



From the Principal

Congratulations to students who this week entertained us at the yearly Easter music concert. Beautiful harmonies, wonderful strings, bold percussion pieces and rousing big bands led the audience through a wonderful night of performance. Special thanks to Ms Stuart and the music teachers for such an impressive evening.

Year 8 Expo this week has provided prospective enrolment families with the opportunity to come and get a sense of who we are and what we do at Benowa. As you are aware, places will be limited next year with only 300 Year 8 enrolments targeted. A reminder that all EMP details are on the school's website in the Enrolment Prospectus.

This term has finished quickly with student workloads peaking through assignments and exams. As I have been in and around classrooms this term it has been very obvious that students are well settled into the year and that the sometimes grinding routine of extra time at schoolwork is bearing fruit. Teachers continue to comment positively about student commitment this year and as my focus on students seeking feedback continues to gain momentum, more and more students are making the effort to invest some time in their own progress reports.

This week we are finalising the next wave of laptops into the school and we will work to provide access to them for Year 8 next year in addition to the usual Years 9-12. We are investigating the, *bring your own device* agenda throughout semester one to see what opportunities such a system might provide for the Benowa community.

We wish all families a great Easter break and trust that driving trips are safe and enjoyable.

Mark Rickard
Executive Principal

BENOWA STATE HIGH SCHOOL contact information

Telephone +61 7 5582 7333

Facsimile +61 7 5582 7300

Emails office@benowashs.eq.edu.au
reportbullying@benowashs.eq.edu.au

Website www.benowashs.eq.edu.au

To notify us of an absence please

send a text message to 0417 159 081

Alternatively you can phone our Absence Line on 07 5582 7360 and leave a message or send an email to studentabsences@benowashs.eq.edu.au.

Cashiers' Office +61 7 5582 7302 or +61 7 5582 7348
Email accounts@benowashs.eq.edu.au

Cricos Provider Name Department of Education, Training and the Arts
Trading Name Education Queensland International **CRICOS Code** 00608A

EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL - Mark Rickard

ADMINISTRATION

Director of School Organisation
Pam Lynch
Director of Studies
Brendon Wolski
Director of Senior Phase
Sarah Douglas
Director of Middle Phase
Glenn Chippendale (*Acting*)
Business Services Manager
Gavin Hutson

SUPPORT STAFF

Guidance Officers
David Ramsay
Snez Nastic-Kern
Karen Foote
Student Health Worker
Sue Stevenson
School Chaplain
Amanda Homann
HEADS OF SOCIAL JUSTICE
Senior Phase
Tina Mackay
Middle Phase
Ben Reynolds

HEADS OF DEPARTMENT

Access Centre
Lieve Rimbaut
Business Education
Karlea Grace (*Acting*)
English (Communications)
Jodie McFadden
LOTE and International
Cathryn Bruton
Mathematics
Ben Callum
Industrial Technology & Design Hospitality
Brian McErlan

Information Technology
Graham Reid
Physical Education
Brian Garland
Science
Rob Keen
Senior Schooling
Yvonne Hucks
SOSE
Anna Aldridge (*Acting*)
The Arts
Bettianne Stuart

COORDINATORS

Head of Year
Yr 8 Joanne Grudzien
Yr 9 Sofie Bainbridge
Yr 10 Katrina Sheffield
Yr 11 Peter Sykes
Yr 12 Andrew Taylor
Careers Centre
Louise Horan
French Immersion
Nicole Davies
International Students
Trudy Campbell
Sport
Carle Hakaria

Report from the Director of Studies

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents should be receiving their child's Interim Report at the time of this newsletter being published. These reports contain information for Parents as to how their child is currently progressing in their studies at Benowa SHS. It is absolutely critical that Parents book for Parent-Teacher interviews if they have any concerns about the level of success being experienced by their child. Establishing contact and a working relationship with your child's teachers is fundamental to the ongoing learning for your student.

The interim reports will not contain a level of achievement due to the variance in timing and amount of assessment within subjects. However, Parents will be able to ascertain student progress from comments made, levels awarded for effort and behaviour and whether Parent-Teacher interviews have been requested. Though as stated earlier, I encourage all Parents of students in Years 9 to 12 to take the opportunity to meet with teachers on **Tuesday, 23 April** in the Sports Hall commencing at 3.15pm. Bookings can be made online at www.sobs.com.au or by ringing the school office on 07 5582 7333.

Gold Coast Careers Expo

The 2013 Gold Coast Careers Expo will once again be held this year at RACV Royal Pines on **Thursday, 9 May**. This is a one day event, commencing at 9.00am and concluding at 8.00pm, that allows your child to access representatives from leading Universities, private training Colleges, TAFE and industry. This is a fantastic, free opportunity right on our doorstep for all our students to begin determining their career pathways or increase their awareness and knowledge of opportunities for employment, training or further study. Benowa SHS will take approximately 100 students to this event during the morning, but it is open to all members of the public anytime of the day. Students who do attend during the event should be prepared to ask questions at those stands which are of interest and take advantage of the resources at their fingertips. Again, free admission and free parking will be available.

Brendon Wolski, Director of Studies.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Interest in Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) has been growing in all sectors of industry. The introduction of the 1-to-1 initiative has increased the normalisation of digital technologies in education. Work programs and pedagogies have been adapted to embrace the increased use of ICT. A number of schools and organisations have made a progression from 1-to-1 to Bring Your Own Device programs.

Introduction of a BYOD program without a full understanding of the range of issues - technical, licensing, curriculum and pedagogy, social justice, financial, procurement, security policy and the like, has the potential to expose schools and school principals to a range of unnecessary risks. Further to this, implementation of BYOD programs without the necessary lead in time or preparation is likely to diminish the anticipated outcomes.

DETE is committed to providing a world-class education for all students and is currently undertaking research and reviews of relevant resources. Five school communities are presently examining and testing a process that will inform a preferred BYOD approach with guidelines that schools can follow if they are considering BYOD.

A summary of findings and BYOD guidelines will be available for schools to engage with in Term 3, 2013.

Schools involved in the research project are:-

Benowa State High School, Calamvale Community College, Jindalee State School, Murrumba Secondary College, Noosa District State High School

Homestay families needed

Since 1990, Benowa High has welcomed hundreds of students to our International High School Programs.

We are now seeking additional homestay families who:

- Are **warm, friendly and caring** and are willing to include an International student in their life.
- Have a spare comfortable room with a desk and wardrobe, fan or air conditioning.
- Are open to sharing new cultures.
- Are willing to include the student in family activities and outings.
- Will attend training sessions and meetings.
- Live within 3km of the school.
- Three month minimum stays.

Payment of \$245.00 per week for approved homestay families.

Please direct expressions of interest to jgold88@eq.edu.au



FINANCE NEWS
RESOURCE SCHEME 2013

Years 8, 9	\$290
Years 10, 11, 12	\$385

For those families who have taken up the instalment option the Term 2 payment of \$100 – Year 8, 9 and/or \$135 – Year 10, 11, 12 is due by Wednesday April 24.

1 TO 1 LAPTOP (Years 9-12) \$190 *NOW DUE*

SUBJECT LEVIES *NOW DUE*

Marine Studies Year 11	\$275
Marine Studies Year 12	\$185
Multi Media Studies Years 11/12	\$200/year

P&C BUILDING FUND

This is a voluntary and tax deductible contribution. These funds will be directed this year to the air conditioning of 3 major teaching blocks. Contributions are:

1 student	\$50
2 students	\$80
family	\$100 (maximum)

PAYMENTS

Payments can be made in person or by phone to the school cashier. Payments can also be made through internet banking using the following information.

BSB:	064-430
A/c Number:	00090630
A/c Name:	Benowa SHS General Account
Reference:	Student ID number + reference code (example only: 1234567892XRes)

Operating hours for the Cashiers Office are:

Monday – Wednesday 8.00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 8.00am – 1.00pm

FRIDAY – CLOSED

STUDENT DETAILS

It is vitally important, should parent/s, guardian/s or caregiver/s change address, telephone numbers (work, home or mobile) or email to advise Administration in writing as soon as these changes apply.

2011 AND 2012 SCHOOL MAGAZINES

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF 2011 AND 2012 CLEARWATER SCHOOL MAGAZINES WHICH WERE NOT COLLECTED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR. IF YOUR CHILD DID NOT RECEIVE THE MAGAZINE AFTER CLEARANCE, BUT WOULD NOW LIKE A COPY, PLEASE RING THE SCHOOL LIBRARY ON 5582 7358 DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

CAR PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
A REMINDER FOR STAFF AND PARENTS

ALL STAFF SHOULD ONLY PARK WHERE THERE ARE DESIGNATED SPACES AND STAY OUT OF TRAFFIC FLOW AREAS. PARENTS SHOULD RESTRICT ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS UNLESS URGENT OR NEEDED TO COLLECT SICK AND INJURED CHILDREN.

ALL CARS PARKED WITHIN SCHOOL GROUNDS ARE DONE AT THE OWNERS OWN RISK AND ARE NOT COVERED BY ANY DEPARTMENT INSURANCES.

ABSENCES

Please notify the school as soon as you know your child will be absent.

You may report an absence by:

- **sending a text message to 0417 159 081;**
- **telephoning the absence line on 07 5582 7360;**
- **replying to a text message;**
- **sending a note with the student on their return to school.**

When you report an absence please give **clear and concise** details -

Student's full name, year level, date of absence and a very brief reason for absence eg. appointment, sickness, family matter, etc. Unexplained absence/s will be investigated.

Persistent absence may affect school enrolment.

P & C

The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17 April 2013 in room V05 (located at the left of the administration car park) at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WANTING TO ENROL INTO YEAR 8 IN 2014

*For all families who did not attend the Year 8 Expo please visit our website to download an Expression of Interest form for our programs of Excellence/ Specialisation. This form must be returned to our Administration office by Friday, 19 April 2013.

*Families proven to be living within our catchment area can collect an Enrolment Package from our Administration office from Monday, 15 April 2013.

*Families living outside of our catchment area wishing to enrol need to visit our school website and view our EMP Enrolment Prospectus for information regarding Merit Entry Applications. Merit Entry Applications and required documentation must be submitted by Friday, 12 July 2013.

Website: www.benowashs.eq.edu.au

IMMERSION ENTRANCE TEST ACADEMIC ENTRANCE TEST

Wednesday 1 May 2013

12pm to 3:00pm

Register ONLINE

www.benowashs.eq.edu.au

by Friday 26 APRIL

DATES YOU NEED TO KNOW

APRIL 2013	
Friday, 26	Registrations close for French Immersion and Academic exam (test)
MAY 2013	
Wednesday, 1	12.00pm to 3.00pm - French Immersion and Academic exam (test)
Friday, 17	4.00pm - Scholarship Applications close
Friday, 31	Registrations close for Waldorf Education (previously Steiner) exam (test)
JUNE 2013	
Tuesday, 4	Dance Excellence and Music Excellence Auditions (you will be contacted if you are required for an audition)
Wednesday, 5	1.00pm to 3.00pm - Waldorf Education (previously Steiner) exam (test)
JULY 2013	
Friday, 12	Merit Entry Applications close
Sunday, 21	Round One testing and interviews for Sport Excellence (you will be contacted if you are required for testing and an interview)

IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH 2013	
Friday, 28	Term 1 finishes
APRIL 2013	
Monday, 15	Term 2 commences
Tuesday, 23	3.15pm to 7.15pm - Parent/Teacher interview evening for Years 9 to 12 (information will be posted home with your student's report)
Thursday, 25	Anzac Day public holiday

For latest school news and upcoming
school events check our website -

www.benowashs.eq.edu.au