Be a listener
Be a word-user
Be safe
Be fair

OUR BEENLEIGH SPECIAL SCHOOL RULES: During Semester 1 2014, our BSS rules continued to be taught by all teachers and supported by all staff across the school. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program continues to be embedded through our rules being explicitly taught, dramatised, explained and modelled by our staff so as to promote our school as a safe and supportive environment. We focused upon the fourth rule ‘Be fair’ for the past few weeks. This is a rule where you as families can support your child in their understanding of what it means to be a ‘friend’. I can see that the students are better at understanding this concept, which I am sure is due to your support at home as well as teaching lessons at school.

We are grateful to families continuing to support our SWPBS policy with your children at home. Thank you!

CURRICULUM MATTERS:
Teachers across the school have had a very busy semester. Key teachers are involved in the professional learning and implementation of our Great Results Guarantee focus areas. These again include ASDAN for Years 7-12, YUMI Maths in partnership with QUT for students across the school and Reading Our Way particularly for students P-10.

A great deal of progress has been made to date and these three Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) will continue to be bigger and better in their collaborative learnings into Semester 2 2014 and beyond! In Term 3, teachers followed by teacher aides and all staff will reflect upon their personal professional growth to date in reviewing their Performance Plans. Out of these processes will come further focused PLCs and staff learning for the benefit of our wonderful students!

GENERAL SCHOOL MATTERS:
SMART CHOICES (further clarification of the May newsletter item as there have been some queries)

The Department has a Smart Choices policy which allows the school to have ‘red’ food days. Many parents and carers have been bringing party food and birthday cakes to school. The guidelines around these foods indicate that we must attempt to minimise students eating ‘red’ food. There are many children with food allergies. The process will be from today please that families seek permission to bring ‘red’ foods to your child’s classroom for special occasions in writing (we will create a form available through the office in Term 3) to bring this food to school. (FYI a ‘red’ food is all that has significant added fats, sugars, and salts and is generally high in preservatives). Please try to ensure planning these occasions with your child’s teacher and children with allergies and those not able to eat ‘red’ food will be protected. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

STUDENT SAFETY
Thank you again to those families who have concurred with my request to ensure student safety in the mornings before staff duties begin, by dropping your child off as close as possible to 8.45am when staff go on duty. Our duty of care only begins at this time and your child’s safety is our top priority. Your adherence to this practice has made a huge difference to before school behaviour.

Also, thanks to families for informing the school office when student pickup and drop off arrangements change. It is very helpful to have at least a week’s notice for student respite periods and a day’s notice where possible please for daily changes.

SCHOOL FLAGPOLE
We are re-ropeing the school flagpole following vandalism some time ago. A Veterans Affairs grant will help us with the installation of a new vandal proof stainless steel rope, along with support from Bert van Manen Federal Member for Forde. Thank you to Bert for your ongoing support for Beenleigh Special School.

UPCOMING EVENTS
P &C meeting Tuesday 15 July. Please note the change of day again next month, due to clashes with other meetings etc.

HOLIDAYS!!!
Have a wonderful, restful and safe time with your children. I look forward to working with you in our ongoing education journey for your children in Semester 2 2014!

Kindest regards to all

Roselyne Anderson
Principal

https://beenleighspecial.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx
Congratulations to Colin who this week completed a work experience placement in hospitality at Luv-A-Coffee in Main Street in Beenleigh.

Colin has been attending this placement independently for the whole of Term 2. Many thanks to Luv-A-Coffee Beenleigh for your fantastic support for our work experience program at Beenleigh Special School.

The P&C Chocolate Drive has been very popular this year. There are still some boxes of chocolate available if you would like one. Could all those families who may have money from the chocolate drive please send it in to the school as soon as possible so we can finalise.

Once we finalise our drive we will be rewarding our highest sellers with a block of Marvellous Creations chocolate from Cadbury. Thank you to everyone who has supported our chocolate drive this year.
The Breaking Barriers Opening Doors Expo is less than a month away! Mark that date on your calendar! There will be over 45 stall holders, representing a range of employment, training, sport and recreation, day services and government services, including Centrelink, Disability Services and Public Trustee. This is a free event!

The Q & A Forum, will be held in the meeting rooms at 10.30am. This will be a highlight! Prepare your questions in advance. The Q & A Forum is designed to provide answers to questions about options and services for people with a disability. There is a dynamic panel of speakers with Logan City Council’s Cr. Steve Swenson as MC. The forum panel consists of Michelle Crozier from Griffith Health Institute, Nigel Webb who is the Chairperson of the Queensland’s with Disability Network Ltd., Fiona Anderson who until recently was Queensland manager of the Every Australian Counts campaign for the NDIS and Shelley Birrell who works with the National Disability Services (NDS), which is the peak body for Disability Service providers.

For more information, or to contribute a ('non identified') question in advance, simply email: mshep20@eq.edu.au (Mary Shepher)

QCIDD aims to improve the health and well being of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live in Queensland, through clinical practice, education, and research. QCIDD clinical services at no cost to Queensland adults with intellectual or developmental disability who are 17 years and older: Comprehensive health assessments, psychiatric assessment service, Telephone/email consultation services, including behaviour support consultancy. The comprehensive health assessment entails a thorough examination of all aspects of a person’s health care: including physical, social and mental health. It usually involves three one hour appointments and further follow-up and review appointments as required. The doctors who provide these health assessments are general practitioners who have a special interest and experience in the health care of people with intellectual disability. QCIDD’s clinical service is not intended to replace your general practitioner. The psychiatric assessment service focuses on mental health and behavioural issues. Unfortunately we are not able to provide longer-term follow up. The consultant psychiatrist undertaking the psychiatric assessments have a specialist interest in the mental health of people with intellectual disability.

QCIDD provides a telephone/email consultation service through QCIDD’s clinical co-ordinator. Information and confidential advice is provided to family members, General Practitioners, and disability and health professionals. QCIDD’s Clinical Coordinator Julie Gibson can be contacted on 07-31632524 or by email: j.gibson2@uq.edu.au
Hi All

I’ve really enjoyed meeting some of you over the last few weeks, and I’m looking forward to meeting more new faces yet.

I’d like take this opportunity to invite you all to our Carers Morning teas, held at our office twice monthly as a meeting point for Carers to catch up and share information about what is happening in the community. This month they’ll be on the 16th and 25th of July. This month we will have a speaker from Carers Queensland coming to let you know about the many free or reduced cost services they can offer which might be helpful for your family.

As always I’ll be available in the school every Tuesday afternoon to catch up about anything you might be looking for, or to let you know what you might be eligible to access, or you can organise to meet me at a time that suits you.

If you have queries in the meantime feel free to contact me at the office on 3297 4300.