



Term 3 is always a term in which students are well settled into the year and during which we have the opportunity to see the quality of learning across year levels and to begin the celebrations of senior school academic and sporting success.

Recent parents nights for Year 9-10 and 10-11 subject selection have been highlights for the term and special thank you to the so many parents that came into the school to support their children. Staff believe that this year we have seen more parents participate in these nights than ever before - thank you for your attendance.

Students and staff have represented us in many activities ranging from ceremonies including Anzac Day, Korean Armistice Day and most recently at Kokoda Commemorations. Our academic teams have won the Science competition at Griffith University and our Volleyball players are Queensland champions. There is great truth in the 'Many Pathways - No Limits' vision statement that we very proudly promote in our school.

There is currently an opportunity for Benowa SHS to become one of Queensland's Independent Public Schools (IPS) in 2014 and we are now undertaking a range of 'stakeholder' consultations. There will be discussion at the upcoming P&C meeting about the IPS opportunity and we have placed some key information documents on the school website to provide the latest information. Nominations for IPS close on August 30.

Thank you to staff for the never-ending contribution of time above and beyond the normal working week. The school musical was a fantastic demonstration of this and of student and staff talent. To see so many confident students across the stage throughout the production was truly inspiring.

As always, Benowa State High School staff and students are living proof of ....  
'Many Pathways - No Limits'

Mark Rickard  
Executive Principal

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Yr 8 Joanne Grudzien  
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**Sport**  
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# FINANCE DEPARTMENT - RESOURCE HIRE SCHEME 2013

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT - ALL OUTSTANDING FEES ARE NOW DUE

Years 8, 9	\$290
Years 10, 11, 12	\$385
1 TO 1 LAPTOP (Years 9-12) -	\$190

### SUBJECT LEVIES:

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, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8.00am to 3.00pm

Thursday: 8.00am to 1.00pm

FRIDAY: CLOSED

## Italian Excursion

On Tuesday, 18 June, 37 inaugural Italian students attended our first excursion. After Care class, we jumped on the bus and headed to the Italo-Australian Centre at Clear Island Waters. After we arrived, we headed inside the centre to look at the fresco style paintings around the walls, of beautiful Italian cities and towns. Our next stop – bocce! Bocce is a game that's very similar to bowls, only it is played indoors on a quick, sandy court using metal balls (or palle). We had a lovely older couple instruct us on the rules and how to play, before giving us a demonstration. Then, it was our turn! After a couple of ends, we played a few games of Tombola (bingo) in Italian while we were waiting for lunch.

One of the highlights of the day was our lunch. To start, we had several different types of traditional pizzas placed on our tables, and if you blinked you missed out on a slice! We'd certainly worked up an appetite with the morning's games! Then, large steaming bowls of penne al ragù (penne pasta with a tomato based sauce) were delivered to our tables, and we topped it with formaggio parmigiano (parmesan cheese). To finish off our delicious Italian feast, we had some gelati, which is Italian ice cream. Pistachio nuts (green), lemon (white) and strawberry (pink) flavours were served, resembling a mini Italian flag with their colours.

After some digestion time, we headed out onto the pitch for a taste of the great Italian passion, Calcio (soccer). A few Del Piero's were discovered, with plenty of diving, running and striking making for an entertaining end to our excursion.

"My highlights were eating pizza and winning soccer" – Luke M

"I think that the best part was the gelato and playing bocce" – Georgia P

"My highlight was the food and the soccer game at the end" – Caitlyn M

"I would have liked to play a bit more bocce!" – Jacob B

"My highlights were playing soccer and learning to play bocce" – Ashlee G

"The best part for me was the pasta, pizza and gelati! The food was good" – Toni H

"I learned that playing a team sport means a lot to Italian people" – MJ D



# Benowa High Volleyball - a busy few months!!

## #8 Benowa students at Australian Junior Volleyball Championships#

Benowa's state representation in Volleyball continued this year with a record **eight** students representing Queensland at the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships held at the AIS in Canberra (July 8th - 13th).

Congratulations to all of these talented students:-

Qld Under 17 Womens' Maroon team (1<sup>st</sup>): **Emma Burton (11M), Mykaela Faulkner (10Y)**

Qld Under 17 Womens' White team (5<sup>th</sup>): **Renee Reardon (11X), Abby Byrne-Hartmann (10Y) and Carina Brennan (10Y)**

Qld Under 17 Mens' White team (7<sup>th</sup>): **Will Koskela (11E), Bede Bouzaid (11M), Jamie Merdedith (11A)**



*Back: Abby Byrne-Hartmann, Emma Burton, Bede Bouzaid, Will Koskela, Jamie Meredith  
Front: Mykaela Faulkner, Renee Reardon, Carina Brennan*



## Two Australian All - Star Seven selections

After their outstanding performances during the tournament being in the National champion team, **Emma Burton** and **Mykaela Faulkner** were selected in the Australian All - Star Seven. Congratulations girls!

**Emma Burton (left) and Mykaela Faulkner (right) with London Volleyball Olympian Adam White**

## Springwood Volleyball Exchange

On the last day of term 2 the annual Benowa - Springwood Volleyball exchange took place, with 40 Benowa students from Yr 8 to Yr 11 playing games against the visiting Springwood teams.

Congratulations to all of the students involved for a fantastic day of Volleyball which gave our students much needed practice prior to Schools' Cup.



## USA Volleyball Exchange



This year saw the 10th annual visit by USA High School Volleyball teams. On Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup> four teams of girls from a variety of American States came to Benowa High to train and then play a mini round- robin tournament against each other and two Benowa Girls' teams including present and past Benowa players. This event helped the Benowa teams prepare for the Senior Schools Cup tournament. A

number of senior students and students from the Year 9 Volleyball Excellence classes did a fantastic job assisting as officials on the day.

# School Chaplain

## What is a school chaplain?

A school chaplain provides proactive pastoral care for students, staff and parents, helping to create a positive and safe school environment. They also support the spiritual needs of students regardless of their faith or beliefs and chaplains help build a strong link between the school and the wider community.



Amanda Homann

Amanda Homann, our school chaplain (“Chappy” as she is called here) is a great role model for our students in assisting them to develop positive and supportive relationships.

## What does our Chappy at Benowa do?

Amanda offers students a delicious free hot breakfast every week to give them energy and cater for those who skip that very important meal of the day. She also runs the Youth Community Council who seeks to get involved in community projects such as feeding the hungry, sponsoring children, fundraising and more. She runs camps, provides one on one pastoral care, runs community events and also works closely with the support staff.



Amanda is always looking for ways to help out in our school. Here is one of the recent fundraisers she did with some students to raise money for chaplaincy. The Ks for Kids 10km walk.

**At the next P&C meeting we will be discussing Chaplaincy and its benefits.**

## Hospitality Department News

After 24.5 years as a Home Economics Teacher Aide at Benowa State High School, Wendy Perrett retired recently.



We had a lovely farewell afternoon at Jane Brown’s house, celebrating with many teachers who have worked with Wendy over the past 24 years.

She was a kind, hard working and generous lady who will be sadly missed! We wish Wendy all the best for her retirement.

### **LEAVE PASSES ON SPORT AFTERNOON**

All students requiring a leave pass on a Sport afternoon MUST have a written note from a parent which MUST be approved by the Principal. Due to the large number of phone calls for leave passes, NO student will be given a leave pass without an approved note unless it is an emergency. If a leave pass is issued for a medical appointment, a medical certificate for this appointment must be given to the Absence room on the following day.

**Sport is a compulsory part of the curriculum and students are required to attend.**

### **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.**

### **P&C Information**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 21 August 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](http://www.benowashs.eq.edu.au)**



# PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK  
1ST - 7TH SEPTEMBER 2013

National Child Protection Week runs from 2—7 September 2013.  
Come along and learn about how you can help keep kids safe.

## Burleigh

**When: Monday 2 September 2013, 9.30am – 12:00 pm**

**Where: Justin Park, The Esplanade, Burleigh Heads**

**Cost: FREE!**

## Upper Coomera

**When: Wednesday 4 September 2013, 9.00am – 12.00pm**

**Where: Upper Coomera Community Centre, 90 Reserve Road.**

**Cost: FREE!**

## Southport

**When: Friday 6 September 2013, 10.00am—1 pm**

**Where: Broadwater Parklands, Marine Parade Southport, on the "Great Lawn"**

**Cost: FREE!**

## Family Fun Day with Super Heroes

**When: Friday 6 September 2013, 10.00am – 1 pm**

**Where: Broadwater Parklands, Southport, on the "Great Lawn"**

**Cost: FREE!**

Come along for a day of family fun for Gold Coast families. Activities include games, live entertainment, a jumping castle, face painting and much more.... A sausage sizzle and water will be available but consider bringing a picnic. We hope to see you there, so come with your hat, sunscreen and ready to have FUN...

### For more information please contact:

Anne Bertram at The Smith Family Partnership  
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