COMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER
3rd—Pre Prep Day
3rd—End of year concert
12th—Term 4 Finishes

Principal’s Message:

The Focus for Bowenville State School
Semester 2 2014
Reading, Attendance and Community
Engagement

SWPBS Explained
We have submitted the Expression of Interest for the School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program. The SWPBS is a system that supports school to develop a clear set of expectations, rewards and systems around behaviour. Hopefully we are accepted into the program as its purpose is not to build the capacity of school that may be experience behaviour issues, but to build the ability of schools to adopt a systemic approach to behaviour. The first stage of SWPBS is to recognise what is happening within the school and develop a clear set of lessons, expectations and responses for student behaviour. The aim of SWPBS is to build on the positives that exist within the school, the positive practice, the positive student behaviour and the positive reward systems. The term “Behaviour” often has a negative connotation within schools, indication and action with a detrimental impact. SWPBS views behaviour as learnt and recognises that we do not know how to behave in every situation, just because we are there, behaviour is something that is taught, by home and school, and needs to be formalised to best support student development.

If you have any further questions please call or look up School Wide Positive Behaviour Support - http://www.pbis.org/Interviews

Interviews for student progress and feedback will commence Thursday the 4th of December. It is hoped that you are able to set a time that is agreeable to meet with your child’s teacher and discuss the progress thus far. The idea around not setting a specific date is that is any parent/caregivers right to talk with their child teacher at any reasonable time and set a time to do so. The information regarding the current reporting period more advantages to give accurate feedback, but I encourage parents to feel comfortable enough to approach teaching staff at Bowenville SS at any time to discuss their child.

Concert Night
Wednesday Night is Graduation Night, and I would like to thank the staff and students for putting in a big effort regarding plays and songs. The P&C as always are cooking for the night and I would like to thank them in advance. The hall is a great venue and a central point for the community, I encourage all that wish to attend to do so and enjoy a night celebrating the success of the students at Bowenville SS.

Report Cards
Report Cards will be sent home on Wednesday in Week 10. Please remember the following message in regards to your child’s report card. As you are aware, students and teachers this year have been working with the new Australian Curriculum, as interpreted through Queensland’s C2C curriculum resources. Whilst the Australian Curriculum is similar in many respects to the previous Queensland curriculum, there are some differences which have required adjustments. For example, some concepts are covered earlier than previously expected, there is a stronger focus on specific areas and in some cases a different standard of work is expected of students. Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland are gradually becoming more familiar with a 5-point scale (e.g. A-E) process for reporting in all schools. The new system schools are using refers to attainment standards called “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria.” So what makes an “A”; “B”, “C” etc is predetermined by a scale of achievement. Any student who shows evidence of meeting a particular level, deserves that benchmark grade. This is what you could consider the new difference for a “C” really means: A “C” means that the student has met the criteria for a learner to be at the appropriate age level.

A “C” means that the student is doing everything required at their Year level at school. The best description is to say that a “C” means that the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be.

That means attaining a “C” for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for your age level!

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or “B”. These grades are not awarded simply to the top students in the class. They are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria required for their Year Level.

eKindy
I would like to thank those parents that have enrolled their students in eKindy and strongly encourage any think of this do so ASAP. The School of Distance Education that drives the program that we follow are looking closely at staffing for 2015 and need the best possible indication for numbers now. If you are considering eKindy please contact the school and we will be able to facilitate the submission of forms or provide information about eKindy.

Thanks Mrs Genis
I would like to thank Mrs Genis for all of her efforts throughout the year. Over her time at Bowenville SS she has had a significant impact on the school, and has shown her flare with the great little garden and student art work. As with every year staffing may vary and I would like to thank Mrs Genis now rather than it being lost in the end of year business. Hopefully 2015 brings you success with your career aspirations.

Michael Sutton.
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
(e: faultless@samford.net)

BOWENVILLE COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
In the Park
Wednesday 17th December
BBQ, Carols and visit by Santa

Children of any age interested in joining small Christmas singing group please contact Karen Smith on 0407 765646

Maclagan Kindy
Maclagan Kindy offers a comprehensive pre-prep program. Children who are born between 1/7/10 and 30/6/11 are invited to enrol in the class of 2015. The kindy operates every Wednesday and Friday plus alternate Thursdays from 8:40am - 2:45pm.
If you are interested in obtaining more information please contact Sam Lowery on 4692 7726 ASAP as enrolments close on the 6th of December 2014.

Can you believe it is the second last week of the 2014 school year? We are practicing for our concert every day and we need to have everyone’s black and white clothes AT SCHOOL for the dress rehearsals. We still need about 5 or 6 old style kitchen aprons for our ‘cows’. If there is any parent or grandparent who can help us please send them to school. We will return it after the concert and you would be able to slave away in the kitchen once again!
We will be finishing off all our booklets and will be busy with Christmas activities in week 10.
Hope to see you all at the awards night!
Ronel and Kim

Book Club due NO later than Wednesday 3rd December. Please note: NO CASH ACCEPTED.

PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK—Playgroup on Wednesday 2nd December. 9am-11am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Christmas Break up will be next Wednesday 10th December. Thanks Kim.

The P&C will again be providing the meat for a BBQ meal at the awards night tomorrow 3rd December 6.00pm. Parents and Carers are asked to bring a salad and dessert to share. Could you also bring serving spoons, tongs etc. Also could food be left in eskies as we have limited fridge space.

Thanks to Tami for her role as Tuckshop co-ordinator over the last few years. Tami will be stepping down at the end of the year, so we will need a new co-ordinator next year. Please consider whether you could help the school by taking on this role. If you are interested please talk to Tami, Michael or myself.

We will be catering for a Northeast Downs Landcare field day near Irvingdale on Monday morning 15th December. We need helpers to make sandwiches on Monday morning, serve Morning Tea and Lunch, and provide baking. If you can help out with any of these please see me. For those interested in attending the field day see flyer attached.

Thanks to those people who have been working to promote our school by word of mouth, media and flyers. It is an important job that we can all play a part in.

Have a good week. John Hensel 0429 92 42 92—P & C President

Helper this week— Elissa Hensel.

This will be our last Tuckshop for 2014. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my volunteers that have helped me throughout the year.

Tami Mears—Tuckshop Convenor 0428 385122
Good Afternoon, My name is Theresa and I have the local scrapbooking /craft shop in Dalby and I am wishing to gather information on advertising in your school newsletter eg, how much, how long, etc. I have just started keeping a range of plus size ladies clothing from large to 7xl (14-40). It is well priced, comfortable and tasteful. I believe the school newsletter is one of the best forms of communication to the average person. I look forward to your response. Many thanks Theresa.

Thankyou to Toni Hoopert for donating paint pads for the students.
Bowenville
Community Christmas Carols
in the park

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2014

Barbecue from 6pm
Carols from 7.15pm
Special Guest appearance by Santa

Everyone Welcome

Enquiries to Karen Smith ph 0407 765646

Barbecue and non-alcoholic refreshments available for purchase.
Prizes for best Christmas costume boy and girl.
Christmas raffle drawn - tickets from Post Office or on night.

Hosted by the Bowenville Park History and Heritage Association Inc.
Gifts for delivery to your child can be left at the Bowenville Post Office.
Please have gift wrapped with child’s name clearly marked.
Assistant
• C&K Maclagan-Windermere Kindergarten – Affiliate Centre
• Part Time -37.5 hours per fortnight
  Permanent Position

The Role
At C&K Maclagan-Windermere Kindergarten, a C&K affiliated centre, a position has become available for an experienced and qualified Assistant to join the Kindergarten. The Assistant is responsible for implementing a quality care and education program for young children. Duties will include assisting in the implementation of a play-based curriculum and the documentation that supports this to ensure that it makes each child’s learning visible through portfolio’s, engages in reflective practice, undertakes assessment to enrich children’s learning and creates collaborative partnerships.
This is a permanent part time role working 37.5 hours per fortnight every Wednesday and Friday and alternating Thursdays.

Ideal candidates will need to have a minimum of:
• Certificate III in Children’s Services (or equivalent qualification recognised by ACECQA)
• An ability to work as an effective team member and to support the teacher
• Previous experience in a similar role

About C&K Maclagan-Windermere Kindergarten
C&K Maclagan-Windermere Kindergarten is a vibrant, inclusive and contemporary community-based, not-for-profit educational, C&K Affiliate centre. Our focus is to provide each child with a safe, exciting and engaging learning environment where they can build self-confidence, develop social skills and improve their independence, in order to help them make a happy and successful transition into full time school.

At C&K, we are recognised as an Employer of Choice and can offer excellent employee benefits and professional development opportunities for early childhood educators. C&K is committed to an inclusive workforce and strongly encourages applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

If this opportunity is right for you, please click apply now and follow the prompts.
For more information regarding this role and the centre, please contact Samantha Lowery on 0488 927 726 or email maclagan.kinde@bigpond.com.au
Bowenville Field Day

Trialling innovative practices for improved natural resource management

9.00 am Monday 15th December 2014
“Lonsdale”, Brymaroo Irvingdale Road, Bowenville

- Inspect a range of machinery and new technology that can be used as a part of a sustainable farming operation
- Observe working demonstrations - TTQ Hydrashank, Kelly Disc Chain, K-Line Speed Seeder
- See a Precision Planting display by David Evans Group
- Learn about all the hype related to Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV’s) and their ability to monitor weeds, pests, and crop variability

Signs will direct
Please bring your own chair
See back of flyer for map

Morning tea and lunch supplied. Please RSVP for catering by Monday 8th December 2014 to Owena Phone: 0746911499 Mobile: 0409058538 Email: owena@nedlandcare.org.au

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