Welcome back everyone, we trust that you all had a wonderful break and that everyone is ready for the final term of 2016. It is a very busy term and a reminder to parents and carers that on **Monday 17th October** it is a *pupil free day* so arrangements will need to be made regarding your child/ren on this day.

Already in week 1 we have had the Life Education van visit and provide some wonderful learning opportunities for our Merinda students. Starting on Monday 10th October and running until Monday 21st November every student in the school will be participating in a tennis program as part of their Physical Education lessons for the term. It is very important that your child has their bucket hat to participate in these lessons.

Our first Prep open day began with a great turn out and a huge thank you to Ms Pawson for all the hard work she has been putting in to make these mornings a successful experience for all those attending. Our next Prep open day is on Tuesday 18th October from 9am-11am and we look forward to seeing more families attending to experience what it’s like to be a part of our Merinda family.

I’d like to say a massive thank you to our Administration Officer Dannielle Conway who has been an integral part of Merinda State School for the last 3 years. Dannielle’s last day at Merinda will be on Monday 24th October before she gets ready to make the move down south to Canberra and start her new job. We wish her and her family all the best and hope that everything goes smoothly for them. We would like to welcome Tanya Finlay who is currently filling Dannielle’s position in the office for weeks 1, 2 and 3 and doing a magnificent job. We are currently finalising applicants to interview and then fill the temporary Administration Officer position for the next 12 months. Once the successful applicant has been chosen we will let the school community know.

Reminder to parents that the bus zone is **not** a drop off and pick up zone. The parking and bus zone areas have been relined so please make sure that you park in the correct areas. Only 44 school days left for Term 4, so make everyday a winner!

**Quote of the Week**
“Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later”. Og Mandino.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Braveheart’s Show**
*Tuesday, 11th October 2016*
Please return permission notes to the office if you have not already done so. This show is free.

**Pupil Free Day – No School**
*Monday, 17th October 2016*

**P4P – Prep Classroom**
*Tuesday, 18th & Tuesday 25th October 2016*

**Year 5-6 Paluma Camp**
*Wednesday, 26th October to Friday, 28th October 2016*
*Permission slips, medical forms and payments are now due*

**Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off!**
*Friday, 4th November 2016*
All monies due to the school office by this date.

*Keep our school safe. If you do see anything unusual, call school watch on 13 17 88.*
P/1 Super Stars News
What a start to term 4 we have had with the success of our first Prep for Prep day! Year 1 absolutely loved going up into Mrs Hubbert's classroom being a big year 2. Prep loved being the leaders in the classroom, getting reading for year 1. There are still 4 more Prep for Prep days this term and I welcome everyone to come along for some fun no matter if you are enrolled or not, come and check it out!
Although we are in the last term for the year homework is still important. At the end of term 3, we had a whole school homework party and the students who did their homework every week got to have a party with dominos pizza, lollies and soft drink! This term we will have another whole school homework party for those students who do their homework every week.
The weather is getting hot so I would like to remind everyone to bring their hat and water bottle to school everyday! We also want to keep fruit break happening and really appreciate people who bring in fruit for us to share.
There will be lots of things happening so please make sure the communication book I have created for everyone comes home so you don't miss out on important information. Also remember to check the QSchool app and class dojo.
Looking forward to a busy term!!
Miss Pawson

Prep 4 Prep 2016
Merinda State School will again this year be holding Prep 4 Prep days for our 2017 Prep students. If you know of any families who are looking for a fantastic little school to enrol their children for Prep next year, please share the following dates. We look forward to meeting all of our fresh new faces.

18th October 2016 - Dental Van will be coming out today to speak about having healthy teeth and the services they provide for our school.
25th October 2016 - P&C will be speaking today about the wonderful projects they have running and ways in which our community can become involved.
1st November 2016 - School Nurse will be coming out today to speak about healthy living and the services that they provide for our school.
8th November 2016 - Girudala will be coming out today to speak about nutrition and the ways they engage in our school community.

News from 2/3 Smarty Pants Owls
Welcome back everyone! We have an exciting term organised. We are starting tennis lessons soon which is pretty amazing. Just a few reminders to remember homework each week, particularly reading and reciting/writing Duck Level words. We are working hard on our Speech Sound Pics that we are finding challenging and will be tested regularly this term. These will not only help with reading, but with spelling as well. Ask your child what their goal is this term as these were written by your child themselves! Two main things we are going to focus on this term is editing spelling and understanding vocabulary so lots of questions, discussions and dictionary work! Homework was rewarded last term and will continue to be rewarded this term as well. Please check communication booklets and dojo messages for upcoming events and notices. Looking forward to a wonderful last term with the 2-3 Smarty Pants Owls!

Mrs H
A Blast from 3/4 Class!
Welcome back for the final term of 2016! Year 3/4 have hit the ground running and have already completed a math assessment. At the moment year 3 are working on 3D shapes and have been designing some amazing chicken pens for the chickens we hope to have very shortly. Year 4 are looking at ways we handle rubbish both in the school community and the general community. Watch out on class dojo story for some interesting information about rubbish. Just a note to let you know our homework week has changed. Homework will now be given out on Tuesday and is due in the following Monday. Keep your eye on the newsletter as we may be calling for volunteers to help with the chicken coop shortly. Until next fortnight, cheers Mrs S.

What’s Happening in 5/6?
It’s Term 4 and for some us it is our last term of primary school. We have been super lucky to have had the Life Education van out to our school and had the opportunity to discuss cyber safety and peer pressure. We are also very excited for school camp. This term we are investigating energy and electricity through various experiments and research. We are also looking at sustainability and how that effects people, places and communities along with various forms of text that convey a variety of issues. This Term is full of exciting things and we can’t wait to share it with you!

P&C News
Fundraising is an important part of the P&C’s role. Money that is raised goes towards equipment for the school, excursions, performances, year 6 graduation, presentation night and lots of other things that benefit your child. We have a major goal of a new playground for the school.

Every second Sunday the P&C have a stall at the Hansen Park markets, selling bacon and egg sandwiches. We need volunteers to help continue this important fund raising activity. If you could spare some time on the following dates, please return this form to the school office and we will contact you. The stall runs from 6am to midday, anytime you can spare is greatly appreciated. Even a couple of hours would be great.

Thank you, Aleisha Johnson P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator

Please return this form to the school office if you are able to provide assistance with the P&C fundraising at the Hansen Park Markets. Please circle the days below that you are available to help.

Name: ____________________________________________
Phone #: __________________________________________

4th September  18th September  2nd October  16th October
30th October  13th November  27th November

Thank you for your support
**Ticket Books**
Thank you to everyone who has taken home ticket books to sell. Just a reminder that all sold and unsold tickets are to be returned with money to the school office by close of business 11\textsuperscript{th} November 2016. If you would like to sell more books please come into the school office and we will gladly provide you with more booklets. Prizes will be drawn on the 25\textsuperscript{th} of November 2016 at 9am.

**Make it Grow!**
Merinda State School would like to add to our gardens. At the moment the gardens are looking a bit sad, so we would like to bulk them up with some beautiful plants. We are asking our parents and the community if they would be able to donate any **drought tolerant** plants to the school. We would greatly appreciate any contribution. Help us make our school beautiful.

**TaeKwonDo**
Self Defence TaeKwonDo classes for adults and children will be available at Bowen State School. Sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30pm. The first session is free, commencing Term 4. Rates are $35.00 per month. Phone Anna on 0433 300 617 for more information.

**Save the Children – Play2Learn**
Merinda State School has a fantastic and very valued partnership with Save the Children Australia. Through their mobile play scheme, parents and carers of children from 0 to 5 years are able to play and talk in a secure, safe and professional environment. The program promotes child safe activities as well as strong community values. Children are exposed to many fun and stimulating activities to get their little minds turning, the play group also gives parents or carers a chance to interact with other families in their community. To make sure that this amazing program continues we need our communities support. If you have a child between 0 – 5 years or have family or friends with a child or children in this age group, get involved; it’s free. Come to Merinda State School on Thursdays between 9:00am and 11:00am to join in the fun. Please contact Kylie Bell for more information on 0438 202 058.
MERINDA STATE SCHOOL

PREP OPEN DAY

Tuesdays October 4th, 13th, 25th, 1st and 8th November 9am-11am

Why choose Merinda State School?
- Dedicated and skilled staff
- Pleasant, welcoming, and friendly environment
- Active P&C and positive parental engagement
- Green Team Environmental Warriors
- Small School Values
- Large, spacious school grounds

Our school offers:
- SSP as part of our literacy approach
- A hands-on approach to learning
- Units that follow the Australian Curriculum
- Exceptional teacher aide support

RSVP Today!!
Open to all, call our helpful office staff today to book your spot on (07) 4785 2193. We are excited to meet you all and welcome you into the Merinda family.

A curriculum that focuses on:
- Integrating literacy into all aspects of learning
- Developing inquiry skills
- Critical and creative thinking
- Problem solving
- Effective communication
- Incorporating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island cultures into our learning
- Active participation
Win a Trip to Australia Zoo
Meet 'Scout' the Tiger Cub
Celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouts

The Competition:
It's 100 years since Cub Scouts began and to celebrate you could win an all inclusive trip for a family of four (2 adults and 2 children) to Australia Zoo, Sunshine Coast.

You'll be treated to a Platinum Zoo Adventure of behind-the-scenes animal encounters, your own personal guide, your own personal photographer and an awesome VIP gift pack.

Fly courtesy of Flight Centre Group Travel and stay at the Oaks Oasis on the Sunshine Coast.

While you're there, visit 'Scout' the new tiger cub, sponsored and named by Cub Scouts!

To enter log onto www.cub100.com and fill in the online entry form.

Want to know more about Cub Scouts?
Contact your local Cub Scout Group or go to www.scouts.com.au

BOWEN CUB SCOUTS
We are looking for extra Cub Scout Leaders - if this sounds like you...
please contact Lesley Bullemor  email  bowenscoutgroup@outlook.com

One person per entry. All entrants must be over 18 or have permission from a parent or guardian.

Competition opens 10am June 1 2016 and closes 4pm October 31 2016. Winners will be posted to www.cub100.com. Terms and conditions at www.cub100.com.
Saturday 15th October 2016

Join in the tri fun with the kids' own version of the Bowen Triathlon 2016. Swim along the beach, ride along the esplanade and run along the boardwalk to the finish at the Surf Club. It’s about giving it a go and having a whole lot of fun being active, plus you’ll get a finisher's medal and other goodies.

JUNIOR TRI DISTANCES

7 years and under
25m Swim - 500m Cycle - 200m Run

8-10 years
100m Swim - 3km Cycle - 500m Run

11-12 years
200m Swim - 6km Cycle - 1km Run

Entries online at
www.whitsundaytriclub.com

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