning all about materials and their properties. We have sorted different materials and labelled them using their properties. We have also completed a science experiment using marbles to identify which materials are strong. We will use all this information to help us complete our task and create a lunch box.



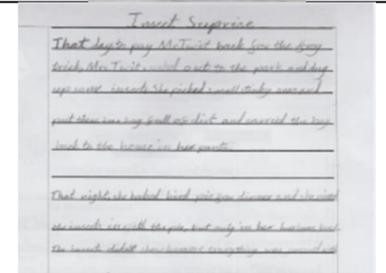
Year 3C

So far this term, 3C have been analysing persuasive texts in English and working on three-digit place value in Maths. We have been working on gaining a better understanding of how to give an opinion and different reasons to persuade the reader to support the author's point of view. In Maths, we have been utilising a lot of visual and concrete materials to help us better understand the concept of place value.



Year 4C

Over the last 5 weeks, 4C has been busy learning how to write a new chapter for the Twits. To achieve this, they were immersed into how Roald Dahl writes and looked at a variety of language features to make their writing more entertaining and interesting. The new chapter was called Insect Surprise, which included noun groups, verb groups, text connectives, prepositional phrases, speech and followed a narrative structure. We are really proud of the work completed and our chapters are fantastic!



Year 5/6C

In 5/6C this term, the Year 6 students have been working hard in Maths to understand transport timetables and the travel costs associated with going to a rodeo. The Year 5 students have been crunching the numbers to solve 3 digit multiplication sums and fractions.



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BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL