Principal’s Message:

Dear Parents

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

Focus

Behaviour – we will be putting out this week, the school behaviour matrix for all to review. At this stage the ideas of students are there but we need your input. The behaviours need to be framed in a positive ‘we do’ way. In the coming days I will be sending home some sheets, seeking your ideas and feedback. I encourage you to have a go and add to the students ideas. These plans will become a part of the schools future behaviour plan. As we move closer to the November 3rd Audit, we have been developing and upgrading school based policies. The students have worked hard at the behaviour expectations, and staff have managed to develop the school curriculum document, bookwork policy and frame work for the school assessment schedule. The Assessment Schedule will need to have the new Regional Benchmarks added to it and the school targets. The Regional Benchmark document sets out the assessment tool and the expected outcome for students by the end of each grade. This is a valuable tool in helping us map our progress in the areas we are working well and future strategies.

Student Numbers – we had again discussed student numbers for 2015. It looks as though we may drop below the required number to sustain our second teacher. The P&C have put forward some ideas and are investigating these, and further suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Camp

The school camp will be upon us soon. All notes have been sent out and if you have any questions regarding camp, please ask.

Pupil Free Day

It was great to be able to work with other staff and share our ideas on assessment. The pupil free day allowed teachers and principals the opportunity to seek feedback on the effectiveness of assessment tasks and the accuracy of their judgements based on the assessment criteria.

Michael Sutton.

Happy Teacher Day

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P-3 News:
We all miss Liam who is recovering at home. We hope he will fully recover and be back at school soon.

In English, we will continue looking at character descriptions in poems, including their personal and visual representations, attitudes, feelings and values. We are practising writing a narrative and will be working towards finishing an assessment on this in week 6. We will start Shape dance is on our Arts this week. Students will work in a pair to create a dance using ideas about mathematical shapes and objects.

In maths, our focus will be on 2D and 3D shapes. We will continue revising counting, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division as warm-ups each lesson.

Homework will be sent home today. Please remember to read and do sight words with Prep/1 EVERY day.

Have a great week!
Ronel and Kim

Playgroup:

PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK—Playgroup on Wednesday 15th October. 9am-11am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share.

Thanks Kim.

BOOK CLUB:

Book Club due back tomorrow Wednesday 22nd October. PLEASE REMEMBER NO CASH. Rewards for the school with each item purchased.

P & C News:

Thanks to those who attended the P&C meeting last night. It was good to have open and expansive discussion on ways to encourage more students to our school, in the light of losing year 7 to High School next year. Some of these will be acted on in the near future.

We still need more help for TADOMS this weekend. The busiest times are mid morning, till after lunch. If you can help out on Saturday or Sunday, or Friday afternoon, even for a few hours, please contact Karen Smith 0407 765646, or myself. The P&C has subsidised the cost of the year 5-7 students Tallebudgera Camp to a total of $1700. Part of the money from TADOMS will be used for this.

David Smith and I will be coaching the students during lunch breaks for the upcoming Jondaryan Cricket Carnival.

Have a good week
John Hensel  0429 92 42 92

P & C President

Tuckshop:

Helpers–
NEW—Banana flavoured milk
I NEED ALL DAY HELPERS FOR THURSDAYS—PLEASE CONTACT ME ASAP IF YOU CAN HELP

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