Dear Parents,

The final P&C meeting was held last night and the attendance for the final meeting was a little disappointing with so many decisions that needed to be made. However there was a quorum and it was decided to keep the auditor that has done the audit for the last 3 years and to not go ahead with the installation of shade sails at the front of the school at this point.

The results of the School Opinion Surveys for this year uploaded onto One School yesterday and I have not had enough time to analyse the data yet. However there are some issues that need to be dealt with to improve parent and staff satisfaction levels. One area for parents was the data on the school that is given on line. If you have any ideas on how our school website can be improved I am happy to hear your views.

How well to do you understand your child’s report card?

This year we have improved the way we issue standardised assessment in English and Mathematics with all tests being administered by Mrs Hensel and the data collected by her and given to teachers. The department is focusing on there being a direct correlation between in school results, standardised assessment results and NAPLAN results. That means that a child with a “C” on the report card should be one or two bands above minimum standard on NAPLAN and within the average range on a standardised assessment. A child with a “B” would be achieving at least 12 months above their class or age level and an “A” would be more than two years above. So for any child a “C” is a great result as it is where your child should be for their year level and should be celebrated. In the future you will see student results based on data collected against a given criteria and less results based on teacher judgement and opinion. The effort mark is given based on your child’s application to their school work every day.

Last week I was advised by a parent that there has been another outbreak of head lice. Please use the information attached to this newsletter to treat your child if needed so that we can achieve a positive outcome for all the students in the class. There is additional information here at school if you require it.

School report cards, the books for the students, book lists and the school magazine will be issued in the second last week of term. We now have provision to issue report cards via email. If you require your child’s report card in a hard copy please let us know so that you can be removed from the email provision in One School.

The school concert and award’s night will be held on Wednesday 4th December in the Bowenville Community Hall at 6.30pm. It will be followed by a barbeque supplied by the school P&C. Parents are invited to bring a salad or dessert to share. There will be further information at this newsletter to treat your child if needed so that we can achieve a positive outcome for all the students in the class. There is additional information here at school if you require it.

The staff is reviewing book lists at the moment to make sure that we have the most appropriate texts that match the national curriculum for Mathematics as the alignment of some of the texts has changed. Geography will be introduced as a separate curriculum area in 2014, I am pleased to announce that we measured 22.5mls of rain in the school rain gauge this week. I hope there is more on the way soon.

There is much work to be done in the school gardens so Mrs Genis and I will be tackling them with the help of the students over the next couple of weeks. We will be removing some plants, weeding, planting and repairing watering systems so that the gardens can be easily maintained over the holidays.

Have a great week everyone!

Lee
COMMUNITY EVENTS:

**TENNIS LESSONS**
Tennis Lessons in 2013
At the Bowenville SS
Lessons for all ages & standards
Friday mornings before school
Contact Club Professional
Ben Campbell
M: 0414 645 916
e: faultless@samford.net

**WANTED**
Karen Green is looking for a house to rent between Bowenville and Oakey. Features we would like are three or more bedrooms, built-ins and a large yard for two children and two outside dogs. Please contact 0422130893

**FOR SALE**
5x4 Round Bales Sorghum Stubble
$30 each
Phone 0427623265

Bedford Bus 1969 B96 blue/grey on outside with white roof, 310 petrol motor was driven a year ago, has bedroom with queen size bed and mattress. $1800 ONO OR SWAP for rotary hoe—solid type or ride on mower Toro, John Deere or old Holden HK to HZ. Must be in gc and to value of bus. Phone—0413975715
Thank you

**FOR SALE**
Guinea Pigs for sale.
One week old—ready to take in 4 weeks. Please phone Tia on 46637195.

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**3-6 News!**

3-6 News: The units of work will be completed by the end of the week so the next few weeks will be revision for all students. There will be no set homework for the next 3 weeks but some students will be completing incomplete tasks or books. The school leaders who wish to stand for school captain will be busy preparing their speeches for the election of school captains on Friday 29th November.

Lee—3-6 Teacher lmill98@eq.edu.au

**Library:**

Remember that school library is every Thursday. Please remind your child/children to bring their library books in their library bag.

**Book Club:**

Issue 8 of Book Club is here and is packed with great Christmas gift ideas. This is the final Book Club for the year. Orders are due back by 25th November. Remember that everything you buy earns points for our school to purchase books for the Library and resources for the benefit of all the students.

**Playgroup Christmas Raffle:**

Sent home with each family, is a book of raffle tickets to raise money for our school playgroup. Could you please do your best to sell the tickets and return them to the school by 2nd December. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday night, 4th December at the school concert.

Thankyou Kim Welke.

**P & C News:**

Thanks to those who attended the meeting last night. It was to decided to mothball the shade sail proposal, as there was no clear direction from the meeting that this was the best use of P&C funds to benefit our students. Other suggestions were, covered walkway between resource centre and school, musical equipment, sporting equipment, before/after school care, grounds maintenance. The possibility of applying for a community grant from New Hope Coal was also discussed.
From the special meeting, it was decided to use Audit Solutions as auditor.

Have a good week. John Hensel 0429 92 42 92.

**Tuckshop:**

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PLEASE NOTE -NO VANILLA MILK AVAILABLE FROM SUPPLIER.

If you cannot do your tuckshop day please organise with someone else.
Tami Mears. Tuckshop Convenor.
FOR SALE
2011 Toyota Kluger KX-R, 2WD, 7 Seater, Maroon, 47,500km
Auto, Roof Racks
Still in New Car Warranty
Tyre's all good, Plenty Rego
Great Car. Contact Brett on 0427621860
Located in Dalby

A notice to ratepayers and residents of Bowenville, Irvingdale, Kommamurra and Formartin districts: Following last year’s public meeting about the closure of the Bowenville dump, a Delegation met with Mayor Antonio and Councillors Sommerfield and Gouldson. At that meeting, the Mayor promised to provide skip bins and a key system, in lieu of our closed dump, for local residents to dispose of waste. This did not eventuate. Upon follow-up of this matter, a Councillor suggested the provision of a number of wheelie bins at Bowenville. After further prompting, a skip bin was promised at the same site for domestic and farm waste. With no further notice, about one week later six plastic wheelie bins were placed in the area near the highway together with instructions on a sign. If you are unhappy with this situation as the permanent replacement for our dump then please contact Nancy Sommerfield on 0499 774 278 or Paul Antonio on 0429 954 109. Please pass this message on to other concerned residents who may not receive this newsletter.

Bowenville—NO 1  John Hensel—46924292  David Johns—46924221
Bowenville—NO 2  Trevor Kummerow—46922236  David Tomlinson—46637137
Bowenville—No 3  Murray Wise—46637158  Chris Callaghan—46637759
Bowenville—No 4  Graham Walton—46637113  Vince York Jr—46696629
Bowenville—No 5  Wayne Dowling—46637125  Russel Morgan—46637183

Bowenville Rural Fire Brigade
In Case of Emergency Always Ring 000
Firecom Toowoomba—Ring 1800 658 219...Fire Permits—Lighting & Black Out
Come along for a celebration of gardening, art, food, farming and family in Tom Doherty Park, Acland.

Historic Acland:
Alive + active into the future!
Sat 23rd Nov 9am-1pm

It's all about the people and the passion...

Contact (and wet weather venue information): 0746911222/0417638360, ecacontact@gmail.com

Bus from Bris/Ipswich/Twba Annette 0406 654 626 (or) Rob 0415 463 998 email bridgingthedivide.org@gmail.com
Head Lice

Description:
Head lice (Pediculus capitis) are small, wingless, egg laying insects found on the human head. They grow to about 3.5mm (the size of a sesame seed or pin head). Head lice live on the hair and feed by sucking blood from the scalp. They are pale grey in colour before feeding and reddish brown after feeding.

Live eggs (sometimes called nits) are glued to the hair shaft within a distance of 1.5 cm from the scalp. They hatch in 7-10 days as young lice (nymphs). It takes up to ten days for the nymphs to become mature lice and begin laying eggs. Adults are larger than nymphs and a mature female lays up to eight eggs per day.

Symptoms:
Detection of adult lice or nymphs on the scalp is the best way to determine if head lice are present. While most people with head lice will not develop an itch, a small number of people develop an itch due to an allergic reaction to the saliva of the louse. Scratching can give rise to secondary bacterial infections on the scalp. Swelling of lymph nodes (adenopathy) in the neck can occur in some people due to this infection.

The presence of eggs is not a reliable sign of active head lice. Eggs need the warmth and moisture of the scalp to hatch. Eggs that are further than 1.5cm from the scalp are dead or hatched and do not need to be treated. Dead and hatched eggs can remain in the hair for several weeks.

Transmission:
Head lice do not jump or fly. They are spread mainly by direct head to head contact. They have strong claws and move by swinging from hair to hair. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

A few head lice have been found on combs, hairbrushes and pillowcases. However, transmission from these objects can only occur when the item is used within the 24 hour period following use by an infested person. This is because head lice can survive only up to a day away from the human host. Head lice must feed on human blood every six hours to replenish their water supply or they will die from dehydration. The longer they are away from a human host, the weaker they become and the less likely they are to infest the next person.

Head lice do not live or breed on animals, bedding, furniture, carpets, clothes or soft toys. Their life cycle must be completed on the human head.

Head lice are a very common problem in schools and institutions everywhere in the world. While they are not a threat to health and do not transmit disease, they do cause a lot of distress and anxiety for families and schools. Anyone can get head lice. They affect all socioeconomic groups and are not a sign of poor hygiene. They have no preference for ethnic background, hair colour, hair type or age.

Detection of head lice
All parents should check their children and other family members for head lice regularly as early detection decreases treatment time and helps break the breeding cycle.

The most effective way to detect head lice is by using the hair conditioner and combing method. You will need white coloured hair conditioner, an ordinary comb, a fine tooth head lice comb and white tissue/kitchen towel.

- Apply sufficient white conditioner to dry hair to completely cover the scalp and hair from roots to tips.
- Use an ordinary comb to detangle hair and evenly distribute the conditioner. Divide the hair into four sections.
- Comb hair from root to tips using a fine tooth head lice comb.
- After each stroke, wipe the comb onto a white tissue, checking the comb and tissue for head lice.
- Comb the whole head, checking for lice.
- Put all tissues in a plastic bag, tie the top and put the bag in a rubbish bin.