Dear Parents

EVERYONE2DAY
EXEMPTIONS
Did you know?
You can apply to the Principal for an exemption if your child needs to be absent from school.
Exemptions are not counted in your child/children’s end of year absences?
Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons and will need to be assessed for approval by the Principal:
§ Exceptional domestic circumstances (some examples are listed below):
§ Flood (or other natural disaster) where the student is prevented from attending school;
§ Funerals where the family needs to leave town for a period of time;
§ Family holidays during school term subject to being satisfied that this is in the best educational interests of your child;
§ Child accompanying sick parent out of town for a period of time for treatment. If the time away is more than a week try to have your child attend the local school through short-term attendance to ensure your child does not miss out on too much learning.
§ Other exceptional circumstances such as health of the student where sick leave or alternative enrolment is not appropriate
§ Student needing to attend appointments in Sydney, for example, for ongoing treatment;
§ The child being prevented from attending school because of an infectious disease which could include whooping cough; measles; impetigo (school sores ); influenza; chickenpox; conjunctivitis; gastroenteritis; German measles; mumps; ringworm; scabies; Scarlet Fever.
§ Employment in the entertainment industry or participation in elite sporting events for short periods of time i.e. for one or two days, and at short notice.
Remember: Exemptions need to be applied for by the parent or carer prior to the absence and will need to be approved by the school principal. If you think your child/children may need an exemption, speak to the principal by appointment or phone call and complete the application form.

P&C News
Our next meeting will be held today, Tuesday 2nd March at 6pm in the staff room. We hope to see plenty of new faces as we discuss what is happening at the school this year. Children are welcome to attend, but please bring quiet activities for them to play with whilst the meeting is on.
P&C Meet and Greet BBQ
Thursday 4th April at Bowen Public School, time 4pm-6pm
Bring your family along to meet the friendly teaching staff and Tammie Meachan our new welfare officer.

Canteen News & Roster
Mon 1/4 - CLOSED - Easter Monday
Tues 2/4 - Rachel Biggers, Ben George
Wed 3/4 - Karen Miller, Anne Gordon
Thurs 4/4 - Virginia Gilbert
Fri 5/4 - Virginia Gilbert, Shirylee Black
If you would like to volunteer to help in our school canteen please leave your name and number with the ladies at the school office.

Burger Meal Deal
The P&C are hoping to raise money for the 5/6 excursion this year to Canberra. Order forms were sent out last week with your child. There will be a choice between a hamburger or a cheeseburger with chips and a flavoured milk for $5!

Orange Apple Festival
This year the Orange Apple Festival will run from 10-12 May to coincide with Mother’s Day weekend and timed to include the Orange Region Farmer’s Market on the Saturday. More information regarding activities to follow in next weeks’ newsletter.