PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Tonight a group of about 100 students who have improved their performance in the first semester are going to the Broncos v Parramatta Eels match with me. Each year the Broncos support us with this excellent night and the students really enjoy the evening. Thank you Brisbane Broncos.

Gavin Skinner an ex-student of the school, is the male half of the dance duo – ‘Soul Mystique” who performed well on Australia’s ‘Got Talent’ last year. He has visited the school and confirmed the duo will perform at the Anniversary Celebration on the 18th October. Our appreciation goes to Gavin.

Last Tuesday week we hosted a subject selection and information evening. During this evening there were presentations on subject selection for students in year 10. If you were unable to attend and would like some further information please contact the school. Thank you to all the staff, who assisted with this evening.
A number of students from the Cattle Show Team were at the Ekka this week. Our students benefit from this program and enjoyed their week at the show working with various cattle studs from the district. The Cattle Show Team students enjoy this program and I thank Mr Nowlan and his team for their work this area.

Mr Bartlett and Mr Howe will be starting to visit primary schools over the next few weeks with staff and a group of students to talk with the Year 7s going into Year 8. If you need any more information please phone the school.

Our senior students will complete the QCS test in just over a fortnight and I wish all those who complete it good luck. Remember the best advice for students now is to be well rested and in a good frame of mind. Students completed a practice test on Wednesday.

Our P & C and 50th Year Anniversary meetings are both being held on Monday 18 October, in the e-Learning Centre, the 50th Anniversary meeting commencing at 5:30pm following on at 6.30pm with the P & C meeting. All are welcome.

All parents are reminded that the Annual Contribution Levy is well and truly due. The levy needs to be paid before students can participate in school activities like the senior formal. Please pay the levy as soon as is possible.

The school has recently completed the School Opinion Surveys (SOS). The SOS asks a range of questions about the school to parents, students, and staff. Thank you to those families who completed the survey. The information from the surveys is returned in late October and I will share it with the school community at that time.

Yours sincerely

MR MATT O’HANLON

PRINCIPAL

16 August, 2013
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.
STOP PRESS

- Uniform Shop opening times: 8:00am - 9:00am Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
- Student Payments Window open: 8:30am - 12:00pm Monday - Friday.
- 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.beenleighhs.eq.edu.au newsletter.
- If you wish to have your newsletter forwarded to you by email, please call the office or email info@beenleighhs.eq.edu.au
- Students and Parents can assess and print up their timetable on their OneSchool page.

YEAR 11 &12 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE - If you are interested in accessing your students' assessment dates you can find these under the curriculum tab on the Beenleigh SHS website. This will allow you and your student to discuss time management so that assessments are handed in on time.

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

What a great way to start the day!!
### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### 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.

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

We contacted you at the beginning of the year to let the families at your school know about the introduction of the Schoolkids Bonus, a twice yearly payment to help lighten the load of school costs. The first installment was paid in January.

The Schoolkids Bonus will be paid in July and that eligible families who have not updated their child’s education details with Centrelink have until 29 June to do so to ensure they receive the correct
payment in July. Eligible families who have updated their child’s education details with Centrelink do not have to do anything.

For our school, this means eligible families will have extra money on hand to help with mid-year and ongoing education expenses, like school excursions, winter uniforms, new stationery and other school supplies.

You can download information at australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus. Hardcopies of the brochure and factsheet are also available (free of charge) and can be ordered by contacting us at schoolkidsbonus@fahcsia.gov.au. If you have any questions or require any further information please feel free to contact us on schoolkidsbonus@fahcsia.gov.au.

BEENLEIGH EISTEDDFOD WINNERS!

Congratulations to our Concert Band, Jazz Band and Percussion Ensemble who all received First Place in their sections at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod! A special well done to Bianca Armstrong (Jazz Band Vocalist), David Stewart & Alexander Shoesmith (Jazz Band soloists), and Josh Willis, who received both the Woodwind and Brass encouragement awards on the night. A big thank-you must also go to Mr Farmer and all of our parents who assisted in transporting us on the day.

By Miss Nieuwenburg - Music Teacher
JAPANESE VISIT & WELCOME PARADE

CLICK HERE FOR SLIDESHOW OF PHOTOS OF JAPANESE VISIT - WELCOME PARADE

20 students and 3 teachers from Ikeda JHS, Osaka, Japan, enthusiastically spent the week of 28th July – 5 August at Beenleigh SHS.

They participated in timetabled classes, cooking, Manuel Arts, sports, a welcome parade, visited the Farm and Dream World and completed collaborative activities with their student buddies throughout the week.

They really enjoyed their time here learning and experiencing Australian culture and food. Their homestay families looked after them very well and took them to see the sites of Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

A huge thank-you to all the teachers, students and families that made the visit memorable and worthwhile. Also, a big thank-you to all the teachers that assisted and supported the visit in many ways.

By Mr Issac Griffin - JapaneseTeacher
'FUTURES WITH FOODS' RECOGNITION

CEREMONY
Beenleigh SHS was proud to be involved in the ‘Futures with Food’ Recognition Ceremony on Thursday 1st August 2013. This was a progressive lunch, with 47 guests travelling to the three schools that are involved in the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program; to celebrate the official opening of the Trade Training Centres in the Logan district. Beenleigh SHS was in charge of the main lunch meal, and Mrs Berthier’s Cert I and II Hospitality classes served up an alternate drop menu of Beef Bourguignon and Chicken Chasseur. Miss Davis’s Cert II Hospitality class served the guests’ meals, and beverages of lemon, lime and bitters. Senator Claire Moore, the Labor Senator for Queensland, was the VIP guest for the day, as well as industry representatives and staff from all the schools. Each guest had nothing but good comments about the day, and in particular, how well the students at Beenleigh SHS performed. Well done.

By Miss Davis – Home Economics Teacher

CLICK ON HERE FOR SLIDESHOW OF FUTURE FOR FOODS
This fortnight the PBL focus has been WE CARE ABOUT OUR OWN LEARNING. At this time of the year, students are considering their subject choices for 2014. They should be putting a great deal of thought into this process in order to make choices reflective of not only what they enjoy but also what they have the potential to succeed in.
ENGLISH THEATRE EXCURSION

Last Friday, a number of year 12 English students travelled into the QUT Theatre to watch a live performance of Mary Shelley’s classic, ‘Frankenstein’. It was a top class theatrical performance by accomplished actors and directed by Mark Kilmurry. Our students were held spellbound by the ‘emergence’ of the Monster and appreciated that the play was adapted to depict the Monster’s viewpoint. Our year 12 students will be studying this play next term, so that their attendance at this highly acclaimed performance will guarantee their full appreciation of the classic and its relevant themes.

My thanks go to Ms Cuthbert for organising this excursion and to teachers: Ms Graham, Ms Mariner and Ms Wilson for accompanying students both to and from the city venue.
BIANCA ARMSTRONG - BTG'S FESTIVAL OF

ONE ACT PLAYS

Bianca has recently received an award for the best youth actress 18 and under, of the overall festival, which was held on Friday 2 August – Sunday 4 August. The play, *Covenant with Death* won 1st Best Play, Best Director, Best supporting actress, Best Male actor, adjudicator’s choice award, and best set design. The other play *Powerfully Fragile*, received the adjudicators choice.

*By Mrs Voight - Drama Teacher*
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM VISIT TO EKKA

The year 8-12 Sep students enjoyed their day at the Ekka Thursday 8th August 2013. The had a great time watching the animal shows, exploring the different exhibits, enjoying the Ekka Dagwood dogs and strawberry ice creams and bringing home LOTS of show bags.

By Mr Silcock – Head of Curriculum Special Education

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 were 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.

By Miss Armitage - Guidance Officer

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ATTENTION YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES!

In the PDF file below you will find excerpts from the Guidance Officer's presentation at the Subject Selection Information Evening, held on Tuesday 6 August.

CLICK HERE FOR THE PDF

By Miss Armitage - Guidance Officer

YEAR 11 SUBJECT SELECTION 2014 &
SET PLAN PROCESS

(The following information is intended for all students who are in year 10 2013)

This year our current year 10 students will be scheduled to choose their subjects for year 11, 2014 on Tuesday the 20th of August in period 2 with their Care class teacher.

The selection of their 2014 subjects is another part of the SET planning process that the students have been working throughout the year. The students have participated in numerous activities and events that have been put in place to best prepare the students to make the right choices and decisions that will help them prepare for their futures.

These activities include;

- 19th March – Extended Care meeting with students exploring Job guides and future Careers
- 2nd May – Extended Care meeting with students reviewing QTAC Guides, Universities, QCE Planning and Planning Pathways.
- 6th August – Subject Expo with students examining 2014 BHSH Subjects with Q & A with HOD’s and teachers.

This was followed with a Parent Information Evening supported by the Principal, Deputies, HOD’s, Guidance Officer, Industry Representatives and Teachers.

- 15th of August- Extended Care meeting to explain how to Log into the SET Planning Process (ONESCHOOL) and how to select subjects.
- Tuesday 20th of August in period 2 (Maths or English Class) where students will select their subjects with support from their Care Teachers.

Students have also received support during school and year parades, visiting speakers and one on one support from their individual teachers.

The following links and resources are also available for Parents and Students;

Website Link:  https://beenleighshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx

Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/BeenleighHigh

Students can also access their own Learning Accounts and complete this process at home with their parents. If you have any question regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact the school. The year 10 Care Teacher, year 10 Engagement Coordinator, Senior Schooling HOD will also provide support.

By Mr Bartlett- Deputy Principal
HEALTH NURSE NEWS

Anxiety:

Anxiety is a normal feeling that people have when they are faced with something that could be dangerous or difficult, embarrassing or stressful. Exams, job interviews, talking in front of a group, or learning a new skill (such as driving) all make people feel anxious. What are the signs of anxiousness? Your pulse rate might go up, you may have a disturbing feeling in your tummy (‘butterflies’ in the tummy) and you could feel sweaty.

Anxiety disorders:

Usually when the task or event that is causing the stress is over, the feelings of anxiety go away. When these feelings go on and on, and start to get in the way of a normal life, it may be a symptom of an anxiety disorder. The symptoms that go with high levels of anxiety fit into several different patterns or ‘types’ of anxiety disorder. Working out if you have one of the types of disorder can help you then work out the most useful way of trying to manage the anxiety.

Generalised Anxiety disorder:

The main symptom of this disorder is excessive and persistent worry, causing feelings of being keyed up all the time, being easily tired, having difficulty concentrating, irritability, muscle tension and sleep problems. Young people may worry about sport or school performance, including exams, so much that they are not able to do well.

Panic disorder:

People with this pattern of feelings experience great anxiety (panic) in situations where most people would not be afraid, such as being in a crowd or on an escalator. They can have many physical symptoms such as:

- Feeling faint or dizzy
- Having a rapid heart rate
- Sweating
- Chest pain

- Blushing
- Having difficulty breathing
- Abdominal pain (and diarrhoea)
- Fear that the attack will lead to them dying or totally losing control

When the panic has gone, there is an ongoing fear that the panic will come back.

Fear of a panic attack can lead them to stop doing things that might trigger a panic attack, such as going outside or going to certain places where they have had a panic attack.

Young people who get panic attacks may have had trouble with fear when they were away from their parents when they were younger (separation anxiety).

www.beyondblue.org.au
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

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](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au)

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

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**LOGANHOLME BLUE LIGHT DISCO**

Dance the night away at the Loganholme Blue Light Disco!

Disco dates: August 17, September 14 & October 19

Time: 7:00pm-10:30pm

Where: Centre Court outside Myer via entry 2

Cost: $10

If you are aged 15 years and under come and dance the night away! For further information phone Loganholme Police Station 34516366 or Hyperdome Police Shop Front 3801 5522 or check out: [www.hyperdomeshopping.com.au](http://www.hyperdomeshopping.com.au) ONLY$10
CHRISTOPHER TAMWOY

Last Friday, Christopher an Indigenous year 12 student at Beenleigh State High School was interviewed on air by the ‘ABC Live’ at Luv-a-Coffee (Coffee shop), talking about his love for his music and how it all began. Christopher has become accustomed with different circles of our Community, such as Police Minister Jack Dempsey, Logan Mayor Pam Parker and Logan District Police Superintendent Noel Powers and is a regular at official police events. He is a self-taught musician and said his first interest in music began in the Torres Strait, when he was in grade 3 attending church with his Grandmother and watching his uncles play the guitar.

To his credit, Christopher also is a Brisbane qualified QRL referee, who referees at school and Junior Rugby League games and Christopher is in the Qld Cup Development Squad.

Whilst completing Year 12, he is also studying for a Cert III in Allied Health at the Institution of Urban Indigenous Health (IUH).

Christopher is currently in Sydney attending a national Conference; of the National Indigenous Leadership Program. We look forward to hearing from Chris in regards to this conference.

We wish Christopher all the best in his future career path.

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