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P & C Meeting every 3rd Monday evening of the month at 5:30pm, everyone most welcome.

To view the electronic version of newsletter:

www.beenleiqshs.eq.edu.au

If you wish to have your newsletter emailed, please email: info@beenleiqshs.eq.edu.au

Hard copies of the newsletter are available from the office.

Timetables - Students and Parents can assess and print up their timetable on their One School page.

Opening times for Student Payments 8:30am – 2:00pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, closed Tuesdays.

Uniform Shop open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8am – 9am

SCHOOL LEADERS 2015

Captain: Vaiola Mataituli

Captain: Matthew Canafe

Vice-Captain: Hayden Scudds

Vice-Captain: Chloe Squires

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.... Today at our senior leaders' morning tea, I was speaking to our year 12 leaders who were discussing their studies and the pressures they are experiencing balancing this work load. This week they are completing their block exams and next Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st of September they will complete their QCS tests. Whilst I will be wishing these students the best in this important assessment juncture, I make the following points:

All OP eligible students are to be in attendance on Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st of August from 8:00 am to 2:45 pm each day. (Breakfast will be provided from 7:30 am each morning at the TTC) non OP classes will be collapsed on these days and students can complete assessment from home. The school will provide a study room to provide support for students to complete assessment. Students with outstanding assessment will be expected to attend these days and a notification will be sent by text from the school. Our senior schooling team are available to support students and parents if your students are experiencing anxiety or stress during this time. Please contact the school on 3442377 and ask to speak a member from this team to assist you. (year 11 & 12 Deputy Principal, year 11 & 12 Engagement officer, Senior Schooling HOD, Guidance officer, Youth Support Coordinator and year 11 & 12 Tutor)

At Beenleigh SHS we say **We Care** and **We Are Responsible** and I bring to your attention my concern for our students in regards to drug use and its effect on young people and families. All too often, we are witness to the damages caused by drugs and their impacts in our broader community. As a parent, it is of primary concern to ensure that our children are safe and are able to make safe and smart decisions if they are put in positions by others to experiment or become involved with drugs. Despite having a Zero Drug Policy in our schools and at home, it is important to keep a vigilant and proactive dialogue with your children about the dangers of drug use. On the final page of today's newsletter, I have provided a range of drug information services for parents to use as a resource. I have also included a number of strategies to assist parents from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation website when managing difficult conversations at home with children.

I have been discussing student performance from the first semester with the Admin team and whilst we are satisfied with the performance of many of our students it is clear there is room for improvement. The one area that will really pick up their grades is the completion of all assignments to the best of their ability. Some students are handing in their assignment with a "that'll do" attitude. Another 10 minutes with attention to detail or even a parent to read can make a great difference. All teachers accept and encourage drafts so please encourage your child to do complete them. This is an important time for all students, but especially seniors, in terms of their overall results.

The Science Department's Parent's Wine Evening was held last Monday night.

It is a top night enjoyed by all. As usual the students thoroughly enjoyed the evening, explaining the wine making processes and giving parents the opportunity to taste their work. Thank you to Ms Robbins and Ms Grantz and the team for a top activity. Last night, our year 12 music students completed their performance assessment with Mrs Nieuwenburg and are to be congratulated for their fine efforts. The District Athletics carnival was held last week and our students performed well. A number are now off to the district competition to try and represent South Coast. Best of luck to all of our competitors. I remind parents to speak to their students about appropriate language and smoking. I am suspending students for the use of offensive language and smoking and thank you all for your support on this matter.

Regards

Mr George Bartlett - A/Principal

26 August. 2016

SCHOOL CONTACTS

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3442 3732

Youth Support Officers
34423717

School Based Police Officer
3442 3794

Guidance Officer
3442 3704

Chaplain
3442 3718

Careers Support
3442 3792

Eagleby Learning Centre
3382 9222

Uniform Shop
3442 3745

Tuckshop
3442 3738

Student Payments
3442 3741

Calendar of Events

Date	Event
28 August – 2 September	Year 11 & 12 Block Exams
30 – 31 August	QCS Testing
31 August	Logan Maths Challenge Year 7 - 10
2 – 3 September	Under 15 Girls Rugby League Carnival
6 September	Currumbin Bird Sanctuary Excursion
8 September	Special Education Futsal Tournament
8 September	SEP Sailing with Disabilities Excursion
8 September	Mental Health Week Mini Expo

Student Payments

The 2016 Student Resource Scheme is due!

Payment can be made via cash, EFTPOS or bank transfer.

BEENLEIGH STATE HIGH SCHOOL BANK DETAILS

Account Name: Beenleigh SHS General A/C BSB: 064 401

Account Number: 0090 1289 DETAIL: (Place students name)

Prompt payment for student resources/laptop and subject levies would be appreciated. Students with outstanding subject levies could result in that student being removed from that related subject.

Year 12 students (as per invitation) – all school fees need to be paid in full to be eligible to attend the year 12 senior formal.

To organize a payment plan please contact the payment window on 3442 3741. (Parents/carers on a pre-arranged payment plan with the school may continue to do so.)

The payment window operating hours are:- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 8:15am – 2:00pm

Year 12 Formal & Graduation

Year 12 formal is on the 16 November at Dreamworld in Coomera. Mr O'Hanlon invite is conditional on each student's behaviour and on the payment of all outstanding accounts. If you are experiencing financial issues, please contact Mr O'Hanlon. The formal will cost \$120, which includes a 3-course plated meal and the night's activities. A deposit of \$60 is now due, to the payment office. If you have any further enquiries please contact Mrs Voight on 34423777.

Formal

Date: Wednesday 16th November
Location: Dreamworld
Cost: \$120
Time: 5:45pm - 6:45pm red carpet arrival
End Time: 11pm

Graduation

Friday 18th November
Location: Beenleigh Entertainment Centre
Cost: Nil
Time: 9am - 10:30am



Also amazing formal dresses, suits, shoes, jewellery and accessories for hire from the school formal shop, look fabulous for only \$30. If students wish to find out more about the formal shop attire, see Lenore in the tuckshop. Call Lenore on 34423738 for any enquiries.

Beenleigh's Got Talent

Good luck to all of the 2016 Beenleigh's Got Talent contestants! Competition is well and truly underway with auditions being held each Friday first break in the Piazza. The top 10 finalists will battle it out for prizes and trophies on Thursday 15th September in front of the entire school! Finally, a big thank-you to our wonderful 2016 judges, Mr Farmer, Mr Mato, Ms Reed and Matthew Canafe.



Gold Coast Eisteddfod



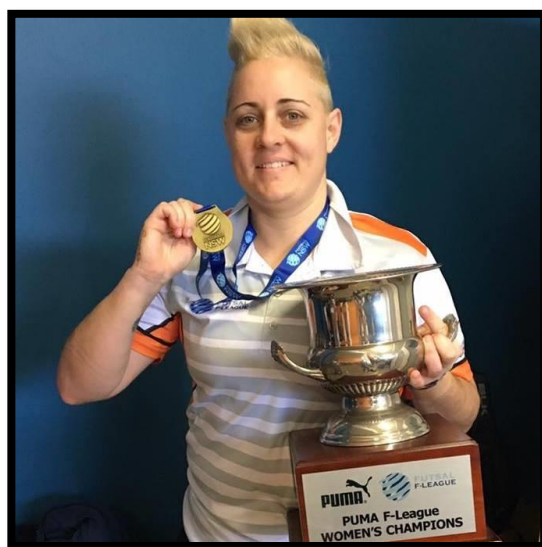
Recently, Mrs Nathan and Miss Reed had the privilege of taking the Beenleigh High Dance Troupe to the Beenleigh and Gold Coast Eisteddfods. The students have put in countless hours of time and effort into rehearsals throughout the year to get our dance performances ready. A massive congratulation to the troupe for coming away with a second prize from Beenleigh eisteddfod in the Jazz section. A big shout out should also go to Caitlyn Allen and Sabella Paes for being our superstar student choreographers. You have all done your school proud! See the electronic version for video of the students dancing.

2016 Puma F-League National Championships

Ms Trudy Bartlett Special Education Teacher, plays for Galaxy Futsal Club a Gold Coast based team which participates in the National Futsal League (Indoor Soccer) known as "The Puma F-League".

At the end of the regular season she finished 2nd on the ladder. On Saturday 20th of August she played the Semi-Final against Victoria Vipers and won 6-1 cementing ourselves a Grand Final spot. The Final was held on Sunday 21st August, with her team playing against the other Queensland based team, South Brisbane Futsal Club. At the end of regular time the score was 3 apiece. It was locked at 3-3 until the last 90 seconds of extra time when her team scored. The score remained 4-3 until the end of extra time when her team were crowned 2016 Puma F-League National Champions.

The Finals Series was a record breaking weekend for her club. They had the first player male or female to score a "Hat Trick" in the F-League Finals, The youngest player male or female, at 16 to score a goal in the F-League Finals, it was the first time ever in Men's or Women's F-League, where it was an all Queensland Final and lastly her team were the first team in the history of the F-League to become National Champions in the first year the club was in the competition since the inaugural year of the F-League.



Winning the Final now means her team has qualified as the Australian representative to participate in the ASEAN Football Federation International Futsal Club Championships.

Rugby League

The year 7 rugby league team took out the district championship last Tuesday. We competed yesterday in the Broncos Cup Gala Day at Mitchelton JRLFC. Here we played top teams from highly prestigious rugby league schools such as Keebra, PBC, Coombabah, Wavell, St Mary's, & Marsden.

Not only did our boys compete, we managed to win games and make the semi-finals where we played PBC. The game was literally in the bag, until a 'tired' error allowed PBC to score on the siren, locking scores up and eventually winning with a successful conversion! As heart breaking as this was for the boys, they soon became ecstatic again after realising that they were the first ever BSHS rugby league team to qualify for the top tier Broncos competition next year. These 18 young men are dedicated and passionate footballers who consistently demonstrate the P.A.C.T (Pride, Aspiration, Commitment, Trust) values of the BSHS Rugby League Academy - a true credit to themselves! A big shout out to Pete Townsend and James Burford for their assistance during the interschool competition whereas I was unable to take the boys to regular games on a Tuesday sport as their coach being tied up with teaching classes.

Year 6 Rugby League Trial Day on the 14th September, a chance for year 6 students to gain a Rugby League Scholarship for Beenleigh SHS Rugby League Academy. Please contact Jake Whittle on jwhi1@eq.edu.au or on 3442 3781 for more information regarding this event.





Absence Notifications – Every Day Counts

At Beenleigh State High School we firmly believe that Every Day Counts and it is our goal to follow up on student absences as efficiently and accurately as possible. We are committed to Same Day Notification through our text messaging system and endeavour to inform parents and guardians of any absences with as much expediency as possible. We are also committed to keeping accurate roll information and recording reasons for student absences within three days. Our goal is to have students at school for a minimum of 90% of the time (20 days absence) with 100% of all absences explained.

Rolls are marked at the beginning of each day and the start of every lesson through an electronic system called ID Attend. This program allows us to monitor student attendance and identify patterns which we can use to improve attendance strategies within the school. Parents and guardians will be notified of student absences as close to 10am by text message and we would encourage timely responses to these notifications. Students who arrive late or who are leaving early must present the office with a note or have a parent contact the school on arrival or before departure.

What you can do to help:

- check that your contacts details are up to date to enable effective notification of absence
- ensure your child arrives at school or commences their educational program on time every day
- ensure your child attends school or their educational program every school day
- minimise disruptions such as appointments to your child's school day so they have the best opportunity to learn
- contact the school prior to any planned absences
- provide an explanation (preferably in writing) for each absence, either before or on the day of the absence, or as soon as practicable (within three days), in accordance with the school's communication processes. This may take the form of:
 - a medical certificate
 - a written explanation provided to the school via a note, email or text message containing the student's name, date of absence(s) and reasons for absence(s)
 - a verbal explanation to the school through either a phone call or visit to the school
 - any other form of communication agreed by the Principal
- ensure your child follows the school's recommended processes and procedures for late arrival and early departure
- notify the school if your child will be late using the school's recommended communication processes. This may take the form of:
 - accompanying the child to the school
 - phoning the school
 - emailing or sending a text message to the school
 - providing the child with a signed and dated note

Methods of Communication:

Student Absentee Line: (07) 3442 3760

Student Absentee e-mail address: info@beenleigshs.eq.edu.au

ABSENCE NOTE

Student Name: _____ **Year Level:** _____

Was/will be absent: ____ / ____ / ____ **to** ____ / ____ / ____

Reason: _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Drug & Alcohol Information

There are several things you can do to assist your child in making the right choices regarding drug and alcohol use. There are links to useful resources provided at the end of this page as well.

- **Create a safe and supportive environment where you can discuss the issue of drugs and alcohol** – encourage them to raise any questions or concerns they may have and discuss strategies for overcoming peer pressure
- **Avoid the temptation to exaggerate the dangers of using drugs and/or alcohol** – By making unrealistic claims about drug or alcohol use you may run the risk of your views being discounted by the young person
- **Educate yourself on the issue** – Children and young people may want to know something specific about drugs and/or alcohol so it's important to be able to give them this information, or at least know where you can find answers
- **Be on the lookout for opportunities to educate children and young people** – For example, if a well-known athlete is caught using performance-enhancing drugs, talk about why they may have been tempted to use them as well as the potential adverse consequences for the athlete's health and career
- **Talk about the dangers of legally available substances** – Inhalants found in spray cans and medications such as pain killers are just as dangerous as illicit drugs, even though they can be legally obtained by children and young people
- **Be a role model to children and young people** – In order to provide a good example to children and young people, model the kinds of healthy behaviours you would like them to adopt. This includes drinking alcohol in moderation or quitting smoking

Help children and young people become more resilient – Drug and alcohol use may be used by some people as a way of dealing with life stresses. Teaching your child/young person to effectively deal with difficult times using healthy coping approaches can help them in the future

- **Set clear expectations for children and young people** – Be sure to discuss the consequences of not adhering to your expectations. Such expectations may include:
 - not bringing drugs/alcohol into the house or misusing any other substances
 - not inviting friends who use drugs over to the house
 - not allowing drugs/alcohol to be brought to functions you are hosting. You can in some circumstances be legally liable for injuries or damage that occurs as a result of underage drug/alcohol use
- **Help build self-esteem by encouraging young people to do their best at school/work and letting them know when they have done well at something** – By helping to build their self-esteem, you reduce the chance that they will use drugs or alcohol to try to feel better about themselves
- **Be aware of what's going on in your child's life so that you can see early warning signs, such as behaviour changes for no apparent reason** – If you notice a change, try asking if they are experiencing any problems or why they seem to be acting differently. If you suspect there may be drug or alcohol use involved, raise this in a supportive manner
- **Keep alcohol, medications and other harmful products out of the reach of children and young people** – By making them less accessible, it will reduce the potential for engaging in drug or alcohol use
- **If your child/young person is regularly using drugs or alcohol and is unable to stop by themselves, they may need to seek professional assistance** – A number of services across Australia address drug and alcohol disorders. Contact your state's Parentline to find out what's available near you.

Drug Information services - National

[beyondblue](#) 1300224636 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Support for depression, anxiety and related disorders.

[CounsellingOnline](#) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Free alcohol and drug counselling online.

[Cannabis Information and Helpline](#) 1800304050 11am–7pm, Monday to Friday (including public holidays)

[Family Drug Help](#) 1300660068 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

[Family Drug Support](#) 1300368186 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Support for families faced with problematic drug use.

[Kids Help Line](#) 1800551800 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Free and confidential telephone and online counselling service for young people aged between 5 and 25.

[Lifeline](#) 131114 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Confidential telephone counselling.

[Quitline](#) 137848 8am–8pm, Monday to Friday

[SANE Australia helpline](#) 1800187263 9am–5pm, Monday to Friday Information and referral about mental health issues.

[Say When](#) Online support for monitoring alcohol intake.

See more at: <http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au/contact-numbers/help-and-support#sthash.Ehd6sMCC.dpuf>

Alcohol and Drug Information Service (ADIS) 1800177833 24-hour Alcohol and Drug Information Service Telephone information, counselling and referral.



