



# The Beenleigh BULLETIN

*From the Principal.....*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

17 November 2008	P&C Meeting 5:30pm All Welcome Last Meeting for the Year
19 November 2008	Year 12 Formal
21 November 2008	Year 12 Graduation 9:30am-11:30am
28 November 2008	Final School Day Years 10 & 11
1 December 2008	Year 7 Transition Day
12 December 2008	Final School Day Years 8 & 9
27 January 2009	School Resumes Years 8 & 11
28 January 2009	School Resumes All Year Levels

As the school year draws to a close I would like to remind parents of the final dates for attendance for each year level—given the staggered finish:

Year 12	Friday 21 November
Year 10 & 11	Friday 28 November
Year 8 & 9	Friday 12 December

I would like to thank students, parents, teachers and the community members who attended our night of celebration last Wednesday night. At the Annual Awards Night we recognized the wonderful achievement of many students in the sporting, academic and cultural arenas. It was a truly wonderful evening and reinforced for us, as teachers, why we do what we do.

Congratulations go to the newly-elected School Captains and Vice-Captains for 2009.

Captains:	Jared Zipf and Olivia Laws
with Vice-Captains:	Billy Holt and Melissa Bobbermien

An extensive selection process was conducted in order to select these students and I feel that these four young people will provide excellent leadership to the school community in 2009.

Next week is the final days for the year 12 students. Wednesday night is the formal and I invite families along to Dreamworld from 5:00pm onwards to see the students arrive.

Friday 21 November is the Graduation ceremony and once again families are invited. Visitors will need to be seated by 9:15am ready for a 9:30am start. The ceremony will conclude at 11:10am with the cutting of the graduation cake in the library.

For the rest of the school it is business as usual, with assignments due and exams scheduled. I wish all students the best in their final assessment.

till next time  
Desley Hodge  
Principal

**P & C MEETING  
MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER  
5:30PM  
LAST MEETING FOR 2008**

Please come along & support our P&C. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents & to voice your ideas.

## **ABSENTEE LINE** Parents and Carers



**If your student is absent, please ring the absentee line on 3442 3760 to notify the school.**

**The line is open 24 hours for your convenience.**

## Home Economics Students are AWESOME!

Over the last few weeks it's been a very busy time for Beenleigh High's Home Economic Department

- Year 11 and 12 students have finished all the assessment for their Certificate III at TAFE and are now relaxing by painting murals on the walls of 426. The techniques they learn over the last couple of weeks of this year will all be applied to their child-care work placement next year, and they'll make our classroom a more colourful place to learn.
- Year 11 and 12 Hospitality can also relax, after a hugely successful Chamber of Commerce breakfast last month. Words cannot express how proud I am of all students involved. You showed the skills and professionalism I already knew you had to the wider community. **YOU ROCK!!**
- Year 10's are now winding down, with final Practical tasks for both Hospitality and Childcare leading to class parties to celebrate the end of year.
- Finally, year 8's and 9's continue to surprise with their textiles skills..... the shopping bags and boxer shorts made this year may be the best yet!!!

With the skills being demonstrated this year, next year is sure to prove the Beenleigh area really does produce some of the most talented students in the state.

Ngaire Mayo  
Home Economics Department

## HOBBY AND CRAFT WORKSHOP NOVEMBER



This month's workshop will be Fabric Colouring!

Create your own designs with Liquid Radiance Colours

**Date** Thursday 27 November  
**Time** 3:15pm-4:30pm  
**Where** Art Block—Room 714  
**Cost** \$5 (Payable on the day)  
**Bring** A clean white or light coloured shirt.  
A clean pair of pale coloured socks.  
2 empty 600ml water or cola bottles.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL'S BOOKROOM

### COUNTDOWN TO THE END OF 2008 SCHOOL YEAR



As in previous years, we are requesting that students return textbooks each day after their final exam or as their teacher advises them that they are no longer needed.

**Well done to the Year 12's who have already returned their textbooks.**

**Parents/caregivers**, could you please check that your student has returned all books and paid any outstanding monies by the dates below so that your student is clear for the year 2009.

**ALL TEXTBOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY THE FOLLOWING DATES-**

<b>YEAR 12</b>	<b>FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER</b>
<b>YEARS 11 &amp; 10</b>	<b>FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER</b>
<b>YEARS 9 &amp; 8</b>	<b>FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER</b>

**PLEASE NOTE: THE BOOKROOM WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY 8 TO FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER FOR STOCKTAKE**

### POSITION AVAILABLE

**PERMANENT**  
**SCHOOL OFFICER—GROUNDS**  
**7.36HRS DAY**

**BEENLEIGH STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

All applicants must address the Selection Criteria of the Position Description and Profile in our package.

Application packages are ONLY available from the Administration Block, Alamein St Beenleigh.

**Closing Date 3:00pm**  
**Friday 29 November 2008**

Resumes (including any Occupational / Workplace Health & Safety Certificates) and Selection Criteria to:

**COLEEN BOUNDY BSM**  
**C/- Beenleigh State High School**  
**PO BOX 29 BEENLEIGH Q 4207**  
**Telephone 3442 3777**

The Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a "Working with Children Check". Education Qld actively supports and encourages workforce diversity and equity.

# Concert Band Achieves GOLD!!

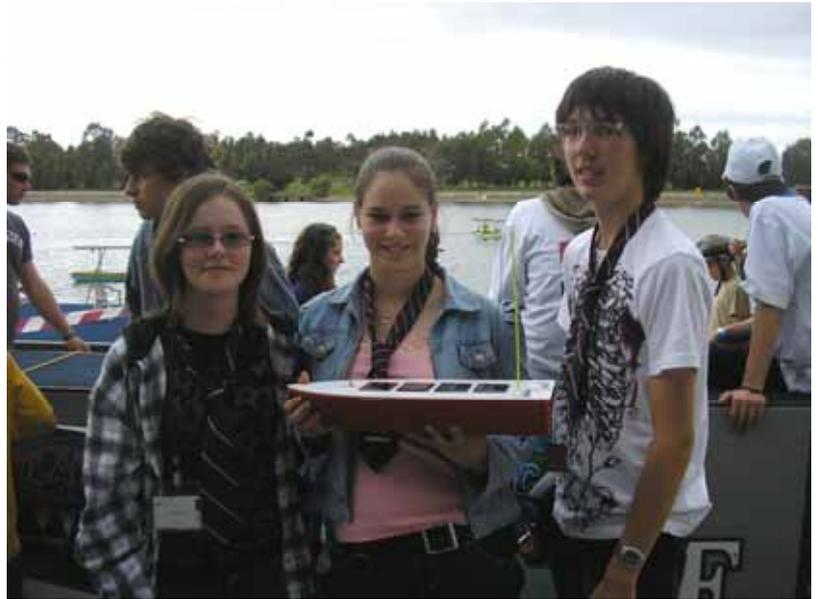
On the evening of Wednesday, October 22, the Beenleigh State High School Concert Band performed at 'MusicFest 2008' at Iona College. We had to perform 3 contrasting pieces of music, including a 'set piece' which every band had to play. We were extremely delighted to achieve a Gold award for our performance. This meant we achieved a rating of above 80% for each component of our performance. This is the first time we have achieved at this level, so we were very proud of our efforts! Congratulations to everyone in Concert Band, and thank-you to all of our very supportive parents who continue to assist their students in achieving in their music pursuits.

Angela Burrows

# National Solar Boat Challenge

After our success at the Queensland competition, our team of solar boat builders was invited to attend the final of the National Solar Boat Challenge held at the International Regatta Centre on 1st November at Penrith, in Sydney's west—the venue purposely built for rowing at the Sydney Olympics.

Three members of the original team were able to attend. Lucus Kirchner, Kathrina Stallard and Cara Downes, along with Mr Harvey and Mrs Robbins, gathered at the airport at 4am to board our plane. The flight down was basically uneventful, but as we got closer and closer to Sydney the clouds we were flying over looked spectacular, but not a good sign for the day ahead. We picked up a hire car from the airport and headed west out along the freeway—the rain drops on the wind-screen making us more worried.



Unfortunately, the weather stayed cloudy and this means bad news for solar power. Under light cloud our boat did very well in race one—being narrowly beaten by half a boat length. Our team was confident that with a better start and turn, we would win the next races. But the grey clouds rolled in thicker and thicker, forcing the abandonment of the rest of the racing. The students also had to do a presentation on the making of the boat, and survive a grueling interview on the technical aspects of their boat.



On the day of the racing no assistance from teachers is permitted whatsoever. The team finished the scoring in all areas of the tight competition in 5<sup>th</sup> place just one point away from a second placing. If the day had been sunny, who knows, we may have won the day.

Details of the competition can be found at [www.solarchallenge.com.au](http://www.solarchallenge.com.au).

As a final touch to the day, we had some fun with the hire car that had a broken catch on the fuel door making it near impossible to refuel and then the sun came out as we were preparing to board the return flight.

**Special thanks must go to Enviro Industry Gold Coast for their sponsorship of \$500 which assisted in making this trip possible.**

## National Secondary School Computer Fund – Round Two

Beenleigh State High School has applied for funding of 246 computers from the National Secondary School Computer Fund to increase our ratio of computers to students (in Years 9-12) to the national target of one computer to two students (1:2).

The first priority for funding under the program is to ensure every secondary school student in Years 9-12 has access to ICT, in particular:

desktop computers and/or  
laptop computers.

Residual funds (if any) can then be used for the effective deployment of the computers and the purchase of other ICT equipment such as interactive whiteboards, data projectors and digital cameras and videos.

The School has just submitted a draft written application for the computers on 8 October 2008. This application included a draft ICT Strategic Plan which will be used, in part, to evaluate our submission.

If you would like to view this draft submission or provide any thoughts or suggestions regarding the ICT needs of the school, please contact Greg Little (Head of Department – Information Technology & Business) on (07) 34423 734 or [glitt7@eq.edu.au](mailto:glitt7@eq.edu.au). Discussion regarding the National Secondary School Computer Fund will also take place at the P&C Meeting on Monday 17 November 2008.

### What is the National Secondary School Computer Fund?

The Australian Government has committed funding of \$1.2 billion over five years to improve secondary school student access to world class information through the Digital Education Revolution. The National Secondary School Computer Fund is investing \$1.1 billion over five years to provide for new information and communications technology (ICT) for secondary school with students in Year 9 to 12. Schools are able to apply for up to \$1 million from the Fund dependent on enrolment and need, and are able to purchase laptops, desktop computers and other technologies.

### The Objective of the Fund

The objective for Round Two of the Program is to increase the proportion of computers to students in Years 9-12 in all schools, to a national target of one computer to two students (1:2).

Through the program, the Australian Government aims to:

- ensure every school in Australia is a digital school, equipped with the education tools to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;
- allow Australian students in Years 9-12 to have access to ICT; and
- ensure every school in Australia has the potential to make a significant difference to the nature of education

Greg Little  
Head of Department Business/IT

## Australian National Internet Filter Scheme

As parents, you may be concerned about what your children are up to on the internet at home. While at school, students work in a protected environment through the use of a comprehensive net filter scheme provided by Education Queensland. It is far more difficult to protect your children at home from contacts which may be harmful or exploitive.

Internet content filters can help you manage your family's online environment to provide a safe and enjoyable online experience. Installing an internet content filter reduces the risk of your family coming into contact with something upsetting or dangerous online. Internet content filters offer a range of different functions to help block, screen and monitor unwelcome material.

If you would like to find out more about this or download/order a free internet content filter go to:-  
[www.netalert.gov.au](http://www.netalert.gov.au)

You will also find useful information and suggestions on this site to ensure you are providing a safe net environment for your children.