**Focus For the Week**

**Holidays** – I hope everyone has a well-deserved break. The students have been working hard this term. A strong focus on lifting expectations has seen some great work coming from the students, with many revising their latest written work 4 or 5 times. Much of the work students do is graded to a criteria, and this has given them clear goals to aim for. The work for term 4 will continue to build on the great work in reading and build number awareness. The students have made significant progress in many areas of maths and a review of number concepts and complex reasoning through maths problems will be the focus for term 4.

**eKindy** – we are planning to run eKindy again in 2016, as this year has been such a great success. Mrs Welke has done a fantastic job co-ordinating the program with the teachers from Brisbane. I would like to thank Miss Sandy for her kind words about the staff and students at Bowenville eKindy, yes they are a great bunch of kids, and Mrs Welke is putting in a huge effort. Camp – we are planning a camp for term 4 to the Bunya Mountains. We have sent out a letter of acceptance and would like it returned as soon as possible. We plan to cover the cost of the camp through the school and hope that the 3 day camp can be an adventure in our own backyard.

**P&C**

Thanks to the P&C for another busy term fundraising. It was a rush to the line with the clearing sale and bike ride. The support the P&C has given the school over the past terms has been fantastic, thank you.

**Staff**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their efforts over the past 3 terms. Term 3 can at times be a real push, as so much happens throughout the term. We have achieved a lot over the term, a building of a stronger reading program, the continuation of the early years focus through playgroup and eKindy. The expansion of resources and a great start to the painting of the paths. The garden program has made significant steps forward, with the support of Mrs Wise in the kitchen and the donations from the community of equipment. The kitchen garden program is a slow build program, as the expanse is now bourn by the school. It has been a great opportunity, and now the main gardens have started it will only build from there.

Principal: Mr Michael Sutton

**Sport**

Don’t forget the last few days are very busy for our year’s 3 to 6 students. We have the netball soccer carnival on Thursday and the years 4 to 6 will be out at the touch carnival. Good luck students, and most of all enjoy the day.

Michael Sutton.
COMMUNITY EVENTS:

TENNIS LESSONS
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)
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We had 2 very successful days of catering, last Friday and Saturday. Thanks to the Apelt's for allowing us to cater for the clearing sale. Thankyou to Karen Smith for her great organising, and to everyone who helped and baked. A special thanks to our two Grandmothers, Beth Carter and Doreen Cleary for their tireless effort on the day. We made $840 profit for the day.

Thanks to Pat and Brian Bryant, and the Bowenville - Irvingdale Church group for organising, and inviting us to work with them to cater for the bike ride. Thanks to all who helped out in any way, whether it was baking, packaging, setup, serving, transporting and any of the other jobs that made the morning run smoothly. We had plenty of helpers, and with a well organised layout of the serving area, the riders had a taste of our local baking and hospitality with very little wait. It was a great show of community teamwork, and for our efforts, we made $2450 profit shared between both groups. Thanks to the Morgan’s for the use of their cold room over a number of days for both events.

All the best to the students who are involved in the Netball Softball and Touch Carnivals. There was no P&C meeting last night. Next meeting is 20th October. Please contact me if you have any queries relating to P&C. Have a safe break.

John Hensel 0429 92 42 92
P & C President

Playgroup - eKindy News:-

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**Dalby State High School**
We are starting to prepare for the incoming **Year 7s in 2016**.

To assist us in our preparations, we are asking for your assistance with the following –

- Please email me an Excel spreadsheet of the current Year 6 students at your school which includes name, EQ ID and Date of Birth at your earliest convenience.
- Advise us of any students that you become aware of that will not be attending Dalby State High School in 2016.
- Please put an ad in your school newsletter advertising our Year 7 information evening and the Transition Days (this information will be forwarded to you closer to the dates – Year 7 Information Evening on 20th October and Transition Days dates to be advised).
- Editions of our current newsletter will be delivered for distribution to current Year 6 students at your school.

Parents will be given enrolment packages at the information evening on 20th October. Uncollected packages will be delivered to your school for distribution to students.

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.

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Thank you eKindy families for making me feel so welcome. It is an absolute pleasure to teach your children through distance education. As you may be aware Miss Danielle has had her baby girl, Zoe Ellanor on the 16th August and they are both happy and healthy. Congratulations Danielle!

I have recently visited Bowenville Small School and have had the most amazing experience out there. Bowenville is in between Oakey and Dalby, west of Toowoomba and I had the pleasure to visit 4 eKindy children.

The facilitator of the kindergarten program is Mrs Kim Welke and she does an amazing job with the 5 children who attend regularly. The classroom is set up beautifully and a quality program is implemented with the assistance of the parents, the small school and the involvement of the community. There is a regular playgroup and hopefully eKindy will continue in 2016. What a fantastic community!

HOT TOPICS
Transition to school
Last week, in Brisbane, we had a visit from Dr Mary Lincoln - Director of Early Learning Pathways. She brought with her a number of resources that have been issued to all Qld Primary Schools to support their efforts in assisting children and families to transition to school next year.

There is a growing commitment by the Department of Education and Training to support children to successfully transition to school and foster their enthusiasm for lifelong learning. Part of this approach is supporting a return to a more age appropriate approach to teaching and learning in the early years. This means more hands on, inquiry and interest based learning similar to what children should be experiencing in their kindergarten learning environment.

What do you know about Transition to school?
Click here to find out more about the what the Department of Education and Training say about transition to school.

Did you know?
There is a transition statement issued at the end of every child’s Kindy year that you can give their Prep Teacher next year? We will begin writing these for eKindy children next term. Double click here to read some frequently asked questions about Kindy Transition Statements.

In Unit 7 the children will
- Explore the purpose and meaning of texts.
- Explore ways to talk about letters, sounds and words.
- Listen attentively, predict and respond to texts; join in to ‘read’ and use book knowledge.

REMINDER - It is that time of the term where books packs and resource kits need to be returned.