**Principal’s Message:**

**Tallebudgera Camp**

It was an early but exciting start for many of our students in years 5 – 7 on Monday as they boarded the bus for Tallebudgera Camp. The children have all been working towards this camp for several weeks now and they were eager to get on their way and tackle the many activities and challenges of camp school. We are looking forward to hearing of their adventures on their return.

**P&C Fundraising**

A big thankyou to our P&C helpers who headed out to Oakey Showgrounds for TADOMS on the weekend. This is a major fundraising event for our P&C and their hard work is greatly appreciated. Once again – many hands make light work and it was great to see lots of parents and community members helping out in the preparation stages as well as over the weekend. Thank You All for Supporting Bowenville State School.

**Condamine Alliance Awards**

This Friday night I have the pleasure of attending the Condamine Alliance dinner. Bowenville State School has been nominated for an award along with students from the school. We are hopeful that the great work the students at Bowenville has done is recognized and we are able to share in the celebration.

**Mayoral Awards**

This Thursday Night staff and parents will be attending the annual Mayoral awards. Each year students’ are recognized for their efforts within the school and beyond. Thursday Night will see students from the Toowoomba District rewarded publicly for their Efforts and we will be sharing this fantastic news with everyone in next weeks newsletter.

**Audits**

Next Monday our Discipline Audit and Teaching and Learning Audit will take place. As discussed previously, these processes are integral in providing feedback as to how our school is progressing and to inform school planning for the future. For your information and convenience we have attached Parent Information Fact Sheets for the Audits to our newsletter. If you have any further questions please contact us. Colleen Hope is the Auditor visiting the school. She will be talking with staff, students and parents. She may call some parents to discuss aspects of the school, this is all part of the Audit process and is happening across the state with any school under the review cycle.

**School Enrolments**

As discussed last week at the P&C meeting and mentioned in the newsletter, we are seeking your input to develop some initiatives to promote our school in the wider community and potentially improve our enrolments for 2015. My contribution this term in the Dalby Herald is geared towards celebrating the wonderful opportunities and achievements of our school. Do you have any other ideas we could explore? If so, please come and see me or speak to our P&C representatives.

**Swimming**

Swimming starts next week. I have asked students to organize their swimming equipment this week, to make sure they have everything they need. The bus will leave at 11.30am and return to school at 2pm.

**Booklists and Warrego Office Choice**

The booklists have been finalized for 2015. We have made some changes so please check our website next week. The Dalby Office Supplies have our list also for those wanting that option. There have been some changes to the lists this year so please make sure you review them before making any purchases. We have left out the Maths Mentals book, preferring to extend the use of the classroom maths book to support homework. If you have any questions please ask.

Michael Sutton.

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**COMING EVENTS:**

**OCTOBER**

- 3rd—Audit
- 3rd—6th—Swimming
- 7th—Jondaryan Cricket Carnival

**DECEMBER**

- 12th—Term 4 Finishes
**P3 News:**

Liam is back at school! We hope he has fully recovered and is happy to be back.

In English, we will continue looking at character descriptions in poems and we are still practising writing a narrative. We started Shape dance in Arts this week. Students are working in a pair to create a dance using ideas about mathematical shapes and objects.

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

Homework was sent home yesterday. Please remember to read and do sight words with Prep/1 EVERY day.

Have a great week!
Ronel and Kim

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**Playgroup**

PLAYGROUP THIS WEEK—Playgroup on Wednesday 29th October.
9am-11am. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Thank you to everyone who ordered Book Club.

Thanks Kim.

**P & C News**

Many thanks to all who supported the P&C fundraising at TADOMS in Oakey on the weekend. The hot weather and less than expected attendance meant we may not have raised as much money as we had hoped, but the effort and hard work of the Finch, Cleary, Smith and Hensel families and Michael Sutton and Leigh Magnussen is much appreciated. Thanks also to the Morgan family for the use of their cold room and the Comford, Hoopert, Morgan and Carroll family for donation of goods. We would also like to thank Marlene Dun, Lynn Kummerow and Narelle Reimers from the Hall Committee who came along to help out when we were short-handed.

Thanks
Karen Smith

A big thankyou to Karen Smith and Matt Finch for organising TADOMS catering again this year. They did a great job, along with everyone else involved to make the weekend run smoothly. Their efforts are very much appreciated. **A special meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesdays 5th November 7.30pm to discuss and proceed with options to promote and encourage more students to our school.** This has come from discussions at the previous P&C meeting and in light of lower numbers projected for next year as a result of losing year 7 and families moving from the area. If you are interested in the future of Bowenville State School, please come along and let others know.

Have a good week,

John Hensel 0429 92 42 92—P & C President

**Tuckshop**

Helpers—Karen Smith
Special—Toasted Sandwich and flavoured milk (choc or straw) $4
I NEED ALL DAY HELPERS FOR THURSDAYS—PLEASE CONTACT ME ASAP IF YOU CAN HELP

Tami Mears—Tuckshop Convenor 0428 385122
Melissa & Darren Carroll would like to thank all Staff, Students and Parents for their well wishes, thoughts and gifts while Liam was recovering from surgery in Hospital and at home.

Please find sent home today Hesslands Ham Fundraiser. If you would like to order please fill in and return to school by Thursday 27.11.14 for delivery on Wednesday 10.12.14
Teaching and Learning Audits

As part of an initiative to improve student learning in Queensland state schools, Teaching and Learning Audits are conducted in every Queensland state school to provide quality feedback on how the school is performing and to inform school planning processes.

The audits are usually carried out every four years or following the appointment of a new school principal. A school community may request another audit within the four-year cycle, however no more than one audit will be conducted at the same school within a 12-month period.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal visits the school to collect a range of data and information about school practices, programs and procedures in the area of teaching and learning.

Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and the P&C President to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices.

The audit will usually take one to two days, depending on the school's context and size. The school will receive the auditor's report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal, the school's leadership team and the school staff.

From this report, the executive summary and eight-page profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school's web site. The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school's forward planning.

For further information about Teaching and Learning Audits, please contact your child's school or visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nationalpartnerships/teach-learn-audits.html.
Discipline Audits

As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland State schools, Discipline Audits will be conducted in every Queensland state school by November 2014. The purpose of the Discipline Audits is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal will visit the school to collect a range of data and information about school-wide, programs and procedures in the area of discipline.

Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behavior management.

The Discipline Audit will usually take one to two days, depending on the school's context and size. The school will receive the auditor's report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal, the school's leadership team and school staff.

The report's Executive Summary and 5 page Profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school's web site. The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school's forward planning around strengthening discipline.

For further information about Discipline Audits, please contact your child's school or visit the Education Queensland website.