Focus for 2015
Through our QSR and AIP, our focus for 2015 is Reading, Attendance, Behaviour and Engagement. As we progress through the year these areas will be developed across the school. The data from 2014 has set the tone for the year, it may not be that the area or focus is a definite within the school, but on that we have the potential to build. Behaviour is an example of this. The students’ behaviour at Bowenville SS is of outstanding quality, but it was evident in the 2014 school Discipline Audit that we did not have a prominent and clear process for recording and rewarding this behaviour. Our students need to be encouraged to build on their fantastic behaviour and a formal set of lessons is required. As time progresses these will be implemented through the Positive School Behaviour framework. Our first team training will take place on the 20th March.

Staffing
Our final staffing will be finalised this week. We have a 1.41 teaching load, with 0.9 being over allocation. The school will be funding specialists staffing for 4 days a semester to maintain LOTE, music and PE ratios.

Parent Information Sessions
In previous newsletters I had spoken about a parent information afternoon. Next week on Thursday 12th March at 3.30pm. This will be a short presentation to outline how the school will operate for the year and set the agenda for parents. If you are not able to attend the day I will be happy to meet with any parents to run through the information presented.

Principal Conference
The 2015 Principals conference held to a strong theme of working together. Schools are encouraged to share ideas and build on strengths across schools. It is a chance to share what we are doing and adapt best practice from other schools.

Reading
In the coming term I am hoping to run some parent reading training sessions. The purpose of these is to give you some insight into how we will be running our reading groups, as well as some background into the reading process. If you are interested in attending these sessions or have some questions you want answered could you please let me know. The level of interest and ideas will drive these sessions. In the coming weeks I will put out a short survey to guide interest and will build the presentations from there.

P&C
Get involved. The P&C is a great way to get involved with the school and make a difference. Working together as a school community is the best way to support the students within the school. The connection and involvement with the students and school is a direct way you can have positive impact on student learning. Involvement impacts achievement. As the year passes there will be a range of opportunities to help out, but if there is a gap you see please come along and put forward your ideas.

Michael.
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)
e: faultless@samford.net

Playgroup will be Wednesday 11th March. Please bring a piece of fruit to share and a hat. Gold coin donation appreciated. All enquiries to Kim Welke—kwelk4@eq.edu.au

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P & C News:

As the audit document was not back by the last meeting, the P&C AGM was postponed and will be held on the 10th March at 7.30pm. I ask that all parents and community members who are interested in our school to please attend. There will not be any executive positions unexpectedly thrown on you, however anyone is able to nominate for a position if they wish. As our parent base has shrunk it is very important that all families have a representative at all P&C meetings and that as many community members also attend so we can continue to provide strong support for our school.

Thanks to Karen Smith for offering to organise the Softball Carnival Tuckshop on Friday 27th March. A lot of help will be needed, so please let Karen know if you can.

We have again been asked to run the chip van at the Brymaroo Rodeo on Easter Saturday 4th April. More info to come for all those budding chip whisperers.

At the last meeting discussions were had on Tuck Shop for 2015. With only a small helper base it was decided that Tuck Shop every week was not possible. One possibility raised was to have individual Families organise a Tuck Shop and have it once a month. This could be for both breaks or just one. In order to get Families thinking about this or other options, and so it can be decided at the next meeting, please fill out the questionnaire and send back to the school or email to jdhensel@bigpond.com by Monday 9th March. Please see attached Questionaire.

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P & C President
If you would like to sponsor our Newsletter for 2015 please contact the school office or email amorg140@eq.edu.au

Our sponsorship helps with the publication of our end of year school magazine.

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. This first Training Night is on 4th MARCH at the Fire Shed at 6pm. Come in your work clothes as you may get dirty. This one is about RADIO procedures and will also check out the fire truck. 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.
Tuck Shop Questionnaire

Do you think we should have Tuckshop in 2015?

How do you think it should be done?

Would you be in favour of having Families organise individual Tuckshops? (Menus would be families choice and could be as varied or simple as the Family wishes, however there is department restriction ie green/ red foods.)

How many times a year would your family be prepared to do this?

Would you prefer both breaks or if not, which break?

Other comments or suggestions

Thankyou for your time.
Please email to above address or return to school by Monday and come to the P&C meeting on Tuesday 10th March.