



## From the Principal

As the end of Term 3 draws to a close, staff and students are focusing upon a number of important educational events and milestones. In recent weeks we have seen our OP eligible students sit two days of rigorous QCS testing that have challenged them to perform at their highest levels. Congratulations must be passed onto this group, and their QCS preparation teachers, for the effort and application they have all placed in this process since the beginning of the year. Whilst these students were completing the QCS test, students seeking extra qualifications to assist them in entering the workforce, were finalising their Certificate I in Work Education. Recognition must also be extended to the teachers involved as significant amounts of instruction, correction and re-correction are required to successfully complete these courses.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our school is committed to a futures focus and a clear cycle of improvement. The leadership team, involving Administration and Heads of Departments, will be undertaking work that reviews and evaluates school programs, practices and procedures – with the commitment of implementing a platform for improved performance. At the forefront of this work is the planning and preparation for the “Flying Start” initiative in 2015.

A number of school events that celebrate the great talents and achievements of our students and staff will be occurring soon after we return from the spring holiday break. Showcase events such as Awards Night, Sports Dinner, Project B music night and other student performances are just a few dates to place in your calendars to fully enjoy and appreciate the work being achieved at our school.

Finally, I would like to wish our current cohort of Year 12 students well for their final term of secondary education. Maintaining high personal standards and application remains a clear expectation for all as we work together to end your schooling at Benowa State High School on the highest note possible.

As always, there are “Many Pathways ~ No Limits”.

Brendon Wolski  
Acting Executive Principal

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**Year Co-ordinators**  
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**International Students**  
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**Congratulations  
to all our talented students and their dedicated  
teachers for their success at the  
Gold Coast Eisteddfod.**

Choirs – 3 Very Highly Commended performances  
Middle School Concert Band – 1st Place  
Clearwater Wind Orchestra – 2nd Place  
Senior Percussion – 3rd Place  
Intermediate Percussion – Very Highly Commended  
Senior Strings – Very Highly Commended  
Stage Band – Highly Commended  
Big Band – 1st Place  
Sabotage Dance Group – 1st Place  
Dance Extension Team – 2nd Place

Yr 12 Griffith Business  
Program  
- Griffith University



A group of Year 12 students participated in the Griffith Business Program at Griffith University this year.

This program has seen the students partake in a series of three workshops and assessment tasks throughout the year with the chance to receive direct entry into Griffith Business School. Students had the opportunity to meet business industry experts and professionals and experience university life.

Congratulations to the following students who were successful in receiving direct entry into Griffith University Business School with a degree of their choice; **Jasmine Choo, Jessica Go, Songhee Lie, Ellie Anderson, Taylor Bannister, Aimee Carter, Rebecca Delay, Miranda Haberfield, Hayley Klower, Luke Mills, Anthea Papanikolaou, Brittney Sowter, Morgan Stevenson and Teigan Thew.**

Well done to all of you!

Karlea Grace - A/HOD Business



## MORNING TEA FOR HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS

A special Morning Tea was held on September 7th for students in the Sports Excellence Program who achieved a rating of 'A' for both Effort and Behaviour in all seven subjects for Semester One..

Special Guest to meet and congratulate the students was former student and Australian Volleyball Representative and Olympian, Nicole Hannan (nee Sanderson).

The students (above from L to R) are:- Carly Edwards, Kellie Smith, Samantha Fraser, Rose Presto, Carina Brennan, Vanessa Angerer, Nicole Hannan, Abby Bryne-Hartmann, Emma Burton (who is not a SPX student but who was present to be congratulated for her selection in the Australian Schoolgirls Volleyball Team), Claudia Young, Cassel Moore, Kate Cottle, Millie Xavier.

Absent: Leyton Whiteside



## Hospitality News.....

### Responsible Service of Alcohol

On Thursday, 13th September many of our senior students participated in the Responsible Service of Alcohol course delivered by "Imagine Education". This qualification will allow the students to work in hotels, restaurants or surf clubs where alcohol is served. This will be a great asset for their resumes!

Congratulations to the following students:

Jessica Banting, Matthew Brun, Aimee Carter, Carly Cornwell, Taleah Cosgrove, Belinda Cox, Priyanka Das, Divana Eggers, Devon Graham, Clarissa Haberfield, Miranda Haberfield, River Hart, Des'Ree Ibanez, Michelle James, Mia Kubetz, Imogen Kupis Moller, Shannah Maggs, Karly Morris, Shoshuna Orloff, Joshua Otte, Amie Rawnsley, Haylee Roberts, Jason Smiley, Holly Steele and Raeney Wallace.

### 3 Chefs Do Lunch

### Celebrity Chefs Cooking Workshop

On Saturday, 3rd September The Arts Centre Gold Coast hosted 3 Chefs Do Lunch, a Celebrity Chefs Cooking Workshop. It was a highly successful occasion!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Benowa High students who waited and served the 250 guests. They represented Benowa SHS in a most professional manner and were congratulated by Jason Solman, the Functions and Events Manager. The students involved were Tahlia Davey, Alana Williams, Kieran McCartan, Emilie Hardie, Monique Marshall, Dusica Djordjevic and Ryan King.



*Clearwater Wind  
Orchestra*

*Proudly Presents*

**Première,**  
Espoirs et Rêves

Guest Performances  
by

Benowa State School  
Concert Band  
&  
Benowa Voices

Wednesday 17 October 2012  
Benowa State High School  
Arts Building  
7.00PM—8.30PM

Admission: \$5.00  
Only 250 tickets available  
Tickets available from  
Mr Buchanan or  
Benowa SHS Office



*21 Years of Hopes and Dreams*

## IMPORTANT LAPTOP INFORMATION

The 2012 laptop audit is well underway with students reminded that all items must be handed into the I.T. department to be checked. As part of this process any damage found during the audit will be noted and logged for repair. This may result in a damage excess charge being incurred. Please note that any damage that has not been reported to the school will automatically be categorized as 'Set non-warranty' damage. This will incur a higher excess fee which may however be adjusted where applicable once a 'Damage Statement Form' is completed by the parent and student and returned to the school.

All parents are reminded that the 1-to-1 learning program laptop remains the property of Education Queensland and must be returned if your child leaves the school. Year 12 laptop return is scheduled to begin in early November.

### Life is Beautiful!

We are fundraising for the breast cancer foundation on the **20th OCTOBER @ Benowa SHS!**

Ladies please come and get pampered and help support those in need!

We are offering HAIR straightening and curling, MAKEUP, NAILS, FACE PAINTING, JUMPING CASTLE, SAUSAGE SIZZLE and MORE!!!

Its only \$7 per pamper or you can get the whole lot done for only \$20!!!

Please come and support us any time from **11am til 4pm!**



### Spring Holiday CAMP!!

Are you looking for some fun and adventure over the spring break??

CYC Burleigh camp grounds is running a high school camp which includes BEACH TUBING, BUNGY RUN, GLADIATOR, SURFING AND MORE!

Contact Amanda Homann (our School Chaplain) on **07 5554 3910** for details on how to register!



Important: This is not a school organised camp or event

## CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THE NEWSLETTER FROM OUR GUIDANCE OFFICERS

### P & C

**There is no P & C meeting in September 2012.** The next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th October 2012 in room V05 (located at the left of the administration car park) at 6.30pm.

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

[www.benowashs.eq.edu.au](http://www.benowashs.eq.edu.au)