Next week is set to be a very busy time for staff and students. The staff have affectionately called it 'Crazy Week!' The following activities are scheduled to compliment our school curriculum:

**Darling Point Fun Run:** On Wednesday 19th August many of our students will be attending the Darling Point Fun Run. This wonderful program compliments our Health and Physical Education program.

Students will need to wear their full school uniform, a hat, water bottle and bring their morning tea. The $4.00 entry fee includes a sausage sizzle lunch.

**Cultural Infusion Show:** On Thursday 20th August students will watch a Cultural Infusion show focusing on Aboriginal culture. The show will compliment The Arts Drama curriculum area.

**Sports Day:** On Friday 21st August, we will hold our annual Sports Day. This is a very special and exciting event on the school calendar. Sports Day will compliment our Health and Physical Education program with students participating in running races and several fun novelty events including frisbee throw, standing long jump and tug-o-war. Students are encouraged to dress in their house colour of **RED** for Albert and **BLUE** for Logan. The P&C will have morning tea available to purchase and a sausage sizzle can be ordered for lunch. Don’t forget to get your orders in to assist with catering. Students will need to bring a hat and water bottle. We hope to see all of our parents and friends there to cheer on our students.

**Roselyrne’s Farewell**

On Monday 24th August we will be farewelling Principal Roselyrne Anderson from the school. Roselyrne has made the decision to relinquish her position at Beenleigh Special School to assume the role of President of the Queensland Association of Special Education Leaders (QASEL). We would like to invite all parents and friends to attend a special parade commencing at 9:00 a.m. We wish Roselyrne all the best in her new role.

*Nicole*

*Acting Principal*
In Early Years Two we have lots of fun with our teacher, Miss Katie and our teacher aides, Aileen and Connie, learning through play. We read stories, sing along to songs, do puzzles and play games. We like to show how clever we are when we answer questions and share our thoughts with our class. We are learning to share our toys and take turns with our friends.

We get really excited when the music teacher, Elton from Beenleigh State High School comes with his high school student helpers and his musical instruments. He lets us have a turn playing the instruments and we learn some new actions to our favourite songs.

Alex, Cailan, Jesse, Daniel and Sophie
Greetings from UP3! Time really flies and we are already half way through Term 3! This Term, we have had a very busy yet exciting program!

During our first week in Term 3, on 15th of July, we celebrated our 100 days in school. Look at our home-made glasses- how cool are they?! In the same week, our class entered the NAIDOC week competition and our class member Amber won the individual category for her fantastic artwork. Congratulations Amber!

In English we are learning to recognise rhymes, syllables and sounds in spoken words. We are also focusing on the connection between the texts and our own experiences. The most exciting news is we are going to participate in the special writing program with Miss Bex.

In Maths, we are working on measurements. We learning to measure the head circumference, height and arm length of our classmates.

Guess who is the tallest? Who has the biggest head and the longest arm/s in our class? Amber? Blake? Dylan? Emily? Katarina or Taleaha?

In Science, we are learning about the basic needs of living things. The first living thing we are going to investigate is plants. We realised that plants need soil, water, sunlight and air plus plenty of TLC (tender loving care) in order to grow. Check out our Mr. Grass Heads.

This Term we also have dance lessons which we enjoy very much. We listen to our favourite music and improvise some body movement to go with it. We have so much fun and our time really goes so quickly! So until next time, bye now.

Best wishes to everyone from Amber, Blake, Dylan, Emily, Katarina, Taleaha, Miss Alice, Miss Jocelyn, Miss Michele and Miss Emily.

Our special thanks to Miss Beau, our beautiful Semester One Teacher who now is our Pedagogical Coach for Beenleigh Special School.
The students from Senior Secondary 1 are excited to share with you some of our programs from Semester 1.

At Substation 33 we use drills and screw drivers to take a part keyboards, printers and phones. We recycle the pieces. By Rhys.

At ESEC we pack fruit and vegetable boxes. We have to read the list to know what to put in the box and how many of each. Some fruits and vegetables have to be weighed. By Tamikah and Ewan

At ESEC we also do a gardening program. We do weeding, watering plants, planting seeds and picking vegetables. By Sam.

At Endeavour at Wacol in Term 2. We had to wear personal protective equipment like coats, masks, gloves and hair nets. We leant how to fill, weigh and package different foods. By Aaron.

The Senior Secondary 1 students have shown great effort, enthusiasm and increasing independence in both work experience and school based programs in Semester 1. They have started a range of new programs for Semester 2 and these are looking to be equally as successful. Well done guys! - Shannon, Kate and Barb.
What is Yumi Deadly Maths

YuMi Deadly Maths is an approach to teaching and connecting Mathematical concepts to the student’s own reality. Originally designed for Indigenous students, YuMi Deadly Maths looks at teaching students beyond the classroom and aims to improve Numeracy understanding through practical, hands-on type activities. We currently have four teachers at Beenleigh Special school who are undergoing training through QUT, in delivering this program to students in their classrooms. For many of our students, the YuMi approach to teaching Mathematics is highly effective as it puts Maths in an ‘everyday context’, allowing them to make connections with real-life experiences. This week, I had the opportunity to participate in some wonderful Maths lessons and to see how using ‘hands on’ activities linking fundamental Maths concepts in the Australian Curriculum, can engage and motivate learners of all ages.

Cultural Infusion Show:

On Thursday 20th August, we will be celebrating Indigenous dance, music and stories with the Cultural Infusion show. A highly entertaining experience for all staff and students at Beenleigh Special School. All families are invited to attend this years show in the undercover area starting at 9:30am.

Literacy Week Book Character Parade:

Get your outfit ready for this years Book Character Parade to celebrate Literacy week at Beenleigh Special School. Our Book Character Parade will be on Friday 4th September, starting at 9.00am in the undercover area. Prizes will be awarded for this year’s best dressed student and staff member. Families are welcome to attend this celebration.

Joanne Rogers
Acting Head of Curriculum.
We are currently adding new content to our website! We have been busy over the last few weeks updating our website to provide you with more detailed and up-to-date information. Please take a few moments to navigate through our updated website:

https://beenleighspecial.eq.edu.au

If a child has a disability, is unable to work more than 15 hours per week and meets the Department of Human Services – Centrelink, eligibility requirements, including Australian residency and citizenship requirements, at 16 years of age, he or she, may be eligible to apply for the following payments:

- Disability Support Pension (DSP) - approx. $355.30 per fortnight
- Pensioner Education Supplement (PES) - approx. $62.40 per fortnight
- Mobility Allowance - approx. $91.80 per fortnight

The Disability Support Pension will affect Family Tax Benefit (FTB). However, the FTB cuts out when the child finishes school, where the Disability Support Pension (DSP) continues for as long as it is needed. The DSP is intended for the young person with the disability; it is not subject to a ‘means test’ of the parent’s income and assets.

If you would like to know more, call me (M: 0408 736 215), call Centrelink on 13 27 17 or explore the website - http://www.humanservices.gov.au

Mary Shepherd
(AVT School Transition Officer).
Planning for Now Tomorrow and the Future

a free short presentation for families of people with disabilities.

Aimee McVeigh, consultant with Pave the Way is offering a presentation for families and friends that explores the issues of preparing and planning for the future and keeping people safe in the long term.

The presentation will look at a variety of issues – developing a vision and building networks of support; guardianship and administration and wills and trusts. It may also be of interest to adult brothers or sisters, or other members of your extended family.

Aimee has worked and volunteered at a range of community legal centres, a non-government organisation in the Philippines and has been engaged as a consultant by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples. She was also the Principal Solicitor of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women’s Legal and Advocacy Service.

Aimee’s interest in legal matters relating to families and people with disabilities has been demonstrated in a number of ways. In her work as a lawyer she has acted for numerous clients with disabilities and for family members who have children with disabilities. Until recently, Aimee was a board member of Queensland Advocacy Incorporated.

For more information or to RSVP –
Contact Elaine
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e-mail: elaine.henderson@pavetheway.org.au

When you book your place, please tell us whether or not you have any dietary needs, eg vegetarian, gluten free.

For Pave the Way to be able to run this presentation, we need a minimum of 10 people booked in.
Life-long planning involves the family thinking ahead and asking the uncomfortable, but essential questions of:

* How can I provide a stable and happy future for my relative with a disability?
* Who else can advocate, enhance and support a quality life for my family member?
* What can I do now, to keep my relative safe, when I no longer can?

Life-long planning is a long term, supported and individual process. There is no set pace, every situation will be different. The process usually starts with a vision for the future. The family will then develop the strategies, safeguards, formal and informal networks, needed to ensure a secure future, for their vulnerable family member. There are experts and organisations, to assist. Two such organisations are:

**Pave the Way – Lifelong Planning**
Contact: Elaine Henderson
Level 1 Pave the Way, 1428 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt 4122
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**Parent to Parent – Lifelong Planning**
Contacts: Wendy Chandler, M: 0417 787 646
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P: 1800 777 723 (not mobiles) or 5472 7072  W: www.parent2parentqld.org.au/index.php/
E: info@parent2parentqld.org.au

Please refer to the flyer in this newsletter, regarding a free planning workshop with Pave the Way, on Saturday 5 September, at Robina. There is no quick fix, planning takes time, but it is never too early to start!

Best wishes for productive planning and secure outcomes.

Mary Shepherd.
(AVT School Transition Officer).
It is now time for everyone to send in to school either any outstanding chocolate money or unsold chocolates. If you have any outstanding chocolate money or chocolates you can return it to the school office so we can start to close off this important fund raising for the P&C. Thank you for all your support with this.

There are a number of Budget measures that come into effect from 1 July 2015. You do not need to do anything. If you’re affected, your payment will change automatically.

From 1 July 2015, changes to Family Tax Benefit include:

- Large Family Supplement will be paid to families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A for 4 or more children
- Family Tax Benefit Part B primary earner’s income limit will be $100,000

  the higher income test free area for Family Tax Benefit Part A will remain—the additional amount for the second child or subsequent children will not apply. This means that families with more than 1 child will not receive an add on amount per child

Next steps

- Read more about the changes to Family Tax Benefit and estimate what your payment will be for 1 July 2015
- Regularly check this page for updates
- Read more News for families

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries regarding this email. I look forward to working with you in the future to keep our parents and families informed.

Thank you
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The role of the Community Linking Officer is to work with people with a disability and their families, to look at what supports are available, and to assist you to access them.

This might mean support with accessing disability services, respite, centrelink, carer support groups or any thing else that your family needs assistance with. Help can be, providing information, filling in forms, attending and organize meetings or even just as someone to talk to about what is happening for your family.

The CLO attends the school every second Wednesday afternoon or contact at any time on the details below to discuss what support might be available to you.

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