



Community Newsletter – Issue #4 – Term 3 - 2017

NAPLAN Results

Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN reports have been released to parents and students should have received their reports by this Friday. The results, which provide a point in time snapshot of learning, are encouraging and reinforce the school improvement agenda of a rapid improvement in literacy across all key learning areas. Our literacy blocks will be concentrating on writing for success and all classes are in the process of embedding rapid recalls and drills of specifically targeted grammar and punctuation features of the English language.

If you have any specific questions about your child's NAPLAN Report please don't hesitate to contact their teacher.

School Opinion Survey

The survey is open until August 25 and we encourage all parents to take the opportunity to have their say on our school. This survey is simple to complete but gives us vital information on what is working well and what we can improve on from a parent's perspective. All information gathered is confidential and if you require a replacement information note please see me in the office.

Future Leaders Eco Challenge – 2017

Year 5 and 6 students travelled to Cannonvale, with Mrs McCullough to participate in the annual Reef Guardian School Eco Challenge with the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. This year's focus has been on beach and marine recovery after extreme weather. The students collaboratively designed a rubbish collection device made from recycled materials to use on the Cannonvale foreshore to remove litter. They sorted and categorised beach litter, discovering that plastics and Styrofoam are pests;

and they participated in Landcare seedling planting to add to the 'riparian buffer region' along Galbraith Creek. Finally they took a walk through the mangroves to learn about biodiversity and brainstormed the impact of ocean acidification.

As you can see from the photos the students really got a hand in a variety of activities.



Absent from school
(Don't let it be unexplained)
Ph: 4946 9522
Drop by the office or send a note
ALL DAY – EVERY DAY!
Aiming for 95% or better!



for Attendance News

This term, our attendance data is consistently hovering between 94.85% and 95.10%. Thank you to everyone for ensuring our students are arriving to school before 9am and after 8.30am. Remember our goal is to be at 95% or better.



Queensland Health

Spread fun not flu!

Even healthy kids can get seriously sick from the flu and they can spread it to others.

To learn more visit www.qld.gov.au/flu

Protect your child and others this flu season:

- Keep sick children at home
- Teach children to wash their hands and cover their coughs and sneezes
- Vaccinate—children over six months can be vaccinated.



Every **minute** of every **hour** of every **session** of every **day** of **learning** counts at **Bowen State School**.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is ...	And over 13 years of schooling that's ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years





P and C News

August 16 is the next meeting straight after school. All are welcome to attend.

Calendar

2017 August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 4		1	2 Assembly 2.30pm	3	4	
Week 5	7	8	9 Eco Challenge Excursion	10	11	
Week 6	14	15	16 Assembly 2.30pm P&C Meeting 3.10pm	17	18	
Week 7	21 Race Week	22 Emergency Services Visit	23	24	25	
Week 8	28	29 2/3 Excursion – Farleigh Sugar Mill	30 Assembly 2.30pm	31		

2017 September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 8					1	
Week 9	4	5	6	7	8	
Week 10	11	12	13 Assembly 2.30pm	14	15 Last Day of Term	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	