COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

Please, please, please, when you collect your child from School (not the walkers and riders gate) please come to the office and get them marked off the bus or walkers and riders rolls. If they are not marked off on the rolls then we do start to worry where they are and we do hold the buses up to ensure the child isn’t just being slow getting from a room or in the toilets etc.

It’s great if you tell the class teacher but coming to the office will ensure, the buses get away on time and no heart attacks occur when we think a child has gone missing. Thank you for your help.

2012 TEACHING AND LEARNING FOCUS

In our Annual Implementation Plan that we have to submit to Education Queensland, we have identified that our focus for the year is to

• Improve in Spelling and Writing outcomes
• Improve Science teaching and learning

Next week, please see Class News to see the Class Improvement targets for this term.

NAPLAN TESTS

Next week our Year 3, 5 and 7 students take part in the National NAPLAN tests. Please make sure your children have early nights and a good breakfast for next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

NAPLAN is just one measure of a child’s performance. Unfortunately the My School website and the Courier Mail website focus on a narrow assessment of a School. Our children take part in a variety of assessments that provide a big picture for you in the Semester reports.

By not just focusing on one test (NAPLAN) our teachers adjust and adapt the curriculum to suit the children and extend and encourage them.

CARNIVAL OF WORDS

Yes, we do need you on Thursday 24th May for our very special Carnival of Words. If you can volunteer to read and talk about reading to our children on this day, please contact us to register your interest. We haven’t heard back from a lot of our Dads as yet.

This is a very special day where we target our boys and dads to encourage our boys to read. But we do get Mums to read as well, so please let us know if you can volunteer on the day, so we can make this day a meaningful day for our children and hopefully ignite the reading fire in all children.

INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Our Interhouse Cross Country will be held next Friday 18th May. Just like our Swimming Carnival, we need help on this day so that the children can compete safely. We also need helpers in the tuckshop as well. We’d love to hear from you if you are free and available to help on this day.

We will be selling food and drinks during the day, there will be no normal tuckshop routine. We will be operating from the hall kitchen throughout the day. The menu has not yet been fine tuned but below is some items that will be on the menu:

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The full menu will be advertised in next week’s newsletter.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**MAY**

Wed 09 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 09 David to Coomera Rivers State School
Wed 09 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 10 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 11 Mothers Day Stall
Fri 11 Parade 8.50am
Sun 13 Mothers Day

Tue 15 NAPLAN TEST
Wed 16 **No Senior Band 7.45am**
Wed 16 NAPLAN TEST
Thu 17 NAPLAN TEST
Thu 17 David to Nerang Alliance Meeting at 2pm
Fri 18 Interhouse Cross Country
Sun 20 Beechmont Markets – Year 3/4 Class
Mon 21 David to Regional Principal’s mtg Logan
Mon 21 Spelling Bee
Tue 22 Yr 6 Science Enrichment Nerang High
Tue 22 B’mont’s National Walk safely to school day
Wed 23 David to Asbestos training

**Thu 24 Carnival of Words**
Fri 25 District Cross Country
Fri 25 P&C Day
Tue 29 10 Yr 7’s to Edu Quest at Tamborine
Tue 29 Visual Arts Enrichment Nerang High
Wed 30 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 30 Opti-MINDS 3pm to 5pm

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**WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN**

Attached to last week’s newsletter was a Woolies’ Earn and Learn sticker card. The Woolies’ Earn and Learn promotion starts tomorrow 9th May.

It doesn’t look like Coles are repeating their Sport for Schools this year, so it is just Woolies. So if you shop at Woolworths, please collect the stickers, put them on the sticker card and send them back to School.

We were able to get some valuable art materials from the Woolies’ promotion last year, so if you are a Woolies’ person, please collect the stickers for us.

**COLES SPORT FOR SCHOOLS**

Our sporting equipment arrived last week and I had forgotten how much we had earned. We received:
- 3 bags (one for each block) of sporting equipment
  - bocce set, soccer ball, football, skipping rope, cricket bat, 1 dozen tennis balls, 1 egg and spoon set, 3 throwing & catching games and a quoits set
- 1 distance measuring wheel
- 20 Fitness training hurdles
- 2 Fitness training ladders
- 60 Circuit training posts
- 2 Egg and spoon sets
- 3 leg race Velcro ties
- 10 crazy balls

Thank you so much for your support for supporting our School to obtain some really valuable sporting equipment that will not only be used by the School, but also our local sporting teams.

We are now in need of a trolley (something similar to supermarket shopping trolley) to transport the 60 fitness posts around as they are a bit heavy. If you have a shopping trolley in your back yard or something similar, we’d love to hear from you, not that I am encouraging anyone to steal a shopping trolley!

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**MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

Our Mother’s Day stall is this Friday 11th May before school and at first break. We really need many more gifts to be donated so no children (or Mums!) miss out. We’ve already received some lovely items but need your help with more. So, if you haven’t had a chance to bring anything in as yet, please place it in the box located in the office by Thursday morning so they can be wrapped in time. Some ideas include stationery, chocolates, toiletries, chocolates, small garden tools, chocolates, photo frames or even chocolates! (Or is that just my wish list?). No fragile items, please. The gifts will be priced from $3 to $10 and we also have some lovely handmade gift tags and small cards which will be 50c - $1.00. If you need more information please call Julie on 55333226.

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**P&C MEETING**

Our next P&C Meeting is tomorrow Wednesday 9th May 7pm in the Library. We will be finalising fundraising for the year, looking at School photos, School uniforms, organize a committee for the School vege garden and Carols in December.

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**COMMONWEALTH BANK COMPETITION**

Please make sure if your child does student banking that you make 5 deposits from now until 30th June and that your child writes in 25 words or less at commbank.com.au/beadollarmite about their best saving tip.

If one of our students is selected as the winner, the student receives a year movie pass and becomes the new Dollarmite character, gets $1,500 towards a class excursion and the School receives 25 iPads. Fantastic prizes so get depositing or open a School Bank account ASAP!

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**STUDENT COUNCIL**

The Student Council has begun implementing some of its plans.

This week the Student Council Weed Busters held its first meeting and recruited members. Up to twenty students joined and are keen to get started on weeding the school grounds. The weeding will take...
place each Wednesday during play time. Leading the team are Carlia Blunt and Natasha Trikilis.

Bailey Evans and Lochlan McIntyre are also working on posters in order to start up the Student Council Skipping Club.

If you have any other ideas that the Student Council could tackle, please speak with one of your representatives, Natasha Burchell, Natasha Trikilis, Bailey Evans, Caija Hogg-Wood, Emma Bennett, Lachlan McIntyre and Carlia Blunt.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

No doubt you will start to see some adverts on the television about the National Walk Safely to School Day. This is on Friday 18th May (next Friday). As this is our Cross Country Day we are moving Beechmont’s Walk Safely to school Day to Tuesday 22nd May.

Your child can participate if you sign the permission form in the newsletter giving your permission for them to get off the bus at the Old School and walk to school from the old school.

We will have a car travelling in front of the children with their hazard lights on, we will have a car at Back Creek bridge informing divers that there are a group of children walking down the road. We will also have a car at the rear of the children also with their hazard lights on. Canungra Police will also be informed. The children walking directly on the side of the road will be carrying a visible object to remind drivers to slow down.

Parents are more than welcome to join us, as the more pairs of eyes watching the children directly on the side of the road, the better.

Despite getting wet last year, it is a good activity to do as a school so children have that shared experience.

NUT FREE LUNCHBOX RECIPE

Date spread

This recipe is low GI, low sugar and high fibre. It’s a great nut free spread for lunches and snacks.

Ingredients:
- 1 cup pitted dates
- 1 cup hot water

1. Soak dates in hot water. When softened place in a blender and blend well.
2. For a chocolate flavoured spread, add ¼ cup of carob powder, ½ cup sesame butter and a few drops of vanilla essence.

Adapted from: http://amazinghealth.com/AH-Recipes-Sandwiches-Date_Spread

Welcome to week 4. This week we will be starting a science unit investigating materials such as, wood, plastic, paper, glass, metal, ceramic, etc. After investigating the properties of these materials...
the children will be creating a wind ornament during school. I would really appreciate any contributions of materials or objects you have lying around at home which may be suitable to use when making the wind ornament. Also, congratulations on the first week of written homework for the preps. I’d like to thank you all for taking time to help your child complete this task. They were all very well done! But I’d just like to remind everyone that although the homework scrapbook doesn’t need to be returned until Friday of each week, the plastic homework folder needs to come back to school every day.

Hope you all have a good week

Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.

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**YEAR 5/6 CLASS**

As mentioned previously, knowing the times tables at the click of a finger is extremely important. It has been a rare day if the times tables have not been called on when we have covered a concept in maths. It is pleasing to see that most of the class does know the majority of their multiplications to 12, however, many still struggle to recall even the simplest of the tables. I will be sending home a multiplication booklet with children in order for them to perfect their tables and be able to respond to them with lightning speed. The booklet will include a few websites that assist with multiplication practice which the children are also encouraged to visit.

In English we have been focusing on writing paragraphs and most of the class is beginning to get the hang of it. We have been using the “traffic light” model in which red represents the topic sentence, yellow represents the supporting sentences and green represents the ending sentence. This system has been supporting children in making sure they are staying on track with their thoughts and that their writing makes sense.

Award winners for week 3 were: Carlia Blunt, Mikaela Jones, Jake Mobbs, Byron Roney, Amy Clewlor, Jasper Marshall, Faigan Meadowcroft, Phoebe Burchell and Wishy Thirasantikamol.

Congratulations to you all.

Have a great week. Katie and Joyce

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**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

One of the very special things that happens spontaneously every Friday, is when a child calls out their results in Number Facts and Spelling. The class reacts with a clap & cheering when other class members have made a good improvement in their results from the previous week or obtained full marks. This is a very supportive response from the children and just so lovely to see happen each week.

Some children are getting a bit slack with recording their nightly reading. While I am fairly confident most of them are reading each night, it does need to be recorded as this forms part of their homework mark and comment in their semester reports.

For the Year 7’s, next week is an important week. If your child isn’t going to Nerang High or Benowa High, then unfortunately their NAPLAN marks do play an important role in their High School selection. Unfortunately some High Schools use the NAPLAN results to select their Year 8 students and a student with a good NAPLAN result is often given entry over other students. This is an unfortunate development in this world where the results of one test are more important than looking at the whole child.

Children have been focusing on the actual Number Facts on the sheets at the back of their homework books rather than all of the items on the sheets including the rules for finding area, perimeter etc. It is important that these are being learnt as well. The improvement in the class as a whole has been very pleasing, with children really focusing on improving on their previous weeks results. The number of children who can say each week that they have improved seems to be increasing each week. Well done to the class as a whole on the effort they have put into this vitally important area of their learning.

Award winners last week were Caija Hogg-Wood, Angelique Steele, Bailey Evans, Brogan Munster, Wilson Gaythwaite and Hopi Derrick. Congratulations!

Have a great week, warm regards,

Tanya Stanley & David Murphy
tstan15@eq.edu.au & dmurp19@eq.edu.au

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**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

Parent Name: ____________________________

Child/ren name: ____________________________

Child/ren name: ____________________________

Child/ren name: ____________________________

I give/do not give permission for my child to walk from the Old School to school on Tuesday 22nd May. I understand the safety procedures that are in place for the walk.

☐ I intend walking with the children

Parent signature: ____________________________

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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.

FIREWOOD FOR SALE
A mix of seasoned Australian Hardwoods
Trailer load or bagged
We are locals and we deliver and stack
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Large Family Home in Lower Beechmont for Rent
HUGE VIEWS and lawn maintenance included.
- 5 Bedrooms – Master with ensuite
- 2 Separate Living areas
- Huge timber decks
- Wood Fired Pizza Oven
- Double remote lock up garage
- Slow Combustion Fireplace
- Granite and Two Pac Kitchen
- Dishwasher
- Polished Timber Floors
- Claw Foot Bath with separate powder room
- Built in robes with plenty of extra cupboard storage
- Solar Hot Water
- Cellar
- Citrus and stone fruit orchard
- Friendly neighbours, Creative village community
- 15 minutes to MI
Lawn Maintenance included allows you time to enjoy this fabulous lifestyle!
Properties of this size and standard very rare on rental market – Be Quick! $575 pw
Phone Bronwyn on 0408 780 524 to arrange inspection

Beechmont Netball Club News
Wow!! Wow!! Wow!! Wow!! Not only did we finally manage to play a round of Saturday Netball under glorious sunshine, but it was a very auspicious day in the life of our club as for the first time ever we managed to bring home 4 wins from 4 games!!!
The Tigers won a hard fought game 3-1, with all girls showing great tenacity and skill. Whilst the Bandicoots win looks easy on paper that was far from the truth as it was a rough and torrid affair with 4 girls suffering injuries Despite the setbacks, the girls maintained focus and executed Kim’s master game plan to perfection and bringing home the win 12-nil. A big thanks to Ayla for stepping in and playing the last quarter ☺
The Eagles all played consistently winning 16-5 over Newbies. The Saints rounded off a fantastic weekend of games, toughing out a 12-6 win over a very physical Electrics defence. Congratulations to each and every one of our players from the weekend… we are so proud of your achievements!! Beechmont Netball is certainly becoming a force to be reckoned with!!
Parents, it is vital that the players are at the game 30 mins prior to game time. Not only does it allow time for warm-up and pre-game drills, but for signing the board, checking nails/jewellery etc. Coaches rely heavily on this time to organise positions and substitutions, and also to talk with the team about skill focus and strategy for the game. Late arrival plays havoc with this and causes unnecessary panic as to whether we can field a team or not each week. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Dance With Me
Early childhood dancing
Mummy and Me dance classes now at Beechmont!
For Mums and children aged 2 – 4 years
Just $10 per lesson – pay as you go – no term fees – no enrolment fee
Tuesdays 9am
For information, please call 55331218 or 0412992700

MobileMuster
Schools Recycling Challenge
Please bring your old mobile phones into Beechmont State School Administration foyer and place in the box provided.

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Lost World
Arts in the Olives
Mothers Day Sunday 13th May

- artisan’s stalls
- food & wine & everything olive
- full music program
- arts market
- free children’s workshop (booking recommended)
- entertainment
- arts demonstrations
- half and full day workshops from $25 (booking recommended)

Entry $ 6.00 per person – Children under 5 free
cash & cheque only. No EFTPOS available
Lost Word Valley, via Beaudesert
www.artsintheolives.com