Principal’s Message:

Dear Parents

Due to the wet weather last week Andrew Norris was not able to deliver the fish for the fish tank, much to the disgust of the children. However he will be out as soon as it is practicable.

With the significant rainfall of the last week there have been several children who have not been able to get to school. Some staff needed to leave early on Friday and some have not been able to get to school during the last week. While this causes some disruption to curriculum programs it is imperative that personal safety is given our first priority. The Mathematics unit for this term runs throughout the term and will continue as normal. However the English unit was only for 5 weeks and as this unit has been severely disrupted because of the weather only limited assessment will be completed for this unit. Unit 2 is based on persuasive texts and is preparation for the NAPLAN testing that occurs in early May so we will be spending the required amount of time on this unit to ensure that all our students are not limited in their preparation. Should you have any concerns about this please give me a call and I am happy to discuss it with you.

Last Thursday and Friday I attended the State Principal’s Conference in Brisbane. The next 2 initiatives of the department were released. These were the Pedagogical Framework which gives schools “the how” high quality teaching focuses on the achievement of every child. This framework gives us the framework to develop our own school based framework before the end of the year. The second framework focuses on Parent and Community Engagement and how the school and P&C’s work together to identify school priorities.

I would like to thank Rebecca Dale for indicating that she would also like to be on the committee to organise the whole school excursion for this year. I will contact all those parents individually to organise our first meeting.

Last Wednesday I measured 4mls and on Sunday I measured a further 70mls. WOW! What a wet week!

I ordered 10 iPads for student use in the classroom and these arrived this week. I am waiting on shockproof covers for them and for them to be configured for use using DETE wireless connections. I have also ordered a wireless unit to be installed in the P-2 classroom so that their ICT lessons can be more mobile and efficient.

All students have been registered for Mathletics and Spellodrome again this year. The children have their login details and these can be used at home as well as at school to support their learning in Mathematics and Spelling. I would encourage all children to access these wonderful tools for learning.

Swimming starts next Monday 11th March. Please make sure all monies are received prior to this date. An information sheet will be sent home towards the end of the week.

Book Fair is on this week. I would like to thank Kim Welke for organising this event for us.

Please remember to contact Karen Smith if you are able to help in anyway at the Open Garden fund-raiser on 16/17 March. There is much help needed by all parents as the money goes to supporting all students.

Have a great week everyone. I hope this weather lets up soon.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

This week in maths be have been working on place value and counting. It is so important that children understand the value of numbers. We are working on using materials to make numbers and different ways of representing numbers. Any practice of this at home will greatly benefit your child’s mathematical understanding. In English we are beginning our new unit on persuasive writing. It’s always fun to see children learn to use creative language to be persuasive. In SOSE we are looking at how we can make a difference to political issues and what issues are important to our community. In Science we are looking at how plants change over time and this week we will be planting some seeds to see what happens in different environments.

Have a great week everyone. Kathryn. Khayl7@eq.edu.au

3-7 NEWS:

The year 5/6 students will complete their English assessment task this week. We will complete our unit on the Digestive system this week and then move on to Art for the following 3 weeks. The students were very disappointed that Mrs Marley Quinn and Mrs Cuskelly were unable to attend school last Wednesday because of the rain and are hoping that they will be back on deck this week. The students are all eager for the whole class to be at school so that sport captains can be elected. This will happen as soon as we have a full quota of students.

Lee Miller. lmill98@eq.edu.au

Book Fair
Book Fair is running all week, in the school resource centre. From 8:15 – 9:00am and 3:05pm – 3:30pm. If these times don’t suit you, please call the school to arrange a time. A percentage of the total sales will be given to the school to purchase items from the fair or their catalogue.

Playgroup
Due to the wet whether lately, this week’s playgroup will be inside due the ground being so wet and muddy.

Mother’s Day Fundraiser
Don’t forget to return your orders and money by 27th March. So we can get in early before they sell out.

Thank you all so much for supporting our kids and our school. Kim Welke. kwelk4@eq.edu.au

P & C News:

The P&C Meeting will be held next Monday 11th March at 7.30pm. Please remember the catering fundraiser on the 16th and 17th March at Dunmore Homestead. Please contact Karen Smith if you can help.

John Hensel P&C President. 0429 924292.

Tuckshop

Uniforms can be purchased through the school Tuckshop.
‘Combo Deal’ is salad roll (Ham or Chicken) and Juice Pop for $4.50.
Tuckshop Helper—Tami Mears.

Tami Mears—0428385122—Tuckshop Convenor.
56G Patrick Street, Dalby 07 46698198

30 ft K-Line Speedtiller for hire
Excellent stubble incorporation and seedbed preparation
Requires approx min 270hp to pull
Contact James Branson on 0427 623491

Don’t play in stormwater drains
As the wet weather season continues please take the time to warn your children about the dangers of playing in or near flood waters and stormwater drains.
Queensland Fire and Rescue’s Swiftwater site can help you get this important message heard by your children or listen to flood stories told by young people.

NEWSLETTER SPONSORS
We are looking for sponsors for 2013. If you would like to sponsor our weekly school newsletter please contact the school office for details. Thank you to our sponsors so far.

BOWENVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER
THE BOWENVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP WILL BE HOLDING AN EASTER PIE DRIVE TO FUNDRAISE FOR OUR PLAYGROUP. ORDERS AND MONEY ARE DUE ON WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH. DELIVERY WILL BE WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH (THIS WILL BE THE LAST WEEK OF TERM 1). HOMESTYLE BAKE HAS A SPECIAL INCENTIVE OF 50 ITEMS OR MORE PER ORDER SHEET TO RECEIVE A FREE BACKSACK. PLEASE SEND ORDERS TO OUR SCHOOL OFFICE.

MANY THANKS KIM AND AMANDA.