Welcome Back 2015
Welcome back to the 2015 school year. It is great to see the students returning and keen to get back into work. We have many new things coming on board this year and have already made great progress toward initiating many ideas from last years QSR, (Quadrennial School Review). As with every school year we are holding out for Day 8 to see how the staffing will be impacted. We are a one teacher school, but have a fantastic setup that allows us to use the space provided, and meet the new demands of the year. We have eKindy starting next week, and playgroup on Wednesday.

This will be a busy year building new routines, (Kitchen Garden, Positive Behaviour Support, eKindy) we are lucky to have such a strong community support base and look forward to involving them in the school. It is known that the greater the positive support and interest shown in the school and students, by parents and community the greater the success. Participation equals success.

eKindy
We will be starting eKindy this year and have been talking with Danielle regarding the program. At this stage it looks like Danielle will be the teacher supporting us from the School of Distance Education. I would like to thank the staff for helping get the room ready for eKindy and Playgroup. The new colours and setup have brightened the room, and it promises to be a great asset.

Garden
Kitchen Garden is a priority for the year, and we will be starting to plant as soon as possible. We will need to purchase some equipment and start training students, so they are able to obtain their licences to operate the gardening and kitchen tools. As we progress through the setup, and begin to garden we hope that we are able to lock in some support / volunteers to help the students. The garden program is a long term project and will take considerable time to implement, but needs the community support.

Numbers Day 8
Numbers at this stage are sitting around the 13 mark. It is a drop from 2014, but as stated we have had the chance to build a great facility, and have adapted to cater for the numbers. The Prep students are both very keen, and are pushing to learn it all by the end of the week. The school captains have been a fantastic support to their peers, and helpful starting the school year. As with every school we will be waiting for the day 8 count to finalise staffing and procedures.

Programming
In the coming weeks I will be setting a date for the parent information evening. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how and what we will be doing for the year. It is also a chance to ask questions, and seek feedback and ideas that may help with the programs within the school. Once the day 8 and students and staff have settled in we can set the date and hopefully pick a date that suits the majority of parents.

Election – Polling Here
As with the majority of elections, the Bowenville school will be a polling booth. The P&C will also be running a cake stall. This is a great chance to vote and support the P&C.

Michael Sutton.
COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Book Club is due back by Wednesday 11th February. All orders can be dropped into the school office. NO CASH PLEASE—needs to be cheque or credit card.

Playgroup:-

Playgroup will be starting next Wednesday 4th February. Please bring a piece of fruit to share and a hat. Gold coin donation appreciated. All enquiries to Kim Welke—kwelk4@eq.edu.au

P & C News:

It’s great to start the 2015 school year with the world looking a lot greener than the end of last year. I hope that all Students, Staff, Parents and Community members have a successful year.

Thank to those who helped with and attended the Pig Races on the weekend. Thanks to the Bowenville Hotel for hosting the event and allowing us to be joint recipients. It was a fun and very successful afternoon with over $3200 being raised to be shared equally between the School and Variety Qld. Thanks to Elissa and the boys for helping with advertising and running the kids games. Thanks to the businesses who sponsored the event at the Australia Day festivities at Oakey. Andrew Hensel and German friend, Jacob Melfsen won the raft race competition and a cash prize of $200 for Bowenville School.

The provisional date for the P&C AGM and Bus meetings will be Monday 16th February.

The Bowenville SS P&C will be holding an Election Day cake stall at the school on polling day (this Saturday 31st January) from 7.30 am to 12 noon. Support by way of baked goods or help running the stall would be greatly appreciated. Baking can be dropped at the school on Friday or Saturday morning. If you can help please contact Karen Smith on 0407 765646. There will be no Tuckshop tomorrow. We are seeking a new Tuck Shop coordinator this year. If you could help, please contact me.

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