The heavy rain held off for one day during Term 1, providing perfect conditions for the Year 10 Art students to photograph various Brisbane locations from the deck of a riverboat. An ideal and unique perspective - over 100 students cruised along the Brisbane River capturing priceless images of Brisbane’s landmarks. Students had an amazing learning experience refining photographing techniques and finding a new appreciation for changing one’s perspective.

Staff and students found this event extremely valuable, the results of which are being seen in student work.

**YEAR 10 BOAT CRUISE**

**HAT-TRICK for Leichhardt!**

Students from all houses recently freestyle, butterfly and relaxed for points towards the Interhouse Cup at the Annual Swimming Carnival. Competition was tight throughout the day, with a record number of competitors - serious and social - competing across all strokes. At the end of the day, Leichhardt was the winning house, claiming victory for the third time in a row!

There were a number of records broken on the day, as well as the running of the first ever Skin event. Here, the eight fastest male and female swimmers raced against each other in a 50m race, with the slowest two eliminated each time. This was repeated until there were only two swimmers left, one female and one male, who then raced each other for the crown. The winner of this event was Laurie Gunn who narrowly defeated Bryce Whiffin. Congratulations to Laurie and all other swimmers who competed on the day!

**AGE CHAMPIONS**

13 Boys Bryce Oakey
13 Girls Emily Hill
14 Boys Andrew Scougall
14 Girls Laurie Gunn
15 Boys Bryce Whiffin
15 Girls Brittany Cushkelly
16 Boys Brad Gundero
16 Girls Josie Sumpster
Open Boys Lachlan Snow and Ben Richter (tie)
Open Girls Tegan Mulcahy

**RESULTS**

1st Leichhardt........ 1709 pts
2nd Fraser............ 1421.5 pts
3rd Cunningham...... 1188.5 pts
4th Kennedy......... 1081 pts

**STUDENT TIME EVENT**

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**RECORDS**

**YEAR 10**

**BOAT CRUISE**

**An Early Childhood Experience**

Year 11 Early Childhood students have completed three days work experience at various early childhood facilities in Beaudesert, Jimboomba and surrounding areas. Through this industry partnership, our students gained valuable skills and ‘on the job’ experience to consolidate their career path into the early childhood industry.

Experience in the workplace reinforces for students the important learning linkage between what they learn in the classroom and how this is happening in the childcare workplace.

We thank childcare partners for providing the space for this important linkage to happen and for providing our students a possible career pathway.

Year 12 Early Childhood students will be commencing their childcare industry placement in Term 2.
Off & Running in 2013...

Beaudesert State High School offers a broad, relevant, engaging and challenging curriculum for all students. We do not just focus on the best and forget the rest! Instead, we believe everyone can achieve. And everyone is expected to perform.

As the Principal of Beaudesert State High School, I am strongly focused on ensuring that each student has an opportunity to achieve their Personal Best. There is no substitute for hard work and the best advice I can give students and parents is that:

Attendance, positive behaviour and full completion of class work, homework and assessment are the keys to achieving the best possible results for all students.

Success at school involves a healthy combination of hard work and commitment mixed with fun and enjoyment.

A challenge for each of our students is to make the most of 2013! I have every confidence that our students will rise to the occasion, as they have done each year since 1963.

Alan Smith
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The 2013 senior team of Beaudesert State High School was officially inducted at a special celebration with all students, parents and members of the Beaudesert community.

The senior team and families enjoyed a light breakfast before the Investiture Ceremony began in the School’s Assembly Hall.

It was a proud moment as students were presented with their school captain badges, house captain badges, leadership badges, committee chair badges and senior badges.

As the students enter into their final year of secondary schooling, a challenge was issued to the cohort: to shine in every facet of their schooling. 2013 is set to be a year where the seniors will be able to reflect and say “I made myself proud!”

Special thanks to Scott Buchholz, Federal Member for Wright, and Jennifer Sanders, Scenic Rim Councillor, for giving up their time to be a part of the Investiture Ceremony.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

From Coffee to Catering with Hospitality

Year 11 Hospitality students have begun rotating through the completion of a two-day coffee course run by Blueprint Development. Students are learning the theory behind the production and service of great coffees. Learning application sees students using these newly honed skills on a weekly basis to create, produce and serve food and coffee for a number of willing customers. Students also demonstrated these skills on a larger scale, catering for the Leadership day celebrations.

As an introduction to the hospitality industry, students will travel to the Brisbane Convention Centre and Southbank TAFE next term. The field trip is designed to assist students relate their in-class studies to industry and clarify their career pathway into hospitality.

Our super fish swimmer shown at the recent Pacific District Swimming Carnival.

A team of 52 swimmers represented the school proudly in every event with fantastic spirit evident. Some outstanding swims of determination and a combined team approach saw our talented team WIN ahead of Trinity Lutheran College.

Our talented swim team now boasts six Age Champions -
Emily Hill
Laurie Gann
Bryce Whiffen
Brady Grindrod
Josie Sampier
Ben Richter

How proud we are of our Australia Day Award recipients!
Year 12 student, Alex Dwyer received Junior Sportsperson of the Year for his outstanding achievements in the area of Athletics. He competed at national level and won gold in the long jump, setting a new Australian record. He also won silver in the javelin.

Health and Physical Education teacher, Chrissie Brown, was awarded winner of the Senior Sports Person of the Year for her dedication to Athletics. Mrs Brown devoted many hours, days and weekends to athletics training at school and club level.

Year 11 student, Damon Robinson received the Junior Cultural Award for his achievements and dedication in the area of instrumental music.

Damon is a very busy musician, being in the school concert and stage bands, playing at community ANZAC day ceremonies, as well as being a member of the Queensland Youth Orchestra and Creative Generation Orchestra.
This year the Queensland Art Gallery marks the twentieth anniversary of the Asia Pacific Triennial (APT), and presents an opportunity for the public and students to reflect on the amazing artworks that have occurred over the past two decades.

As part of the continuing engagement and extension in our Visual Art department at BSHS, the students of year 11 and 12 were asked to interact with artworks and were inspired by the colour and magnitude of this year’s APT.

All the students conducted themselves wonderfully and left with many ideas for assessment and questions on how their “Personal Best” fits into this contemporary art world.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY BREAKFAST**

Scenic Rim Regional Council

Congratulations to students representing our school at the International Women’s Day Breakfast, where they had the pleasure of hearing inspirational and diverse stories from a range of guest speakers.

Attending from BSHS were students leaders, Naomi Turner (School Captain), Camille Pilkington (Year 12 School Captain) and Tamara Matthews, Student Leader. In addition, participants of the 2012 Scenic Rim Regional Council Youth Leadership program also attended. Chloe Hennan, Mikayla Coonan, Rochelle Marks, Tayla Haack and Reece Castles.

**AMAZING YR9 PHOTOS**

Depth of field, perspective and balance are just some of the key photography terms used by Year 9 Media students in learning about how to produce the best photograph. By combining these techniques, students have had the opportunity to creatively express themselves, through imagery. With a range of subject matter the results have been spectacular! We have some truly talented photographers in Year 9.

**Geography excursion highly successful**

Combine a break in wet weather, worthwhile programs and eager students and this constitutes the basis for successful field work.

In late February, Year 10 Geography students visited the Gold Coast coastline.

The aim of the day was to assess and analyse coastal processes and landforms; observe how people are using this coastal environment to develop a world class tourist centre; and consider issues relating to conflict management and sustainable development.

It was a planned learning time out of the classroom with teachers and students reporting successful outcomes and enjoyment of the experience. Learning was accomplished in the real world linking their prior knowledge with practical application.

**IN FOR THE WIN!**

This year we have entered four teams into the Enable Debating Competition. These tenacious teams will use their wit, passion and argumentative power to dazzle the adjudicators and develop their persuasive skills in a public arena.

The Enable competition functions to allow students across the Scenic Rim to show off argumentative skills in a purely safe and academic environment. It has a special place in our school, and we are looking forward to the challenge that it brings.

Currently, Beaudesert holds both the junior and senior titles, and have done so for two years. Our new teams wish to carry on this tradition, hoping to promote our school’s academic finesse, as well as our enthusiasm and talent. Can we make it three in a row? Well, our teams are ready for anything!

Stop Press! Wed 20 March – Our teams WIN first round of debating – Year 9 Team and 2 senior teams

**World’s Greatest Shave**

This recognition is designed by their peers and celebrated formally at our regular staff gatherings.

**We recognise and thank our colleagues –**

Sally-Anne Martin – Teaching staff - SOSE/English Faculty
John Daley – non teaching staff – Ag Faculty
Narelle Ryan – HoD Middle School
Dale Motum – non teaching – Technology/IT Support
Michelle Rinnoma – English Faculty/Year 8 Coordinator

**Our school motto - Personal Best – captures the spirit of striving to achieve our very best in all aspects of school life.**

Throughout the school we have regular practices that recognise and celebrate individual Personal Best. For our wonderful school staff, one such practice is to ask colleagues to identify staff who strive to achieve their Personal Best for our students.

Striving to constantly improve our teaching is at the heart of Beaudesert’s High School. As a school, we value and support our staff in the vital work they do.

Recently, we celebrated the Personal Best of 5 colleagues who add to the fabric of our learning community.

Our staff motto - Personal Best – captures the spirit of striving to achieve our very best in all aspects of school life.
2013 NEXT STEP SURVEY

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2012. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gives a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school-completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Government Statistician to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part.

If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2013.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

THE HURTING GAME

This year as part of our “Say No To Bullying” campaign, the Arts Department organised an amazing performance for all year 9 and 10 Drama students.

“The Hurting Game” was a physical theatre performance, based on the theme of cyber bullying. The students were engaged in a spectacular theatrical performance, learning about the misuse of technology and cyber bullying.

Year 12 YLead Leadership Day

To start 2013 our new Year 12 team enjoyed a new traditional rite of passage - the YLead Leadership Day at the Centre.

Our senior students were challenged by a presentation about leadership, examining what they are going to do to make their final year memorable and why they should lead?

Students enjoyed a number of activities that left them thinking about their final year in a positive and proactive way.

Through team work, laughter and cooperation, every student was entitled to challenge their own thinking and consider the impact they can have upon others. A highlight of the day was when all 180 students made it through the jump rope in 5 seconds - a new record.

Students reported feeling energised and excited about their final year at Beaudesert State High School. A big thank you must be given to Mrs Philip and her Year 11 Hospitality students who kept the delicious food coming all day.

Celebrating 50 years of quality public education at Beaudesert State High School

50 years ago, in January 1963, 170 students were enrolled in the newly-opened Beaudesert State High School. Mr Graham Sharp was the foundation principal.

Back then, “A block” housed administration offices as well as regular classrooms. And “B block”, which opened in June 1963, comprised just woodwork, metalwork and technical drawing rooms.

The school’s first swimming carnival was held in late March 1963, and the inaugural cross-country event saw 70 boys vying for honours in early August 1963. Only three houses competed in the High School’s first sports days – Leichhardt, Cunningham and Kennedy.

Over the years, thousands and thousands of young people have graduated from Beaudesert State High School. Many have excelled academically; many others have proven themselves to be outstanding sportspeople in their particular fields. Some have taken up the mantle of leadership; still others have given their personal time and talent to serving others.

Former students and staff are invited to reminisce about their experiences at Beaudesert State High School at our upcoming 50th anniversary celebrations. Tour the school; catch up with friends; hear our state-of-the-art facilities in the school that is currently home to 1451 students.

Mark this important date in your diaries: Sunday 9 June 2013.

See our school website for more information:

www.beaudeseshs.eq.edu.au

COMING EVENTS

Term 2

April

15 First day Term 2 – all students
19 Senior Geography Field trip
23 Senior Hospitality Forum – Convention Centre
25 Parent Teacher Interviews (3.40 to 7.00pm)
25 ANZAC Day

May

2 Senior Business Communications Field Trip
14-16 NAPLAN Testing
21 QUST Practice
31 Under 6s Week Activities

June

9 BSHS 50th Anniversary celebrations
10 Queen’s Birthday Holiday
11-19 Interruption Free Period (for exams)
20-21 Athletics Carnival
21 End of Term 2
25 Reports posted home