



# BOWEN HIGH BULLETIN

Week 5

Friday August 14th

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Friends

Students are given homework in one of two ways. The first is they are given set homework for the week; or, alternatively, they are given smaller amounts each time they have the class. In all cases students in the junior school need to spend about an hour a day and students in the senior school three hours a day, doing homework or assignments. **There should be a break from homework or assignments on the weekends.** Homework should be completed in a quiet area at home and each day should include revision of the work covered in class that day. Over the course of the next term we will give hints on how to de-construct assessment and homework tasks so that you, as a parent, can assist where needed. Please contact the class teacher if you feel homework is too much or too little. **Students do not get time during other classes to finish homework, so don't let them convince you otherwise.**

If students are not at school then it is harder for them to succeed with their assessment pieces. **As a guide, students should not be away from school more than 4 days a semester.** This means each term a student should be at school all the time except for 2 days. This includes all absences whether sick, family holidays or other reasons. Form Teachers and Care Co-ordinators will be sending letters home and the school will initiate formal legal proceedings against parents who permit students to miss large amounts of school time.

The Federal Government has approved a new teaching block for Bowen High. Building will commence in the next few months and be completed by mid 2010. The new block will contain a computer lab with 30 computers, a catering kitchen, general classroom and a 77 seat theaterette. The block will be located behind McKenna Hall and run from Richmond Rd to the oval. This building will be a great asset to our local community.

Regards

Graham Trevenen

## YEAR 10 BUSINESS EXCURSION

Last Friday, 40 students visited the Bowen Court House. The students were accompanied by their teachers, Mrs Haworth and Mrs Martin. As part of their Year 10 Business subject, the students have been studying the different types of courts and their proceedings.



At the Court House, the students were shown the layout of the court room by the Court Registrar, Jacki Carter. Students saw where the Magistrate, Police Prosecutor, the accused, solicitors, jury members etc sit when court is in progress.

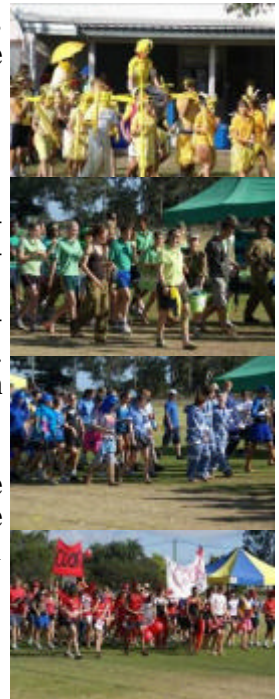
Dave Blundell, the Police Prosecutor then spoke to the students about what happens when the Magistrate's Court is sitting. The students listened attentively and asked many questions.



Students who choose Legal Studies in years 11 and 12 will actually see a court session in progress.

## 2009 Bowen High Athletics Carnival

The Highlight of the sporting year has again proven a raging success for the students and staff at Bowen High. The four houses have been doing battle for over 40 years, with all four well represented on the perpetual trophy. House Captains and House Masters alike prepare for the big day with encouragement and coercion to try to gain those all-valuable points to see who has bragging rights for the next 12 months. Amidst all this, the students battle each other to see who is the best all round athlete in their age group. Each event entered gains points towards the Age Champion medallion awarded to the student who scores the most individual points for his or her house.



## 2009 Age Champions :

### Girls

### Boys

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|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>13 yrs</b> | <b>Holly Schultz (S)</b>     | <b>Tremain Hansen (F)</b>  |
| <b>14yrs</b>  | <b>Kaylan Mattingley (F)</b> | <b>Rainer Power (C)</b>    |
| <b>15yrs</b>  | <b>Georgia Teakle (S)</b>    | <b>Nick Theodoulou (S)</b> |
| <b>16yrs</b>  | <b>Shanice Henaway (F)</b>   | <b>Karmon Power (C)</b>    |
| <b>Open</b>   | <b>Ashley Maloney (F)</b>    | <b>Anthony Hart (F)</b>    |

The battle for Champion House of the Year was very much a competition between Flinders and Cook after each House had claimed a win and a second in Swimming and Cross Country. Kennedy and Sturt, the other two houses, were working hard for an upset win, and in the early stages of day one both were leading the points table at some stage. But as Friday got into full swing Cook managed to gain valuable points with lots of competitors picking up minor placings as well as grabbing its share of winners. At the end of the day Cook had ended Flinders' 4 year run as Champion House, and the trophy was theirs. **1st Cook 2320pts, 2nd Flinders 2203 pts, 3rd Kennedy 1918pts, 4th Sturt 1915 pts.**

## Important Future Dates !!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
17th Aug	P and C Meeting Yr 11 Hospitality (bar)
19th Aug	Hockey vs TGS
20th Aug.	Swimming Sign On Science Fair BSS
21st Aug	School Disco

### **Bowen Swimming Club Inc. is commencing its swim season.**

Where: Bowen Swimming Pool

When: Thursday, 20th August, 2009

Time: Sign on at 5.30 pm; Swimming 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm.

Who: Students from Prep. to Grade 12.

**The Club caters for all swim abilities and meets each Thursday night at 6.00 pm. New swimmers are welcome to come along to learn. The season runs until the end of March 2010, breaking for all school holidays. New members most welcome.**

### **Student Festival of Fashion**

**22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009, 7 p.m.**

This year's Student Festival of Fashion will have a Rio Carnivale flavour and is set to be a night to remember. With over 80 entrants from 12 high schools it's going to be AWE-SOME! School cheer squads are encouraged so come and support your school mates. Tickets on sale now at MECC - \$20 adults, \$15 students. Bulk booking of 10 students \$100 (only \$10 each). Don't leave it until the last minute.

(Entrants don't forget the rehearsal Sat. morning 22/8/09)

Enquiries phone Rosemary Haines 49 578 265 or 0414 354 920.

### **"Take Action For Child Protection"**

#### **Photo Competition for Kids**

*Celebrating kids and their families in our community*

- ✦ Theme: "Me and my family"
- ✦ Children aged 6-18yrs can enter. Photo must be one the entrant has taken himself/herself.
- ✦ Pick up an Entry form and drop off your photo entry into Bowen PCYC, Relationships Australia, Girudala or Whitsunday Regional Council Bowen office.
- ✦ Entries Close 4.00pm Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2009.
- ✦ Major Prize is a digital camera. Other prizes for different age categories.
- ✦ Photos will be on display at Bowen PCYC, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept at the Child Protection Expo for Kids, and at Whitsunday Regional Council's Bowen office throughout child protection week.

Winners announced at the Child Protection Expo for Kids.

#### **Community Information Evening on Child Protection**

*Important and up-to-date information on keeping our kids safe*

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, 7pm - 9pm, Venue - Bowen PCYC

- ✦ Special Guests: Bruce and Denise Morcombe - from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation - talking about child safety
- ✦ Local professionals with information on how to protect children: Internet safety and Cyber bullying, drugs and alcohol

and teaching kids protective behaviours.

- ✦ Open to Adults: parents/carers, teachers, childcare workers and anyone with an interest in keeping children safe.
- ✦ Free entry (Donations to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation are welcome and will be collected at the event).
- ✦ Light supper provided.

**For information about any of the events, please phone:**

- Diana Sayer, Relationships Australia 4786 4750
- Kate Loughnan, Whitsunday Regional Council 4761 3600
- Bernadette Russell, Girudala 4786 1000.

#### **Bowen Junior Cricket Sign On**

When: Saturday, 29th August, 2009

Where: Bowen Sporting Complex

Time: 9-30am to 11.30am

#### **Some Photos from Athletics Carnival**



COOK—Winners are Grinners