**THIS FRIDAY NIGHT OUR NIGHT OF NIGHTS**

**This Friday night, our night of nights happens.**
- The night starts promptly 6.15pm
- $5 entry per family
- Every child participates in the class dance
- 2 outstanding student awards, 1 School Motto award and 1 Reading award are presented after each class dance.
- After the Year 6/7 dance, a number of whole School awards are presented
- Every child is eligible for these awards.
- Please stay after the 6/7 dance as your child might be in line for one of these awards.
- The Raffle and children’s guessing competition will be drawn at the end of the night
- The Band plays a number of pieces
- The new strings group perform
- The Junior and Senior Choirs sing
- Please join us for this night that is so important to our School.

**CAROLS IN THE MOUNTAIN**

This year’s event on Saturday 15th December is shaping up to be even bigger and better than last year. What better way to kick off the school holidays with lots of fantastic entertainment, festive food, drinks, a beautiful lantern parade and of course our wonderful fireworks to complete the evening (weather permitting). The afternoon will begin with markets from 3:00pm followed by the Carols at 6:30pm. We still need lots of volunteers to make the event a smooth success so please call Julie on 55333226 if you are able to help. Thank you to everyone who have already said they are able to help - it’s really appreciated.

We have sent home raffle tickets which will be drawn at the Carols. There are fabulous prizes on offer including a $200 shopping voucher which will certainly come in handy for Christmas - so please sell as many tickets as you can to raise funds for our school. Money and tickets need to be returned to school by Wednesday 12th December. Looking forward to seeing you all - don’t forget to bring your picnic blanket, chairs and best singing voices!

**BOOK ORDERS FOR 2013 CLOSE TOMORROW**

If you wish to order through Symonds Book Store from the book lists that were sent home recently, these orders close tomorrow, Wednesday 5th December. Symonds cannot extend the closing date as they have to order in the materials from suppliers, who close down over Christmas / New Year period.

Please return your orders or drop in tomorrow to ensure your child has everything they need for the 2013 School year and do not suffer academically because they do not have all of the equipment they need to fully access the curriculum.
**COMING EVENTS**

**DECEMBER**
- Wed 05: Senior Band rehearsal 7.45am
- Wed 05: Book orders for 2013 close
- Thu 06: Junior Band and Strings lessons
- Thu 06: Year 7 Tamborine High Orientation Day
- Fri 07: End of Year Concert Awards Night 6.15pm
- Fri 07: Parade 8.50am
- Sat 08: Moriatry Park Carols. Senior Band 5pm
- Mon 10: Last day of Auskick
- Tue 11: Year 7 Graduation
- Wed 12: Year 7 to Wet 'n' Wild
- Thu 13: Class Parties and activities
- Thu 13: Volunteers needed to help clean tuckshop
- Fri 14: Clean Up Day
- Fri 14: Children who come to School need gloves
- Sat 15: Carols on the Mountain
- Mon 17: Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741

**BACK TO SCHOOL COSTS**

In the Community News section of this newsletter, there are two ads about saving money and getting money from the Benevolent Society. The opportunity certainly looks positive and may help with costs at the beginning of 2013 and back to School.

**RAFFLE**

A big thank you to everyone who has donated goods for the hamper which will be drawn this Friday, 7th December, at our End of Year Concert and Awards Night. The response has been great and we will be able to have more than one hamper as a prize. Tickets will be sold at the door for $2 per ticket or 3 for $5 dollars. Who knows - you could be the lucky winner taking home a fabulous hamper, while helping raise funds at the same time!

**ORIENTATION DAY, NERANG, TAMBORINE**

Year 7 students who are attending Nerang State High School or Tamborine State High School have their Orientation days today for Nerang State High School 4th December and Tamborine Mountain State High School Thursday 6th December. Please refer to the information that has previously been sent home.

**CHILDRENS GUESSING COMPETITION**

Bring in those 50cents to enter the guessing competition, it is a wonderful Christmas stocking filled with goodies to have for Christmas. Get guessing now.

**BOOK AND UNIFORM COLLECTION DAYS 2013**

Book and Uniform days happen on Thursday 17th & Friday 18th of January 2013 from 9am until 12noon. If you send in your book orders tomorrow, they will be all packaged up ready for you to collect. Likewise if you have sent back your Uniform order that was attached to last week’s newsletter, they will also be available for collection.

Uniforms will be available but no books if you haven’t ordered them.

**OUTSTANDING MONEY OWING**

It is always disappointing at this time of year when we realise that there are a significant number of families who have taken advantage of time payment of fees, time payment of book lists, time payment of uniforms, time payment of band fees, time payment of camps and have not fulfilled their obligations of the agreement they said they would adhere to.

Please, if you asked for time payment or sent your child on camp, or your child has been part of the Instrumental music program, please honor your commitment and pay for what your child has had access to, our cash flow as a School needs your payment that was allowed to be paid over time so your child could benefit from these extra – curricular activities.

**COLOUR DAY**

Colour Day is tomorrow, Wednesday 5th December and the theme is Hats. It costs 50c to come in non-uniform, so get those weird and wonderful hats out, bring your 50c and enjoy the last Colour day of the year.

**BREAK UP DAY + CLEAN UP DAY**

The last two days of the year are called Break Up Day and Clean Up Day. Details of these two days are as follows

**BREAK UP DAY** – This day, Thursday 13th December is the last day of the year for most students. On this day each class has a class party where children bring food / drink to share and each class has a party for the day.

**CLEAN UP DAY** – Friday 14th December. If students come on this day, they must be prepared to work for the day. They should come to School in older clothes and have gloves as much cleaning will take place on this day. This is not a play day but a work day as our cleaners are not given time over the holidays to do all the tasks require to have classrooms ready for the 2013 School year, so we use this day to have everything ready for the new year. Children must if they come to School on this day be prepared to work for the entire day.
IT IS ALWAYS NICE TO RECEIVE POSITIVE FEEDBACK

Following our Year 6/7 camp last week, we received this email from Adventure Park at Thunderbird Park.

"Hi David,
Thank you for your visit today with the Year 6/7's I must say they were definitely one of the more well behaved groups of children we have had in the Park and we hope that they had a great time."

Congratulations Year 6/7! Well Done!

TRIVIA NIGHT

A really great night was held last Friday night in the Hall on Graceleigh for our very first Trivia Night. I certainly hope it is the first of many as it was a brilliant night.

Special thanks must go to Kim Sami for all of her work to get the night actually happening.

Richard/Elvis/Will & Anita Brand for all of their work behind the scenes that gave a real theatre feel to the night.

Thanks to Janine Van B, Sammy Bennett, Ryley Sami, Melissa Walters, Greg Slater & Sam Sami for their kitchen & bar work. Food was great & drinks were cold.

Thanks to Patrick and Neroli for the photography. There are some photos of the night on the Community Sports Association website, http://beechmontsports.com

To our babysitters, Cassandra & Michael Kenyon & Josie Corsbie, hope you enjoyed the movies!

THANK YOU

Paul Hughes for the computer desks. Really appreciated!

END OF YEAR - TUCKSHOP

Last week of Tuckshop for 2012.
For this week’s tuckshop we have:-
• 3 Chicken + Veg Traveller Pies
• 16 Chicken Burgers
• 10 H & P Pizzas
• 20 Hotdogs
• 22 Garlic Bread
• 2 Spaghetti Bolognaise
• 4 Cheese triangles
• 10 Cookies
• 3 Popcorn
• 20 Jelly Sticks (approx.)
• 80 Ice Money chocolate
• 26 Juicy Ice blocks 30c
• 8 Aroonas
• 20 Water (approx.)

• ... Vegemite sandwich
• ... Salad sandwich
• 8 Egg and Lettuce sandwich
• 8 Meat Ball subs @ $3.00ea

Please continue when ordering your Tuckshop to give us an alternative meal choice just in case the first choice is no longer available. Thank You.

HELPERS NEEDED

On the last week of the School year the Tuckshop gets a clean from top to bottom. Our main cleaning day will be on Thursday 6th December.

We really do need some helpers for the task to be achievable. If you have some time to spare next Thursday then we would love to see you there.

Thank You.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.

By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don't intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

STAY COOL, BE SHADY AND PROTECT YOUR HEALTH

Queensland Health is urging families to take care of their health as the state heads into summer holidays.

Measures such as staying indoors or in the shade in very hot weather, taking cool showers or baths, limiting strenuous outdoor activity and drinking plenty of fluids can help to prevent heat-related illness.

It is equally important to monitor family, friends and neighbours who may be more prone to heat-related illness. These include the elderly, infants, overweight and obese people, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and people with some pre-existing health conditions.

Queensland Health is also urging families to avoid any summer tragedies by remembering how quickly the temperature inside a vehicle can rise. If you have to leave the car always take children and/or animals with you.

For further information on staying healthy and safe during hot weather visit www.health.qld.gov.au.
Welcome to Mountain Mates News.
Welcome to week 9.
Attached to this week’s newsletter is our Christmas Vacation Care Program.
For dinner this week we are having Sticky Chicken Wings and for dessert Choc-Top Ice creams.
Monthly accounts were sent out on Monday so please check your emails or your children’s communication folders.
Have a great week.
From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare and Kara your Mountain Mates crew.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Welcome to week 9. Well now that there’s only 2 weeks left of the term preps are beginning a slow wind down. We will be doing quite a few Christmas activities in these last 2 weeks. We will also be having some major whole school practices for the End of Year Concert.
This will be the last week for reading homework. Over the next 2 weeks the children will be bringing home some of their books bit by bit.
Thank you so much for your help and support this year. It’s been wonderful.
Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.
eperk17@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Well less than 2 weeks left and we can all smell holidays in the air. The children have been working hard on their End of Year Concert Dance and they can’t wait till Friday. On Friday night they need to come dressed in their outfit and wearing their blue shoes as there will be no time for changing once they arrive.
On Thursday next week we will have our class party and your child should be able to tell you what they are required to bring so that we have an even distribution of food and drink.
Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Coen Blunt for Perseverance in all set tasks and Cameron McIntyre for Sharing and Organisation.
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 great week,
Kerry Pryor kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

Well we have had a fantastic 2012. I have really enjoyed working with the class this year and am proud of all the progress they have made. I hope we can enjoy the last few days together. Currently we are working on perfecting our End of Year Concert dance, compiling and adding more artwork to our Art portfolios and working on the concepts that need revising in maths. Next week we will start making Christmas crafts.
Just a reminder that the children need to wear a yellow shirt and wear something with pockets for the concert dance. Hope to see you there.
Our class party will be next Thursday 13th December. If each child could contribute something to the party whether it will be drinks, sweet foods, savouries, etc. then that would be greatly appreciated. Children in class will nominate something in particular to bring, so we don’t have 24 students all bringing the same thing, but ultimately it doesn’t matter what you contribute.
I wish everyone a safe, fun holiday,
Have a good week,
Demelza
dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Well done to all of the children in the class for surviving all of the hard we have done over the last few weeks. We are now relaxing a bit more and completing lots of tasks that needed finishing off for the year. We are also revising any areas that the children had difficulty with in the recent assessments.
On Thursday next week we will be having a class Break-up Party for Year 3-4. The children have agreed to bring a food item to contribute to the party. We have discussed in class what each child will contribute so we don’t have too much of the same thing, but any small plate (or bag, or packet, or bottle) of food or drink would be fine.
We also plan to have a Silly Santa activity on the day. Each child who wishes to participate will need to bring a wrapped, unnamed present to the value of $5.00. We will then play a silly game with the presents and each child who participated will receive a present at the end. This is not a compulsory activity.
Have a great week.
Regards, Dan Albright
dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

We are eagerly awaiting this Friday night, the night of the end of year concert. The children have been working hard on their performance and are looking wonderful. We have had the full dress rehearsal and all of the black outfits have been sent home for a preconcert wash. The hats, wigs and bowties will be handed out on the night of the concert in order to keep them in the best condition. I have
some hairclips available to help keep the wigs on for the girls, however, it is advisable that the girls bring extra hairclips for the night. Girls with long hair have been asked to wear it in a low bun for the night.

On the Thursday of the last week of the term, our class will be having a breakup party. A note regarding whether to bring something savoury or sweet has been issued. We will also be having Silly Santa – similar to Secret Santa – to enjoy during the party. For Silly Santa, a gift valued around $5 needs to be discreetly brought in. It should not have a name on it and it should be wrapped in a manner that does not give the contents away. If your child does not bring a gift in, they will unfortunately not be participating in the game.

Homework will continue til the end of the term so it will be important for booklets to be returned completed on time.

Award winners for week eight were: Jasper Marshall, Taylah Dunkerton, Mikaela Jones and Kuepper Pitman. Congratulations to all.
Hope you have a wonderful week.
Regards
Katie Mann and Joyce Boura
kmann38@eq.edu.au  

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Camp went really well and the children were superb. The conditions weren’t the best, but the children just got in and did the activities. Hopefully you read the very nice comments from Adventure Parc on Tamborine. Companies don’t have to write those things, so it is a real positive for the children that the staff thought so highly of our class.

Everything is certainly gearing up this week towards Friday night. Everyone has their jobs to complete, some have more than one job, and we will be practising these this week as we rehearse in the Hall.

Hopefully all children have the correct costume, as we don’t want to stop children from performing if they aren’t dressed correctly. I have included it again in case you haven’t seen it in the newsletters before.

Children need a White long sleeve business shirt, black business pants (not jeans), plain black sunglasses, black shoes and socks, optional black suit jacket. Please use the Op Shops for your child’s costume as we don’t expect you to buy these costumes brand new unless you see value for your child beyond our special night.

See you on Friday night.

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

dmurp19@eq.edu.au
CRICKET NEWS

- Cricket Christmas Party this Saturday 8\textsuperscript{th} at 9am
- At the Hall on Graceleigh
- All players and their families welcome
- Free Sausage Sizzle and drinks
HOLLYWOOD TRIVIA NIGHT

Hosted by Willi, our night was a real tribute to Hollywood with everyone wearing some great costumes. The evening was packed with non-stop entertainment, jokes, trivia and many fantastic prizes and giveaways. The Beechmont Community Sports Association would like to give much thanks to our team on the night DJ David, barmen Sam and Greg, wait staff and food Janine, Ryley, Sam and Melissa, child minding Michael and his team, paparazzi Neroli and Patrick. This evening had a great deal of preparation and we would also like to extend our gratitude to Kiku, Joy and Wendy for your assistance with the food preparation, Waimarie, Wilson, Caija and Maddy for climbing great heights to decorate the hall and many of the above plus Tony for helping clean up the day after.

Thank you all from Rich, Kim and myself.

To view more photos visit the Sports Association website at http://beechmontsports.com
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