Natural Justice is a frequently used term and in applying the principles of this belief in our school setting, it has great relevance in ensuring that when students are involved in difficult matters that the way in which the school investigates is open, transparent and equitable. I have spent much time this year listening to parents vehemently defending their children on matters where the evidence is overwhelming that their student has been involved in a negative way. Remembering that many of our matters can easily end up with the Police and indeed in Courts of Law, it is very important to take a step back and look at behaviour and consequence in the context of what is reasonable community expectation.

As a school we go to great lengths to carefully document conversations, take statements and provide access to the evidence used to make our decisions. We work hard to build parent confidence in our practices and processes and ultimately to demonstrate as a school that we are committed to justice. At these times, our decisions are also based on the ‘balance of probability’.

Please be encouraged by the consistency with which we strive to work and to manage student behaviour. I seek your support in looking beyond simply your child’s recollection of events, to accepting that the facts as they occurred may be different to the story shared at home.

Our commitment to the good order and management of Benowa State High School is at its very core a reflection of the high community standards and the strong expectations that have always been a part of our school community. I thank you for your ongoing support in assisting us to move our school from good to great.

I am currently visiting our local primary schools to reinforce the opportunities for enrolment in our special entry programs. Our EMP (Enrolment Management Plan) is being interpreted in some parts of the community as having stopped enrolments other than from our local catchment. The opposite in fact is the truth with over 70% of our planned student enrolment being from ‘out of catchment’. Please assist us to spread this message in the community.

As always in our school there are ‘Many Pathways ~ No Limits’.

Mark Rickard
Executive Principal
Year 9 Drama students have been Clowning around again. Some great and wonderful costumes to start the year with a laugh and lots of fun in the Drama Department.

Dance Students have been involved in Professional workshops with the Rehearsal Master and Dancers from the Dance North Company who will return to the Gold Coast in June for Performances at the Gold Coast Arts Centre.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT - RESOURCE HIRE SCHEME 2013

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For those families who have taken up the instalment option the Term 2 payment of $100 – Years 8, 9 and/or $135 – Years 10, 11, 12 is now due.

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

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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, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8.00am to 3.00pm
Thursday: 8.00am to 1.00pm
FRIDAY: CLOSED

It has been a busy start to 2013 with the introduction of two new languages in year 8. Here is some of what has been happening in the Italian, Japanese and French Language Classrooms.

Italian
Buongiorno! Hello!
My name is Mrs Lisa Moller and I am Benowa State High’s Italian teacher. The three Year 8 Italian classes have been so busy thus far that it’s hard to believe we’re in Week 3 of Term 2! In Term 1 we got to know a little about the beautiful country of Italy, and learn how to introduce and talk about ourselves. This term, we’re learning about school life in Italy, and how different it is to school in Australia. Most of us would prefer to stay at school here, because in Italy, they attend school SIX days a week! Towards the end of this term, we’re going on an excursion to the Italo-Australian Centre in Clear Island Waters to celebrate the Italian National Day, so keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information about that. Overall, the students studying Italian are trying very hard and many are having great successes at a brand new language to them. Complimenti e continua così! (Congratulations and keep up the good work!). Signora Moller

Japanese
Our year 8 Japanese students have begun making 1000 paper cranes for our Senior Students to take to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park when they visit Japan in the September holidays. Thank you in advance to Kanagawa Kenritsu Koukou for agreeing to host us. We are looking forward to visiting! A big ‘thank you’ to Eryn and Annie in 8G for your assistance in showcasing our language rooms on the year 8 parent/teacher night.

French
We had the pleasure to host 33 French students and 3 teachers from our sister schools in France for 3 weeks. The French students joined our classes and enjoyed the Gold Coast way of life! Our year 9/10 immersion students will go to France for 4 weeks in June. What a great experience for our young people! And…the countdown begins until this year’s Language Perfect World Championships! Our students are gearing up for some tough competition again this year. Can they retain their title for three years running??!! Watch this space!
IMPORTANT DATES IN OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR:

**MAY 2013**
- Thursday, 23: D Day
- Monday, 27 to Sunday, 2 June: National Reconciliation Week

**JUNE 2013**
- Monday, 10: Queen’s Birthday public holiday
- Wednesday, 19: P & C meeting
- Friday, 21: Last day of Term 2

**JULY 2013**
- Monday, 8: First day of Term 3

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**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

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**ORAL HEALTH CARE MATTERS**

Did you know that Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services in both the community and school dental clinics accept Teen Dental Vouchers?

Good oral health care is important for young people. The government has provided Teen Dental Vouchers to help enable and maintain good oral health and preventative care. These vouchers can be presented to private dentists or Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services, including a community or school dental clinic.

Children attending schools up to the end of Year 10 who present a Teen Dental Voucher with Gold Coast Oral Health Services will receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care. Children in Years 11 and 12 in receipt of a voucher can only be seen by Gold Coast Oral Health Services if the eligibility criteria is met. They will then be placed on a waiting list to receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care.

If the Teen Dental Voucher has been used at a private dental practice, completion of the private dentist’s treatment plan will need to be undertaken privately at own cost. Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services will only be able to provide Emergency Care for these children, not a full course of care as prescribed by the private dentist.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services have qualified and experienced dentists, oral health therapists, dental therapists and dental assistants who work together to provide a range of oral healthcare services to meet your child’s specific oral health needs in a caring environment.

As the Teen Dental Voucher expires by 31.12.13, it is important that you arrange your appointment as soon as possible by telephoning the Gold Coast Oral Health Services Call Centre on **1300 300 850**. Oral health services are also provided during all school holiday periods. For more information on the nearest community or school dental clinic, the Oral Health Call Centre will be able to assist you with your enquiry.
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7pm 24th, 25th and 26th July
Arts Benowa Building
Benowa State High School
Tickets $15 (adults at student prices)
Tickets on sale soon
The national HPV vaccination program began in 2007 to protect females against HPV infections that can lead to cancer and disease. Studies have since shown a substantial drop in HPV infections among the vaccinated group.

The vaccination program involves a series of three vaccinations, delivered at school over a six-month period by qualified immunisation providers. The completed course will provide males and females with broad protection against a range of HPV-related cancers and disease.

What is HPV?
HPV is a highly contagious virus transmitted through sexual contact, which can affect both males and females. It is estimated that four out of every five adult Australians will have a HPV infection at some point in their lives. However, HPV does not usually cause symptoms, so people infected with the virus often do not know they have it.

The more harmful types of HPV can cause abnormal cells associated with a wide range of cancers, including penile, anal, cervical, vulval and vaginal cancers. Other types of HPV can cause genital warts. HPV infection can be prevented by vaccination. Vaccinating males will also help to protect females from cervical cancer and HPV-related disease by reducing the spread of the virus.

About the vaccine
The HPV vaccine provides highly effective protection against the four types of HPV that have been shown to cause the development of cancer or genital warts affecting both males and females. The vaccine has been tested to ensure it is safe for males and females, and almost seven million doses have been administered in Australia to date.

The immunisation involves an injection administered three times over a six-month period. It is important to complete the full course of three doses to ensure the best possible protection against HPV.
Side effects
Like most vaccinations, the HPV vaccine can cause some mild side effects such as soreness, swelling and redness at the injection site, a mild temperature, or short-lived faintness. The current vaccination program includes safety monitoring to detect and manage important side effects, which can also be reported through a link on the website.

If you have any concerns following your child’s vaccination contact your doctor, immunisation provider or local Department of Health.

With any vaccination, it is important that any side effects are reported to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Information on how to report an adverse event following immunisation is available by visiting the TGA website at tga.gov.au/consumers/problem.htm

What do I need to do?
If you are a parent or guardian of a male aged 12-15 years or a female aged 12-13 years you will receive information about the HPV vaccination program, including a consent form from your child’s school. You will need to return the signed consent form to the school before the vaccination can be administered.

You should also:
- Talk to your child about the importance of the vaccine and make sure they attend for all three doses
- Contact your school if you have not received information or a consent form
- Visit the website at australia.gov.au/hpv for more information

Visit australia.gov.au/hpv or contact the Immunisation Information Line on 1800 671 811 for more information.
12 ALTERNATIVES to ‘Losing it’ with your Child

We all know that children, including adolescents, at times, can drive you crazy. They may not listen. They can be messy. They often don’t think before they act. They may not consider another’s feelings. Unfortunately these factors are a part of growing up, and it takes a loving family to help them learn to be respectful, responsible, tolerant, caring, loving and self-controlled. When everyday problems pile up, our tolerance as parents may not be as strong. Often our ability to control ourselves will be tested.

We may be easily angered but the message here is:

DON’T TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR CHILD or CHILDREN or PARTNER.
It’s a matter of mustering your self-control (we all have it). Think of the benefits.
If you show self-control, your child knows what it looks like and can copy it.

Here are some alternatives:

Stop in your tracks. Step back. Sit down. Talk yourself back to calm.
Take 5 deep breaths. Inhale. Exhale. Slowly. Slowly
Count to 10. Better yet, 20 or say the alphabet out loud or backwards
Phone a friend, or a relative. Even the weather number.
Still mad? Punch a pillow, a punching bag or munch an apple.
Thumb through a magazine, newspaper, photo album, work manual.
Do some sit-ups, kick a ball, jog on the spot.
Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts/feelings/frustrations.
Take a shower, or better still, a bath.
Lie down on the floor listening to your favourite music.
Talk to your pet – they are good listeners and non-judgemental.
Go to your shed (if you have one) otherwise do that gardening/mowing you need to do.

By now hopefully you are feeling calm. By now the problem may not have seemed like it deserved the blood pressure, but it’s time to deal with the issue in a calm, peaceful, rational way. You can do it. It’s all a matter of choice.

Adapted from: Qld Centre for Prevention of Child Abuse Information Sheet

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

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.

LEAVE PASSSES
ON SPORT AFTERNOON
All students requiring a leave pass on a Sport afternoon MUST have a written note from a parent. Due to the large number of phone calls for leave passes, NO student will be given a leave pass without a note unless it is an emergency.
Sport is a compulsory part of the curriculum and students are required to attend.

P & C Information
The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 19 June 2013 in room V05 (located at the left of the administration car park) at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For the latest school news and upcoming school events check our website - www.benowashs.eq.edu.au