From the Principal
With under two weeks left of Term 1 we have lots of things going on at our wonderful school before the Easter break. This Thursday are our Parent-Teacher interviews starting at 3:30pm and finish at 6:30pm in our Prep/Year 1 room. If you haven’t had a chance to make a booking yet, please do so as timeslots are filling up quickly. Next Tuesday morning we have our school cross country followed by our Year 5/6 class at 11:30am attending the Bowen Research Station where they will be involved in a range of activities from weed and pest control to plant and harvesting plus many more.

On Wednesday 23rd March we have our makeup swim lesson followed at 2:30pm with our Easter Bonnet parade, parents are more than welcome to attend the parade. On Thursday 24th March the last day of school for Term 1 we have our swimming carnival.

A massive thank you to Mitre 10 in Bowen who have generously donated 8 Litres of paint and four different colours for our school to be able to repaint our benches around the school. It’s always great to have such fantastic community support and we can’t thank them enough.

Just last week we had a timely reminder in our Bowen community about the need to stay vigilant when it comes to talking to people we don’t know. Unfortunately stranger dangers are a real concern and especially with the Easter break fast approaching something that we need to remind our children about. So please stay safe over the Term 1 holiday as we want everyone to come back to school for the start of Term 2 safe and sound.

Quote of the Week

Merinda Super Stars

P/1 Super Stars News
What a MASSIVE, EXCITING term we have had!! It’s hard to believe how far we have all come in only a short time! We are in such a busy time of assessment, but we are trying hard to have fun. Our Friday afternoon buddy sessions with 5/6 have been a complete success. We have been able to develop new relationships and create a positive community feel. In English we have explored imaginative texts, and compared two different stories and make connections with the story. We have really enjoyed our Eric Carle art unit, where we have created some amazing caterpillars and butterflies to tell the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. I would like to thank parents and community members for the love and help you have shown myself and the prep one students during our first term for 2016. Have a safe and happy Easter.

Upcoming Event

Parent Teacher Interviews
17th March 2016
3:30 – 6:30pm
Please make sure you call the office to book in an interview time.

Swimming
18th March 2016

Cross Country
22nd March 2016
Parents are more than welcome to come and cheer on our teams.

Seed, Grow & Show
22nd March 2016
Please make sure notes are brought back to the office prior to this date.

Catch Up Swimming Day
23rd March 2016

Bowen Athletics Club
Season Sign On
24th March 2016
Col Leather Sporting Complex 3:30 to 5:30pm

Good Friday
Happy Easter Everyone, have a safe and fun school holidays.
News from 2/3 Smarty Pants Owls

Welcome to week 8! Wow the term has gone so SUPER fast and we have worked so hard! A big thank you to everyone for our fantastic term together as 2-3 ‘Smarty-pants Owls’. I am looking forward to our interviews this week and don’t forget to make an Easter bonnet for your child for our Easter parade on Thursday. A big effort was made for ‘Crazy Hair’ day last week and everyone looked amazing! A big reminder to please bring in an ART book A3 or A4 is ok and if you still have your old one from last year that is quite fine to use as well. Hope you all have a safe and happy Easter break and I look forward to working with you all again next term.

A Blast from 3/4 Class!

Year 3/4 are having a busy time completing assessments. Our worms are thriving and we will collect some worm tea before the school holidays. A reminder that the students are still able to do their homework at school 8:30 - 9:00. Before this time the door will be locked so I can get ready for the day. Students who opt not to do their homework during this time need to do it at home. Homework sheets are given out on Monday morning and the completed work is to be handed in Friday morning. We have very active participants in the year 3/4 class with students involved in skipping teams, choir and instrumental. Great to see students participating in communities in their school. WE ARE AWESOME!

What’s Happening in 5/6

What a busy few months for 5/6! Our leaders have been working very hard with assisting all students in all year levels during lunch and playtimes. As a class, we have been proactive in leading by example and focusing our skills toward our prep/1 buddy class to support their transition to school. We have also been working super hard in class learning how to determine fair tests, create persuasive texts and exploring cause and effect. We are also very excited as it nears the end of term for our excursion to Bowen Research Station.

P&C News

P&C will be at the school on Saturday the 19th for voting day. We are holding a sausage sizzle and bake sale. If you can help on the day, or would like to donate any baking items (or ingredients) please ring Mary-Anne on 0408008195. Please pass on to family and friends and let them know to come to Merinda to vote and help support our little school. Marshmallow bunnies are being made and sold now; orders need to be in by the end of the week so ensure delivery by Easter. Please hand orders and money into the office ASAP or ring Mary-Anne on 0408008195.

Hansen Park Markets will be starting up again soon, we desperately need volunteers each fortnight to be able to continue this. If you can help at all, please notify Aleisha Johnson or Sam Webb.

There will be a special Tuck shop order for the last week of term. Orders need to be in early for catering purposes. Please fill out enclosed order form and return by Friday 18th March. Starting next term there will be a new Tuck shop menu. Any questions please ring Mary-Anne on 0408008195.

Bowen Athletics Club

For family, fun and fitness, get into the Bowen Athletics Club. Season Sign on is Thursday 24th March 2016 at Col Leather Sporting Complex between 3:30 and 5:30pm. Come and join us for a great afternoon of family fun that caters for all ages from tiny tots (kids turning 4 this year) to masters. Competition meets are held every Saturday afternoon commencing on the 9th of April 2016, starting at 1:45pm for warm up. Free training is offered to members with qualified coaches on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:15pm (but this is not compulsory). A healthy canteen is available from the first club day. Please bring your hat, shoes, water and sunscreen for each club day. EFTPOS facilities are available for sign on day and the first club day. All new members please bring along your child’s birth certificate. For further information please contact Julie Muir 0407 468 708 or Simon Miller 0408 447 131. Look us up on Facebook – Bowen Athletics Club for up to date news and photos.