Welcome back to Term Two, we trust that you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. It is great to see so many smiling faces and happy students, very excited to be back at school.

SCHOOL REVIEW
This week we received some the news that Beenleigh Special School will be the first special school in Queensland to go through the new School Review process. Our School Review will take place from Wednesday 27th – Friday 28th May 2015.

The review replaces the teaching and learning and discipline audits and will ensure every school gets the support it needs. Every state school will be reviewed at least every four years. This is the same frequency as the teaching and learning audits but it’s no longer a one-size-fits-all approach.

The reviews are tailored to the individual needs and context of schools and are administered by the School Improvement Unit by review teams including a mix of experienced state school principals and reviewers from outside the education department.

At the completion of the review, the review team presents its findings to the school’s leadership team through a written report identifying areas for future improvement. The school then shares the findings with their school community and publishes the final report on their website.

If you would like further information on the School Review, please contact the school.

EVERY DAY COUNTS AT BEENLEIGH SPECIAL SCHOOL
Our school encourages all parents and members of our community to support the State Government initiative to improve student attendance. The program – Every Day Counts – has four key messages:

• all children should be enrolled and attend school on every school day
• schools should monitor and create ways to improve attendance in schools
• attendance is the responsibility of everyone in the community
• children may find themselves in unsafe situations if they choose not to attend school.

While most students attend school consistently, there is a small number of students who are absent from school without an acceptable reason and this may harm their education. If your child is absent from school, it is very important that you notify the school of the reason for their absence so this can be recorded on the school roll.
Beenleigh Special School is intending to continue to recycle eWaste in 2015. eWaste is anything that has a plug or battery attached (except old tv's). So please bring in all your old printers, mobile phones and chargers, old computers and anything else electrical or battery operated to the office here at the school. Thanks for your support.

Congratulations to our school and sports captains for 2015!
On our last assembly the school and sports captains were presented with their badges by Mark Booth MP Member for Albert.
Our school captains this year are Jayden and Jade and our sports captains are Raymond for Albert and Cody for Logan.
The school is looking forward to seeing you undertake your captains roles within the school and we are sure you will all do a wonderful job.

If anyone has available any large plastic toy cars or trucks they would like to donate to the school it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please leave them at the office. Thanks.

The Senior Secondary students are participating in a recycling program this year. We are collecting aluminium cans that can be crushed and recycled. If you have any cans that we would be able to use in our program, please send them to school. We can collect them from the classroom or the office. Thank you for supporting our program.
On Monday 27 April Beenleigh Special School commemorated ANZAC Day with a special assembly. Mark Boothman MP the Member for Albert and one our school captains Jayden led a procession of students to lay wreaths at the base of the flag.

Our students Ashley and Ben presented the school with a rosemary plant which has been propagated from a plant found growing at Gallipoli. This rosemary will be planted at the base of flag pole. We would like to thank Charlie Dlouhay for playing The Last Post.

Thank you to all the families who attended on the day.

Lest we forget.

This year Beenleigh Special School has made available to graduating students a senior uniform. These have ‘Senior’ embroidered on the front and ‘Class of 2015’ on the back. Students were presented with these at a recent assembly at undercover.
I hope everyone had a good holiday and is settling well back into Term 2.
This year I will be attending the school every second Wednesday afternoon, so if you have any questions or you are in need of some support please feel free to come by and say hi. I'll be in the parents pick-up area from 2-3.
We have a morning tea coming up next Wednesday talking about the process to get registered with Disability Services. If this is something you need to do please feel free to come along and listen to our guest speaker, or pop into the office any time for a chat.
This year we have also opened an office in Beaudesert! The Office is at 100 Brisbane Street and we are open 5 days per week. If you live in the area please come on down and say Hi, we're wanting to hear from you.

Hope to catch up with you soon,
Nicole - Community Linking Officer, FSG Australia