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**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

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The seniors are running a 'perception' campaign for the student body this year. They have presented a video on parade, which conveyed a positive message in a fun way. I have spoken to all students in support of this program and I hope that they can all think about the importance of perception within our community.

Sarah Johnston, our Dux for 2012, was recently recognized at the Enable Dux Dinner at Windaroo Valley SHS. It was an excellent night which I thoroughly enjoyed. The Minister for Education Mr Langbroek attended along with many of our local politicians. Sarah is enjoying her first year of tertiary study and has accepted her awards with pride and thanks to the staff who helped her at school. Well done Sarah.



*L-R: Mr Matt O'Hanlon Principal Beenleigh State High School, Mr Michael Latter Member for Waterford, Sarah Johnson 2012 Beenleigh State High School Captain/Dux, Minister of Education, Training & Employment Minister John-Paul Langbroek and Counsellor Jenny Breen*

Over the last couple of weeks we have been visiting classrooms to assess the programs that we run and review our teaching practices using i-pod technology. This is the fourth year of the program and we receive a range of information to continue our development into the way we teach. The feedback staff receives allows us to build continuous improvement into our teaching.

I am happy to advise that work on a number of projects will start soon. These include:

- asbestos removal from the Manual Arts block
- "Flying Start" refurbishment of the 900 block, and
- a new school building for the SEP.

This will allow our school to deliver up-to-date programs for the year 7 cohort when they arrive in 2015.

We have had a number of students selected in South Coast sport teams, and it is great to see our students performing well at a regional level. See inside for details. The NAPLAN practice test was held on Wednesday and our preparations are going well. QCS preparations are also ongoing and are an essential component of the Year 12 lead up to the QCS test in early September.

Parent Teacher Night is on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 3.30 - 7pm. Please keep this time free and book an interview with your child's teachers.

Finally, a number of students are smoking in and around the school. We have advised all students that suspensions will follow any student caught smoking.

Have a safe and happy Easter.

*Matt O'Hanlon*

*PRINCIPAL*

*22 March 2013*



Like the Beenleigh State High School Facebook page to have a chance to win an IPAD! Just go to

[www.facebook.com/BeenleighHigh](http://www.facebook.com/BeenleighHigh)

Term and Conditions - Competition is open to all students aged 15 years or over currently enrolled at Beenleigh State High School and/or parent/guardians who like the Beenleigh High Facebook page (including existing members) and continue as a member of the page until the competition closes at 5:00 pm 19 July 2013. Prize winner will be announced through the Facebook page and school newsletter.

## BEENLEIGH STATE HIGH SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE ELECTRONICA POLICY SUMMARY

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### ***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.



## ENGAGEMENT TEAM

The mission of the Engagement Team is to assist students to enhance their personal, intellectual and social development through the provision of a specific range of programs and services. We aim to provide individual students with strategies to deal with non-engagement in learning and social environments at school through the development of; resilience, emotional regulation, self-management and engenderment of self-esteem.

We aim to achieve this by:

- Alternative Education Program(s)
- Emotional Coping Strategies
- Emotional Awareness Program
- Intensive Case Management
- Creativity and Care
- Stillness of Mind program
- Collaboration with teaching staff
- Drumbeat Sessions

If you feel your child could benefit from our assistance, please feel free to give us a call on 34423758.



*L-R: Head of Department – Mr. Ricketts, Yr. 8 – Mrs. Wonnacott-Wakeham, Yr 9 – Mr. Howe, Yr. 10 – Mr. Farr-Wharton, Yr. 11 – Ms. Elphinston-Jolly, Yr. 12 – Ms. Pantano, Teacher Aide – Mr Mike Mato, Engagement Officer – Sonny Sua, ASDAN Teacher – Ms. Judy Raundon-Hill.*

## STOP PRESS

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- **URGENT: Missing Text books from 2012, please check under your beds and in your school bags.....Do you still have last years textbooks?? If so please return to the E-Learning Centre counter.**
- **Uniform Shop opening times are 8:00am - 8:45am daily.**
- 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](http://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](mailto:info@beenleigshs.eq.edu.au)

## BREAKFAST CLUB

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The Beenleigh State High School Breakfast Club will be providing a free breakfast for all students. Breakfast Club will be every day except Tuesday. In the mornings from 8:00 – 8:30am and 11:00 – 11:35am. On Fridays there will be cooked breakfast from 7:45 – 8:40am, yummy!

***What a great way to start the day!!!***



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
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22 March	Year 11 BRAKE (Driver Awareness)
26 - 28 March	Royal Pines Hotel School Tourism & Hospitality
28 March	School Reports issued
28 March	Easter Holiday commencing
15 April	Term 2 - school resumes
17 April	Year 12 Biology Excursion
23 April	Parent & Teacher Interviews
23 April	Anzac Parade
24 April	Year 12 English Film Viewing - Macbeth
26 April	Cross Country

## PARENTS/CARERS NOTICE

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- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

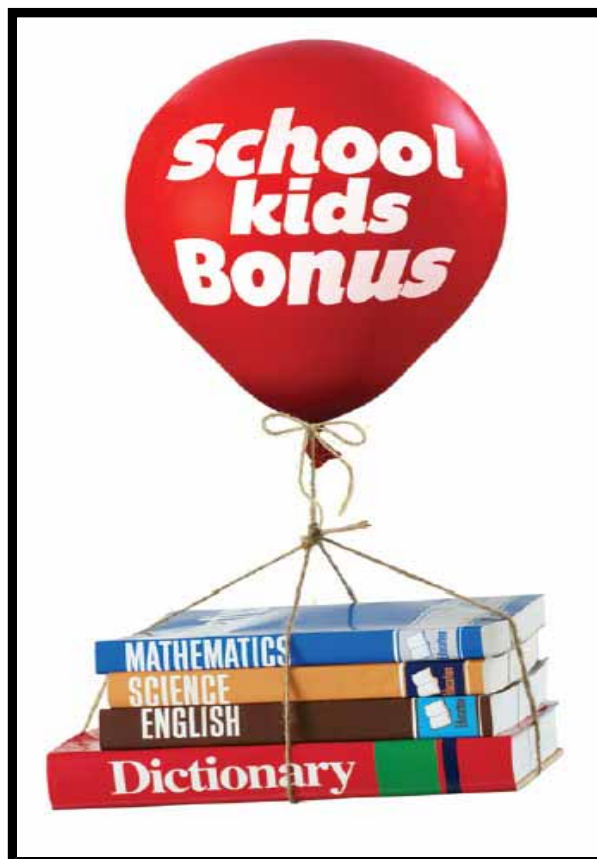
**MORNING TEA**                                **11:00am – 11:35am**

**LUNCH** 1:40pm – 2:00pm

**SCHOOL FINISH** 2:45pm

## STUDENT PAYMENTS

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### **2013 STUDENT RESOURCE FEES ARE NOW DUE!**

Parents and caregivers are reminded that the **\$20 discount offer on 2013 Resource Levies is only valid until the 28<sup>th</sup> March. Fees must be paid in full to receive the discount.** Resource Scheme Forms need to be returned as soon as possible, with payment so that students can receive their Student ID card and other resources necessary to complete the year. Forms are available from the Payment Window in the Administration. Invoices for Year 11 & 12 Subject Levies have also recently been sent out. Prompt payment is appreciated.

Payments can be made via: Cash, Cheque, Eftpos/Credit Card or Internet Banking

### ***BEENLEIGH STATE HIGH SCHOOL BANK DETAILS 2013***

**Account Name: Beenleigh SHS General A/C**

**BSB: 064 401**

**Account Number: 0090 1289**

**Detail: (Place student name)**



Centrepay is also available for those who wish to pay via Centrelink deduction. Forms are available from the payment window.

## STUDENT SCHOOL REPORTS

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Report cards will be handed to students on Thursday 28 April during CARE CLASS. Parent and students can also look up their results online by accessing the Oneschool application:

1. Type <http://oslp.eq.edu.au> into your internet browser
2. Enter the students current username and password
3. Click on the "My Education Plan" tab on the top left hand side of the screen
4. Click on the "Personal Tab" and the results will be displayed.

## GRIFFITHS UNIVERSITY LOGAN - CAREERS AND INFORMATION DAY

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Last Friday, a group of 75 senior students (accompanied by Mr Farr-Wharton, Ms Jolly, Ms Vidler and Ms Armitage) attended the Careers & Information Day at Griffith University Logan Campus.

The campus tour included a session in an interactive nursing ward, as well as a visit to the IT department where we were introduced to soccer-playing robots! At the careers market, students were able to visit a range of stalls to speak with organisation representatives, fill up their show bags and collect important information about career pathways. The university presentation in one of the lecture halls reminded us that a Bachelor's degree can add more than a million dollars to our lifetime earning potential!

It was an educational and entertaining day; one that certainly got us all thinking about possible directions for our future.







## SCIENCE COMPETITIONS 2013

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This year, Science students have the opportunity to challenge themselves in national Science competitions. Questions are multiple-choice, aligned with the Australian curriculum and test students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills, as well as their general knowledge.

COMPETITION	YEAR LEVELS	SITTING DATE	COST
ICAS (International Competitions & Assessments for Schools)	8 - 12	Wed 5th June (1Hour)	\$8.80
Australian National Chemistry Quiz	10 - 12	Thurs 25th July (1Hour)	\$5.50

**Nominations for these 2 competitions close on Thursday 2nd May.**

All competitions are completed during class time.

Other Science competitions which involve hands-on activities and team-building skills include:

COMPETITION	YEAR LEVELS	COMPETITION DATE	COST
Science & Engineering Challenge Day	9 & 10	Thurs 22nd August or Fri 23rd August (all day)	\$5.00 (for bus)
RACI Regional Titration Competition	10, 11 & 12	Sat 12th May 8:30am - 10:30am	NIL

**Students can nominate with their Science teacher or Mrs Robbins and pay at the Bookroom during school hours.**

## QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROJECT

Beenleigh State High School is again partnering with Queensland University of Technology (QUT) for a research project.

This project relates to common issues experienced by high school students, with a particular focus on if, when and how students may seek help from adults at school. You can check out the QUT project website at: <http://www.qut.edu.au/research/research-projects/building-capacity-for-online-counselling-in-schools>.

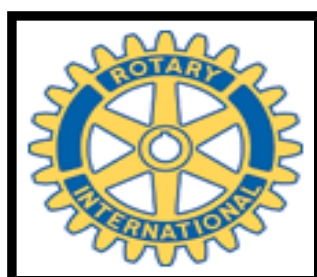
A random selection of students in EVERY care class (all grades) have been issued with a consent form to be signed and returned. If your child received a permission form, please read through the information before returning the signed form to his or her care teacher.

BSHS and QUT thank you in advance for allowing your child to participate in this project.



## TIPS ON SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

[Please click here on Tips On Supporting Young People Through Adolescence](#)



## GALLERY OF MODERN ART EXCURSION

Year 11 and 12 O.P. Visual Art last week visited GoMA (Gallery of Modern Art). The 3 level gallery provided students with the opportunity to view the Asia Pacific Triennial, an exhibition focusing on contemporary art practices from the Asia/Pacific region. Rather than traditional paintings and sculpture, students were amazed to find a dog made out of plastic bags, a giant yellow room and thousands of tiny glass creatures carefully arranged as if in migration as a few of the artworks on display.





## AGRICULTURE NEWS

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On Friday 8 March 2013 a small group of Year 11 and Year 12 students delivered funds to the Animal Welfare League as a thank you for the efforts provided by staff at Stapylton Rehoming Centre (Helen Andrews & Therese) and the education officer (Kathryn Calthorpe). Kathryn Calthorpe spent two days educating students in a range of issues including Animal Care and Protection Act, purpose of Animal Welfare League Rehoming Centres, responsible pet owners and problems associated with puppy farming in South East Queensland and the rest of Australia.

The Agriculture Science Prefects (Erin WILLS & Natasha HAWES) with the support of Year 11 students enrolled in the Certificate II in Animal Studies course (Teevan BILLIAU and Jermoién DOWDLE) donated funds raised by students from Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12). Total funds raised were \$127.85.





## NEXT STEPS SURVEY

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The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2012. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Government Statistician to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details of forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2013.

For more information visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep) or telephone toll free on **1800 068 587**.

## HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

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### *Homestay Families Wanted*

Ikeda Junior High School Japan visit, Term 3, 28 July, 2013 – 5 August, 2013. Experience a new culture by hosting a Japanese student in your home.

If interested, please ring Mr Griffin on 07 34423777, Ext: 713 or see Mr Griffin at school in the 900 Block staff room. Remuneration is paid.

大阪教育大学附属池田中学校

**IIKEDA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATTACHED TO OSAKA KYOIKU UNIVERSITY**

## ASDAN NEWS

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54 Beenleigh State High School students, who put their Portfolios through for External Moderation, have been granted their ASDAN Bronze Award, in the UK overnight.

Congratulations to all students, support staff and teachers involved. This is a great result for us as Australia's ASDAN's Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards Centre of Excellence.

Well done everyone!



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITIES

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Australian Film Academy are hosting school holiday activities, have lots of fun at AfA movie making. There are 2 great locations at Mudgeeraba & Pimpima, 3 activities to choose from and bookings essential. For more details call AfA at 55492479 or visit the website at [www.schoolholidayprogram.weebly.com](http://www.schoolholidayprogram.weebly.com)

## **YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY**

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As part of the Year 12 Chemistry course, students undertook a half-day field trip to Witches Falls Winery (Mt Tamborine). The excursion allowed students to observe a winery in action, wine analysis techniques and also to gain an understanding of analytical methods used to test and monitor wine. Abbey Nicholas, Witches Falls assistant winemaker was a wealth of knowledge and answered the many questions fielded from our students.

Year 12's will submit an extended experimental report at the end of this Wine Context Unit, which will contribute summatively towards their Chemistry Grade. The excursion provided students with valuable background information to enable them to complete the practical tests required in the forthcoming weeks of the unit.

## **LITERACY & NUMERACY ROTATIONS**

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As part of their studies, our Year 8 students participate in a program once per week in the E-Learning Centre. This timeslot is used to further develop our students' skills in Literacy and Numeracy.

Students are using our iPads to improve their typing accuracy and also to engage in reciprocal teaching activities, where they record a lesson using a new maths concept and teach it to a fellow student.

Audience response devices (like the ones that control 'the worm' during election debates) are used to enhance learning in the areas of spelling, grammar and numeracy. Students send their answer to 'the computer' and their results can be recorded straight into an Xcel spreadsheet. This basically means that teachers can very easily keep track of student progress.

Students look forward to coming each week and participating in these engaging learning experiences.



## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL)

It's almost the end of term, and that means REWARD TIME for many of our students who have been meeting our school's behavioural expectations of WE CARE, WE ARE RESPONSIBLE, WE ACHIEVE.

Our Reward System has been reviewed this year and from Term 2 onwards, rewards will be given out fortnightly on Year Parades to the top three students in each year level and the highest achieving Care Groups. There will also be end of term and end of year rewards, each time increasing in value!

Winners of this term's awards will be announced in our next Newsletter.



## ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER NEWS

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### ***Update from Mibunn Jinndi!***

Please remember to get your Camp Forms in as soon as possible to the Mibunn Jinndi Room as spaces are running out! This year's camp runs from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April at Illaroo Camp Grounds in the Yuraygir National Park, east of Grafton in northern NSW.

If you have any questions about the camp, please phone Brenda Little or Dustin Stewart on

3442 3777.



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