We are still having a number of cases of head lice throughout the School. This is very frustrating for those families who diligently check their child’s head each week and find lice.

Please make it a regular routine of checking your child’s head at least once a week and immediately treat if eggs or lice are found.

Hair, longer than shoulder length must be tied up at school, we also have bandannas available for purchase at $7 each. These are a good preventive, not a cure but really help to keep hair from touching other’s hair.


Please make the effort to be at Graceleigh Park for the Remembrance Day Service by 10.20am with your child in full School Uniform this Sunday. The service starts at 10.45am and is usually over by 11.15am. A number of children will be speaking and laying wreaths, and it is important for our children to ensure this special day has the significance it deserves.

We hope to see you and your child at Graceleigh Park.

There is quite a lot of money owing to the School that is a concern to our cash flow. Please, if you received a statement last week, please ensure that the owed money is paid ASAP. Thank you for your co-operation.

Children are short of the 110,000 minutes required to be read, so they need a big effort this week to reach the goal. Reading record sheets must be brought to School by next Wednesday so we can total up the time the children have read, get the trophy engraved, decide on the consequences if the children don’t reach the 110,000 minutes required, sort out the class winners in time for the big announcement at our End of Year Concert and Awards Night.

The Year 6 and 7 students representing our School at the annual ‘Budding Bards’ competition perform their poems in the Hall on Graceleigh, this Friday against Canungra and then again Tuesday 13th at Canungra where the scores from both days are added up to determine the winner.

All Library books must be returned by next Thursday 15th November. Please check under beds and in cupboards.
COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER
Wed 07 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 08 Junior Instrumental and Strings lessons
Fri 09 Year 2 Swimming lessons
Fri 09 Bush Poetry at Beechmont
Fri 09 Reading competition ends
Sun 11 Remembrance Day Service 10.45am
Mon 12 Douglas at Finance training
Tue 13 Bush Poetry finals at Canungra
Wed 14 P&C Meeting 7pm
Wed 14 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 15 Junior Instrumental and strings lessons
Thu 15 David to Nerang Alliance Meeting 2pm
Thu 15 All Library books to be returned
Fri 16 Volunteer Parade and Morning Tea
Fri 16 Swimming Year 2
Fri 16 Interhouse Sport 2 sessions
Sun 18 Senior Band at Markets
Sun 18 Year 7 Graduation Markets
Tue 20 Prep Orientation Day
Wed 21 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 21 Cold Play tonight!! ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

PREP ORIENTATION MORNING

Our Prep Orientation morning will be held on Tuesday 20th November 9am-11am. Invitations to people whom we know are enrolling in Prep will be issued this week, but please spread the word to any of your neighbours who may have Prep aged children, as we’d love to see them on that day.

To be eligible to enrol in Prep in 2013 a child must be born between 1st July 2007 and 30th June 2008. Please spread the word.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

A big THANK YOU goes out to all who made an order from the school fundraiser. According to our data, almost half of the school has participated - WOW. The orders were posted off last Friday and should be back in two to three weeks.

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END OF YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

Don’t forget our very important night, the End of Year Concert and Awards Night on Friday 7th December. Some details you need to know are;

- Starts 6.15pm finishes before 9.00pm
- Each class presents a dance
- Each class has awards, two outstanding students, school motto award and reading competition award
- After the Year 6/7 dance and awards, we present some whole school awards. Every child is eligible for these awards.
- The raffle is drawn at the end of the night.
- The Band plays
- Our Choirs sings
- Our special awards are presented

Please make every effort to stay for the entire night as all children are eligible for the whole school awards in the 2nd half of the night.

END OF YEAR - TUCKSHOP

“WOW we are all saying Christmas is nearly here, where has the year gone?”

For Tuckshop this means we have to finish the School Year with zero stock. Fridges and Freezes during the last week of Term get scrubbed out and turned off. The whole kitchen gets a Spring Clean.
The process of running stock to zero has already begun. We still want and need the children to order lunches but day by day their choices will get less. We really do need your help here with checking weekly what is or is not available and to also continue to place orders.

This week by Friday Chicken Goujons may not be available. If you want these then get in quick Wed and please start giving us a second option just in case.

Same goes with the Beef Traveller Pies. We still have stock but they are getting low. Last week was a bumper week on Pie Sales – the best week over the whole year. The week before was Chicken Goujons.

We want the children to be happy so please, please check the Newsletter each week and give us an alternative meal choice just in case. Thank You.

THANK YOU

😊 Thank You Kim Crow for the Library bags.
😊 Masters hardware for the plants

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our newest possum, Dylan Lister

FORMAL DISCO

The last disco for the year will be held on Friday 23rd November, 6.30 – 8.30pm in the Hall on Graceleigh. All School students are eligible to attend. Entry is $5 and a canteen with lots of goodies will be operating.

END OF YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT RAFFLE

Every year our P&C has a raffle at our End of Year Concert and Awards night. We try to make this a large food hamper and ask if every family can donate some food items to this hamper.

Please send your donations along to School ASAP so we have time to organize the raffle before our End of Year Concert and Awards Night. We would like this to be a real valuable prize that would really help out on of our School families for Christmas. If every family donated just 2 items we would have an absolutely wonderful prize for one of our School families to win. Please send your donations in ASAP so we can let everyone know about this prize.

THANK YOU

😊 On Parade last Friday our Tuckshop helpers and volunteers were presented with certificates and chocolates as part of the State Tuckshop Day.

From the Tuckshop Team, Thank You to the whole School, we were all very touched and certainly feel that we are blessed to be a part of such a great School.

CAROLS ON THE MOUNTAIN HELP

Our big event for the year, Carols on the Mountain is on Saturday 15th December. We kindly ask for your help as without it, the Carols would not be possible. The afternoon will kick off at 3:00pm with Christmas markets and then the carols program will be from 6:30 - 8:30pm. We need lots of help over this time - set up in the morning, canteen & bar staff, sellers of raffle tickets, candles & lucky dip tickets, jumping castle attendants, toilet checkers and help with clean up. If lots of people volunteer, we can share the load. So please come along, have fun and help our school bring this event to our community. Please call Julie on 55333226.

CHRISTMAS PHOTO THANKYOU

Thank you to everyone who came to school on Friday 26th Oct and took part in the Christmas photo to promote our upcoming Carols on the Mountain. You all looked your sparkly best and the photos which will be appearing in various newsletters near you soon, turned out beautifully! A big thank you to our photographer, Patrick Stapleton who gave up his time to produce a great result.

Welcome to Mountain Mates News.

Welcome to week 5. The children are enjoying our term program with lots of outdoor activities and craft activities in the afternoon.

On Tuesday our tee ball game is becoming very competitive, with all the children improving on the skills and some great home runs hit.

Wednesday the children created Jack-O-Lanterns out of egg cartons for Halloween.

On Thursday the cricket skills Mr. Wood is teaching the children are coming along also. Our rewards table winners were Joel who invited Jack and Casta who invited Jhett, congratulations boys.

This week for dinner we are having Fried Rice and Dim Sims and for dessert Waffles and Ice-cream.

Monthly accounts were sent out today, so please check your inbox or your child’s school bag.

Have a great week.

From Kim, Janine, Kerry and Clare your Mountain Mates crew.
BOOK CLUB NEWS

It is a quick turnaround for Book Club this month with Issue 8 catalogues attached to this week’s newsletter. Book make a great Christmas gift or stocking-stuffer so why not consider purchasing from this month’s catalogues?? We are more than give you a call when the orders come in and to “hide” your purchases at school until you can get come and collect them. Think of Book Club as shopping without the crowds!!

A big thank you to everyone who has supported Book Club is year. Scholastic is very generous in their commissions to schools and we have been able to purchase a large number of new books for the library this year as a direct result of your support.

All orders must be in by NEXT THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER to ensure that orders are back before the end of the term.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

I hope everyone received the note about costumes for the End of Year Concert dance last week, sorry it took so long to send out but hopefully the costume is easy to put together.

In Literacy we are composing poetry and reconstructing one of the poems we have done in class but keeping the same rhyme and rhythm pattern. In Maths we are learning about Chance (good timing with today being Melbourne Cup Day!) In Science this week we will investigate how sound is made. The children appear to be enjoying our Wednesday afternoon sessions of ‘explore and experiment’ where they can use the science concepts they are learning to make things. Thank you to the children who have brought in recyclable materials for our supply box and to Mrs Denning for all the materials she has found and donated.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Ryan Gaffney for his excellent singing of the Anthem on parade every week, and to Kaes Ryan for the Intrepica Leaderboard.

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 5/6 CLASS

Seeing as report writing time is fast approaching, our class has been busy with a variety of tests and assessment tasks in the last couple of weeks.

Thank you to the parents who have already sent in the money for the End of Year costumes. Children have also been encouraged to bring in their black attire so that we can have a full dress rehearsal. All outfits will be sent home on the night of the concert.

I have been very impressed with the attitude towards homework from the majority of our class this term. Most children have been completing and returning their homework on time. Last week we shared the fabulous Country projects which were very informative. Some of the presentations were of a very high standard and showed that a great deal of thought and work had gone into them. Of course the class’ favourite presentations were the ones they could eat.

Regards, Katie Mann and Joyce Boura
kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour74@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Just a reminder about homework. All students must make sure that they are completing the requirements each week of homework. Some children are getting a bit slack as the end of the year approaches. The majority of the children though are keeping up a good standard.

Remembrance Day is this Sunday, all Year 7 students do have jobs on Sunday and need to be wearing their Year 7 Leadership shirts. It is hoped, Year 6 students will be able to come along in school uniform as well so they can learn from watching the year 7’s what they will be expected to be doing next year!

We remind you of the costume requirements for our End of Year Concert & Awards Night dance that was in the 1st Newsletter of this term as well as in the children’s diaries before the September/October holidays.

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.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Waimarie Brand, Natasha Burchell, Hopi Derrick, Wilson Gaythwaite, Jodi Kapusin, Brogan Munster & Katrina Mobbs.

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

“Feel the rhythm”
Drum lessons now available at Beechmont School!
Teacher with over 15 years as an experienced drummer Beginner - Intermediate lessons
$25 for 45 minutes ($5 from each lesson goes to Beechmont SS) FREE 20 min introductory lesson Call Damian Chipping 5533 3717

CRICKET NEWS
The Beechmont Cricket Club will be attending the Australia Vs South Africa Test match this Sunday. We will be going on the Gabba as the lunch time entertainment to play a modified cricket game between 12 to 12.30pm.
These are the children who will be attending. Jasper & Ula Trulson, Carla & Coen Blunt, Sidney Slater, Jack Small, Kodei Robinson, Jake Mobbs, Lachlan McIntyre, Hopi Derrick, Tye Noorda, Bryce & Austin Knowles, Wishy T and Kalep
All players must wear there Milo Shirts and Hats. Transport is organized and plenty of adult supervision. Bus pickup times are:
School 7.30
Old School 7.32
McGuiness Crt 7.35
Shop 7.45
North Road 7.47
Bottle tree Crt 7.50
Cricket this Saturday as usual please wear your Milo Shirt & Cap
For all enquiries call Greg on 0405206076

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER
While dangerous events like floods, fires and storms may be common in Queensland, they can also be scary times for children and adolescents. These scary feelings or worries can last a long time after the event itself. So it’s important to remain calm and talk to them about the weather. If they ask questions, just stick to the facts. Try to keep children away from stories on the TV and radio, and keep them busy with other activities.
The CYMHS Metro Recovery and Resilience Team (CYMHS Metro R&R) provide specialist assessment, support and treatment to infants, children, young people (0-18 years) and their families/carers, who are at risk of or are experiencing moderate to severe emotional and behavioural changes (including grief and loss) following exposure to the effects of natural disaster in Queensland. These changes can include, but not are limited to, difficulties socially, with sleeping, eating, concentration, separation from caregivers and worry about changes in the weather.
The CYMHS Metro Recovery and Resilience Team services residents living in the catchment areas of Moreton Bay Regional Council, Brisbane City Council, Redland City Council and Logan City Council.
For further information about the CYMHS Metro Recovery and Resilience Team phone 3087 2260. Non-urgent referrals can be emailed to CYMHSMetro_R&R@health.qld.gov.au

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