



Bowen State School School Newsletter



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Attendance

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

	Week 6	Week 7
Prep A	86%	87%
Prep B	96%	90%
Prep C	98%	98%
1A	90%	87%
1B	96%	96%
1C	86%	89%
2A	93%	88%
2B	89%	89%
2C	94%	93%
3A	90%	88%
3B	97%	95%
3C	91%	94%
4A	93%	92%
4B	87%	89%
4C	96%	98%
5A	93%	87%
5B	84%	83%
5/6C	91%	88%
6A	97%	98%
6B	95%	96%

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).

Key Dates

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	20 March Book Fair	21 March Book Fair	22 March Book Fair School Banking	23 March Book Fair	24 March Book Fair
Week 10	27 March	28 March Bowen Sub District Cross Country	29 March School Banking Seed Grow Show	30 March	31 March Parade: 8:50am

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. We have our 4 rules in place and our matrix of expected behaviour and our students are doing an excellent job, we should all feel proud. This week we are taking a stand against bullying.

What can we do?

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

1. Listen to them carefully and to the whole story.
2. Reassure your child they are not to blame.
3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do.
4. Contact the school.
5. Check in regularly with your child.

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the **Bullying. No Way!** website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing and managing bullying. Thank you being a part of our school parade this week which was themed around key messages **"Take a Stand Together: National Day of Action for Bullying"**. Today students were able to stand up against bullying and took a pledge to stamp our bullying in our school. We also had a whole school parade, where students signed their own hand print against bullying and we stood together as a school to say our pledge. This was a brilliant parade and really brought our school together as a community.

On Monday, the P & C held their yearly AGM. At this meeting our new P & C committee was elected. I would like to congratulate; Matthew Bath (President), Michelle Wright (Treasurer) and Tanya Rowe (Secretary). I am looking forward to continuing to work with the P & C throughout the year.

This week has been a very busy one. On Monday we held our cross country for Year 4,5 & 6, we had rewards day yesterday, where students had the chance to 'buy into' the disco or movie and today we had our weekly parade to celebrate the achievements of all our students. Next week on Tuesday, we have our Harmony day breakfast at school from 8am and we are also asking the students to wear purple and donate a gold coin to raise money for the Brain Cancer Foundation. On Friday we will hold our Harmony day Parade, at 8:50am, in the school hall. We ask that children dress in traditional clothing from their family culture or wear orange, which is the Harmony Day colour.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

Kind regards,

Jemille Malouf
A/Principal

Well done to our Achievers!



Easter Egg-stravaganza Raffle Bowen State School P & C Committee

We are asking families for donations of Easter treats (Easter eggs / bunnies etc.) to put towards our Easter Basket raffle which will be drawn the last day of term at the Easter Bonnet Parade.

Please bring any donations to the school office by Wednesday 29th March. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you



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,

On Tuesday, I was fortunate enough to attend our North Queensland Regional Deputy Principal Conference in Townsville. There were Deputy Principals from all over North Queensland. Together we worked on the improvement agenda for our region. This included working collaboratively to improve student results across all of our region not just our school. It was an exciting learning opportunity and I am looking forward to bringing back what I learnt to our school.

Last week we were fortunate to have the NRL Rugby League Clinic at our school for children in Year 1 to Year 6. All children had a wonderful time and learnt lots of skills related to the game. We would like to thank Miss H for organising this event for our children.

Last week on parade we introduced a new award for attendance. We now have a weekly award for the class with the highest attendance for the week. This award is in addition to our weekly grade level attendance award. Our whole school attendance is tracking very well. We have improved significantly since this time last year and all classes are averaging over 90% attendance for each week which is fantastic!

Don't forget to "Like" our new Facebook page. It is updated most days with the wonderful things that we have been doing across the school.

Have a fantastic fortnight.

Kind regards,

Katie Cannell
Deputy Principal

Bowen State School Sport

Bowen State School is off to a great start in sports for 2017. Our Sporting Calendar is in full swing with Rugby League, Netball, Cross Country and Soccer training underway. We have also had friendly lunchtime competitions for house points!!

Cross Country

We held our Bowen State School Cross Country Inter-House Carnival on Monday March 13th which will be followed by Bowen Sub District Trials at Merinda State School on Tuesday March 28th. Students have been training every week before school and have shown a great level of commitment. Congratulations to our Bowen State School Cross Country Team!! Keep up the good work!

Rugby League

Bowen Sub District Rugby League trials were hosted last week at Bowen State High School. Bowen State School had 5 students successful in making the team!! A big thank you to Rainer for helping out with training the boys and getting them ready for the trials!! Congratulations to Clayton Begg, Tuik Mone, Meleke Weare, Riley Carter and Wyatt Tetley. These boys will be off to Proserpine on Monday March 20th for Whitsunday Trials. Good Luck boys!!

Netball

Bowen Sub-District Trials were held on March 9th.

Representing Bowen State School we have; Tasharynda Thomas, Jasmine Dunkerton and Georgia Martin. Congratulations Girls!! These girls will be attending Whitsunday Trails on Friday March 24th at the Sporting Complex. A huge thank you to Judy Adsett and Brooke Wallis for helping out with coaching and training!! Good Luck girls!!

Soccer

Chappy Adam has started training for those who are interested in representing Bowen State School at the Sub District Trials on April 20th at the sporting complex.

Tuesdays- Second lunch- Boys

Wednesday-Second lunch-Girls

We will be hosting trials and selecting our Bowen State School team in Week 9. Sub District trials will be held Tuesday April 20th, which is Week 1 of next term.

Inter-House Lunch time Competitions

Mondays- First lunch

Friendly handball Competitions organised by our sports captains!! Each week is a different year level which is announced on parade the week before!! Get out there and have some fun!!

Fridays- First Lunch

Inter-House basketball for Year 6 students. Parents and teachers welcome to watch from 11:00am-11:25am.

This term we have also had visitors from Cricket Australia and the NRL to do some skills and drills! Last week Jim Lappin from Play On NRL came to our school to do some activities with the students and teach them the fundamentals of Rugby League. The kids had a blast even though we needed to adjust due to weather conditions. Thanks to all staff for your cooperation and support allowing it to run smoothly!!



House Points Update

(cross country, handball competitions, basketball)

Leichhardt: 75

Sinclair: 48

Denison: 39

Brilliant Learning at Bowen State School

<p>Prep A</p>	<p>Our science unit this term in Prep is "Our Living World". The children have been learning the needs of living things and what happens when these needs are not met. We have sorted pictures into groups of living and non-living things. We have also explored how we make observations about the world around us by using our five senses.</p>	
<p>Year 1B</p>	<p>This term Year One has been looking at healthy and unhealthy habitats in Science. We have been looking at the needs of living things and how healthy habitats provide these needs. We are looking at what we could do to make an unhealthy habitat healthy again, and what would happen if we did this. We looked at the habitats around our school and drew some. We saw quite a few animals – ants, spiders, bees, butterflies and birds - which told us that we have some healthy habitats for those animals to live in at our school.</p>	
<p>Year 1A</p>	<p>In 1A we have been learning to recall addition facts as quick as we can. We have learnt that adding zero means we are adding nothing so the answer is the other part. We have learnt that adding 1, 2 or 3 is a count on fact so we start at the big number and count on 1, 2 or 3 more. Next we are going to learn about subtraction facts. On Friday's we do 3 minute facts tests. Some of us are getting up to 26 facts correct in 3 minutes! Aren't we awesome!</p>	
<p>Year 2A</p>	<p>This term in History 2A have been studying how technology has changed and how it has affected our lives. Eli brought in an old fashioned phone for us to look at. We noticed a lot of differences. There was no colour screen. We can't play games or send emails and texts. We can't take photos or videos on the old phone. Our smartphones have to be charged every day. To make a phone call on the old phones we have to dial the numbers. Both phones allowed us to make phone calls and to listen to people speaking. Most of us decided we much prefer our new modern smartphones.</p>	
<p>Year 6B</p>	<p>So as to make an educational use of the technology readily available to the students (Smart Phones and Cameras), year 6B has decided to partake in a Photo Project. Each week the students are presented with a theme, they then submit their photos via e mail, these photos are then forwarded to JCU for review and feedback is provided. Some of the images produced are amazing as you can see below.</p> <p>I hope to continue this voluntary project and would encourage all students to participate.</p>	

BE A LEARNER

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE

BE RESPECTFUL