Principal’s Message:

Dear Parents

Holidays
This Week is the final before holidays and I would like to take the time to thank the Community for their support during my first term at Bowenville. The openness shown and compassion for the school is strong and make it all the more enjoyable to work in such an environment. The staff have been welcoming and the level of commitment to the students, the school and the team is great to see. The more cohesive the team, the greater the results for all. We have embarked on a rapid development of policy and procedure this term, and the pace with which staff take on board and build and implement ideas is incredible. We have plenty of work to do to develop a clear Bowenville Way that matches the community spirit, but it has been fantastic to see how much all care for the students and work for their success.

The Three Be’s
We have started working on the Three Be’s in class and are developing the positives behaviours for each of the areas. The students have worked in teams to put together their ideas on what it looks like at Bowenville State School when they are Being Respectful, Safe and A Learner. This is not an easy task, and will take time to perfect. The process will expand to include the ideas from staff, and parents as to how we believe the school should look. What does it mean to Be Safe on the playground, or Be Respectful during library time, what would you expect to see, what does it look like when you walk into Bowenville State School.

All questions that the school community will need to think about over time as we begin to develop the behaviour expectations at Bowenville, The Bowenville Way.

Focus on the Future
It is clear as time passes we have three prominent areas to focus on, reading attendance and community engagement. The direction in reading holds around expanding the teaching of reading, increasing parent and community involvement and moving the results forward. A solid focus on attendance, with general attendance rates as low as 90% we need to put into place strategies to lift attendance and move things forward. The current cold and flu season has made a significant dent in attendance over the past months, dropping as low as 87%. Term 4 will see increased attention in this area adopting strategies to support attendance, and improving outcomes for students. The Final area of note is community engagement. Linking with the community and moving on some ideas to better support increased participation rates within the school. The Pre-Prep program is in the process of being developed, the inclusion of external agencies will help make the program more relevant to the wider community. Playgroup is a valuable resource and helps link Bowenville State School. If you have any other ideas please do not hesitate to put them forward.

― Benjamin Franklin

Kitchen Garden Program
This Thursday and Friday I will be out training for the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. This is a great opportunity for the school, and one that will see a chance for greater involvement by the community. The process of implementation will take some time and it is hoped that we can draw on the expertise and skill of the local community to help put together the gardens and cooking program. So if you know of anyone that would possibly fit the bill, don’t hesitate to put their name forward, we are looking for volunteers to help out with ideas to manage the plot once developed.

Longer Term Planning
Over the coming term we have a lot of work heading our way. We will have the Behaviour and Curriculum Audit on November 3rd. The Quadrennial School Review (QSR), which will require the input of the Audit results and feedback from school community to the steering committee. The Committee will be made up of the principal, a staff representative and parent representative. The P&C has been asked to put forward a candidate next term to fill the position. If you are interested please highlight your interest to the P&C. Other issues we will need to address include student numbers for 2015. We have had discussions with regional staffing, the P&C and school staff regarding the impact of possible lower numbers for 2015. All staff affected have been informed of the possible ramification for them and we will be entering into further discussions with staffing and staff next term. The strong positive focus Bowenville State School has, and the benefits of the small school setting is a draw card we need to continue to advertise.

As we find out more and start the process of developing the QSR I ask that you get involved and help shape the direction of Bowenville State School.

Michael Sutton.
COMMUNITY EVENTS:

TENNIS LESSONS
Tennis Lessons in 2014
At the Bowenville SS
Lessons for all ages & standards
Friday mornings before school
Contact Club Professional
Ben Campbell
M: 0414 645 916
(enrolment form attached)
e: faultless@samford.net

P-3 News:

Kim is on long service leave so we are very grateful to have Mrs Hoopert in our classroom.
In English, we have been looking at character descriptions in poems, including their personal and visual representations, attitudes, feelings and values.
This week in phonics we are looking at the long vowel i: ‘i_e’ as in ice-cream, ‘y’ as in fly, ‘y’ as in spider, ‘igh’ as in night.
In maths, we are revising counting, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue the Time-Unit until week 3 of next term.
I am sending this terms art home…..enjoy!
We are also short on containers with lids. If you have any floating around home that you have finished with, please send them in with your child.
Have a GREAT and save holiday!

Ronel and Toni

Playing a time game during maths.

Playgroup:

PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK—Playgroup on Wednesday 17th September.
9am-11am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Please remember to send in your orders from the Parent Direct or Chalk Catalogues.

Thanks Kim.

P & C News:

Thanks to those who attended the P&C meeting last night.
Our major fundraiser for the year, running the food stall at TADOMS (old machinery) rally at Oakey is coming up, starting Friday evening 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26 October. Set up will be on Friday morning. Part of the funds from this will help subsidise the cost of students attending Tallebudgera camp. The stall has in the past been very profitable and is a big commitment. We will need all parents, carers, and supporting community members to help out over the week end. There are jobs for everyone including serving, taking money, preparing food, cooking BBQ and chips, restocking fridges and supplies and running for more stock, plus having fun working as a team for the benefit of our students. Please keep this weekend free and consider how you can help. There will be a commitment form sent home after the holidays.
If anyone can help after the break with coaching the students for the Cricket Carnival on 7th November please see Michael or myself.
Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have suggestions or concerns.
Have a good week and safe holidays.

Have a good week
John Hensel 0429 92 42 92

TUCKSHOP:

NO SPECIAL THIS WEEK
Thursday 18th September—Naomi Cleary & Tami Mears
NEW—Banana flavoured milk

Tami Mears—Tuckshop Convenor 0428 385122
56G Patrick Street, Dalby 07 46698198
PITTSWORTH 10TH ANNUAL
Craft & Fine Food
SPECTACULAR

BUS TRIP

Saturday 11th October 2014

Also visiting local gardens, the heritage museum
and McKinlay’s Nursery

Departs: Thomas Jack Park Dalby 7.30am
with pickups at Bowenville, Jondaryan & Oakey

Cost: $50 includes morning tea, museum entry
and comfortable coach travel

Lucky seat prizes, raffles and competitions.
Fundraising for the Bowenville Park History
and Heritage Association.

Bookings by 6th October to:
Karen on 0407 765646
Bridget on 0407 922186

BOOK EARLY...
DON’T MISS OUT!
Spring Garden Day

11am Saturday 4th October 2014

Guest Speakers:
Colin Purnell (Earth Life)
Robyn Wieck (Brookvale Park Nursery)

Enquiries:
Diane Welke: 46 965 211
Estelle Janetszi: 46 922 178
Lyn Kuhl: 46 915 867

Stall Holders
Lunch Available

$5 Admission
Includes:
Devonshire Tea

Selwyn & Diane Welke
331 Leesville Rd Goombungee

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2015 Darling Downs Schools Regional
AQUATHLON
11 & 12 Years (in 2015)

Attention: School Sports Co-ordinators

The Aquathlon is a race similar to a triathlon except with no cycle leg. It consists of a 1 km run, 200m swim and another 1 km run.

A Darling Downs team of ten (10) male and ten (10) female students (born 2004 & 2003) of suitable standard will be selected to attend the State Championships at Hervey Bay on Saturday 21 February 2015.

DATE OF TRIAL: Friday 24 October 2014
VENUE: Dalby Aquatic Centre
TIME: 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
All Competitors are to assemble at 8.30 a.m. to be registered and numbered

NOMINATIONS CLOSE: WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER with: Stephen Boundy
Dalby South State School
0427 134 616
email sboundy@eq.edu.au

CONDITIONS: School based individual nominations for
5 girls & 5 boys born 2004
5 girls & 5 boys born 2003

NOMINATION FEE: $10.00 per student - Schools will receive a tax invoice after the trial.
NO PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE AT THE TRIALS

WHAT TO BRING:
. Togs & Towel
. Appropriate Clothing & Footwear
. Water
. Sunscreen
. Completed Student Medical Form

COURSE: 1 km run leg, 200m swim leg & then another 1 km run leg

OFFICIALS TO ACCOMPANY SCHOOL NOMINATIONS:
It is the SCHOOL’S RESPONSIBILITY to ensure that adequate supervision is provided for the students that they nominate.

AWARDS: Students placed first, second & third will receive medallions.

REGIONAL TEAM: At the conclusion of the trials, a team will be chosen to contest the State Championships at Hervey Bay on Saturday 21 February 2015.

STEPHEN BOUNDY
Convenor – DD 11 & 12 Years Aquathlon