



# Notes from Beerwah

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## Monthly Newsletter of Beerwah State High School

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### Principal's Message

I would like to start this message by acknowledging the departure of Mr Iqbal Singh. Mr Singh has been principal of this school since the start of 2007 and during this time he has also become a well know figure within the community. Mr Singh has accepted a position as National Principals' Network Coordinator with the Stronger Smarter Institute, based at the Caboolture QUT campus. We wish Mr Singh all the best in his new position. As a result of this, I have been appointed Acting Principal until the end of 2009 and Tracie Warry will be our Acting Deputy Principal in my place during this time. I would also like to welcome Lisa Bingham as our Acting HOD Senior Schooling.

The end of the year is fast approaching with only a few weeks left for our Year 12 students. This is also the time of year for our awards nights and on Tuesday 27 October, we held our annual Speech Night. Speech Night is a night where we celebrate outstanding academic and cultural achievement and this year's award recipients certainly continued with this theme.

I would like to acknowledge a number of outstanding students who received awards on the night:

*Middle School Dux: Andrew Pill*

*Senior School Duxes: Saira Manns and Kayne Meyers*

This is only the second time in the school's history that dual duxes

have been awarded. I would also like to congratulate our newly announced School Captains for 2010, Anna Bayfield and Andrew Perryman. After going through a lengthy selection process I am sure these two outstanding students will continue the fine tradition set by our previous captains.

Our annual Sport Awards Night was held on Thursday 29th October and continued with the change in format introduced in 2008. This evening again proved to be a wonderful success and acknowledgement of our students' outstanding sporting achievements. I would like to congratulate our Junior and Senior Sportsmen and Sportswomen:

*Junior Sportswoman: Jasmine Standring*

*Junior Sportsman: Connor Bosch*

*Senior Sportswoman: Toni Ledger*

*Senior Sportsman: Lachlan Pill*

I hope that all parents and friends of the school who attended the evenings enjoyed the presentations, music and cultural displays.

It is also around this time each year when we have to remind students in Year 8 to 11 that they still have some very important classes and assessment items that need to be completed. It is not a time for them to ease off in their studies as many of the Year 12 students are doing. It is important to maintain the work

ethic and standards that we expect right up to and including the last day.

Year 12 students need to maintain their focus for their final assessment pieces to ensure their current levels of achievement are maintained. It is also an opportune time to remind the Year 12 cohort about safe partying. We are all fully aware that many of our Year 12 students will be celebrating their completion of school by participating in Schoolies Week activities. I ask that these students do this in a responsible and safe manner and remember to always look after your friends.

In closing I would like to remind parents that have signed time-payment schemes for school fees this year that the end date for completion of this scheme is approaching. Time payments agreements are only for a single year and do not automatically carry over to the next year. If parents are struggling financially to meet their commitment to the school, then they need to contact the administration to make an appointment and discuss their situation.

**Glenn McIntosh**  
**A/Principal**

### PARENTS' & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

#### MEETING

Tuesday 10th November 2009

7.30pm

in the Conference Room

## Speech Night Awards - 2009

Saira Manns and Kayne Meyers of Year 12 were awarded the School Dux prize and Andrew Pill of Year 9 was Middle School Dux.

Other major award winners in 2009 included:

Lions Citizenship: Lauren Roberts, Nicholas Wiggins

Rotary Service: Kristie Robl

Student Council Service Award: Megan Skerman

Highest Achievement in Year 8: Travis Bosch

Highest Achievement in Year 10: Tyler Bosch

Highest Achievement in Year 11: Andrew Perryman

Outstanding Female Student: Saira Manns, Teisha Doherty

Outstanding Male Student: Kayne Meyers

Caltex Female Allrounder: Megan Skerman

Caltex Male Allrounder: Lachlan Pill

Integration Award: Corey Blinco

Iron Range Perpetual Trophy (top Industrial Skills - Engineering student): Christopher Morris

Lyn McLachlan Shield (top Biology student): Teisha Doherty

Vocational Ed Student of the Year: Acclaim - Rebecca Feldman; School-based Trainee - Lauren Roberts

Excellence in Food Production and Technology: CWA Award - Daniel Moore

Indigenous Education Award: Dylan Shaw

Spirit of Humanity Award: Kristina Brown

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award: Year 10 - Tyler Bosch; Year 11 - Kacie Austin; Year 12 - Kevin Schultz

- National Youth Science Forum Award - Kacie Austin
- University of the Sunshine Coast Business Bursary - Saira Manns, Tara Kilkenny
- Australian Geography Competition - High Distinctions - Corin Seric, Tim Van der Laan, Dakota Barker, Saira Manns, Robert O'Regan, Lauren Roberts
- Minister's Art Award - Jenna Britton, Emily Madden
- Composer in the Classroom - Emily Madden (Third Place)
- State Honours Ensemble - Bethany Goodrich, Maya Mohan, Stephen O'Connell, Andrew Perryman, Thomas Robb, Xanthe Slater
- Regional Training Award / State Finalist - Saira Manns
- Creative Generation Awards in Instrumental Music - Andrew Perryman, Stephen O'Connell, Thomas Robb

## Awards Night Snapshots...



## Cultural Successes - 2009

- Excellence in Ensemble Performance - Thomas Robb, Stephen O'Connell
- Excellence in Vocal Performance - Emily Madden
- Art on the Walls - Jenna Britton
- Ken Hinds Art Encouragement Award - Year 9 Kaitlin Wilkinson-Gee, Year 10 Jaclyn Crane
- Excellence in Written Expression - Saira Manns
- Excellence in Dance - Kate Fynes-Clinton
- Excellence in Technical Performance - Logan Beitz
- Duke of Edinburgh Award - Gold - Tara Kilkenny, Kristie Robl, Megan Skerman; Silver - Lauren Roberts
- Australian Science Competition High Distinction - Tyler Bosch
- Professor Harry Messel International Science School Award - Andrew Perryman
- Talented Students Forensic Science Camp Award - Elspeth Cope

## Middle School Leaders for 2010

This year there were seventeen Year 8 students who applied for Middle School leadership positions for 2010. All of these students wrote applications outlining why they wanted to be Middle School leaders, described previous leadership experiences and proposed their ideas for improvements or changes they would like to make to Beerwah High if elected.

I then had the pleasure of interviewing each of the applicants with Steve Lockhart (Head of Year 8) or Sam Burchall (Middle School/SOSE HOD). Following the interviews the students were invited to present a speech to all of the Year 8s, some staff and parents. All speeches were well prepared and students spoke confidently to their peers. Year 8 students then voted for their preferred choices for Middle School Captains and House Captains. Staff were also invited to vote for these leadership positions.

Successful leaders were chosen on the basis of staff and student votes, their speeches, interviews and written applications. There were some very close results with the successful nominees being:

### Middle School Captains:

Phoebe Slater and Mana Taripo

### Middle School House Captains:

Tibbero: Travis Bosch

Miketee: Hannah Mulholland

Tunbubudla: Jake Hutchinson

Ngungun: Jessica Haig

I would like to thank the outgoing Middle School leaders for their efforts this year and I am looking forward to working with the newly selected group during the remainder of this year and in 2010.

**Maureen Brook**

*(A/Deputy Principal)*

## From the Arts...

### Music

Congratulations to the Concert Band and Stage Band in the recent 2009 Music Fest. The Concert Band received Silver in the competition held at Iona College. The Stage Band was also awarded Silver for their performance in C Division School Jazz Ensemble at Calamvale Community College on Saturday 31 October. Both of these achievements would not have been possible without the dedication of both staff and students so a big thank you must go to Mr Meneely and Mr Winters.

This is the last newsletter before the Year 12s leave, so I would like to take a moment to say a big thank you to the wonderfully talented group of Year 12s we have. You are going to be sadly missed from the bands and ensembles and we wish you all the best in your chosen careers. We all hope that one day we'll see your names out there as

accomplished musicians. Farewell and good luck.

We must also say a farewell and thank you to a well loved member of the Music Department, Mr Winters. He is leaving us next year. Those of you who have worked closely with him in the time he has been with us will realise that he has been driving an hour each way every day which was a big strain with the late nights and weekend performances. His new job sees him much closer to home which is good news for him (but sadly not for us). I know his students will miss him greatly, but we wish him the best in his new adventure.

## Art

The Maleny Young Artists Competition was recently held at Maleny State High School. We had over 30 pieces of student work submitted in the competition and I would like to congratulate the following students in achieving places in the competition.

**JUNIOR PRINTMAKING** – 1<sup>st</sup> Emma Threlfall (\$100), 2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Norwood (\$50)

**JUNIOR SCULPTURE** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaitlin Wilkinson-Gee (\$100)

**JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPHY** – 1<sup>st</sup> Oliver Hew (\$50)

**JUNIOR DRAWING** – 1<sup>st</sup> Trevor Norwood (\$150)

**SENIOR DRAWING** – 1<sup>st</sup> Brooklyn Jack (\$150)

**SENIOR ARTIST BOOK** – 1<sup>st</sup> Jenna Britton (\$100)

## Dance

A big thank you to Ms Schemioneck and the dancers for a fantastic Dance Night a couple of weeks ago. You all did fantastic work. A huge thankyou also to the parents and friends who came along to see the hard work and effort showcased.

**Su O'Grady**

*A/HOD The Arts*

## Farewell...

Happy Retirement to Angela Brown (HOD - Mathematics) and Gary Wrench (HOD - Industrial Technology).



## Ed Qld Medal

At Speech Night Jan Hutchison (Home Economics teacher) was presented with her Education Queensland medal for over 25 years of service.

## Dates to Note

### November

- 2-6 Year 10 Leadership Camp Maroon Dam
- 9 Year 8 Boys Boot Camp (Raw Program)
- 10 Year 10 Marine Science Excursion
- School Council Meeting (5.30pm)
- P & C Meeting (7.30pm)
- Year 8-12 Music Evening
- 12 AEP Testing Day (Year 7 → 8)
- 13 Final Day Year 12 Assessment
- 16 Year 12 HRE Day
- 17 Graduation Rehearsals
- 18 Year 12 Graduation 6pm Caloundra RSL Function Centre
- 19 Year 12 Beach Day
- 20 Year 12 Last Day - CLAP OUT
- 21-22 Monster Garage Sale Peachester Hall
- 24 Year 9 Astronomy Viewing Evening (7.30 - 9.00pm)
- 27 Year 10 and 11 Last Day
- Final Day Year 10/11 Assessment

### December

- 4 Astronomy Viewing Evening 7.30 - 9.00pm
- 7 Year 7 to 8 Induction Day
- 11 Final Day of School Year

## RPWP Scholarships

The Rural Pharmacy Workforce Program (RPWP) was established to increase access to pharmacy services in rural and remote areas and to strengthen and support the rural pharmacy workforce. There are 30 scholarships available annually, valued at \$10,000 each per annum (for a maximum of four years). The scholarship scheme is aimed at providing financial support to encourage students to undertake undergraduate or graduate studies in pharmacy at University.

Applications opened 2 October 2009. For further information visit [www.ruralpharmacy.com.au](http://www.ruralpharmacy.com.au) or contact the Project Officer, Megan Taylor on 02 6270 1888 or email [megan.taylor@guild.org.au](mailto:megan.taylor@guild.org.au)

## 2010 Brisbane Tertiary Student Accommodation

Raymont Lodge Residential College provides fully furnished accommodation for students undertaking tertiary study in Brisbane within a supportive Christian environment.

The College is located 4km from the heart of Brisbane and in close proximity to the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology and other places of study close to the city.

Further information is available on the internet at [www.raymont.com.au](http://www.raymont.com.au) or by contacting the College 07 3377 9903.

Raymont Lodge is a ministry of the Uniting Church in Australia, Qld Synod.

## URGENT MESSAGE FOR ALL YEAR 12s WHO ARE GOING TO UNI NEXT YEAR

By now you've put in your QTAC form (if not, you can still apply – you'll just need to pay a late fee. Visit [www.qtac.edu.au](http://www.qtac.edu.au) for details).

BUT, if you think financial hardship may affect you getting the OP you need or make it difficult for you at uni, you should also fill out the **QUT Equity Scholarships Scheme and Q-Step Program application. On-time applications are due 6 November 2009.**

It's quick and easy AND you will be considered for an **OP bonus of up to 3 points** along with a **guaranteed bursary of \$1000** (if you have QUT as a preference).

The Federal Government is also making improvements to Youth Allowance. This means more students will be eligible and have access to Commonwealth Scholarships. Talk to Centrelink on 132490.

For more information and a copy of the form call the QUT Equity Scholarships Team on 07 3138 5582 or visit [www.equity.qut.edu.au/scholarships/](http://www.equity.qut.edu.au/scholarships/)

## UQ Options Evening

**Monday, 21 December 2009**

**4:30pm – 7pm**

**UQ Centre Lecture Theatre, Building 27A, Union Road, St Lucia campus**

Students can get the best results from their OP by visiting the UQ Options Evening on Monday, 21 December. The event coincides with the release of Year 12 OP scores and will provide students with information about the study choices available to them.

Students will have the opportunity to speak with staff from faculties, admissions and the scholarships office about programs, study options, entry requirements, changing preferences, pathways into programs and the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) process. Campus tours and information sessions will also run throughout the event. Free parking will be available in the UQ Centre car park.

### For more information

Student Recruitment

Phone: (07) 3346 9649

## SmartOP 2009

Year 12 students must register for SmartOP 2009 if they wish to access their OPs and FPs electronically. Registered students will be able to access their results online or via SMS on Saturday 19 December from 9:00am.

If you would like more information, please email [qce@qsa.edu.au](mailto:qce@qsa.edu.au) or phone 3864 0384.

## QUT Real Decisions

QUT Real Decisions is held after Year 12 students have received their OP and provides them with the opportunity to talk face-to-face with staff about their study options before the final date for changes to QTAC preferences.

Tuesday 22 December 2009

10am–2pm

Gardens Theatre

Gardens Point campus

Program

*Tour the campus with a student ambassador*

The 30-minute tours leave at 10am, 10.45am, 11.30am, 12.15pm, 1pm, and 1.30pm from Gardens Theatre foyer.

*Seminars*

10am Student life: students share their experience of studying at QUT

10.45am Pathways to university: upgrading to the course you want

11.30am Student finance: costs, HECS-HELP, scholarships and financial support

12.15pm University survival: your guide to thriving in the first few weeks at QUT

1pm Student life: students share their experience of studying at QUT

1.30pm Pathways to university: upgrading to the course you want

*Talk with staff and students*

From 10am until 2pm staff and students will be available to talk about courses, career outcomes, university life, upgrading options and ordering QTAC preferences. For further information about the event including a campus map and parking information visit [qut.com/explore/events](http://qut.com/explore/events) and click on Real Decisions.

**John M Fanton**

**Guidance Counsellor**

## Pre-apprenticeship Pathway

School leavers seeking an apprenticeship can register now for the Pre-apprenticeship Pathway Program to be delivered by training organisations from early 2010. The program will be available in engineering, construction and automotive trades with more to follow. For more information visit [www.training.qld.gov.au](http://www.training.qld.gov.au) or call 1800 210 210.

## Pre-Vocational Program Information Evening

An information evening for Semester 1, 2010 Sunshine Coast TAFE programs in construction and engineering will be held on Wednesday 25 November from 6-9pm at Nambour campus (D block, Room D2.05). Students and parents are invited to attend on the night (no bookings necessary).

## Looking for Work?

Register FREE online at [www.skillsconnect.com.au](http://www.skillsconnect.com.au)

Skills Connect brings employers, recruitment agencies and potential employees together in a simple, easy to use online marketplace environment.

## University of the Sunshine Coast Options Evening

**4–7pm, Monday 21 December 2009**

If you've chosen USC as a QTAC preference for study in 2010, this event will give you important information about your USC options.

You'll be able to talk with academics and admissions staff about:

- study options
- new courses and degrees
- studying overseas
- fees
- scholarships and finance
- ordering your preferences to get what you want

Take a campus tour with a current student.

### Venue

Ground floor, Building C, University of the Sunshine Coast

### Bookings essential

To register your attendance, please telephone +61 7 5456 5000 or email [options@usc.edu.au](mailto:options@usc.edu.au)

## Beerwah State High School

*Roberts Road, Beerwah*

Applications are invited for the position of

### Teacher Aide Senior Schooling (TA4)

The position is for 30 hours per week, working Monday to Friday school days between the times of 8.00am to 3pm.

The Senior Schooling teacher aide organises and coordinates all senior schooling processes. These may include:

- Liaison with HOD Senior Schooling on promotional and administrative processes
- Coordination of BEACON Foundation activities
- Coordination of School based apprenticeships and traineeships
- Coordination and management of Work Experience and Structured Workplace Learning
- Support students with job seeking skills
- Facilitation of industry links for curriculum delivery
- Queensland Studies Authority data capture
- Promotion of Senior Pathways - guest speakers etc.

The current pay rate is \$23.47 per hour as per the Teacher Aides Award classification TA4 level 1.

Applicants **must** address the selection criteria in the application pack, which is available from the school office between 7:30am and 4pm Monday to Friday or at [www.beerwahshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.beerwahshs.eq.edu.au)

Enquires to the Business Services Manager on Ph 5436 5310.

Applications close at 9am 23 November 2009.

## Qld Paint Horse Championships



Stacey Bentley has had a great year with her horse Kunda Odette. She was High Point Junior Youth and High Point Youth Overall at the Queensland Paint Horse Championships in July and finished the year as High Point Youth of Australia for 2008/2009.

Since then she has been selected to represent Australia at the Paint horse World Championships in Fort Worth Texas USA. Stacey has to raise

a significant amount of money to be able to do this and will be holding a Monster Garage Sale at the Peachester Hall on 21st and 22nd November. Anyone wishing to donate goods can call 54941071 to arrange pickup of items. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Regards  
**Helen Bentley**

## Down Syndrome Awareness Week

To celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Week, Year 9 student Isaac Bright, designed a picture using James Bond as the main theme. Mrs Gavin helped Isaac transfer this creative design onto yellow t-shirts. Teachers



proudly wore these personalised t-shirts on Friday 17th October 2009 to show their support towards Down Syndrome Awareness week here at Education Services Beerwah State High School.

## Your Family May Qualify

Ever considered becoming a Foster Care Family?

Lifeline Community Care Queensland is seeking registrations of interest from families who would like to participate

in their Foster Care program for children with a disability. This is a great opportunity to make a significant difference in the life of a precious child with a disability. For more information, please go to:

[www.fostercare.applynow.com.au](http://www.fostercare.applynow.com.au)

You will gain as much as your Foster Child!

## Textbooks to Give Away

We are disposing of some old textbooks - in particular science texts - Year 8 Science Alive Book 1, Year 9 Science Alive - Book 2 and some old senior chemistry / physics / biology texts. Limited numbers are available from the Resource Centre if students/parents would like a copy to use at home as a reference book.

## Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Congratulations to our four Duke of Edinburgh Awards candidates who received recognition at Speech Night. Gold Award Candidates Kristi Robl, Tara Kilkenny and Megan Skerman and Silver Awardee - Lauren Roberts. We look forward to seeing the Gold Candidates receive their Certificates at an Official Ceremony at Parliament House in 2010.

**Adie Read**  
**Teacher/Librarian**



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## Found a Bat? Your Local Contacts

If you find a sick, injured or orphaned bat please DO NOT TOUCH IT. Immediately call the numbers listed below for help to find a vaccinated rescuer. Keep children and domestic pets away.

Sunshine Coast Region—Wilvo Hotline 5441 6200  
Gold Coast Region—Hotline 0447 222 889 (0447-2BATTY)  
Lockyer Valley Region—Hotline 4697 5122

## FOR TENDER

2 x Sewing Machines  
Elna Model 1500  
Good condition  
Approximately 15  
years old  
Can be viewed in  
school front office.

Tender closes 19th November 2009.

Submit tender in writing to:

*Business Manager*  
*Beerwah State High School*  
*PO Box 198*  
*BEERWAH Q 4519*

