

Bwgcolman Community School Newsletter

15 April 2016

Is your child at school today?

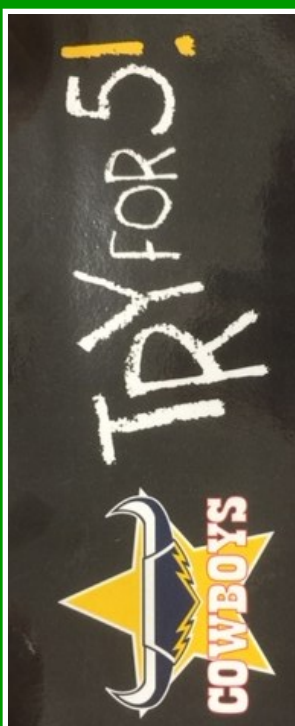
Everyday counts!

Date Claimers

25 April	ANZAC Day
02 May	Labour Day
10-12 May	NAPLAN Testing
03 June	Strike '57
10 June	Bwgcolman Day
24 June	Last Day Term 2

2016 - Priorities

- Attendance
- Reading
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)



At Bwgcolman Community School, recognising the great work and achievements of our students is an important part of our school culture.

At the end of Term 1, a large number of students were recognised at the special Cathy Freeman Awards Assembly. During this Assembly, 150 students received Attendance Awards, with nominated students from each class also being presented with Literacy and Behaviour Awards. This is certainly a proud time for our students, families and staff as we promote the great achievements and results for our school.



It's also an opportunity for the school community to thank the Cathy Freeman Foundation for their loyalty and commitment to the students of Bwgcolman Community School. The opportunities provided to our students are made so much greater because of the Foundation's support of our community.

Matthew Bowen Visits Bwgcolman

Yesterday, we were all so excited to receive a visit from a football legend—Matthew Bowen. The excitement was obvious as the school community gave him a very warm welcome.

This visit was supported by the Cowboys to announce the launch of the **TRY FOR 5** campaign. The challenge is to **ATTEND SCHOOL EVERYDAY AND WIN WITH THE COWBOYS!** Great prizes will be awarded throughout the Term with individual classes competing against each other as well as Bwgcolman Community School competing against St Michael's for the **SERIES PRIZE of a SIGNED 2016 COWBOYS JERSEY!**

Let's Go Cowboys!

Let's Go Bwgcolman!

School Attendance

Once again this Semester, Power Cards will be presented to families who have worked hard at getting their children to school everyday. Starting next Monday 18 April, students will need to be at school for 90% of the time in order for their family to receive a \$20.00 Power Card. The school will be purchasing these cards for you and they will be handed out to families during a special assembly at the end of this Term.

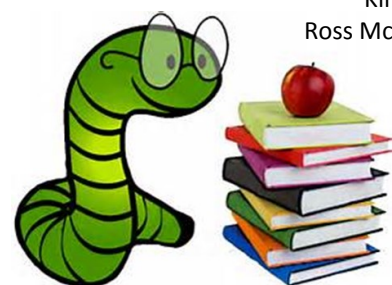
Suburb Yarns

As everyone would be aware, our Suburb Yarns at the end of Term 1 were cancelled for a very good reason—RAIN! Like everyone else, we have all been extremely happy for the rain but we will look to rescheduling the activities as soon as soon as the weather clears.

Reading in the Early Years

This year the school has invested in reading even further than before. The Prep and Year One classrooms are enjoying learning to read activities each day where the classroom teacher, a second teacher and a trained education assistant are working with the students in learning to be confident, capable readers. It is so exciting to see these little ones opening up their books and leaping into their learning.

Welcome to a new member of the Bwgcolman family. Mr Chris and Miss Amy's baby has joined us and her name is Summer. She has already visited us at school and has a large group of adoring fans in both the staff and student groups.



Kind regards
Ross McHutcheon
Principal



After School Classes at Bwgcorman

This year, Bwgcorman is proud to offer students in years three, five, seven and nine some extra time to be ready for NAPLAN.

The tutoring is on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and started on the 13th April. We had twenty students attend. They had some afternoon tea and went off with their teachers. Each group was small, which meant each child was able to get so much more of the teacher's attention and help than can happen in the classroom. It was great to see the students leave with a more relaxed attitude towards the coming testing. Very often children can be very worried about these tests as there is a lot of media talk about whether it is NAPLAN is a positive thing for children and schools.

If you do want your child to do some practice at home, there is an online NAPLAN like site, which has quizzes. It is called <http://www.smeebu.com/> and has free access.



HOD PRIMARY PIECE

I love my job! Each day we are lucky enough to work with students who are wanting to learn about their world. I am working with staff who put time and effort into giving students interesting and challenging learning activities. They think about their students after hours and work out different ways to help each one.

On Mondays at 10.30 am, we get to meet as a school on parade. We celebrate the achievement of students in their learning, recognising students of the week for each class and hearing about other events happening in our school. We see the photo stories of classroom learning, Cathy Freeman Foundation trips and sporting events that our students represent Bwgcorman. If you have some time, we would love you to come and join us and see the efforts of our students and staff put in everyday.

This term is eleven weeks long and we have ANZAC day, NAPLAN tutoring, NAPLAN, Athletics Carnival and report cards. Mr Ross has been talking with the children about the ABCs which are Attendance, Behaviour and Curriculum. I know that when staff and students all work together on the ABCs, a long Term will fly by and be counted a success.

Best wishes
Miss Jenny

