Dear Parents/Caregivers

Term 1 is quickly drawing to a close. It has been extremely busy and our children have achieved some marvellous results in many areas. We look forward to seeing everyone bright and bushy tailed on Tuesday 29 April for the first day of Term 2.

We may see many of you before that at the ANZAC day parade in the main street on Friday 25th April. Bowen will be the 3rd school in the parade line this year so it would be fantastic to see as many of our students there as possible, with their full winter school uniform on.

In some exciting news, our school has grown! We now have enough students to warrant an extra teacher. Next term will see the formation of a number of new classes and staffing changes.

The newest class will be a 2/3 composite class located in the current Year 2 Room. It will be staffed by Mrs Chambers who has been working with Year 2 all year and is very excited about taking on a new challenge.

Mr Ludlow will be teaching Year 1 in the room next to the Community Room. Mr Ludlow has been working with us all year in various capacities and is very excited about the opportunity to teach his own class.

Sadly, Mr Hamling leaves Year 6 next term and is off on an adventure to watch the World Cup Soccer in South America and then to volunteer at schools in Africa to further his educational experiences. We thank Mr Hamling for all his hard work with Year 6 and wish him a safe and amazing trip. We may even see him back with us some time in Term 4 if we’re lucky.

Mr McPherson will take Mr Hamling’s place in the Year 6 room in Term 2 so they can expect lots more hard work throughout the term.

Mrs Merchant tells us she is enjoying her new role as Director, Southern Tablelands and won’t be returning to Bowen in term 2 so Mrs Graves takes up the position of Relieving Principal for the term.

Mr Novak who has also worked with us all year takes Mrs Graves’ place in 2-6G.

We also look forward to the return of Mr Bishenden in Term 2. He will take on a Learning Support and RFF role across the school.

You will find that some of your children will have had to change class and maybe their teacher due to the new class being formed. The staff has carefully considered the placement of your child and we believe that we have developed a model that best suits the needs of individual students and the school as a whole. We would love some feedback a few weeks into the term to help assess how our students are going in their new classes.

A full list of the classes appears below. For further information, please contact Mr McPherson or your child’s class teacher.

Kinder – Mrs Clyde, Kinder/1-Miss Kinney, Yr 1-Mr Ludlow, Yr 2 Mrs Day, Yr 2/3- Mrs Chambers, Yr 3-Ms Jones, Yr 4/5 Mrs James, Yr 6-Mr McPherson, K-3T- Miss Thompson, 3-6J- Mrs Johnstone, 2-6G- Mr Novak.

We wish you all a safe restful and happy Easter Break and look forward to catching up with everyone when we return on 29 April.
Easter Hat Parade
Our annual Easter Hat Parade will be on Friday 11 April at 12noon in the library for our Kindergarten to Year 2 Students, all parents welcome.

School Photos
This year school photos will be taken in Week 2 Term 2 on Tuesday 6 May, envelopes will be handed out first week back next term, envelopes and money (approx $28 for the basic pack) will be due back to school on photo day.

Year 7 2015
Year 7 Expression of Interest Form was due to be returned to school by 21 March 2014, could these forms please be returned ASAP.

Mother’s Day Stall
Mother’s Day is on Sunday 11 May and we will be holding a Mother’s day stall a few days prior, could all donations please be left at the school office by Wednesday 7 May.

What sort of start is your child getting?
A few minutes here and there doesn’t seem like much but …

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Last Day of Term 1 will be this Friday 11 April 2014.
Students return to school for Term 2 Tuesday 29 April 2014.

Photo News
PSSA Softball Gala Day

Bowen Public School – Quality teaching and caring community
Easter Family fun Day at Orange Big W on Saturday 19th April 2014

Come and join us for an Easter hat Parade, starting at 10:30am, prizes for the 3 best Easter hats, all entrants will receive a Easter egg. We also have a Micador Colouring station, with great prizes to be won. The Easter bunny will also be attending.