Thank you so much to all the families that were able to bring their children to ANZAC Day. We had a great roll up of children and they certainly completed their duties excellently. I received many compliments about the children’s involvement. Some of these were from people who had never been to a Beechmont service before and they were amazed at not only the children’s involvement, but also their attendance. So thank you for making the effort to bring the children to the service.

My sincere thanks also to the following group of parents and grandparents who gave up their day to raise valuable funds for the benefit of our children and the school by working in the canteen. These people gave up their day which was very successful and I do thank you very much for your dedication to our children: Janine Van B, Kathleen Callister, Julie Ayres, Renae Knowles, Christine Gill, Bob Gill, Joy Carter, Michelle Moyce, David Moyce, Richard Brand, Wendy Blunt, Dawn Mackay and Michael Kenyon.

On Wednesday 9th May, I will be at Coomera Rivers State School with other Band 5, 6 & 7 Principals. These are schools that are 1 teacher to about 10 teacher Schools. Some of the topics we will be covering on the day are Annual Implementation Planning, One School Mark Book and use of iPads. Hopefully it will be a positive day and I can bring back ideas for our School.

Our Interhouse Cross Country will be held on Friday 18th May. Just like our Swimming Carnival, we need help on this day so that the children can compete safely. We also need helpers in the tuckshop as well. We’d love to hear from you if you are free and available to help on this day.

We will be selling food and drinks during the day, our normal tuckshop menu will not be in place. This is one of our red days so the menu on the day will be different. Also our normal tuckshop bag system for ordering lunches won’t be available. We will be operating from the hall kitchen and food, drinks etc will be available for purchase throughout the day. At this stage the menu for the day has not been finalized but it will definitely be advertised for your information prior to the event.

Our very special Carnival of Words is happening on Thursday 24th May. On this day, we hope all of our dads will be able to rearrange work commitments and come to School from 9am – 12 noon to read to the children. A letter was sent home last week, so hopefully you received that, as well as an email. We’d love to see you here on the 24th May.

Labour Day public holiday is next Monday 7th May. No School on this day.

If your child is interested in joining Opti-MINDS this year then please come along to the parent information evening tomorrow night Wednesday 2nd May. The session starts at 7pm and usually only goes for 30 minutes. I’d love to see you there.
COMING EVENTS

MAY
Wed 02 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 02 Colour Day
Wed 02 Opti-MINDS Parent Information night
Thu 03 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 04 Parade 8.50am
Fri 04 Opti-MINDS Nominations open
Mon 07 Labour Day Public holiday
Tue 08 Opti-MINDS nominations close
Wed 09 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 09 David to Coomera Rivers State School
Wed 09 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 10 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 11 Mothers Day Stall
Fri 11 Parade 8.50am
Sun 13 Mothers Day ☻
Tue 15 NAPLAN TEST
Wed 16 No Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 16 NAPLAN TEST
Thu 17 NAPLAN TEST
Thu 17 David to Nerang Alliance Meeting at 2pm
Fri 18 Interhouse Cross Country
Sun 20 Beechmont Markets – Year 3/4 Class
Thu 24 Carnival of Words

Opti-MINDS PARENT INFO NIGHT

If your child in Year 4 – 7 is interested in this extra curricula activity, then please come along to the parent information night, Tuesday 2nd May 7pm. For information prior to the night visit www.opti-minds.com.

Woolies Earn and Learn

Woolies Earn and Learn is back again this year, where we can get equipment for our School with your help and the help of your relatives and friends.

This year, you don’t have to send in your dockets. At Woolies collect a sticker card or use the card that is attached to this newsletter and they give you a sticker to put on the card. When the card is full, send it in to School.

Last year we received some great art gear for our children to use and this year we’d like to get even more art gear.

We are still waiting to receive our sporting equipment from Coles sport for Schools and will let you know when that arrives as it is some really good sporting gear.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

The date for our P & C Mother’s Day stall, Friday 11th May is fast approaching. The stall will be held before school and at first break. Sincere thanks to everyone who has already brought in donated gifts - your help is really appreciated. However, we would like a lot more items to make this stall a success and to give the children plenty to choose from. If you haven’t already done so, please send in your gifts as soon as possible so they can be wrapped in time for the stall. If you need some more information or would like to help, please call Julie on 55333226

Next P&C Meeting is Wednesday 9th May 7pm in the Library. We’ll be finalising fundraising for the year, looking at School photos, School uniforms, organize a committee for the School vege garden and Carols in December.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have a student at our school who has a life threatening allergy to nuts. We ask all parents to not send nut based food to school so we can support this student. We will continue to publish non nut recipes to assist you to support this student & we thank Bonnie McKeay for her help with the nut free recipes.

We ask parents to support this policy because if your child had this problem, you would hope that the school community would support your child. Please support your school & do the best for our children.

COMMONWEALTH BANK COMPETITION

Please make sure if your child does student banking that you make 5 deposits from now until 30th June and that your child writes in 25 words or less at commbank.com.au/beadollarmite about their best saving tip.

If one of our students is selected as the winner, the student receives a year movie pass and becomes the new Dollarmite character, gets $1,500 towards a class excursion and the School receives 25 iPads. A fantastic prize so get depositing or open a School Bank account ASAP!

NEW SANDWICH PRESS

The tuckshop is in dire need of a new commercial sandwich press. If anyone out there has one they could donate or works in the electrical appliance industry and can obtain one for a sharp price please contact Michael Kenyon on 0414180271.

COLOUR DAY

Colour Day is tomorrow Wednesday 2nd May. The theme is Super Heroes. Get creative!

THANK YOU

Maria Berger for the Whip Birds sign
SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN

Hello all. At the last P&C meeting the P&C endorsed that our School will have a Vegetable Garden. I am searching for a couple of helpers who are prepared to get their hands dirty and have an informal planning meeting once a month (day time).
I envisage that we will be able to grow produce for the School Tuckshop, sell our excess at the monthly markets, at parade or after School once a week.
The children will be able to help in their breaks and we already have some keen green fingers amongst us.
I would love to get started before the end of April. Please call Wendi Trulson 5533 3835 wendit@optusnet.com.au

NUT FREE LUNCHBOX RECIPE

Salami Scrolls

Preparation time: 15 mins
Cooking time: 25 mins
Ingredients:
- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 30gms butter, chilled
- ¼ cup milk
- ⅛ cup tomato paste
- 1 sprig of basil, chopped
- 1 sprig of parsley, chopped
- 100gms salami, diced
- 1 medium red capsicum, diced
- 150gms cheddar cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 180 c and line an oven tray with baking paper.
Place flour and butter in a bowl, use fingers to combine until it resembles breadcrumbs. Add the milk and mix together to make soft, sticky dough. Knead lightly on a floured surface.
Roll dough into a 30 x 40cm rectangle. Spread the tomato paste over the dough; sprinkle the chopped herbs, salami, capsicum and cheese on top.
Roll up from the long side of the dough. Using a serrated knife, cut the roll into 12 slices. Place the slices on the oven tray and bake for 25mins until brown.

Adapted from: Kids’ Fun Food and School Lunches, R & R Publications

I hope you are all staying snug as bugs in rugs. From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare & Celeste, your Mountain Mates crew.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Welcome to week 3. The prep children will begin homework this week. The homework will be given out each Monday and needs to be completed and returned to by Friday. Of course if your child finishes their work earlier than Friday they can bring it into school the day it is completed.
Most of the homework will involve practicing the correct formation of letters and numbers. It is very important that your child receives your help with each homework task. Most importantly, I do not want the homework to be a burden or too difficult. So please showing the children some really cool moves. Ask them to show you the egg beater!!! It is great to utilise the top class Hall on Graceleigh facilities to make this session very user friendly.
Our Thursday evening dinner this week is Shepard’s Pie with Chocolate Mousse for dessert.
Congratulations to Jack, Obi & Mikayla for achieving 10 stars on the chart and receiving a handball. Well done.
Last week saw Lachlan A & Scarlett enjoy dinner at the Reward’s Table. Lachlan invited Spencer & Scarlett invited Briar. I hope you had a lovely dinner?
Accounts will be issued this week so keep a look out in your Inbox or your child’s school bag. Please contact us if you have any queries regarding your account.
Mountain Mates have a fundraising opportunity at Zest Fest this year. We will be running the food stall. Please pencil in the date of Zest Fest in your dairies as we would love some home baked cakes to sell at the stall. Zest Fest is Sunday June 24th at Graceleigh Park.
let me know if your child is struggling to complete these tasks.

Hope you all have a good week.

Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.
eperk17@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

Welcome to Week 3. In Math we are learning about money. Please hold on to any junk mail or newspaper pages that advertise specials as children will need these for next week’s homework. It would also help reinforce money concepts if you could find some small opportunities for children to do real-life shopping over the coming week e.g. a lolly or ice-block from the corner store, a newspaper etc.

In History we have been learning about ANZAC Day and what life was like in Australia during war time.

We begin our cross country practice today, thank you parents for remembering to send the children in their running shoes.

Thank you also for your efforts in adapting to the change in homework schedule. The standard across the class was very good. I hope you enjoy the building challenge this week! Or perhaps there will be more fun demolishing it!

Congratulations to last week’s award winners
Christopher Towner for the Intrepica Leaderboard, William Kattajan-Blackwell for spelling and Kaes Ryan for an excellent homework effort.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpryo8@eq.edu.au

Wishing you all a good week,
Kerry Pryor kpryo8@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 2/3 CLASS**

This week we are preparing for the cross country race by running daily. Some children have noticed that they are a little unfit and do need constant practice in order to be ready for the competition. The 7-year-old students will be running 400m and the 8-year-olds will run 800m. There are a few students in the class turning 9 or are already 9, these students have the option of running either 800m or the 1.7km race.

This week we are also doing a lot of NAPLAN practice. We are completing numeracy and language conventions past tests and participating in many online quizzes. Even for homework the maths sheets the children received are on concepts likely to be found in this year’s numeracy test. Even though the year 3 students are the only ones completing the NAPLAN test, year 2s are also participating in practices because the test involves concepts that have been taught right up until year 3 and they too can value from these lessons.

Have a good week, Demelza dathe1@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 3/4 CLASS**

The Year 3/4 children have been out practising Cross Country each day for our daily exercise. The more practice children get at home and school the better as the Cross Country is rapidly approaching. Slow, sustained jogging is the best way to achieve fitness for this event. This will be part of our homework task for the next fortnight.

Homework is due this Thursday. Children should be practising spelling and Number Facts on a daily basis. At this stage the children should know their addition facts such a 7 + 8 = 15 as an instant recall. This helps them with all of their other Maths work.

We are now beginning a new unit in Science. This work will focus on “Matter” and include the study of liquids and solids. We will be carrying out a variety of experiments in the classroom based on liquids and solids.

The children are now working on the final draft of their Persuasive Essays after a long process of investigating the features of this genre. They will construct the final draft on computers before presenting their essay to the class.

Have a good week.
Regards, Dan. dalbr1@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 5/6 CLASS**

Our circuit training sessions three times a week have been very beneficial and the children are showing improvement in their general fitness. At the beginning of the year there were quite a few who struggled to do a sit up or a push up and are now doing several repetitions. It is great to see progress.

This fitness will also be useful for our upcoming cross country and athletics days. As well as the circuit training, we have also begun training for the cross country on the mornings that we do circuit training and for the athletics carnival on Friday afternoons.

Award winners for week 2 were: Tane Brand, Lochlan Kurtev, Wishy Thirasantikamol, Grace Harrison and Emma Bennett. Congratulations to you all.

Have a great week. Katie and Joyce kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

Homework will resume this week with the standard expected to be of a high quality in neatness and presentation. Some people do say that in a computer based world, we shouldn’t have to worry about handwriting and manually setting out work so that it is presented well as this can all be done via a computer. While I can certainly see and understand the argument, by insisting on neat and well-presented homework, we are training the children to
have pride in their work and to do their best na matter what.

Congratulations must also go to those students who had duties on ANZAC Day. I received lots of positive comments about the way the children completed jobs, spoke and also behaved. They were a real credit to you. I was full of pride watching them during the ceremony.

Award winners last week were, Jodi Kapusin, Jorja Sami, Ebonie Ure, Waimarie Brand, Spencer Wood, Zac Treherne, Natasha Burchell, Inari Beyer, Jett Sterling. Congratulations.

Have a great week, warm regards,
Tanya Stanley & David Murphy
tstan15@eq.edu.au & dmurp19@eq.edu.au

NAPLAN testing time again
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing this month, to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 15–17 May 2012. NAPLAN assesses the skills that students develop over time through the school curriculum, and provides additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in the key curriculum areas. An individual NAPLAN report will be sent home for every child later this year. Further information is available on the ACARA website. If you have any questions or concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN testing, please contact the school.

http://www.nap.edu.au/

COMMUNITY NEWS

Large Family Home in Lower Beechmont for Rent
HUGE VIEWS and lawn maintenance included.
- 5 Bedrooms – Master with ensuite
- 2 Separate Living areas
- Huge timber decks
- Wood Fired Pizza Oven
- Double remote lock up garage
- Slow Combustion Fireplace
- Granite and Two Pac Kitchen
- Dishwasher
- Polished Timber Floors
- Claw Foot Bath with separate powder room
- Built in robes with plenty of extra cupboard storage
- Solar Hot Water
- Cellar
- Citrus and stone fruit orchard
- Friendly neighbours, Creative village community
- 15 minutes to M1
Lawn Maintenance included allows you time to enjoy this fabulous lifestyle!
Properties of this size and standard very rare on rental market – Be Quick! $575 pw
Phone Bronwyn on 0408 780 524 to arrange inspection

SOCCER NEWS
No results to report due to the wet weather cancellation. Thank you to everyone for contacting your coach on Saturday morning, rather than us.

This week’s games are away, so please refer to your draw for times and venues. Team Phil, remember the time change, you are now playing at 9.10am (not 11.10am).

Generally with cancelled games we have a catch up on the following Sunday at the same hosting club. We will not be doing this as the five teams that were to come cannot all make a Sunday match.

A couple of people still have outstanding fees and uniform deposits to pay. Can you please finalise this ASAP.

Have a great week.
Rich and Anita 55331227
info@manakithomes.com.au

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
A Recycle container is in the School Administration foyer for you to leave your old printer cartridges; both ink jet and laser cartridges are taken Canon, HP, Lexmark and Epson only