Dear Parents,

I would like to thank everyone who bought their school supplies at Dalby Office Choice. Office Choice donated a paper shredder to the school as a commission for the goods that were purchased by parents. I would also like to thank Office Choice for their generous donation to the school.

I would like to congratulate Lance and Fallon Wise on the birth of their son, William (Billy) Isaac, a brother for Bridie and Ava. We look forward to having the Wise family back at playgroup very soon.

Last week I signed off on a $51,940 maintenance program for the school. This includes:
- Replace louvers to toilet block
- Replace stringers to prep year modular
- Replace concrete sections to prep modular and activities building
- Replace bitumen to parade area with tiger turf
- Remove and reseal windows and replace carpet in A Block teacher resource room.

This is a significant amount of work that will take place before the end of the financial year.

The softball carnival for 2013 will be held on Thursday 28th March here at Bowenville. All the small schools in our area have been invited to attend. Due to the small numbers in our small schools teams will play with 8 players. Years 5-7 will play softball and Years 3-4 will play t-ball.

Last Wednesday night we had some unwelcome visitors to the school and as such all rooms will be fitted with dead locks during the next week. If you are passing by please keep an eye out for trespassers and report any suspicious behaviour to the relevant authorities.

The P&C fundraiser is this coming weekend. If you are able to help with home baking, making of ice, or at the event please contact Karen Smith on 46637157 after hours. All help is much appreciated and money raised goes to the support of the education of all students. Help from many, saves the burden on a few.

The school office will only be opened on a Tuesday and Thursday as there have been reductions in the number of administration hours allocated to the school. Hours are based on student numbers of the previous semester. If you have anything for the school newsletter please email it to Amanda on a Monday so that it can be put together quickly on a Tuesday and too much time is not lost.

I would like to thank Kim Welke for organising and running this year’s book fair. Over 50 books were sold and over $600 was made. This allows the school to choose more valuable resources for the library.

Have a great week everyone!
Happy Harvesting!

Lee

Principal’s Message:
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

**BRYMAROO RODEO**
Easter Saturday—30th March
Gates open 2pm—Rodeo starts 4pm
Entry Adults $15
Highschool $5
12 & Under Free
$35 Family
No Cabs—Bring a Swag

**H F T 2 0 1 3**
Holiday Fun Time @ St Mark’s Lutheran Church, Dalby
2nd wk Easter School holidays: Tue, Wed, Thur 9-11 April 9am-12pm
Enrolment forms - Church Office
(Tue-Fri 9am-1pm)
Cleaning & Catering Supplies, Archibald St
More information - Elissa 4692 4292 or Leanne 4663 1212

This week is a little bit hectic with swimming, however we are happy that we still have our 2 hour English block every morning. We are continuing with persuasion. This week we tried to persuade each other that either Summer or Winter was better. We had to use persuasive language and give reasons. It was quite interesting to see what reasons the children give for a particular season. We have also accessed mathletics at school and it is a wonderful resource that the children really enjoyed. If this is something you would like to access at home, please e-mail me and I will send you your child’s personal log on. As I mentioned in a past newsletter we are continuing our technology unit on spinning tops. The children have become very excited about this unit and it seems some have gone home and said they need to bring particular materials to school. This is not the case. In the past I have sent notes home if your child needs something at school and I will continue to do that. If you have any concerns about this please come and see me.

Have a great week. Kathryn. Khuy7@eq.edu.au

**3-7 NEWS:**
Our 5 and 6 students have completed their English assessment for Unit 1 and will begin Unit 2 on understanding persuasive text this week. The whole class completed their assessment on the digestive system and will be doing softball and ball practice for the next 3 weeks on 2 afternoons a week with Art and Craft activities on the other afternoons. There will be no Maths homework this week because of swimming. This week I will be sending home a list of questions for students to complete on their home reading. These questions will help with comprehension. Last week Mrs Hensel completed PM benchmark assessment of all students and it was significant to note that many students are wonderful at oral reading and decoding words but have very limited recall of the text and they are unable to answer simple questions on the text. This is of serious concern to us and we hope that completing questions on their home reading books will assist as well as the explicit instruction that is being given in class.

Lee Miller. lmill05@eq.edu.au

**Book Fair:**
First of all I would like to start with a BIG thank you to all the students, families and staff who supported the Bowenville School Book Fair. The total sales for the week were, $739. Unfortunately I can’t log on to the book fair website to finalise all the paperwork and also to work out how much commission our school will receive. However I will let you know in next week’s school newsletter.

The colouring competition winners are as follows:
Pre-Pre – Emily Cornford, Prep – (no entries), Year 1 – Grace Cornford, Year 2 – (no entries), Year 3 – Hannah Cornford, Year 4 – Tia Morgan, Year 5 – Brooke Webb, Year 6 – Natalie Green.

Congratulations to these winners. Thank you to all the children who participated in the colouring competition. I would also like to thank Mrs Haylock and Toni for judging the competition. The Lucky Door competition was won by, Lachlan Finch. And the winner of Guess How Many Books Competition was a tie between Michael Carroll and Mrs Rosemary Goodwin, each had a spot on guess of 50 books. Congratulations to all of these winners.

Kim Welke—Book Fair Co-ordinator. kwelk4@eq.edu.au

**Book Club:**
Hi everyone! Issue 3 of Book club has arrived. It is jam packed with lots of wonderful books; including Easter stories, fabulous educational games, even some great fine motor activities and art and craft. Please remember, every order helps our school provide new books for the students to read and other educational resources, through free picks and bonus coupons. So why not add some extra filling to your child’s Easter basket, by adding a book or two.

If you wish to purchase items intended for gifts, let me know and I can keep them for you to collect or wrap them up for the kids to take home, whichever you would prefer. Orders are due back no later than Friday 15th March, 2013! Please remember that no cash can be accepted, only credit card, money order or cheque - follow instructions on order forms.

Thanks for supporting our school. Kim Welke—Book Club co-ordinator

**P & C News:**
This weekend is the catering fundraiser on Saturday and Sunday at Dunmore Homestead. If you can help at the stall and or with cakes, slices etc please contact Karen Smith 46637157. There will be a short working bee on Saturday week, 23rd March for a general tidy up before the upcoming softball carnival. It will be a 7.00am start and with many willing helpers it won’t take too long, so that people can get back on the headers. Please bring shovels and rakes.

We will be manning a drinks or chips stall at the Brymaroo Rodeo on Easter Saturday night. 30th March. If you are able to help please contact me on the number below.

John Hensel 0429 924292

No TUCKSHOP this week due to swimming.
Tami Mears—0428385122—Tuckshop Convenor.
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

BOWENVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

THE BOWENVILLE STATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP WILL BE HOLDING A 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 I) 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.

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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.

‘Take a Stand Together’ on Friday 15 March

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is on Friday 15 March.

The Bullying. No way! website has information for parents and students of all ages about the National Day of Action and how we can all help create a supportive school environment free from bullying, harassment and violence.