FIGHTING / THROWING OBJECTS

Certainly these days the use of violence as a first reaction is increasing at an alarming rate. This is not just here at School but throughout society generally. Last night (at the time of writing) there were two violent robberies on the Gold Coast and this is increasing according to Police figures.

Children are using violence (hitting, throwing objects, kicking etc) far more as a first reaction than they were, even three years ago. I blame video games, movies and TV for this, as the violence in these mediums has increased dramatically over the years and now we have a generation that is desensitised to violence and as they see it so much, they see it is the norm.

At School, we are reiterating over and over again for a child to see an adult on duty first, not to retaliate & then see an adult, but to see an adult first, because if a child retaliates then they have used violence as well and they face the same consequences as the person who started the trouble. There are adults on duty in all areas of the school, unfortunately they do not have eyes in the back of their heads and don’t see everything. We rely on students informing us of what is going on this is not ‘dobbing’ but actually helping the person who is starting the trouble by getting them some assistance to overcome their problem. If you could reinforce with your child the following, it will really assist them.
- Violence / fighting of any sort is not tolerated at School
- This includes physical violence as well as throwing objects at others
- Any student engaging in violence, either as the originator or retaliator will be suspended
- Students must see an adult and report instances of inappropriate behaviour
- Students must not retaliate
- This is not dobbing, it is helping the other child to change their behaviour
- All reports will be followed up. These more than likely will be followed up privately and not in the public view, so children need to be assured that action has been taken. Just because they mightn’t see it, doesn’t mean nothing is happening.

Thank you for your help in ensuring your child understands the rules.

BEECHMONT DAY

Beechmont Day is celebrated on the last day of Term 3 each year. There is an announcement on the website that explains why this day is held each year. We alternate between a venue on Beechmont and somewhere on the coast so everyone gets the chance to visit us during the day depending on where it is, if they want to.

This year we are returning to the Paradise Point Parklands on the Esplanade. There is a link on the website if you want to find out more about the park.

On Beechmont Day, the children experience a range of activities and there is also the option of a swim depending on the weather.

Lunch is available, only if it is pre-ordered and pre-paid. There is an order form/transport form attached to today’s newsletter and also on our website, Support and resources / Parent resources.

As part of Beechmont Day we also have the judging of the sickest joke on Beechmont competition, so children need to be practising an appropriate joke / riddle to say on the day.

Children must wear a School shirt and a School Hat. We are in a Public place and must be able to quickly recognize children because of their School Shirt and School hat. School hats are available for purchase from the Office.

On the order form for lunch, there is also a transport form, as some parents like to join us for the day. It is vital that we have all of this information back by the 14th September, as the organization for this day is significant. Please return the form ASAP.
COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
Tue 04 Yr 6 Enrichment Day Nerang High
Wed 05 Colour Day 50c Theme is Blue
Wed 05 No Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 05 Combined Junior Band Day
Wed 05 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 06 Teacher Aide Day
Thu 06 Junior Band and Strings lessons
Fri 07 School Photo orders closing day
Tue 11 School Photo Day
Wed 12 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 12 Instrumental Music Recruitment night
Fri 14 Jump Rope for Heart Day
Wed 19 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 29 Junior Band and Strings lessons
Fri 21 Beechmont Day at Paradise Point Parklands

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day is next week, Friday 14th September. At this stage it looks like the Staff won’t have to wear red tutus as it doesn’t look like any class is anywhere near the $300 total. So that is a big relief for the staff, unless of course some major fundraising takes place between now and Jump Off Day by the children.

It is important that, if at all possible, children bring the sponsorship money and sponsorship form to School on Jump Off day so that it can be processed and sent to the Heart Foundation. Please help us get this processed ASAP. A child can bring in the sponsorship money before the day if they wish, that will really help.

Children are encouraged to wear red or clothing with hearts on it for Jump Off Day on the 14th.

Don’t forget the special tuckshop available on this day. An order form is part of this newsletter today. It must be returned by THIS FRIDAY 7th SEPTEMBER.

This is the only food available on this day, normal tuckshop menu is not available.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Don’t forget, if you want a family photo (prices start at $15), or a Band/Choir/Opti/Student Council/Strings photo ($17 for 1 photo, $26 for 2 photos etc), then you need to request a special envelope from the Office.

All orders must be placed by THIS FRIDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER. No orders can be placed on Tuesday 11th September, Photo Day. Envelopes were attached to last week’s newsletter, unfortunately they are not available online, so the envelopes need to be used & returned by this Friday, 7th September.

CONGRATULATIONS DESI & WAIMARIE

Last week, Desi Johnson and Waimarie Brand, competed in the Gold Coast Regional Athletic trials. Waimarie in discus, threw a PB of 24.71 meters and was placed 5th, while Desi won her 100m, 200m and Long Jump and will now compete in the State Primary School Athletics Championships in October. Well done girls.

COLOUR DAY TOMORROW

Children are reminded that if they come in colour, they must bring 50c unless they paid the $5 at the beginning of the year. Theme is Blue.

TUCKSHOP

There will be no Tuckshop on Wednesday 12th August, last week of Term 3. Thank You.

We are very close to the end of term and won’t be getting any new stock until term 4. Please note there are:

NO AROONAS & NO HASH BROWNS IN STOCK

COLES VOUCHERS COUNTING

Sincere thanks to Vicki Bouwer, Rebecca Hansen, Keryl Small, Melissa Walters, Julie Ayres and Wendy Blunt for your valuable assistance counting the Coles vouchers.

Special mention of Vicki, Rebecca & Melissa who took a heap home and counted at home.

Thank you to all of our counters over two weeks for all of your help. We’ll be able to get a heap of resources because of your hard work. Thank you!

WOOLIES STICKERS

Again, through your amazing support we collected 1,013 sticker cards or 30,411 stickers. We’ll get some terrific gear through your wonderful efforts. Thank you for your support.

COMMONWEALTH BANK AUSTRALIAN MATHS CHALLENGE

Don’t forget, those nominated children (in last week’s newsletter) should be spending as much time as possible on the Australian Maths Challenge section of the Mathletics Website this afternoon and tonight completing as many activities as possible.

☺☺☺☺ Go Beechmont!! ☺☺☺☺
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND VACATION CARE

Don’t forget School Holidays start after School on Friday 21st September and School resumes on Monday 8th October.

Vacation Care will be operating a terrific program, information will be available soon, so don’t forget to book in ASAP.

FATHERS’ DAY STALL

A huge thank you to everyone who donated gifts and supported our Fathers’ Day stall. I hope all our dads, step dads and grandads had a great day on Fathers’ Day. The children certainly had fun choosing your gifts. A big thank you to our ever reliable team of helpers including Joy Carter, Wendy Blunt, Tam Wood & Sher Muir-Smith - you are the Queens of Wrap. Also thanks to Lachlan & Cameron Ayers for their big muscles and to Sandra Shanley (Jack Small’s grandmother) for her beautiful gift tags - the children love them.

HELP NEEDED

Tomorrow, Wednesday 05 September is our Combined Junior Band Day. We need some helpers in the morning to help cook a sausage sizzle for the children.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sammy Bennett on her 3rd placed art in the Gold Coast Show. Well done!

Did any other children receive prizes at the Canungra or Gold Coast show? Please drop me a line so we acknowledge them in the newsletter.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Alison Brown for your help with our EFPTOS machine last week.

Welcome to Mountain Mates News

Welcome to week 9. Hope everyone had a lovely long weekend and all our Dads had a Happy Fathers’ Day.

Last Tuesday the children were challenged in minute to win it putting 10 coloured marbles in a jar in a certain order.

On Wednesday the children experimented with different types of paper when screen printing with Kerry.

Thursday saw the children put through their paces again with Mr Woods. Our rewards table recipients were Chelsea who invited Grace and Casta who invited Remy. For dinner this week we are having Chicken Kebabs with rice and Ice cream Cones for dessert.

Parents please check your inboxes or child’s school bags for your latest statement.

Have a great week.

From Kim, Janine, Kerry and Clare your Mountain Mates crew.
NEWS FROM THE
TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Today and tomorrow some of our students will be taking part in the Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge. The challenge is open around the clock on these two days so parents, if possible, please allow your child access to the computer at home so they can participate to their utmost during these two days. Good luck to Luka, Sammy, Ryan, Hayden, Tane, Hamish, Coen and Chris.

This week we have a few assessments taking place in English, Math and Science. I would really appreciate maximum attendance this week if possible.

In exercise we continue to practice our skipping and are looking forward to showing off our talents on Jump Off Day. Parents don’t forget to get the Fun Food Friday orders in for Jump Rope Day.

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

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

Last week due to the public holiday on Friday many students didn’t hand in their homework. In order to redistribute homework books on Monday many books went back unmarked, therefore when homework is handed in on Friday I will mark any other week’s work at the same time.

This week in English we are learning to write information reports. We are using the internet to research facts about an Australian animal, note taking and converting our notes into informative texts. In maths we are focussing on addition and subtraction mental strategies and looking at time concepts. Later in the week students will have a test on all things they have learnt about time.

Have a good week, Demelza

dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Have a great week.

Regards, Dan.
dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

In order to give children a chance to complete their animation task for English, there will only be spelling words and the completion of the animation for homework this week. The children who have completed their work during class time or have put in extra effort at home can have an easy week as far as homework goes.

Award winners for week 8 were: Byron, Levi, Jake, Zoe, Phoebe, Faigan, Emma, Grace, Amy B, Sage, Mikaela, Jessie, Taija and Connor.

Congratulations to all.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

For Photo day next Tuesday, Year 7 students should bring their Leadership shirt to change into for the class photo and the individual photos. Please do not just wear the Leadership shirt, but wear a normal school shirt and have the Leadership shirt as well.

We hope all children are madly getting sponsors for the Jump Rope Jump Off Day next Friday 14th September. Getting sponsors on line is an easy way to do it.

Children should be taking some photos for the Capture photo competition. We had some time in class last week & analysed how some of the photos were taken. We have gone through the principles of thirds for each photo (ask your child) and having an object in the frame as well. We will have some more time this Friday if children can bring in their cameras.

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

Beechmont Cricket Club would like to invite the Beechmont Community to our Open/Information Day on 22nd September. It will be held at the Hall on Graceleigh at 9am. All ages are welcome, whether Primary or High School. Come & be part of this fast & exciting game of Indoor cricket.

For more information, call Greg on 0405206076 or sign up on the school notice board & turn up on the 22nd. Mums & Dads are especially encouraged to come along to understand & possibly help grow this club.

SOCCER NEWS
A great morning for our last home games. Some very close scores and a strong win by the under 10’s.

This Saturday will be the final games for the season. All games are away, so check the draw for times and clubs.

CLUB PRESENTATION CEREMONY
The day was fantastic with great food and entertainment. Concluding with a kid’s vs adults soccer game. The kid’s winning of course.

All players were awarded participation trophies, with the other awards going to:

Under 6’s Players player Austin Knowles, Coaches player West Francis, 321 Joel Mills

Team Joy (under 7’s) Players player Hamish Abbot
Coaches player Kaes Ryan, 321 Kanoa Carter-Stampton

Team Phil (under 7’s) Players player Oscar Kirk, coaches player Cameron McIntyre, 321 Madison Francis

Under 8’s Players player Lachlan Chipping, coaches player Cameron Ayers, 321 Kodie Robinson

Under 10’s Players player Jake Mobbs, coaches player Scott McKenzie, 321 Tane Brand

Please email me for additional season DVD’s
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR LAST GAMES…GO BEECHMONT!

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

Beechmont Netball Club News
Unfortunately it was not the start to the finals that we had hoped for with both the Saints and Eagles going down to a stronger opposition in their semi-final on the weekend. Luckily, both teams have a second bite at the cherry this Saturday after finishing 1st and 2nd respectively at the end of the normal season. Nipper testing began for the Bandicoots with Coach Kim being complimented on the fantastic skills demonstrated by her Bandicoots. SCNA were very impressed with their basic skills and can see great potential in these girls for the future. The Tigers have yet to complete their nipper testing but we are confident that they too will impress.

A HUGE thank you to all those who came and helped out on Saturday at the Bunnings BBQ. We had a very successful day raising over $1300 in profit for our club. I would mention you all by name but I am sure to forget someone, however please accept our sincerest thanks for all of your time and efforts. The day would not have been as successful as it was without you.

Final numbers for the Awards Presentation on the 15th September starting at 12 noon at the Advancetown Hotel should now be to Greg as we need to confirm catering. If you have not done so, please let him know these details ASAP.

The Hervey Bay trip continues to gather momentum. Please ensure you have secured your seat on the bus with your $10 deposit as spots are limited and filling fast.

Game times for this week are:

9 am Saints (prelim final)
10 am Eagles (prelim final)
10 am Tigers

Bye Bandicoots

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Spring holiday program @ Scenic Rim Libraries
Bookings are essential – contact your local branch!
Beaudesert 5540 5142 | Boonah 5463 4289 | Canungra 5543 5791 | Mobile Library 0418 984 064 | Tamborine
Mountain 5540 5473
Or email libraryb@scenicrim.qld.gov.au

Adventures in Cardboard
Starting with the simple magic of a cardboard box – design, twist, shape and stack to create irresistible places to
inhabit and explore. Erect a castle to attack and defend, build a cardboard city, have tea in a fairy house or
confuse your friends with a giant walk-through maze.
Come down to Boonah or Beaudesert library each day of the holidays and use boxes and other recycled
materials to imagine and create your own space - add hidden rooms, towers or secret doors – there are a
thousand possibilities for creative play
Beaudesert Library: Weekdays 9 – 5.30 | Saturday 9 – 12 | All ages
Boonah Library: Weekdays 9 – 5.30 | Saturday 9 – 12 | All ages

Scarecrow Challenge
Once again Tamborine Mountain Library is getting into the spirit of the Scarecrow Festival. Come and visit Suzie
the Library Scarecrow and join in the fun at one of the activity stations where you can colour in, make craft or
create your own very tricky Scarecrow Hampelmann (Jumping Jack).
Tamborine Mountain Library: Weekdays 9 – 5.30 | Saturday 9 – 12 | All ages

Little Green Thumbs
Get the kids excited about taking care of their planet these holidays with the following interactive workshops
Beaudesert Library | 0 – 8 years | Bookings preferred
Tuesday 25 Sept, 10-11am: Get your hands dirty helping Jacqui create a colourful library garden before potting a
seedling to take home for your own garden.
Tuesday 2 Oct, 10-11am: My cat likes to hide in boxes…and so do kids! Join us for singing, stories and stacks of
boxes!
Boonah Library | 0 – 12 years | No bookings required
Drop in to Boonah Library to create your own recycled art or write an eco tale.
Friday 28 Sept & Friday 5 Oct | All day
Mobile Library | 0 – 12 years | Booking essential
Bringing free holiday fun to your door! 10-1030am - interactive storytime for young children. 1030-11am -
starting your own veggie garden (all ages)

Storytime
Join Carolann for stories, songs, craft and fun!
Tamborine Mountain Library | Under 8s | No bookings required
Tuesday 25 Sep & Tuesday 2 Oct: 930-1030am
Which bin does this go in?
Get ready to move about in this hands-on workshop with Council’s Waste Education Team – lots to learn for kids
and parents! | All ages
Beaudesert Library Wed 26 Sep, 10-11am
Boonah Library Tue 25 Sep, 10-11am
Canungra Library Wed 3 Oct, 130-230pm
Mobile Library Thu 4 Oct, 11-12noon (@ Beechmont)
Tamborine Mountain Library Wed 26 Sep, 130-230pm

Enviro Arts Creative Workshop
Build your creative skills and reduce your carbon footprint – work with local artists to learn imaginative techniques
to help you upcycle and reuse household objects that would otherwise make their way to landfill | 4 years + |
Under 8s require an adult helper.
Boonah Library
Thu 27 Sep, 1-2pm: bangles
Tue 2 Oct, 10-11am: turn CDs into magnets

Our Planet
Explore the size of the solar system right up to the face of the sun, and find out where earth fits into the universe
with the Scenic Rim Astronomy Association.
Beaudesert Library
Wed 3 Oct, 10-1130am, Primary (under 12)
Thu 4 Oct, 10-1130am, Secondary (13y +)

Teenage makeup secrets
Professional makeup artist Robyn Ashwin is hosting a session for girls 14 years or older to show you how to
make the best of yourself and give you handy beauty tips. BYO makeup and clean, bare face | 14 yrs +
Tamborine Mountain Library
Wed 3 Oct, 10am

For more information, please contact Scenic Rim Young People’s Librarian:
Renee Mason | 5540 5141 | renee.m@scenicrim.qld.gov.au