COMING EVENTS:

MAY
Fri 14th NAPLAN
Tues 19th P&C Meeting
Mon 25th—Eisteddfod
Tues 26th—Eisteddfod

JUNE
Tues 16th—School Photos
Fri 26th—Bowenville SS Athletics Day

JULY
Fri 24th—Quinalow & District Athletics Day

AUGUST
Thurs 7th—Bowenville Athletics
Thurs 20th—Touch Football Carnival in Dalby

SEPTEMBER
Fri 17th—Netball
Fri 26th—Bowenville SS Athletics Day

OCTOBER
Fri 7th—Bunya Athletics
Tues 19th—P&C Meeting
Fri 24th—Quinalow

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Welcome
I would like to take the chance to welcome the newest family to the school and look forward to working with them throughout the school year.

Eisteddfod
The students will be attending the Eisteddfod on the 25th/26th of May. It is hoped that we are able to get enough helpers to get the students there by car. A letter will be going home early next week, outlining times and dates for the eisteddfod.

I would also be asking if you are able to take more students please let us know at the office so we are able to arrange transport. The students have been working on ballads with Mrs Murphy and we will be honing the performance in the coming weeks.

NAPLAN Dates
The 12th, 13th, and 14th of May. We are 2/3 the way through NAPLAN and the students have taken it in their stride. I would like to thank Elsae Hensel for coming in on those days and running the testing.

NAPLAN is a point in time measure to support schools in developing a strategic direction with their improvement agenda. It is important that students understand that it is a process that helps target teaching and not a test to be feared. The commonly used phrase of “do your best” is all that we can ask of students, and provide them with encouragement. NAPLAN is a great opportunity to help set the direction within the school, and support students with their learning. It has informed the current Quadrennial School Review and this year’s Annual Implementation Plan. Thanks to all of the students that have put in a big effort to help us help you.

Progress So Far
Like every school, we are no different in setting an improvement agenda and it is often good to review where we are and what is working.

Reading is a big focus this year and we have started on reading groups, it is hoped that with NAPLAN over we are able to setup a professional development (PD) day next Friday with staff and parents to work through the process of reading.

It would be great if parents interested in participating in reading groups could attend some of the PD, and develop an insight into the process of Reciprocal Reading and how it works.

Behaviour – the behaviour team has had their first training day and have a team meeting set for this Thursday. We will be looking at the process we have in place and how to best develop these to support the principles behind Positive Behaviour for Learning. We have made significant progress in 2014, due to the Audit process, but now need to continue this into 2015. Engagement – the need to link with the community is a longer term process, and includes the Kitchen Garden program, eKindy and continuing Playgroup. We have started on eKindy and the success is beyond expectations. Mrs Welke is doing a fantastic job working with Miss Danielle and parents to bed the program in the school. We have started on the gardens, but will take longer to get things moving.

The cooking day was a great success with the support of Fallon Wise, (Thank You) and a special thanks to Marleen for the icing sugar. We (students) have started to work out what tools they will need and are in the process of looking at the utensils we will need for the kitchen. I would again like to ask the community for any spare cooking utensils or odd pots, pans and dinner sets.

We need these to get started, and it does not matter if they are all odd bits and pieces.

Attendance – WOW, we started the year on 97% and even with the cold and flu season upon us we are still sitting at 96%. These numbers are way above expectation and the positive impact attendance has on learning will show through in the coming terms.

Michael Sutton.
Communal Events:

Lessons for all ages & standards
At the Bowenville SS
M: 0414 645 916

Playgroups:
Next playgroup Wednesday 20th May. Please bring a piece of fruit to share and a hat. Gold coin donation. All enquiries to Kim Welke—kwelk4@eq.edu.au

eKindy:

P & C News:
Our sympathy goes to the Genis family for recent loss of their eldest son Ben.
The children enjoyed having Tuckshop again. Please consider helping to keep this a weekly event.
Please see Karen.
Our meeting is next Tuesday 19th 7.00pm. Please come along and support our school.

John Hensel  0429 92 42 92  jdhensel@bigpond.com
P & C President

Term 2 tuckshop helpers are now needed! Only one volunteer is required each time, and you can arrive as late as 9.30am because school staff will kindly ensure that tuckshop orders are collected before school. As a reward for your assistance, you can receive a lunch meal + a drink for yourself and for one child at no charge on any day you do tuckshop duty! And if Thursdays don’t suit, we can arrange another day, providing that sufficient notice is given to families. In future we will be asking for home-baking by way of biscuits, slice, cakes or muffins, but for now we have stocks of morning tea items on hand.

Please contact Karen Smith on 0407 765646 to advise what days you are happy to be rostered on tuckshop this term!

Lunchtime special: Hot Dog (with or without cheese) + fruit juice. Cost: $4.00.

Tennis Lessons in 2015
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: faulless@samford.net
The Bowenville Rural Fire Brigade will be having **TRAINING NIGHTS on FIRST WEDNESDAY of EACH MONTH** commencing at 6pm going for about an hour, just to REFRESH members and fire fighters with various procedures and equipment. Any interested Community persons and Bowenville Residents are most welcome to come along and see what happens and how things work, it’s YOUR FIRE BRIGADE. If you wish Contact Mat Finch 1st Officer and Training Officer on 0418 194696.