



***FROM THE
 PRINCIPAL***

The first three weeks have seen the first school sport events for the year in the swimming carnivals hailed as great days with terrific school participation.

Thank you to all attending students and parents and to staff for great support. Special thanks goes to Mr Hutchison and the HPE department for organising the days.

This newsletter is the third and final of our yearly "start up" home news documents and I hope they have been useful. We now return to our term newsletters which will be available for you to view on our website: www.benowashs.eq.edu.au.

Thank you again for your on-going support.

Regards,

**Mark Rickard
 Executive Principal**

***GENERAL
 INFORMATION***

SCHOOL HOURS

Please be reminded that students must be in their Care Class by **8.45am** for roll call.

School finishes at **2.45pm**.

ADMIN OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 8.00am - 4.00pm
 Phone: 07 5582 7333
 Fax: 07 5582 7300
 Email: office@benowashs.eq.edu.au
 Website: www.benowashs.eq.edu.au

**WEATHER INCIDENTS AND
 ALERTS**

Unless it is absolutely essential, we ask that you do not collect your child from school during extreme weather incidents as this exposes our staff and students to the elements.

**STUDENT DETAILS AND
 CHANGE OF INFORMATION**

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

PARKING

Please drop off or collect students from Mediterranean Drive only.



BUS TRAVEL



Students who require information about bus timetables and bus passes please contact Surfside Buslines by phoning 13 12 30.

Application forms for bus passes can be downloaded directly from www.surfside.com.au.

Approved bus passes may be collected from the Student Enquiry Counter at Benowa State High School at the following times:-
 * before or after school;
 * morning tea and lunch breaks.

P&C MEETINGS

The first P&C meeting for 2012 will be on Wednesday, 15 February commencing at 6.30pm in room V05. Everyone is welcome.

The AGM will be on Wednesday, 21 March commencing at 6.30pm in room V05. All positions are vacant and everyone is welcome.

1 TO 1 LAPTOP "TAKE HOME PROGRAM"

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended our meetings this week.

Please be advised that information is on the school website including the participation form required to join the program.

Payment for the "Take Home Program" can be paid in full now or by instalments with the amount of

\$80.00 due now, a payment of \$55.00 due by the end of Term One and the balance due by the end of Term Two so that you can gain maximum benefit in your 2011/12 tax return.

**STUDY CENTRE
 VOLUNTEER TUTORING**



In 2011 with the support of 21 volunteer tutors we were able to provide weekly support to over 90 students. Many parents and teachers noticed an improvement in confidence in their student's learning and they were able to complete their assessment. Students frequently comment on how they are enjoying the lessons and learning from them.

Many of our students are requesting continuing support this year and we've had many referrals for students new to the school. We would love to have more volunteers to help us facilitate student learning in literacy and numeracy through one-on-one support in our Study Centre.

If you are interested, have the skills and time available, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to come and be part of an enthusiastic team of people supporting Benowa High students to achieve their goal.

Please ring the school office or direct to Glenys Wills in the Study Centre on (07) 5582 7390.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday, 15** and **Thursday, 16 February**.



Students are required to be in full dress uniform to have their photo taken.

Photo payment envelopes will be distributed during their care class.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

ABSENCE

Please notify the school as soon as you know your child will be absent. You may report an absence by:

- **telephoning the absence line 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 full name, year level, date of absence and a very brief reason for absence eg: sickness, family matter, appointment etc. Unexplained absence/s will be investigated.

Persistent absence may affect school enrolment.

LATENESS

Students arriving late must report to the Absence room located next to the Textbook room. Students are to present a note with an explanation for their lateness. Students are reminded that punctuality is expected at all times. Late arrivals will be recorded on reports and can lead to cancellation of enrolment.

RECEIVING SMS ABSENCE MESSAGES

If you receive an SMS from the school advising that your child is late/absent from school would you please ensure that when you reply you include the **full name** of the student, Year level, date and reason for absence i.e. **John Smith Year 10 sick 11/2/12.**

EARLY DEPARTURE

Students are only permitted to leave school grounds during the day if they are signed out by parent/s, guardian/s or caregiver/s or have a note signed by parent/s, guardian/s or caregiver/s giving a valid reason.

Notes must be sighted by a Director and a Leave Pass with student photo will be issued to the student. Students must come to the Student Enquiry Counter either before school or during break time to obtain Leave Passes.

I would ask parents to please refrain from collecting students

during school hours unless absolutely necessary. If you must collect your child during school hours please advise the office before hand to ensure we locate your child in plenty of time.

ILLNESS

Students who become ill during the school day must initially report to the Student Services Counter after obtaining a note from the current subject teacher.

From there, students will either return to class or a parent, guardian or caregiver or listed emergency contact person will be notified.

Your child should be collected as soon as possible after you have been contacted. We cannot provide long term care for students.

Under no circumstances is a student to contact home and arrange to be collected without the prior permission of the Office staff.

FINANCE NEWS

RESOURCE HIRE SCHEME

Resource Scheme contribution for 2012 is:

Years 8 and 9 - \$280
Years 10, 11 and 12 - \$370
Full payment will be accepted now.

To discuss our instalment option or deductions via Centrelink please speak to the Ladies in our Cashiers office.

Benowa 1to1 Laptop Program is:

Year 9 - \$190
Year 10 - \$142.50 (for continuing BSHS Year 9 students from 2011)
Year 10 - \$190 (new students to BSHS)
Year 11 - \$190
Year 12 - \$190

The prices above do not include use of lockers.

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SUBJECT LEVIES

Marine Studies for Year 11 - \$275
Marine Studies for Year 12 - \$185
Multi Media Studies for Years 11 and 12 - \$200 per year

Sports Excellence

Years 8 and 9 - Costs for Term One activity will be advised early this term.

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 (eg. 010101 Res).

OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Wednesday
8.00am - 3.00pm
Thursday 8.00am - 1.00pm
FRIDAY - CLOSED

P&C BUILDING FUND

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

Contributions are:
1 student - \$50
2 students - \$80
Family - \$100 (maximum)

SPORTS NEWS

Please note that our weekly Sports Day falls on a **TUESDAY**. Full sports uniform must be worn by all students on Tuesday along with the correct footwear eg. running shoes or cross trainer – **no canvas or skate shoes.**

Please ensure your child has selected a sport. Interschool sports competition costs \$100.00. Recreational sport will attract an additional cost depending on which sport is chosen. Trials for interschool sport begin in week three along with recreational activities.

Please ensure your student has completed and returned the Sports Permission form for 2012.

