CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS

Last week, Bella Innis, Waimarie Brand and Desi Johnson all competed in the Gold Coast North Athletics trials. While Bella did not place in the shot put, Waimarie was 2nd in discus, while Desi was 1st in 100m, 200m, Long Jump and Discus and 2nd in High Jump.

Both Desi and Waimarie will compete in a couple of weeks in the South coast trials. Good luck girls!

BOOK WEEK BOOK SALE

This year Book Week is held from 18th – 24th August and we will be celebrating by having a mammoth book sale every day of that week. We have a large number of books which have been culled from the library shelves which will be sold at the bargain price of 50c for a soft cover and $1 for any hard cover books. There are some terrific titles amongst the books with everything ranging from junior fiction picture books through to novels and non-fiction information books.

The books will be on sale before School and at playtimes (as well as any other time you can manage to pin Miss Stanley down), so start saving your loose change and come and get some great bargains for your book shelves at home!!

SENIOR BAND THIS WEEK

Our Senior Band has a workshop at Nerang State High School with all the Schools in the Nerang Alliance of State Schools this Thursday and then on Friday have the Combined Band Day at Canungra School.

These days are very important to the development of the band students and really give the students a feel for the big band sound that is important for the children’s musical development.

The following week on Tuesday 14th August the Senior Band performs at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod.

Please ensure you have read the notes about transport to all these events.

HEAD LICE TIP

The following info is from one of our Mums who has a child in the lower school, where head lice are more common than in the older classes. Please read.

A year ago I had a lot of trouble to keep my child’s hair head lice free. She was constantly getting reinfected between treatments. I had treated her hair once a week for a whole term and was looking at doing it for another term when I was told at a chemist a natural and cheap way to deter head lice. She has been head lice free since.

You need an empty spray bottle. Fill it with water and add 10 drops of lavender oil. Shake and spray a fine mist over the hair including near the nap of the neck and behind the ears. The lavender oil repels the head lice as well as smelling nice.

If you are currently treating for head lice, make up a solution of water, 10 drops of lavender oil, 10 drops of eucalyptus oil and one drop of milk in a spray bottle. Spray a fine mist over the hair including the hot spots behind the ears and under the hair near the neck. The lavender oil repels any head lice and prevents re-infestation. The eucalyptus oil kills off any head lice that may hatch from missed eggs. The milk helps the oils to mix. This mixture only lasts a few days due to the milk. Once the hair is head lice free then just use the lavender solution.

Both lavender and eucalyptus oils can be purchased fairly cheaply at your supermarket.

Thank You Naomi for this tip.

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COMING EVENTS

AUGUST
Wed 08 Senior Band 7.45am 
Wed 08 P&C Meeting 7pm 
Thu 09 NO Junior Band and String lessons 
      Senior Band Workshop @ Nerang State High 
Fri 10 Combined Band Day @ Canungra SS 
Fri 10 School Nurse visit for Preps 
Tue 14 Yr 6 Enrichment Day at Nerang State High 
Tue 14 Senior Band @ Gold Coast Eisteddfod 
Wed 15 NO Senior Band 7.45am 
Thu 16 Junior Band and Strings Lessons 
Thu 16 Opti-MINDS 3 – 6pm 
Fri 17 Interhouse Sport Competition day 
Sun 19 Special Needs at Beechmont Market BBQ 
Tue 21 Public Speaking Day and Night 
Wed 22 Senior Band 7.45am 
Wed 22 Expo at Nerang PCYC 2 5.30pm

FATHERS DAY STALL

Fathers Day is not far away and your P&C will be holding a stall before School on Thursday 30th August. We ask for your donations of small gifts for this event so our children have the chance to choose something to give to their Dad. Suggestions include: car wash equipment, small gardening or handyman tools, coffee mugs, chocolates or anything you think a Dad might like. Your donations will be gift wrapped, priced between $3 - $10 and placed on the stall for the children to purchase then bring home so please, no fragile or second hand items. There will be a box in the office for your gift donations. The response to our ‘mothers Day stall was wonderful so let’s not miss out our wonderful dads also!!

WOOLIES STICKERS FINISH

Woollies stickers finish this Sunday 12 August. Can you please send any that you have to School ASAP as we have strict timelines that we must adhere to in order to claim our items. Thank you for your support.

COLES VOUCHERS FINISH

Coles vouchers finish next Tuesday 14th August. Like the Woollies stickers, please send your vouchers to School ASAP so we can claim our sporting gear and have it by the beginning of 2013. Thank you for your support.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting is tomorrow night Wednesday 8th August 7pm in the Library. We’d love to see you there.

PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY AND COMPETITION NIGHT

Children should be finalising their speeches by now and starting to learn them as best they can. Please mark in your diary Tuesday 21st August for our Public Speaking Day.
Preps to Year 3 children Speak during the day while the Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 students speak from 5pm in their heats, Semi Finals and Finals.
Please encourage your child to practice.

JUMP ROPE

Don’t forget to get as many sponsors as you can for your Jump Rope day. If you need more details, go to our website Extra-curricular / Sports / Jump Rope for Heart for more details. Please don’t forget that there are extra prizes for getting sponsors on line.
Wait for the big announcement next week!

COMPUTER SCAM

Be aware that there is a computer scam doing the rounds at the moment. The ‘company’ is called E Protections.com and they try to get you to buy computer protection and also get you to let them have remote access to your computer so they can scan it and make a report for you. They say there is a virus affecting lots of computers and it makes your computer run slow.
Be Careful! Very Careful!!

NAME PAVERS

As you walk into School by the main pedestrian gate you would have noticed between the Office and the old Prep building, an area of pavers that has past and current pupils and staff names and the years they were here.
This was always intended to be a ‘growing pathway’, so we are again offering all current students & past pupils the chance to go down in history by purchasing a paver.
Order form and information on our website Parent Resources or click on the news item.
Please note the closing date is 22nd August and no extensions are able to happen.

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**JUNIOR CHOIR**

Junior Choir will be performing at the Canungra Show along with our Band. Children are given free entry if they are in School uniform. Please support the Junior Choir in their efforts.

**PREP 2013**

Our books are open for the Prep class of 2013. It is really important that we have every child’s details so that we can plan classes for next year. Please phone or drop in to the office to check we have your child’s details. Please don’t assume we have your child on our books, please check.

Also if you know of someone who has a child eligible to enter Prep in 2013, please ask them to contact the School. Children must be 5 by 30 June in the year they start Prep. So your child must have been born between 1st July 2007 & 30th June 2008 to start Prep in 2013

**TEA TOWELS HAVE ARRIVED**

Our Tea Towels have arrived with lots of fabulous drawings on them. If you didn’t get around to ordering one and would like to purchase one they are available for $15 from the Office.

Get in quick though, as we only ordered 50 extra and already some people put in orders, we now have less than 20 tea towels for general sale.

This is a great memento of your child’s time at Beechmont State School.

**HEAD LICE**

Please check your child’s head as we have had some reported cases of head lice throughout the school. All students with shoulder length hair or longer must have it tied up every day to try and minimise the risk of the lice spreading.

**GOLD COAST SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Our School takes the Gold Coast Show Public Holiday. This year this Public Holiday is Friday 31st August. There is no School on this day.

**TUCKSHOP**

We now have Spaghetti Bolognaise for $3.00 per serve. Each serve is approx 400g.

**SCHOOL NURSE VISIT**

The School Health Nurse will commence Health Screening for all Prep Year children this Friday 10th August, 2012. Health Screening enables health concerns to be addressed early, thus ensuring the best opportunity for learning. Screening includes vision and hearing, observation of growth and development, speech, language and social skills. If you wish to have your child participate in this very important health screening, please complete and sign the consent section of the Health History Card sent home with your child and return this to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

Children in Years 1 to 7 with a vision or hearing concern may also be seen by the nurse. Children may be referred by a parent or teacher however all children must have a Health History card completed and signed by the parent. A Health History card is available from the school office. Please return the completed card to the school office as soon as possible. All parents will be advised in writing of the outcome of their child’s screening.

Lisa Hutchinson Clinical Nurse
Child Youth and Family Health

Welcome to Mountain Mates News

Wow week 5 already, half way through term 3. Minute to Win it is proving a challenge for our children, last Tuesday the children had a go at dizzy mummy where they had to wrap themselves in a roll of toilet paper without it breaking in under a minute, we had some scary looking mummy’s.

This Thursday we will start our AASCP and for dinner this week we are having Fried Rice and Dim Sims with Apple Pie and Ice-cream for dessert.

Congratulations to last weeks rewards table winners Oscar who invited Jack and Corbin who invited Jhett.

Have a great week.

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

**BOOK CLUB**

Attached to this week’s newsletter are the catalogues for August Book Club. This month there is once again some great specials especially on the CBCA Book Week short-listed books. Check out
Rudie Nudie in Busy Bee, The Runaway Hug on Wombat, Flood on Lucky, and The Golden Door on Mission:Reading. All orders should be returned to school by next Friday, 18 August, to ensure prompt delivery.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Welcome to week 5. Once again the preps have been doing a great job with their homework tasks this term. I would like to say a big thank you to all the adults in their lives for supporting them with these tasks at home.

So far this term in the area of maths the preps have been revising their understanding of numbers and number names. We have also focussed on using positional words such as ‘up’, ‘down’, ‘under’, ‘over’, etc. We have begun some work on measuring length and will also look at comparing and measuring the mass of various objects. Preps will also begin to develop an understanding of measuring volume and time.

Later this term we will introduce the concepts of addition and sharing groups of objects equally.

Enjoy the rest of your week.
Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.
eperk17@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

This week in our daily exercise program the children will begin learning skipping skills in order to be fit and ready for the Jump Rope Challenge. Skipping will be the major focus in our fitness and skills development for the rest of the semester. I hear Mr Murphy is throwing down a challenge with regard to fundraising and I’m sure 1_2 are up for it (meanwhile Mrs Pryor is checking to see if she has a red tutu in her wardrobe!).

In Math the children are collecting Data and looking at different ways to display the data they collect i.e. picture graphs, bar graphs and column graphs (sorry Hamish we’re not doing pie graphs yet). In Literacy the children will commence drafting a biography of one of the characters they have studied in the texts we have been reading.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Hayden Harper for the Intrepica Leaderboard and Ryan Gaffney for improvement in classwork.

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.
Regards, Dan. dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

Based off the amount of positive return slips for attending the school camp we will be able to go ahead with our booking. The camp will be at Binna Burra on October 8-10, which is the first three days back after the September school holidays. The cost is looking at about $180. More information and payment notes will come out at a future date.

In class this week we are working on our public speaking competition speeches. Children are busily writing out their speeches. The year 2s need to speak for a duration of 1-2 minutes, whereas the year 3s must aim to speak for 2 minutes. This work will all be done during class time and despite some children asking they are unable to work on it at home.

Have a great week, Demeliza dath1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

We have recently been working on a speech for Science. The children will present this speech in the class on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The speech will be about a natural disaster such as Tsunamis or earthquakes. Any children who have not completed the speech in class will need to finish this on Tuesday night so they are ready for Wednesday.

We have also begun our speeches for the Beechmont Public Speaking competition. This will be held on Tuesday, August 21st. The children in the class will be bringing home their speeches and working on these for homework over the next two weeks. We will be spending a significant amount of our literacy time on these at school also. The speech is a 2 minute speech for both Year 3 and 4.

In Maths we have been working on strategies for number facts, problem-solving with operations and selecting an appropriate operation to solve a variety of word problems.

Our daily exercise will continue to be skipping; leading up to the Jump Rope for Heart “Skipathon” day. We have learned a variety of skipping steps and will now begin some of the more difficult steps.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

A new addition to our class Ed Studio is the link to the Rapid Type site where children can practice their touch typing skills by either following the lessons or by playing the typing games. Making sure that fingers are on the home keys - f and j – is very important when learning to touch type, as is the learning of how to use all fingers in the correct way. Typing will now also be part of the weekly homework activities and should be practiced for at least 5 minutes a day.

We have recently been educated on how to ‘add’ to the new Beechmont SS website. Please feel free to visit the site and look for the 5/6 page to see our
class updates. You can find images, information and notices relevant to our class, as well as many useful links.

Award winners for week were: **Jake Mobbs, Mikaela Jones, Carlia Blunt, Zoe Hoareau, Taylah Dunkerton, Emma Bennett, Amy Bennett, Mikaylah Matthews-Mullen and Connor Richards.**

Congratulations to all.

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

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**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

Last Friday, the children were informed about the ‘Capture photography competition’ run by the Gold Coast Bulletin, that children in the 6/7 class will be entering. There are 5 categories to enter,

1. Photojournalism
2. 1 Degree / Carbon Footprint
3. Local people and faces
4. Citus, Altius, Fortius
5. Play on Pictures

Children will be entering at least one of the categories but they can enter more than one category if they want to. If you don’t have a digital camera at home, then children can borrow a School camera.


Congratulations to our award winners last week, **Jodi Kapusin, Madison Godfrey, Katrina Mobbs, Natasha Burchell, Brogan Munster, Wilson Gaythwaite, Sidney Slater, Billy Connolly, Bella Innis** and **India-Rose Harper**. Well done students.

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

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**Free breast cancer screening at Beaudesert Hospital**

18 September – 28 November 2012

Phone **13 20 50** now to book your breastscreen appointment!

**Women aged 50 to 69 years strongly encouraged to attend.**

**Women 40 and over eligible for a free breastscreen.**
COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

SPIRIT BECOMES TAO
Martial Fitness Class

Martial Fitness combines the elements of Kung Fu training and current day fitness programs. Learn Kung Fu, keep fit and have fun without going through the grading system (unless interested). Martial Fitness is for those that want to explore Kung Fu as a means of Health and also for those that just enjoy the benefits of a strong capable body.

Current classes are held at Hall on Graceleigh, Beechmont. Classes are Wednesday evening from 4pm – 5pm and 5pm – 6pm. Cost is $10/person.

Qi Gung/Taoist Stretching Class

In this class we explore the benefits of Qi Gung and light stretching to increase vitality and wellbeing. The gentle breathing refreshes the body with Qi and calms the mind. Taoist stretching compliments Qi Gung as we send collected Qi throughout the body gently rotating joints and loosening muscles. Qi Gung aids in healing the body by supporting the blood system which provides nutrients to all areas of the human structure.

Meet at the Old School Site, Beechmont. Class is Saturday, begins at 8am and is about 1 hour. Cost is $10/person. Children under 14, $5/person.

For more information on any of the above classes or to book in advance contact Shen on 0488768017 or (07) 55630105. shenattiig@yahoo.com.au. http://attiigblog.wordpress.com
Beechmont Netball Club News

Injury, illness and winter holidays forced a shuffle of the teams this week, resulting in a mixed bag of results. A big, big thank you to Amy, Emma, Jorja, and Zoe who helped out and filled in where they were needed – you girls did a terrific job and showed again your versatility and just what great club members you really are. A big congratulations to Janine and Kim for being able to solve a very tricky situation and ensure that we were able to put 4 teams on the court without having to forfeit. In the end, the Saints and Bandicoots both managed wins whilst Eagles and Tigers were not so lucky. All girls played fantastically, demonstrating great sportsmanship and teamwork.

Sunday week, August 19, is the date for this year’s SCNA Club Carnival. All players on this day are required to be at the courts no later than 8 am with the carnival expected to finish around 2:30 pm. Please confirm with coaches at training this week whether or not you are available to play. The cost of the day is $10 which covers all games. The teams for the day may not be exactly the same as our Saturday teams, as SCNA organises the teams purely on age.

Greg has very kindly organised an end-of-season trip to Hervey Bay any primary school aged player interested. A number of parents have already expressed interest in their daughter/s participating in this tour, and we are certainly looking forward to this weekend away. Places on this trip are limited, so if you are interested please be sure to give your name and details to Greg to secure your seat on the bus. The trip will be held from 20-21st of October 2012, (with Monday 22nd of October luckily being a pupil free day for them all to recover ☺). Players will be billeted in pairs with families from the Hervey Bay Netball Club. This is a fantastic opportunity for our girls to travel away and experience playing against girls from other regions. We thank Greg sincerely for his efforts in making this trip a reality. Further details to follow as they become available, but please mark this weekend on your calendars.

Finally, just a reminder that payment of all outstanding club fees for the 2012 season is due now. Please ensure that you are paid up as soon as possible. Statements will be issued this week to all families with outstanding fees. If you have any concerns or queries, our Treasurer, Michael Powell, will only be too happy help.

Please check the SCNA website www.scna.org.au for game times for this week as they were unavailable at the time of printing.

SOCER NEWS

Some great soccer over the weekend with a mix of results.

The under 10’s had their Tamborine Carnival on Sunday, playing some very elite Brisbane teams. They finished the day with one loss, one draw and one win. It was a great day for the children and their supporters.

This week’s games are all home games so bring along the family and friends to support our players and enjoy a hot coffee.

Our end of season presentation is fast approaching and a date will be advised next week.

See you all on Saturday.

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