BEGINNING YEAR ASSEMBLY

I hope we are able to see all children, relatives and parents at our Beginning Year Assembly, this Friday night 10th February.

The free BBQ supplied by the P&C Association starts at 5.45pm until 6.30pm when the actual Assembly begins. There are also soft drinks only available for purchase before 6.30pm. All drink sales and food distribution stops at 6.30pm.

At 6.30pm - All classes are announced and walk into the ‘Hall on Graceleigh’ as a class group.
- All staff are introduced and have an accompanying Media display on the big screen.
- Students are to wear their School Uniform
- All new students including the Preppies are introduced and come and sit on the stage.
- The year 7 Leaders are introduced.
- Each class gives a short presentation outlining their plans for the year.
- The year 7’s tell us about the opportunities available to students this year.
- The Senior Band plays with help from last year’s band members
- Classrooms are not open – They are open on Open Night, 22nd February
- After the Assembly more food and soft drinks only are available and your child has to introduce you to their teacher. This is just a quick ‘hello’ as there are a lot of parents to be introduced.

We really hope that you can make this important evening as it is this event that sets our direction for the year.

RAW ART

Raw Art is on next Tuesday for all eligible children who have had their School fees paid. If you want your child to take part in this wonderful art activity, then $9.50 must be sent to School tomorrow before 8.45am or school fees paid.

OPEN NIGHT

Our annual Open Night will happen on Tuesday 21st February. Teachers will present a short talk about their classroom and requirements for the year covering areas like homework, nightly reading, spelling, number facts etc.

Children show you their books so you can see what they have covered so far this year. The children also are required to show you their Japanese room, Library, Eating area, Music room and Instrumental Music Room (if your child is playing an Instrument). They have a checklist to complete to make sure you get to see all areas of the School that your child gets to work in during the week.

The teacher talks are rostered at various times during the evening as we try and avoid clashes for families, but that doesn’t always happen, sorry in advance.

Please keep Tuesday 21st February free and come and let your child show you their ‘other’ home.

FOOTPATH PLANTING

Any help you can give us on Monday 20th February for our planting of the footpath would be most appreciated. We really do need a lot of hands to beautify this area of our School and also to enable the children to plant safely. Next week we will publish a timetable of approximately when each class will be planting, although we will need help all day. Please send David an email, davidmurphy@eq.edu.au if you can help out.

A caring family school...

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Parents & Citizens Association
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
All parents are welcome.

School Motto
AT ALL TIMES CONSIDER OTHERS

THE BEECHMONT EXPERIENCE...
Working together to empower our children to reach their potential in an inspiring, loving and homely environment that provides challenges and opportunities, values diversity and encourages lifelong learning.

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FEBRUARY
Wed 08 Instrumental Music 7.45am
Thu 09 Instrumental Music – bring Instruments
Fri 10 Beginning Year Assembly, BBQ 5.45pm
Mon 13 District Swimming Trials
Tue 14 Raw Art Pay School Fees or $9.50
Wed 15 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 15 P&C AGM 7.30pm in the Library
Thu 16 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
Fri 17 Parade 8.50am
Fri 17 Sport 1.30pm
Sun 19 Markets at Old School
Mon 20 Book Fair starts this week in the Library
Mon 20 Footpath planting day
Tue 21 Open Night
Tue 21 Book Fair Open Night
Wed 22 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 22 Primary School Bus Meeting at the Hall on Graceleigh at 7.30pm
Thur 23 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
Fri 24 Parade 8.50am
Fri 24 Interhouse Sport 11.30am

OOPS, WHAT HOUSE IS YOUR CHILD IN?

Very sorry, the list that the following article refers to didn’t make it into the newsletter last week. It is here today though.

The following list details the house your child is in. If you wish to purchase a sports shirt, please put $20 in an envelope with your child’s name on the front and the size you need. **Please note Adult 14, 16 or 18 sizes are $24.**

Jack Anderson  Bowerbirds
Maryam Baroudi  Whiipbirds
Rebecca Bennett  Bowerbirds
Samantha Bennett  Bowerbirds
Daisy Bowler  Lorikeets
Mikah Browning  Bowerbirds
Rylan Christiansen  Whiipbirds
Olivia Flesser  Whiipbirds
West Francis  Bowerbirds
Blake Gaardsted  Bowerbirds
Caitlin Hoey  Bowerbirds
Austin Knowles  Whiipbirds
Jasmine Lang  Kingparrot
Taija Le Faucheur  Bowerbirds
Zachary Le Faucheur  Bowerbirds
Kobi Marshall  Lorikeets
Andrew McKeller  Whiipbirds
Matilda Miller  Bowerbirds
Joel Mills  Lorikeets
Sydney Newton  Bowerbirds
Eliana-Li Tari  Bowerbirds
Tane-Arama Tari  Bowerbirds
Jhett Wadsworth  Kingparrot

P + C POST

This Friday night the P&C Association is providing a Sausage Sizzle at the Beginning Year Assembly and will also selling drinks and other snacks. Help is needed from 4.30pm onwards, so if you can spare some time on Friday night please pop in to the canteen at the Hall, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder that the P&C AGM is next Wednesday night (15th Feb) in the school library at 7pm. All executive positions become vacant and a new executive committee will be elected. You need to be a member to vote at P&C meetings so if you haven’t already filled out the blue form attached to the newsletter, please do so and return it to the school or bring it along to the meeting. This is your chance to have play a part in the decision making processes that help shape your children’s school. New members are always welcome, so come along and have your say!

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately we have had some cases of head lice already. **PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HEAD TONIGHT AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY.**

WORKING BEE

Our 2nd Working Bee for the year will be held on Saturday 25th February from 8am – 12 noon. Lunch and Drinks are provided; we just need you and your tools.

Some of the jobs we have to do are:-

- lots of weeding of lots of gardens
- trimming of some shrubs
- some painting jobs
- clear the bank of our School oval
- take a few trips to Canungra Dump to get rid of the branches we cut down as well as a lot of rubbish we have here at School.

P + C AGM

Our Parents and Citizen’s Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday Night, 7pm in the Library. We’d love to see you there.

MARKETS AT THE OLD SCHOOL

The next market is Sunday 19th February and the money raised goes towards the Library. Any help you can give to help our Library gain more resources would be greatly appreciated.
With 2012 declared the National Year of Reading, now is the perfect time to give your child a gift that will last a lifetime — a love of reading. The Queensland Department of Education and Training is supporting the National Year of Reading to help emphasise the importance of literacy skills, increasing the number of children reading books and promoting the role of libraries. Our school will take part in some of the activities which will be held throughout the year to help inspire a new generation of readers and remind all Queenslanders that it’s never too late to learn to read and — just as importantly — learn to love it. Visit the department’s National Year of Reading website at http://deta.qld.gov.au/year-of-reading for further information.

If you would like to join the Junior Choir this year we will meet this Thursday in Mrs Evans Prep room at second break. It must be noted that once your child has signed up for the choir it is part of the obligation to try to make it to the out of school performances as well as attending choir in the lunch break whenever they are at school. See you there. Regards, Tania Evans

Thanks to Sue Meadowcroft, Janine Van B and Celeste Plant who unexpectedly arrived bright and early at the Tuckshop on Wed and Friday last week offering their help. A very sincere Thank You ladies from everyone at Beechmont State School!!

Don’t put your self or child at risk by not keeping packed lunches cool!

The Australian Food Safety Information Council has released a national survey that shows on warm days 8% of workers who take a packed lunch make no attempt to keep their packed lunches cool. Of even more concern, 20% of those with children who take a packed lunch to school don’t provide their children with a frozen drink or ice brick to help keep their packed lunch cool.

Council Chairman, Dr Michael Eyles, says that this could be a major food poisoning risk as 79% of adult Australian workers say they take a packed lunch and almost all of households with children say their children have a packed lunch.

You can reduce your risk of food poisoning by simply packing a frozen juice box, water bottle or commercial ice pack with the lunch. Place perishable foods such as cheeses and sandwiches between the frozen items. Leave food refrigerated until just before you leave home.

‘Children’s lunchboxes kept inside the school bag will keep cooler longer especially if the bag is kept away from heat sources such as direct sunlight. There is no need to refrigerate school lunches if they are stored with a frozen drink.

Now that school is back again for another year here are a few tips from the Coeliac Society to help make it easier for gluten free children.

You can Download a Gluten Free Catering Guide provided by the Coeliac Society. This is the perfect resource for your School. Teachers may also like to have a copy of it if they are planning any class cooking.

Gluten is a protein found in wheat, rye, barley, oats and their derivatives.

Visit out website to Download the Gluten Free Catering Guide, see more tips and get some great recipes.

Hi everyone hope you are all having a lovely week.

The children have settled in beautifully these last few weeks and they have been very busy working on lots of different activities. Already this term we have learnt six sounds. We are following the Jolly Phonics program, which encourage learning as many sounds as possible in the first term of schooling. The following sounds are the ones we have currently been looking at, s, a, t, i, p and n. We are constantly revising these sounds as we add the new ones. It would be great if you could also follow up with these at home whenever the opportunity arises.

Last week the children began using the story box. Every child in the class will have the opportunity to bring the story box home. They are able to put a couple of interesting objects in there to share with the class the next day. This task helps to promote their oral language skills.

Every Thursday is a very busy day as the children have most of their other classes on this day. For example on this day are Music, Sport, Health and Library lessons. On Friday the Japanese classes are held in the afternoon. So if you pick your child up from class you may like to wait for them down in the Japanese block.

A reminder to that at Beechmont we are encouraging everyone to abstain from bringing
Week 3 and 1_2 are off to a flying start. They have been very good at remembering to put their communication folders in the box and your support of their first week of home readers has been excellent. Homework begins next week, it will be sent home on the Monday and be due in on the Friday.

Our teacher aide timetabling means that our literacy rotations begin at 8:45 sharp so I would appreciate your best efforts in having your children here at 8:30 each day. Obviously there are occasional happenings that can make us late but persistent late arrivals to school result in children missing out on valuable literacy lessons.

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

For our science unit we need the children to bring in an old pair of stockings. Hopefully mum may have an old pair of stockings she doesn't mind donating. Each child only needs one stocking, not the full pair, but if you can donate a full pair that will help out the other children that were unable to organise one. We are using the stockings to make seed heads. Our science unit involves students describing observable features and relationships as they classify living and non-living things.

Homework this year will be going out weekly. It will be distributed on Monday and collected on Friday. I do understand that families can be really busy and sometimes time over the weekend is needed to totally complete homework. If this is the case please indicate with a parental note. Also, please be aware that handing homework in on Monday makes it difficult to mark and redistribute on the same day, so accordingly some homework may need to be marked the following week.

Starting next week the words children receive for homework will be words deemed to be developmentally appropriate for your child. We have 3 different spelling levels in our room, therefore there will be 3 different spelling lists circulating around the room in any given week.

In class this week we are beginning literacy groups. Students have been tested on where they are developmentally with spelling and assigned a group with children at a similar level to them. In literacy groups children will rotate through 8 activities, such as computer-based literacy programs and activities, guided reading, teacher led, spelling and writing activities, word sorts and word hunts, handwriting and grammar activities, etc. The guided reading lessons are facilitated by our teacher aides Sue Barrett and Suzanna Callan.

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

The first homework was handed out last Thursday and will be due tomorrow. You will notice that the format has changed somewhat. If your child has any difficulty with any part of the homework they have been told to come and ask me as soon as possible. Good practice may be to check homework the night it is handed out to see if there are any questions at all that look puzzling. If your child is away on the day homework is handed out, it will be their responsibility to attain it as soon as they are
able. Unfortunately due to the format, only the extras grid will be available online.

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Have a great week. Katie and Joyce
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Unfortunately, the Scenic Rim mobile library visits will be postponed for a couple of weeks as the van was vandalised last week with serious damage to their books and computers.

Last Thursday nights Rewards Table kicked into gear again with 2 worthy recipients. We had Jhett for his help cleaning up (without being asked) and Mikayla for her tireless efforts in the playground.

Jhett invited his big sister, Chelsea and Mikayla invited Grace. Well done to you all.

This Thursday evenings dinner is Spaghetti Bolognese followed by jelly & custard for dessert.

Enjoy the sun while it shines and have a great week.

From the Kim and the Mountain Mates Crew.
COMMUNITY NEWS

You can help the School Band by sending your uncrushed aluminium cans into school.

Norco Milk Community Caps help our school. Please save them for us and bring them to the office.

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

Nerang Bulls RUC
Junior and Senior Grades
Glenmore Park, Pappas Way West, Cornara
Saturday 4th Feb, 10am - 2pm
www.pitchero.com/club/nerangbullsrugbyunionclub
Sonny Jube - 0413 109 926

Beechmont Children’s Music Group
is back again!
For ages 0-5
MONDAYS 10.30 am
Starting Monday, January 23rd 2012
Developing motor, movement, listening and social skills through singing, musical play and expression.
Parent / Carer participation is encouraged - no prior musical experience necessary!
All instruments and equipment provided - come join in with the fun and learning experiences!
*Group is conducted by a registered music therapist.
$5 per child
For expressions of interest, or more details contact Patricia on 55333668 or 0429190514

Complete drum kit for sale $150 one
Contact Mr L (Prep RED) jgall114@eq.edu.au
IMPORTANT LIBRARY NOTICE

1 February 2012

Dear Mobile Library Customer,

The Mobile Library is currently undergoing repairs after being damaged and will be back on the road as soon as possible.

As an interim measure we will be providing a limited service to your location. This service will provide delivery of any reservations you have ordered as well as collecting any returns you may have.

Visits will be for a reduced period on your normal timetabled day and we will be parked in our usual stopping location. Enclosed is a copy of the interim timetable for your information.

The times at your site will be

Beechmont – Graceleigh Park
Every Second Monday
10.00am – 11.30am

Monday 20 Feb, 19 March, 2, 16 & 30 April, 14 828 May 25 June 2012

You can still request reservations in person when you visit, however we would encourage you to log onto the council website www.scorim.qld.gov.au/contact/loc/trans to browse the collection and place reserves on your selections. When placing a reservation, please remember to choose your location as a pick up location (e.g. Beechmont).

We thank you for your patience during this time.

www.scorim.qld.gov.au

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SOCCER SEASON 2012
SIGN ON
First assembly
Friday 10th

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BEECHMONT NETBALL, NETBALL, NETBALL

The netball season is fast approaching and we want YOU!!!

FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY - Netball information stand at the Beginning Year Assembly. Come and find out about our Beechmont Netball Club. Sign your child up, become a Coach, Manager or Volunteer.

SATURDAY 21st FEBRUARY – Starting at 9am. Sign on Day at Graceleigh Park Tennis/Netball Courts. Free sausage sizzle for the kids and tea & coffee of the parents. Netball trial games will be played. Please bring your Netball singlets back from last season so we can see what is needed this season.

If you are unable to attend either of these events please register your interest or find out more from the Beechmont Netball Club President – Greg Slater on 55332608 or mobile 0405206076.