From the Principal
Merinda was lucky enough for all our students and staff to watch the performance of ‘Fizz’ last Monday and what a fantastic performance it was. Everyone was treated to beautiful singing, great acting, jokes that everyone could get including the adults and a powerful message of how we should be treating other people with respect and kindness.

Today the Prep/1 class was visited by the Local Queensland Fire and Rescue Department as part of the ‘Fire Awareness’ program to educate them on fire safety and what to do in an emergency situation. Plus more importantly they got to test out the fire hose and give our grass a good soaking.

This Thursday as part of National Science week students are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to share with their classmates. When considering healthy snacks please ensure they are free from nuts and seafood as we have students with severe allergies, plus serving size should be something that can be shared among a few people.

This Friday our Prep/1, Year 2/3 and Year 3/4 classes will be hopping on a bus and travelling to Proserpine to watch the ‘Hippo Hippo!’ performance. The bus will be leaving Merinda at 9am and returning to school around 12:30pm. Students will be eating their morning tea at Proserpine so they will need to make sure that they take enough food with them in the morning.

With the majority of our school on an excursion this Friday morning, school parade will be moved to the afternoon and start at 2:40pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

This Sunday 21st August at JCU in Townsville, six of our Year 5/6 students will be competing as a team at the Opti-Minds competition. It will be a fantastic opportunity for these students to not only challenge themselves and learn to

Upcoming Events

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work as a team, but to also have a great time as well. We wish them all the best.

We have had to move book week free dress day and the school disco back to week 9 on Friday 9th September, please make adjustments to your calendar for these events.

A reminder to parents that the bus zone is not a drop off and pick up zone. Please make sure that you park in the correct areas.

Well done to our Year 5/6 class who have taken out the ‘Merinda Cup’ for class attendance for weeks 3 and 4. Hopefully this week we will see the competition remain nice and close. Only 25 school days left for Term 3, so make every day a winner!

Ghana Beat my Drum was a fantastic experience for the whole school. The students and teachers loved getting into the African Groove and danced up a storm.

Left- Eli was so excited to be playing the drum he just couldn’t keep his feet still.
Right – Lennox showing of his African dance moves.

**Quote of the Week**

“The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential...these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.” Confucius.
P/1 Super Stars News

Prep one have once again been working hard! We have just finished our Science unit where we learnt all about different types of weather, day and night and how landscapes change. We are about to start our History unit where we are looking at our family tree and how families have changed over time. It would be awesome if students could bring in a photo of their family and a list of immediate family members for our family tree. I am really impressed with the students who are persevering with homework at home, especially their reading. By doing this you are helping to set your children up for success. We need to encourage that intrinsic motivation from a young age to help encourage them in developing a healthy work habit. Prep one have been so on task that they filled their celebration chart last week and got to enjoy their reward of biscuit decorating! I am so proud of how hard these legends work!

Miss Pawson

Clockwise from top right

Bonny and Millie with their biscuit creations.

Paige and Trixie-Grace couldn’t wait to take the picture before munching on their biscuits.

Jayden, Ethan, Nakeisha and Oliver creating yummy goodies.

Miss Smith showing the class the different weather she experienced on her trip to South Australia. Brrrr!! That looks cold.

News from 2/3 Smarty Pants Owls

Welcome to week 6 and a big welcome back to Joe and a new welcome to Meghan this week. We are starting History this week and learning about creating factual texts. The year 3s are learning about measurement and the year 2s are learning about number patterns. Mrs H was very proud of our time on parade last Friday and a big thank you to everyone for their hard work. Please remember to complete homework by each MONDAY as this seems to be getting smaller and smaller. Students will receive 2 extra dojos for completing their work and I will now be taking away dojos for incomplete homework. Keep up the fantastic reading 2-3! Mrs H can see a SUPER improvement with everyone’s reading and comprehension. Have a fantastic Week!

Mrs H

A Blast from 3/4 Class!

A blast from 3/4 class. Another busy fortnight! We would like to welcome Lumay to our class. We are finishing off our traditional story and are preparing for our next math assessment. It just never stops! The homework sheet has changed slightly so read the instructions. In science we have been investigating the rotation of the Earth and how we can see this through tracking our shadows. A reminder about the trip to Proserpine this Friday. Permission forms and money need to be returned as soon as possible. Last week we used some of our own produce to make scrambled eggs and a salad. Thank you to Granny Lou for the lovely tomatoes, beetroot and radish! Until next fortnight. Cheers Mrs. S.
**What’s Happening in 5/6**
The seniors of the school have been promoting our school wide ‘NO Bullying Campaign’ and have created posters for students, as well as facilitating areas of the playground to ensure inclusivity. We are continually becoming more informed citizens as we develop our knowledge of the past and the present. Merinda State School was very lucky to have had the opportunity to see a comedic opera performance by ‘FIZZ’. We all had so much fun, learned life lessons and were left in stitches.

**P&C News**
Fundraising is an important part of the P&C’s role here at Merinda State School. 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 fundraiser activity. If you could spare some time on the following dates please return the form on the last page of this newsletter to the school and we will contact you. The stall runs from 6am to midday, any time you can spare is greatly appreciated, even a couple of hours.

Thank you
Aleisha Johnson P&C Fundraising Co-ordinator
PREP OPEN DAY

Tuesdays October 4th, 18th, 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
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At 20° South (upstairs at the Grand View Hotel)
Friday 19th August, 2016
(Pre-Drinks 6.30pm) Trivia begins 7pm

Tickets available from:
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Bowen Byte Wise
(Limited seats available so BOOK NOW)

$10 per person (6 people per team)

Delicious G.V. Pizzas available for purchase throughout the evening

Lucky door prize:
Weekend for 2 @ HAMILTON ISLAND

Auction:
COWBOYS 2015 Premiership Jersey (signed & framed)

To raise funds for educational resources for our children...our future
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## Prices

### Annual PCYC Membership required for some PCYC Activities

- **Adult:** $30.00
- **Child:** $20.00
- **Family:** $60.00
- **Senior:** $6.00

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For all enquiries contact us: 4786 1383 or email: bowadmin@pcyc.org.au

Note: Activities can change. Check with reception for more information.
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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

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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.
Bowen Art Society Annual Art Exhibition

If you would like an entry form please contact the school office.

BOWEN ART SOCIETY ASSN. INC.
ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

Wednesday 14th September to Sunday 18th September, 2016

Entry Forms Due: Tuesday 6th September, 2016 - Entry fees to accompany entry form.

Delivering Artworks: Freighted works: by 5 pm Monday, 12th September, addressed to: Bowen Art Society, PO Box 615, Bowen 4805.
Rush Delivery: Phone 47861577 or mobile 0427186955
Hand Delivery: Tuesday 13th September - 8 am to 10 am.
BOWEN COMMUNITY HALL - 65 Williams Street, Bowen. (Cnr. Williams and Leichhardt Streets)

OPENING NIGHT: Wednesday 14 September 2016 - 6.30 pm - Light Supper & Refreshments.
BOWEN COMMUNITY HALL (formerly old PCYC Hall).
Opening Night Entry Fee: Adults $10, Secondary Students $5, Primary Students $3.
BOWEN ART SOCIETY MEMBERS FREE ENTRY (MIN 2 MTHS)

Exhibition Times: Thursday 15 Sept to Saturday 17 Sept - 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday 18 September 9 am to 4 pm

Collection Times: Sunday - No work to be taken before 4 pm, - can be collected Monday 8 to 10 am

Enquiries: President: Julie Jurgens 4786 1418 Mobile 0437 086 871
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The Bowen Art Society thanks all sponsors for their generous support

JUDGE: Margaret Burgess of Mackay - Margaret is a well known member of the Mackay Art community running Paxton's Creative Space, an active artist, tutor and judge of many Exhibitions. We invited her here as judge in 2014 and we are pleased that she was able to return as her critique of that Exhibition was well received.

BFAT AWARD (Bowen Framing, Art & Trophies) $200 - Best Presented Artwork in the Exhibition

"John Chamberlain Memorial" Award $50 for a watercolour by a local artist sponsored by Mr. B. Chamberlain.

LOCAL ARTIST ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD $100, Judged from all non-prize-winning works in Sections 1 to 9 inclusive. (Artist must be a permanent resident within Postcodes 1804 & 1805.)
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PUBLIC CHOICE AWARD $100 - voted by the public from all entries in sections 1 to 9 incl.
Awarded pm Sunday, 16 September, 3 p.m., sponsored by Bowen Art Society.

ENTRY FORMS DUE TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2016

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
P&C Volunteer Note

Please return to the school office.

Name ________________________________

Phone Number _________________________

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18th September 13th November
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