concepts included. The English
language is a complex language
learn how to spell. The context
or origin of the word can change
the meaning or spelling. If we
look at the word wind, is it, the
wind is blowing or, I will wind up
the clothes line? The sounds are
different, but the Graphemes, or
symbols that represent the
different sounds are the same.
Another example is the ‘ir’ in bird,
is the same as the ‘ur’ in slurp,
the graphemes are different for
each word, (ir, ur) but have the
same phoneme. It all sounds a
little complex, but it follows many
of the principles researched
through cognitive psychology on
how language is learned.

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Don’t Forget Parent Infor-
mation Sessions

This 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.

School Behaviour

This week’s focus for student
behaviour is on Hands Up and
Knocking on the door. It sounds
simple, but there are some as-
pects of these daily functions that
child are taught and need rein-
forcing. In a class situation put-
ing your hand up to indicate that
you have something to add to the
conversation sounds simple
enough. But have you thought
about what a student may be
thinking about when their hand is
up. When a child has their hand
up to talk, they are thinking about
what it is they are wanting to
speak about. The problem with
this is that they are missing what
is actually being said by other
students. The purpose of a con-
versation is the sharing of ideas,
and the inclusion of other points
of view into your own thinking.

Attendance

Attendance has had a fantastic
improvement this term. We are
sitting at 97% a huge increase
over last year’s 92% by term 4.
Well done students and a huge
effort parents. Everyday counts
and the attendance rates has
and will have a massive impact
on student learning. The covering
of concepts within maths and
development of ideas across
other subjects will be smoother
for students with a high
attendance rate.

Spelling

Our Spelling program is following
the Soundwaves program. The
program uses the 44 Phonemes
to drive the spelling of words.
Each of the Phonemes will have
a range of possible Graphemes
that are used to represent the
sound and join to make a word.
Students will have access to
Soundwaves online and will be
able to log in and do some
activities and related to the
Phoneme of the week.

The use of the sounds
(phonemes) is a little different to
traditional spelling but many of
skills and ideas are a part of the
broader program. The need to
understand how adding ‘ed’ ‘s’
and ‘ing’, as well as suffixes and
prefixes are but a few of the

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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

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Playgroup will be Wednesday 18th 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:

The P&C AGM was postponed again and will now be held on the 17th 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. Please keep this date free.

If you haven’t done so, please send back the questionnaire regarding Tuck Shop from last week to the school or email to jdhensel@bigpond.com.

John Hensel 0429 92 42 92 jdhensel@bigpond.com

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.
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.