Happy Holidays! (Almost!)

We have almost made it. The end of the school year is in sight and Christmas is just around the corner. This will be the last newsletter for the year so keep an eye out for notes home if there are events not covered in this edition of the newsletter. There are a number of events taking place for students in various classes over the next few days so don’t forget to ask your child if they have a note in their bag!

It truly has been an amazing year and many wonderful things have taken place. I won’t list them here because I’m sure they will get a mention at our presentation assembly tomorrow. If you are at all able, please come to our Presentation Day Assembly. It is a fantastic celebration of our achievements as a school throughout the year and our students are awarded for their especially brilliant work and contribution to Bowen.

I would like to thank all of the parents, staff, students and community members who have supported me in my role as Relieving Principal this year and who have supported our school in helping to achieve the best outcomes for our students. Our school is not only a significant part of the Bowen community but also has a community of its own. Without the involvement and valuable contributions of everyone, we could not hope to achieve the wonderful results that we have this year. Thank you.

On the topic of everyone’s contributions; at tomorrow’s assembly, there will be a number of survey questions posted around the hall. This is the beginning of a new planning cycle and is your chance to have a say in where we head in the next few years. You will be asked to respond to some questions by placing a token into the box next to the answer you think is most appropriate. We are doing this to try to gauge your feelings about different aspects of the school and where you would like to see Bowen head in the future. Your opinions are very important to us so please take some time to consider the questions and to enter your response.

We are all looking forward to the Year 6 Farewell on Thursday afternoon. It starts at 5:30pm with a disco to follow at 7:30pm for students in Years 2-6 only. The disco will end at 8:30pm. Please be on time to pick up your children from the hall.

We are also looking forward to the Lower Primary Christmas Concert on Friday at 12 o’clock in the hall followed by a regular assembly; the last one for the year. If your child has any credit or merit awards that they need to ‘cash in’, this week would be a good time to do so.

The last day of operation for the canteen will be this Friday so please ensure that your child brings their own recess and lunch during the last week of school.

There will be a sausage sizzle next Tuesday for $1 each. Look for a note home later in the week. The last day for students to attend school is Wednesday 17 December.

The staff at Bowen Public School wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone next year. Take care.
What’s On? - Term 4

**Canteen Closed Each Wednesday until end of Term**

Clothing Pool is open every Friday from 8:45 – 9:30am in Sick Bay

**Week 10**

Presentation Day Wednesday 10 December for all students Kinder to Year 6.
Year 6 Farewell on Thursday 11 December.
Kinder to Year 2 Christmas Concert 12 December.

**Week 11**

Adventure Playground Kinder to Year 2 on Monday 15 December.

Guessing Competition

How many Loom bands? 3500
How many smarties? 600

AND THE WINNERS ARE:-
KAYNE RAMAGE 2/3c with a guess of 3600

Kianna Christian-Ah-See with a guess of 600. A draw out of a hat was done because there were 2 students with the same guess.

Gotcha’s

No Gotcha’s this week.

Year 7 2015

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN ENROLMENT FORMS TO THE CANOBOLAS RURAL TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Enrolments for Year 7 next year cannot be finalised until a completed enrolment form has been received by the school. Please contact Mrs E Richard – TCRTHS 6362 1677.

Second Hand Uniforms

If any families have any unwanted second hand uniforms they can be dropped into the school office at any time, all donations welcome. We have a second hand clothing pool operating and we are in need of all uniform items, particularly school polo shirts.
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS IS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

January School Holiday Program

Cost $18 per session OR $33 for entire day.
Morning session (M) 8.30am – 1pm. Afternoon session (A) 1pm – 5.30pm.
EC = Extra Cost, this is the cost of the activity on top of session rate.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL PRIOR TO DAY OF CHILD ATTENDING
FULL PAYMENT MUST BE MADE AT TIME OF BOOKING

Court play varies each day, it may be basketball, netball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, futsal, hockey or just general ball play on the courts.

- All children attending must be current members of the PCYC and must have attended school (kindy – year 6) in 2014 we cater for children up to approx. 12 yrs old.
- Parent must bring child to the front office at the start of each day.
- Please ensure your child does not bring any items such as mobile phones, ipods or gaming devices to the PCYC as they are not necessary.
- Permission notes must be fully completed upon signing up to the program.
- Rates are $18 per session OR $33 for entire day
  Morning session (M) 8.30am – 1pm. Afternoon session (A) 1pm – 5.30pm.
- Fully enclosed sports shoes must be worn each day.
- Excursion fees vary & are payable on top of the session/daily fee.
- Hours are strictly 8.30am-5.30pm, with pick up & drop off STRICTLY from the PCYC.
- Please provide your child with lunch, snacks, drinks, a hat and sunscreen each day, our day is longer than a school day so pack lots of food to prevent your child from becoming hungry.
- PCYC accepts cash, cheque, credit card and debit card.
- Please phone 63602249 for further details, please note NO phone bookings taken.
- Unfortunately refunds cannot be given – if your child is sick we can transfer their payment to another day or activity.
- 3rd child in family receives care for half price – activities are charged at the full rate.

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Riding for the Disabled 2014

Last term Bowen Support students were involved in the RDA musical ride which was set to the music “Teddy Bears Picnic”. The students worked very hard for 6 weeks with their horses and it was very exciting that our group was Awarded 1st Place in NSW in the competition. The video will now be sent to London for the next step of judging by Princess Anne who is the RDA Patron.
Riding for the Disabled Photos 2014
To all who have been saving tea bags could they please bring them into the school before Tuesday 16 December so I can take them to Sydney. Thank you for all your support and hope to continue collecting next year.

If there are any Year 5 mums that would like to help with the Year 6 farewell please leave your name and phone number at the office. The dinner will be table service, so we are in need of helpers to serve the meal to the students. You will be made most welcome.

During the disco, which will commence after the dinner, slushies and lollies will be on sale.

THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 15 DECEMBER. However, we will be having one last sausage sizzle on Tuesday 16 December. The sandwiches will be available for purchase on the day at a cost of $1 each.

The P & C would like to thank all parents and students for their help throughout the year and wish everybody a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Celebrations at St Barnabas’, Orange

On Sunday, 23 November at 5pm Messy Church will hold their Christmas celebration. Messy Christmas will offer a range of fun Christmas activities and crafts that families can enjoy together. This will be followed by a brief, relaxed and interactive worship retelling the Christmas story. As always the evening will conclude with all families enjoying a meal together. Messy Church is held on the 4th Sunday of the month and is an opportunity for anyone in the community to connect with church and God in a relaxed style of worship. After this Messy Christmas celebration, Messy Church will resume in February.