This week, reports were sent home and this was a great opportunity for teaching staff to celebrate many of the achievements our students have made this Semester. This year, our reporting format will look quite different from previous years, in particular, the new achievement criteria indicated on the front cover of the student reports. The criteria displayed in each report is used to reflect your child’s achievement towards the learning expectations or achievement standards outlined within their Individual Curriculum Plans.

For our Senior School students, this criteria is used to demonstrate their achievement towards their QCIA statements. Behavioural and effort scores have been included in the school reports to reflect student engagement.

Our teaching staff will have opportunities to discuss these reports and the Semester Two Individual Curriculum Plans in greater detail during parent/teacher meetings at the start of Term Three.

IMPROVING SCHOOL COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TO FAMILIES

School Newsletter: After the holidays you will see a change to the format of the school newsletter. The newsletter will now be issued fortnightly and will contain lots of information about what is happening around the school, including articles from different classes in the school and the Head of Curriculum.

School Facebook Page: A few weeks ago we re-activated the school Facebook page. After the holidays, you will see a big increase in the information posted on Facebook. We hope you ‘Like’ our posts!

School Website: Nelly, our ICT Coordinator has commenced working on the redevelopment of our school website. The upgrade to the website is long overdue and once completed, will include a lot of current and extra information about the school. This information is useful for both current families and to showcase our school to prospective new families.

MASTER TEACHER – WRITING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Recently, our school hosted a Master Teacher Professional Learning Day with Logan City, Redlands and Mudgeeraba Special Schools. Sixteen teachers from the four schools came together for the day to share, network and develop their skills using the Four Blocks Literacy Model focusing on writing. It was a great opportunity for our four teachers who have been working closely with our Master Teacher, Bex Nikotemo, to showcase their students work, share ideas and learn from other colleagues within our school district.

We wish all of our families a very safe and happy holiday and look forward to Term 3 which commences on Monday 13 July 2015.

Happy Holidays,
Nicole.
Dates and locations for the ‘NDIS Get Ready’ forums have been finalised. Based on feedback, forums have now been extended to 3 hours.

Logan Region:
- Logan West Community Centre, Monday 27th July 9:30 am - 12:30.
- Logan Central Library, Friday 7th August, 9:30 am - 12:30.
- Beenleigh PCYC, Saturday 5th September, 9:30 am - 12:30.

People are encouraged to RSVP. For more detail you can access the calendar [HERE](#). Don’t forget you can contact us on 1800 772 383 to arrange a home visit if you are unable to make it to these events, or would prefer an individual appointment.

**Facebook**

Beenleigh Special School now has a Facebook page. Please like us so you will receive updates and other information about happenings around the school. Our Facebook page is: [http://www.facebook.com/beenleighspecialschool](http://www.facebook.com/beenleighspecialschool)

**Asthma Foundation Queensland** is hosting an ‘Ask the Expert’ session for parents of children with asthma or allergies. The session will provide parents with the invaluable opportunity to learn more about their child’s asthma or allergies, and to have their questions answered by experts in the field.

**Recycling Program**

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. Senior Secondary 1, 2 and 3 students.

**eWaste**

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.
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Mount Warren Lanes
148 Mount Warren Blvd, Mt Warren Park
For more information please call Michelle on ph: 0412 205 810

We currently have vacancies available on Saturday Mornings. Come along and join us having fun with Tenpin Bowling...

- A Sport that never gets rained out
- Great exercise—as 3 games is equivalent to walking 1.6km!
- Make new Friends
- Any age, with any disability
- Convenient time, Saturday Mornings at 8.15am
- Cheap joining fees, and ONLY $19.80 weekly fees
- So WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR???
- COME JOIN UP SATURDAY MORNING
Hi All.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the winter break!

Just a reminder that if you are wanting to find out what supports are available for your family, needing assistance with navigating the disability support system, or just need to have a talk about what is happening for your loved one. Please feel free to contact me and organise a time.

I’m happy to meet with you at my office, at the school or somewhere in the community that suits you.

Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all next term!

Hope to catch up with you soon.

Nicole Fletcher
Community Linking Officer
FSG Australia.