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Merry Christmas

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Our seniors of 2013 finished school last Friday and I have enjoyed attending both the graduation ceremony and the formal during that week. The formal at Dreamworld was an excellent night and a special thank you goes to Ms Pantano and her team who organized the night and who worked with this fine group of young people. Over their high school years many of these young people have contributed to their communities as active citizens. I enjoyed speaking with many of the students at both of these events. I would also like to thank all parents for their efforts as parental support is essential in giving your young adults the opportunities that now await them.

What an impressive night our Main Awards Evening was. I was thrilled to see so many parents there supporting the endeavours of their children. I was impressed by the night and I felt it really allowed us to showcase the many and varied talents of our students. Congratulations to Mrs Wonnacott and her team for their organization of the evening.

The quality of our music performers on Main Awards Night was again outstanding. Hours of hard work goes into these productions and I am sure, like me, any of you who were there would have enjoyed the level and quality of performance. Congratulations students and all of the teachers involved in presenting these items.

The 2013 school magazine will be available early next year and I am sure you will all enjoy reading it. As always it is a great record of the school year and I thank Mr Middleton and his committee for their excellent work. The advance copy I have seen is of our usual excellent quality.

School for Year 10 and 11 finishes next Friday (29/11) and the Year 8 and 9 students finish on Friday December 13, 2013. Normal classes with a focus on core learnings have been put in place for the last two weeks. All students will be in activities aimed at improvement in these critical areas.

Our Year 8s for 2014 will visit on Tuesday 10th December. This gives all of our new students the chance to get a feel for High School life. Mr Howe has organized a spread of classes for the day and our new students will benefit from this.

As this is our last newsletter for the year I thank you all for your support over 2013 and remind you that school resumes on Tuesday January 28 for Years 8 and 12 and for the full school on Wednesday the 29 January, 2014.

Yours sincerely

MR MATT O'HANLON

PRINCIPAL

22 November 2013



2014 SCHOOL CAPTAINS Vice Captain - Nathaniel Aganon, Vice Captain - Bianca Armstrong, Captain - Brooke Longham, Captain - Cody Squires

STOP PRESS

- **CANTEEN NEWS** Wednesday 27th November, \$1 Day at the canteen - Sausage Sizzle, Cans of Drink, Hot Chips - ALL \$1 each.
- P & C Meeting every 3rd Monday evening of the month at 6:30pm.
- If you wish to view the Electronic version of our newsletter, you could phone the office with your email address or view on the website www.beenleigshs.eq.edu.au newsletter.
- If you wish to have your newsletter forwarded to you by email, please call the office or email info@beenleigshs.eq.edu.au
- Students and Parents can assess and print up their timetable on their OneSchool page.

BEENLEIGH STATE HIGH SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE ELECTRONICA POLICY SUMMARY



The Use of Personal Technology Devices at School

This policy *summary* reflects the importance the school places on students displaying courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using personal technology devices.

- The school does not accept responsibility or liability for damaged or stolen electronica such as mobile phones and other personal technology devices (e.g. iPods).
- Personal technologies must be turned off and out of sight during assemblies or classes.
- Personal technology should only be used in a classroom for learning under the explicit instruction and direction of a teacher.
- Personal technology devices may be used during morning tea and lunch breaks and before and after school.
- Teachers will remove electronica from students if they are not being used appropriately and they will be returned to students within a reasonable time frame.

- Recording of behaviours or incidents such as fighting, pranks or bullying on personal electronica is not permitted or legal. Recording of such incidences is an invasion of personal privacy and will result in disciplinary action.
- Devices containing evidence of criminal offences may be reported to the police. In the event of this occurring, police may take possession of such devices with students/parents advised to contact Queensland Police Service directly.
- The school takes no responsibility for, and has no jurisdiction over, personal social network content (e.g. Facebook, Twitter). Such matters should be referred to the Network Site itself (e.g. Facebook) or the Queensland Police Service.



BREAKFAST CLUB

The Beenleigh State High School Breakfast Club will be providing a free breakfast for all students from Chaplain's room every day except Tuesdays. Breakfast Club from 8:00am – 2:00pm.



What a great way to start the day!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
25 - 26 November	Year 9 & 10 Multi Sports Academy Camp
26 - 27 November	Year 8 & 9 Rugby League Academy Camp
29 November	Year 10 & 11 finish school
29 November	Fogs- Artie Beetson Fun Day
6 December	Year 10 & 11 Reports Mailed
12 December	Year 8 & 9 Reports Issued
13 December	School finishes for 2013
<p>MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY</p> <p>SAFE & HAPPY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS</p>	

PARENTS/CARERS NOTICE

- Parents/Carers please be aware that if your child is absent for any reason you must phone the absentee line on 34423760. If for some reasons you haven't contacted the absentee line, a SMS message is deployed to the 1st contact person from student's data - please reply. We attempt to do our very best in communicating with the information we have.
 - Many students are using their mobile phones to ring parents to get permission to leave. Unless someone from the office has actually spoken to the parent/carer, then the student will not be signed out.
 - Please understand that during class time it is very difficult to get messages through to students. Please keep messages to emergencies only. If you need to drop off lunches, money or cooking etc, office staff will endeavour to locate your child. However sometimes with outside school/classroom activities, this is not always possible.
 - If you wish your child to be signed out, please write a note with student's name, date, time out and parent's or carer's signature which is to be handed into the office in the morning so passes can be arranged. Please be aware of school break times.
 - Students can be contacted on their mobiles only during the lunch times (listed below).
- A reminder that mobile phones must be turned off during class times.

SCHOOL COMMENCES *8:40am*

CARE GROUP	8:50am
MORNING TEA	11:00am – 11:35am
LUNCH	1:40pm – 2:00pm
SCHOOL FINISH	2:45pm

SEAWORLD YEAR 8 EXCURSION

This November, Year 8 students visited Sea World to learn about the human impacts on the Antarctic ecosystem. When the students arrived, they were personally met by a Sea World representative who escorted the group past the queues and gave them the VIP treatment. The students were then led to the Penguin enclosure, where they were given a presentation on the behaviours and adaptations that allow the Gentoo and King penguins to survive in the Antarctic environment. The students were lucky to be present just after the period when the penguins had bred and some students were able to catch a glimpse of some newly hatched penguin chicks. Once the excursion workbooks were completed, the students were able to take advantage of the fantastic weather and discover the other exhibits on offer.

By Mr Seymour – Pract Teacher







YEAR 12 FORMAL

On Wednesday 13 November 113 students and 16 teachers from BSHS attended the 2013 Beenleigh State High School Formal at Dreamworld. Despite severe storms forecasted arrivals went without a drop of rain and students looked glamorous gliding down the red carpet to pose for photographs by our professional photographers. After the arrivals students enjoyed a three course meal, formal awards, year 12 DVD presentation and dancing until 11.30pm. Storms hit Dreamworld at approximately 9.30pm and students enjoyed departing the formal in extremely stylish blue ponchos donated by Dreamworld to protect them from the rain. It was a fantastic night had by all and Ms Pantano would like to thank all teachers and students that assisted with ensuring the night was a success.

By Miss Pantano – Year 12 Co-ordinator





[CLICK HERE FOR THE SLIDESHOW OF THE FORMAL](#)

YEAR 12 GRADUATE FEE FREE

TRAINING FOR 2014

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR PDF OF YEAR 12 GRADUATE FEE FREE TRAINING FOR 2014

PARENTING IDEAS

This fortnight, Beenleigh SHS has become a member of Parenting Ideas. As a member, the school receives updates and newsletters that help to support families regarding ideas and support for parents when raising teenagers. Mr Michael Grose writes in weekly newspapers and appears on Television which centres on a range of topics that parents deal with on a daily basis. This fortnight message is about:

We Care – show respect through our words and actions.

See the attached the **INSIGHTS** flyer.

By Mr Bartlett – Deputy Principal

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR PDF OF FLYER FOR PARENTING IDEAS

YEAR 8 CAMP

OMG year 8 Camp this year took place at Lake Moogerah and it was the best. When we got there we saw our cabins, which were nice, and clean, and had to stay this way before we left, which the cabin full of boys must have been very difficult. Once everyone had decided which bunk was theirs we had some morning tea before moving onto our first activity. Some of us did not know each other so it was good to play some get to know you games. As we got all hot and bothered we managed to go for a swim in the Lake. It was a bit dirty and squidgy to begin with but it once you got past there it was nice and refreshing. Once we cooled off, the mud course was next and just before the storm hit we all managed two laps. Well done to the Blank paper team who won the trivia night! The next day was full of more team building games and ended with raft building, and although we were not the best raft builders, because ours fell apart it was heaps of fun.

By Brody Baldwin and Corey Brabrook – Year 8 Students

[CLICK HERE FOR SLIDESHOW OF YEAR 8 CAMP](#)



YEAR 8 & 9 TIMETABLE & PROGRAM FOR FINAL TWO WEEKS OF SCHOOL

Whilst the final weeks at school can often be challenging due to the year 12's finishing in week 6 and years 11 and 10 in week 8, we would like to emphasise that it is 'business as usual' for year 8 and 9 in the last two weeks of school. Our core focus will be to improve the literacy and numeracy skills in our core subject areas.

The only change to our normal program will be on Tuesday 10th of December (Tuesday week 10). The year 8 and 9 groups will rotate through an Aquatics activity at the Beenleigh Pool and also Arts activities involving the Arts at school. Students will also be provided with a sausage sizzle for lunch. In the afternoon, we will have an Awards parade in the multi and students will receive their second semester report during this parade. Again, otherwise it will be classes as normal.

By Mr Bartlett – Year 8 & 10 Deputy Principal

PARENT/CAREGIVER OF YEAR 12 - 2014

YEAR 12 2014 INFORMATION

This information will provide you with important information for the first three weeks of the 2014 year for Year 12 Students.

Year 12 Introduction Day

On the first day back at school for 2014, Tuesday 28th January, year 12 students will attend an introduction day at the PCYC. Here students will take part in leadership seminars, plan campaigns, and begin to acknowledge the importance of Year 12. Students will meet at the bus shelter at 8.45am for CARE, proceeding to the PCYC following this.

Year 12 Camp

The year 12's will attend a Leadership Camp in week 2, Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th February. This is their final opportunity to attend a school camp where they will continue to develop their leadership skills that will be crucial to their completion of Year 12. The cost of this camp will be \$100 which includes all food, accommodation, transport and activities. *Please complete the attached form and return to Ms Jolly by Wednesday 27th November to confirm your attendance.* Payments can be made immediately to the payment office.

Year 12 Induction

In week 3, Tuesday 11th February, all year 12 students will be officially inducted to Beenleigh SHS. Parents will be invited to attend this ceremony where students will receive their Senior Year 12 Badge.

If you would like any more information please do not hesitate to call or email Ms Jolly on 3442 3777 or celph6@eq.edu.au. We are excited for a challenging and rewarding year.

By Miss Jolly – Year 12 Coordinator – 2014

STUDENT LAPTOPS

Return Dates for 2013 Laptop Program Devices

YEAR 11	YEAR 10	YEAR 9	YEAR 8
Return device by Friday 22/11/13	Return device by Friday 22/11/13	Return device by Friday 6/12/2013	Return device by Friday 6/12/13

School Finishes 29/11/13	School Finishes 29/11/13	School Finishes 13/12/13	School Finishes 13/12/13
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WEEK 7	WEEK 8	WEEK 9	WEEK 10
YEAR 10 & 11 Device must be returned this week [#]	YEAR 10 & 11 Finish School		
		YEAR 8 & 9 Device must be returned this week [#]	YEAR 8 & 9 Finish School

If you wish to continue using your device in 2014...

Participation in the 2014 Laptop Program will be \$150, which is the same as the 2013 Laptop Program.

To retain your notebook/tablet for 2014, by paying at least a \$50 deposit by the end of 2013 you can continue to use the device over the Christmas school holidays

I've lost the case/cable/device...

If you have lost or damaged any part of your device, including the cables and case, you will be invoiced for a replacement. The cost of replacements range between \$17 and \$300.

By Miss Lord – IT Technician

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING(PBL)

This fortnight our PBL focus is "We Care – show respect through our words and actions."





Congratulations to the following **year 10 students** who have won a **\$20 voucher for Term 4 PBL** awards.

- Chloe Wilson
- Brooke Arps
- Zoe Te Hau

Congratulations to the following **year 10 students** who have won an **\$80 voucher for the PBL year** awards.

- Gaitau Brown
- Bree Milsop
- Taylah Pate-Roberts

Congratulations to the following **year 11 students** who have won a **\$20 voucher for Term 4 PBL** awards.

- Joel Browning
- Jake Whinwray
- Joshua Curtis

Congratulations to the following **year 11 students** who have won an **\$80 voucher for the PBL year** awards.

- Joel Browning
- Brooke Longham
- Teevan Billiau

Congratulations and keep up the good work!!!

By Mrs Richardson - Library Aide

The winners for this last fortnight are:

YEAR 8 CLASS AWARD 8C	YEAR 9 CLASS AWARD 9D
YEAR 8 AWARDS	YEAR 9 AWARDS
Jesse Fels	James Banks
Kayde Woods	Chloe Squires

Jonah Aganon	Ayden Uzel
YEAR 10 CLASS AWARD 10A	YEAR 11 CLASS AWARD 11G
YEAR 10 AWARDS	YEAR 11 AWARDS
Chloe Wilson	Joel Browning
Gaitau Brown	Jake Whinwray
Zoe Te Hau	Joshua Curtis

MELBOURNE CUP DAY

On Tuesday 5th November, Year 11 and 12 Hospitality hosted a Melbourne Cup function for the teachers and staff of BSHS. It was a fantastic event, with a race-themed set-up and a delicious buffet lunch. Guests were greeted at the door with refreshing lemon, lime and bitters, and then were encouraged to help themselves to the appealing buffet of cold meats and salads. A huge thank you to Mrs Berthier and her year 11 students for preparing the food, and Ms Davis and her year 12 students for providing wonderful service.

By Miss Davis – Hospitality Teacher





AVIATION AUSTRALIA OPENS ITS DOORS!

Come along to our Open Night on Wednesday 27th November commencing at 6.00pm. The Open Night offers students and parents the opportunity to tour our training facilities based at Brisbane Airport and find out first-hand, how to become an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer or Flight Attendant. Our training centres' house the most advanced training equipment including real aircraft, fully equipped workshops, cabin simulators, evacuation slides, pool for water safety drills, and excellent student amenities. You will also have the chance to meet our team of instructors who are available to answer any of your questions. To register your interest email: aero.info@aviationaustralia.aero or contact our Sales Team on 07 3860 0900.



QUEENSLAND RAIL CHANGES

On Monday 20 January 2014, new timetables will be introduced on the Airport, Beenleigh, Cleveland, Doomben, Ferny Grove, Gold Coast and Shorncliffe rail lines.

The new timetables will improve the efficiency of the City network and provide:

- a 15-minute or better frequency between Brisbane's CBD and Northgate, Cannon Hill, Coopers Plains and Ferny Grove (from approximately 6am to 8pm, weekdays)
- more services where they're needed most
- improved comfort with more available seating
- simplified train stopping patterns
- consistent departure and journey times
- a timetable which is easier to use and understand.

The new timetables also set the stage for even more services in the future, as new trains become available.

This is the second stage of the Queensland Rail timetable project. The first stage, delivered in 2011, saw an overhaul of the Ipswich, Rosewood, Richlands, Caboolture and Sunshine Coast lines.

Attached you will find an A5 flyer for each affected rail line - please feel free to disseminate the relevant line information to your students and staff via your website, school newsletter, email notifications, etc.

For a copy of the new timetables or for more information, click here:

<http://translink.com.au/travel-information/service-notice/train-timetable-changes>

Alternatively, you can call TransLink on **13 12 30** anytime.



CAREER HUNTERS APP

New smartphone app helps young people with jobs and career opportunities

The Career Hunter app, developed from a young person's perspective, is a simple way for young people and their parents to explore career opportunities.

Believed to be the first career exploration app of its kind, it provides information about occupations and industries, job descriptions, training and qualification requirements, and job vacancies. It makes tangible links from school to the world of work and highlights the industries where skills are most needed.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment; The Smith Family; Regional Development, Australia; Busy at Work and Group Training Australia worked together on the development of the app — now available from the Apple app store.

Learn more at <http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html>

By Miss Armitage – Guidance Officer



MY HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS

mhscareers.com

Beenleigh State High School has subscribed to mhscareers. This allows all students and parents to register for Careers Email Newsletters, and to have a login & password for the website to see careers news and events for all Australia.

Newsletters	Website
Newsletters are sent weekly during term time and are also sent during the holidays.	www.mhscareers.net
To register to receive the newsletters use the CONTACT US page on the mhscareers website or send an email to mhscareers@twg.net.au stating your name, email address, school/college name, whether you are a student or	Login on the home page to see the calendar and news. Login: <i>student or parent</i> Password: <i>mhs2013</i>

parent and the state(s) that you are registering for.	Go to "How to use mhscareers" under ABOUT US to see what is on the website.
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By Miss Armitage – Guidance Officer

DENTAL HEALTH NEWS

LOGAN-BEAUDESERT AREA - ORAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Free dental care is offered to all Queensland resident children from four years of age to the end of Grade 10 through Metro South Health's Child & Adolescent Oral Health Program. Students who are in year 11 & 12 are eligible if they are dependants of current concession care holders or hold a current concession card themselves.

Dental examinations and consequent dental treatment is currently being offered at Beenleigh Primary School located at 22 James St Beenleigh 4207.

If you wish your child/children to access this service, please **contact the Dental Clinic on 3807 4865**. The hours of operations for the Dental Clinic are 7:30am to 4pm Monday – Friday.

- ***If you wish your child to attend the School Oral Health Program for a dental examination and treatment you must contact the Dental Clinic by phone or in person.***
- ***Consent Forms will need to be completed by parent/guardian before treatment can commence.***
- ***Teen Dental Vouchers issued by the Commonwealth Government to eligible students are accepted by the Dental Clinic. If you have a voucher please bring it along to your first visit.***

As part of the Oral Health Program, Queensland Health has implemented safety steps for the School Dental Service and your child's oral health. This procedure ensures that your child's dental treatment is performed in accordance with the following safety steps: identification of patient, informed consent, identification of site and side of procedure and the final team check. For further information regarding these safety steps please contact Dental Van staff or refer to this website: www.health.qld.gov.au/psq/patients.asp

Queensland Health supports the rights and responsibilities of our patients, consumers, carers and families. For further information please contact Dental Clinic staff or visit this website: www.safetyandquality.gov.au

Oral Health Staff can be contacted on phone number **3807 4865**.



VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

VOLUNTEERING opportunities exist with Wesley Mission Brisbane as part of the **after school** and **school holiday programs** that held at three locations across the Gold Coast:

- Thrower House (Thrower Dr, Palm Beach)
- Upper Coomera Centre (Reserve Road)
- Runaway Bay Youth Centre (Oxley Drive)

These centres have been designed as safe, accessible and fun spaces for young people to meet. Activities held as part of the programs include homework support, sports, cooking, arts and crafts and outings. Want to help out? Come and join our team as a Youth Community Support Volunteer. Please contact Tina Adams for more information:

Phone: 5581 1622 or 0408734061

Email: t.adams@wmb.org.au





SAVER PLUS

Can Saver Plus assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs including uniforms, text books, laptops, sports equipment, music tuition and TAFE or apprenticeship costs.

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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

To find out more, call or SMS your postcode to 1300 610 355 or email saverplus@bsl.org.au



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