PRINCIPAL’S REPORT… Main Awards is on next Wednesday night, 2nd of November. It will be a top night where we recognize our high performing students. The P & C are again supporting our students with vouchers for all students receiving an academic award. Thank you to the P & C. The night starts at 6.30pm and I look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students in 2016.

Last Friday we also conducted our annual multi-cultural day. It was an outstanding day and I thoroughly enjoyed the presentations of our amazing students. The multi-cultural day is a highlight on our school calendar. The year 8 students also had a program covering a range of cultures that hopefully broaden their perspective on the multi-cultural nature of the community we live in. Thank you to the many teachers involved in this program especially Ms Nieuwenberg.

This is an exciting time for the year 12 students; their time at school is fast drawing to a close and they are looking forward to their lives outside of school. It is important that they remain focused and keep up their studies to the end. All seniors need to finalise their accounts before the end of the year so please do so. As always the senior formal will be held at Dreamworld on the 16th of November. The graduation ceremony will be on Friday morning, 18th November, at the Beenleigh Entertainment Centre and parents are welcome to attend. Many students drive cars on this day, so please advise your child to be careful. I have been advised there will be a Police presence on the streets that day.

Yesterday, I had the good fortune at attending the 2016 SEU camp at Tallebudgera Creek. Students were involved in a broad range of activities including stand-up paddle boarding, rock climbing, boogie boarding to name a few. I was particularly impressed by the attitude and behaviour of our students and would like to thank the committed staff, led by HOSES Ravin Ramasar, for their commitment in attending and managing our students over the past 3 days. I would expect all will return exhausted, looking for rest and the comfort of their own beds.

A number of our students competed in the recent QSS Athletics Championships. All of our students performed well and Mr Massey informs me that it was our biggest representation in years. Well done students.

Our annual contribution fee will still be $230 for all students enrolled at Beenleigh SHS in 2017. If this fee is paid in full before the end of term 1, parents will receive a discount of $30.

Our strawberry jam production was a great success. Thank you to the Hammel family, for the strawberries and Bill Heck for the sugar. Strawberry jam for sale at the Office.

Regards

Mr George Bartlett - A/Principal
28 October, 2016
**Calendar of Events**

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**Student Payments**

The 2016 Student Resource Scheme is due!

All outstanding school fees need to be finalized by 2nd December 2016.

*(Parents/carers on a pre-arranged payment plan with the school may continue to do so.)*

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)

**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

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 Bartlett’s invitation is conditional on each student's behaviour and on the payment of all outstanding accounts. If you are experiencing financial issues, please contact Mr Bartlett. 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**

- Date: 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.

**Culture Day 2016**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all of our very talented students who performed at Culture Day 2016! All of the performances were outstanding, and the hours of rehearsals certainly paid off! A special thank-you to the students who also ran workshops for Year 8’s on the day - you were all wonderful! See the photos attached.

Thank-you to the following teachers for all of your efforts in rehearsing and preparing performances and workshops on the day:

- Mr Stewart  
- Ms Marina  
- Mr Griffin  
- Mr Mato  
- Mr Borrell  
- Ms Captain  
- Mr Carberry  
- Miss Louie  
- Miss Reid  
- Mr Farmer

By Ms Niewenburg - Music Teacher/Culture Day Co-ordinator
**Year 12 End of Year Information**

**Release of Year 12 results and OP results**

Last week I received information from the Queensland Certification and Assessment Authority (QCAA) concerning the release of Year 12 results and OPs at the end of this year.

The QCAA have advised that students’ individual QCS Test grades will be released from 9 am on Wednesday 16 November 2016; students will be able to access their individual QCS Test grade — from A to E — in their learning account on the Student Connect website: [https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au](https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au)

The QCAA will release Year 12 results and OPs online via the Student Connect website from **9am Saturday 17 December**. Students must know their Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password to log in and check their results. You can access this website by clicking here.

Students will begin receiving their Senior Education Profiles in the mail from **Monday 19 December**. Depending on students’ individual circumstances, their profile will comprise one or more of the following documents:

- QCE
- Tertiary Entrance Statement
- Senior Statement

If students wish to access their Year 12 Results and OPs online from Saturday 17 December they need to ensure that their **student learning account** has been **activated**. To do this they need to go to the Student Connect website and log in **prior** to Saturday 17 December.

**Music Workshop at Beenleigh Primary**

Well done to the members of Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Jazz Band who spent last Monday morning workshops with music students from Beenleigh Primary. The morning ended with a concert for the whole school featuring a mass ensemble made up of approximately 60 students from the high school and primary school. I'm sure the primary school students were very inspired by you all!

**Jazz Band Performance at Quota 30th Anniversary**

Last Sunday our jazz band performed at the Quota 30th Anniversary concert. They were specially requested by the Quota committee to perform at this event after the high standard achieved at the Quota eisteddfod earlier in the year. We received many positive comments from members of the audience. Congratulations to Mr Farmer and the Jazz Band!
BYOD 2017 – Take Home Laptop Program

Take advantage of the $150 take home laptop program offered at Beenleigh SHS. Brand new laptops available, first in-first served. We have three available options to ensure you have access to a suitable device.

OPTION 1: BYOD

Students bring a device that can be used in the classroom for learning purposes eg. Word processing, presentation documents, researching. These devices are maintained by the student and parents/caregiver, with limited assistance with basic problems and connectivity from the school IT technicians. Ensure you get connected by visiting the ELC and following the WIFI instructions. If you have trouble, visit ELC at lunch breaks. Please ensure you look after your device at school, your own insurance is recommended as the school does not cover personal devices. As an EQ student you can also access a free copy of Microsoft Office for your device, visit the links below for instructions:

For Windows: https://beenleigh.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Computerandinternet/Pages/MSOffice365Win.pdf
For Mac: https://beenleigh.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Computerandinternet/Pages/MSOffice365Mac.pdf

OPTION 2: Device hire program – do you want to have device for the whole year instead of lining up each day?

Students can hire a laptop or tablet for the year. You must have WIFI at home if you would like to connect to the internet. This is the device hire program where the school maintains the device. This program costs $150 for the year. The first accidental warranties claim is $50, the second accidental warranty claim is $100; the third accidental warranty claim is $150.

Option 3: Day hire

Students can rent a device at no cost on a daily basis from the student technology desk. THE DEVICE MUST BE COLLECTED BEFORE 8.50AM AND RETURNED BEFORE 3PM THE SAME DAY.

Every student has signed a RUP (Responsible Use Policy) where they have agreed to follow the schools ICT expectations.

Drama News

Drama Excursion to QPAC

Year 11 and 12 Drama students recently viewed a live theatre production of Tequila Mockingbird at QPAC's Cremorne Theatre. Shake & Stir Theatre Co's adaptation is loosely based on Harper Lee's novel. The setting and context was modernised to suit a contemporary young audience and they didn't disappoint. Beenleigh High Drama students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and were engaged non-stop. The set design, lighting and sound design, succeeded in creating many different backgrounds and moods and complimented the talented actors on stage. It was a great way to end the year with many stating it was their favourite theatre excursion to date.

AIME Mentoring Program

This year Beenleigh State High’s Indigenous students were involved in the AIME Mentoring program for the first time. The program is based around University students mentoring and guiding high school students throughout their course of secondary education. Overall AIME is a dynamic educational program that is proven to support Indigenous students through high school and into university, employment or further education at the same rate as all Australian students. AIME gives Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to grow and succeed.

Over the year our year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students have been involved in 5 AIME sessions where they have learned to grow and also been given the opportunity to see what university is like. Throughout a number of activities Beenleigh high students have used the opportunity to showcase leadership and goal setting abilities as three of our students received awards. Congratulations to the award recipients, L-R: Tori Kennedy year 10 - AIME Ambassador 2017, Dale Dargin year 9 - Leadership Award, Tyanna Hayden year 12 - Leadership Award
**School Youth Nurse**

Hi everyone I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself as I am new to the school. I am a Clinical Nurse working for Queensland Health in the School Based Youth Health Nurse program. I am based at the school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and every 2^{nd} Monday.

The Youth Health Nurse works with students, school staff and parents to:

1. Address concerns or problems about health & wellbeing
2. Help create a more supportive, healthy school environment
3. Connect people to other support services outside the school

I work with individuals and school members to identify and act on issues that affect both the individual and the health of the school community. This includes helping with curriculum, teaching and learning activities, supporting an environment and school culture that supports health and wellbeing and working with community and other services.

I can see young people in private to talk about - health concerns - relationships - sexual health - personal/ family issues - smoking, alcohol & other drug use - referral to other services - feeling unhappy/stressed – puberty. My office is in the 100 block near Engagement Services and students can come and see me at any time. There will also be regular health information articles in the school newsletters so look out for those.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming year.

Karen Nieuwendyk - School Based Youth Health Nurse

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**ASDAN**

ASDAN students invited staff from the school to share a lunch and take part in their presentation that signalled the completion of their Term III project "Our Dream School". Comments from some attendees "What an amazing job team ASDAN. What incredible people you all are" Mr Harreman. And also from our school G.O Barbara "So impressed to see adults and young people working so collaboratively and respectfully…the stuff that helps dreams become a reality".
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 contact 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@beenleighhs.eq.edu.au

ABSENCE NOTE
Student Name:_____________________________________________________
Year Level:________________________________________________________
Was/will be absent: _____/_____/_____to_____/_____/_____ Reason: ________________________________________________________________
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Parent Signature:_____________________________________________________
Date:______________________________________________________________