Welcome to Term Four

Welcome to term 4, the last 10 weeks of the 2012 School year. Very soon we’ll be saying welcome to 2013! The time is flying by far too quickly. Our Year 7 students only have 10 weeks left of being Primary School students before they enter the world of High School. These next 10 weeks are exciting and emotional time for these students.

There is a lot happening this term, major events are
• Interhouse Reading Competition, 110,000 minutes to be read this year, new rules!!
• Indoor Cricket starts up
• Aus kick starting
• Bush Poetry Competition
• Brave hearts visit for Prep to Year 3
• Combined Junior and Senior Band Days
• Swimming lessons for Year 2
• Remembrance Day Service
• End of Year Concert and Awards Night
• Carols in the Mountains

Hang on to your hats, this term will zip by a lot faster than any of us expect.

Welcome New Possums

A warm welcome to our new possums, Nate Rau, Kuepper and Yolanda Pitman, we hope you gain from being part of the Beechmont experience.

Beechmont Award

Attached to today’s newsletter is a blue sheet so you can nominate someone for the Beechmont School Award. This Award, presented at our End of Year Concert and Awards Night on Friday December 7th, recognizes a contribution made to our School by an individual, organization or group of people.

This award is decided by you, the parents. Please complete the form and return to School by Thursday 25th October. This is an important award in our community to recognize a valuable contribution to our School.

Interhouse Reading Competition

Our Reading competition is back for 2012 with a couple of twists! The basic aim is that each child, reads, or is read to, for as many minutes as possible each night.
• Reading record sheets must be returned each Friday or this year, a child’s time will not be recorded for your house.
• A weekly reading prize will be given to Prep to Year 3 and Year 4 to 7. This will only be awarded if a child returns the reading sheet each Friday.
• There has been a target set this year (based on the last 3 years reading totals) of 110,000 minutes read. Reach the target or face the consequences!!

Nerang Alliance Speaking Out Competition

Best wishes to Claire Muir-Smith, Carlia Blunt, India-Rose Harper and Waimarie Brand as they compete in the Nerang Alliance Speaking Out competition next Wednesday 17th October. Good luck girls.
COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER
Tue 09 Beechmont Award Nominations open
Wed 10 Colour Day ‘Pink’ 50c
Wed 10 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 11 Junior Instrumental & strings lessons
Fri 12 Paradise 8.50am
Fri 12 1.30pm Interhouse Sport
Mon 15 Interhouse Reading Competition starts
Tue 16 Year 7 2013 Parent Information night
Wed 17 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 17 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 18 Junior Instrumental & strings lessons
Thu 18 David to Nerang Alliance Principals Meeting at 2pm
Thu 18 Year 6 Enrichment Day
Fri 19 No Parade
Fri 19 Year 6/7 to Gold Coast 6000
Fri 19 Bravehearts “Pilto Program” 10am $4
Sun 21 Junior Choir at Markets
Sun 21 Bush Poetry at Markets
Mon 22 Pupil Free Day
Mon 22 Mountain Mates operating

BEECHMONT DAY

What a fabulous day we had at Paradise Point Parklands on the last day of Term 3 for Beechmont Day. The weather was very kind to us and the children were beautifully behaved.

My thanks to the many parents who were able to stay and helped out in many ways during the day.

Sincere thanks to Janine Van B for cooking the BBQ and Cassandra Kenyon and Kim Sami for organising the distribution of the lunch to the children. Thanks also to Martin Kapusin and Kerry Pryor for being on boys and girls toilet duty that ensured our children were safe in a public place.

Congratulations to Mikalya Chipping on winning the ‘Sickest Joke on Beechmont’ competition.

Have a look at the photos on our website, Calendar & News/Photo Gallery

It is days like Beechmont Day that reinforces what a very special School we have. Thank you all for your support.

COLOUR DAY TOMORROW

Colour Day is tomorrow, Wednesday 10th October. Theme is ‘pink’. We are making this a special colour day seeing it is Breast Cancer Awareness month. We are asking all students who come in colour to bring a gold coin donation so we can make a donation to Breast Cancer awareness.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Pupil Free Day is Monday 22nd October. No school on this day. Mountain Mates will be operating. Have a look at the yellow flyer attached to today’s newsletter.

NEW TO THE WEBSITE

• Photos from Beechmont Day, Calendar and News / Photo Gallery
• Important Senior Band dates, Extra Curricular / Music / Senior and Junior Band information
• All the dates and activities for Term 4, Calendar and news / events calendar

BRAVEHEARTS VISIT FOR PREP - 3

The Bravehearts team will be visiting our Prep to Year 3 students on Friday 19th October at 10am. This program, “Ditto’s Education program” is designed to equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to avoid risky situations and give them an understanding of their rights to protect their own body.

Cost of the show is $4 and we strongly encourage all Prep to Year 3 children to attend. An envelope is attached to today’s newsletter for your $4. Parents are most welcome to attend at no cost.

For more information go to www.bravehearts.org.au/education.ews

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART SPONSORSHIP MONEY

All Jump Rope for Heart Sponsorship money must be at School by this Friday 12th October. We have to finalise our deposit with the Jump Rope people by Monday, so we need all money and sponsorship forms ASAP. Thanks for your help.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT YEAR?

Our staffing for 2013 is being decided right now. It is absolutely vital that you let us know if you are not planning to be here next year. At a school of our size, one or two children really do make a difference to our overall staffing mix, so please, if you are planning to be off the mountain or attend another school, please let us know ASAP, so we can accurately plan for 2013 so that your children can have a stable start to next year. Thank you so much for your help with this very important information.

SYDNEY / CANBERRA EXCURSION

2013, YEARS 4, 5, 6 AND 7

Every four years, as a School, we invite all the Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 students to go to Sydney and Canberra for 4 nights / 5 days. The itinerary we have worked out so far is, Sydney: Bondi Beach, Rose Bay, Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, Circular Quay, Opera
In Canberra: we'll visit Parliament House, House of Reps and Senate, Parliamentary Education Office, War Memorial, Electoral Education, High Court of Australia, Institute of Sport, National Film and Sound archive, National Library, Mint, Black Mountain Tower, National Portrait Gallery, Questacon Science Centre, Embassies and Lodge tour, Mount Ainslie Lookout.

This is a jam packed week for the children (and the adults), but they get to see so much of our National Capital and Sydney, it is a memorable trip to say the least.

We do need a minimum of 30 students to make the camp viable. The initial costs we have are $602.80. This covers all flights, transport, meals, entry costs to various attractions and accommodation. This cost will go down if we get the 30 students and take into account the rebate we will receive from the Federal Government, but we can’t factor these in until we have fairly definite student numbers. We are planning to go in Term 3 2013.

I do need to know as soon as possible if you are interested in your child taking part in this excursion. The sooner we book, the cheaper the flights are and the longer you have to pay the trip off, as well as possibly doing some fundraising next year.

Please contact David at dmurp19@eq.edu.au or 55 459 100 as soon as possible to register your interest.

SWIMMING LESSONS YEAR 2

At the time of writing this newsletter, I am still waiting for information from the Manager of Scenic Rim Pools in relation to our Year 2 swimming program.

Last year the cost of bus hire, swimming coach hire, pool entry was $60 with the School subsidy. So if you work on this amount, we should be pretty close to this figure I would imagine.

Details will come home as soon as we have them.

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform Shop, which is the first door on the right as you enter the undercover area, will be open every Friday from 8.15am – 8.45am.

THANK YOU

Thank You Cassandra and Michael Kenyon for the dishwasher in the Tuckshop. Your donation is most appreciated. ☺ ☺ ☺

GOOD LUCK DESI

Our best wishes go with Desi Johnson as she competes in the State Athletics Championships next weekend. Good luck Desi.
Welcome back! I hope all the children had a refreshing holiday. They were certainly full of fun yesterday. Our Year 2’s are away on camp this week but it is full steam ahead for the Year 1’s. Readers resumed on Monday and homework will be sent out on Thursday.

In Literacy we are commencing a unit on poetry and are having great fun substituting the rhyming words to come up with a new take on an old rhyme. In Math the Year 1’s are sequencing and arranging numbers on number lines. In Science, we are investigating movement, sound and light. As always, in Science, students will be learning an inquiry approach in the way that scientists work. They will learn to pose questions, experiment and collect data. At the end of the unit, the class will create a ‘toy fair’. The children will explore movement, light and sound in toys. This will result in each child creating a toy in class in the ‘toy factory’ and presenting their toys at the toy fair.

In History students will begin examining how some aspects of daily life have changed over recent time while others have remained the same. Year 1 will study the differences in family structures and roles today, and how these have changed or remained the same over time. Year 2 will study the impact of changing technology on people’s lives (at home and in the ways they worked, travelled, communicated, and played in the past).

Congratulations to Mikaela Chipping for winning the ‘Beechmont’s Sickest Joke’ Competition on Beechmont Day. She delivered her joke with great panache!

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

Welcome back! I hope all the children had a relaxing holiday and are ready for another busy term.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, homework for this term will be changing. Although the digital homework was initially embraced by students, as the term progressed, more and more children began reverting back to the manual style of homework through the request of their parents. For this reason we will be changing back to the manual style of homework. I have collated a homework booklet for each child. The booklet contains all of their spelling words and spelling activities for the term, all of the maths activities, a reading log, a chores log and some strategies on how to practice spelling words, number facts and some suggestions on chores that could be performed. This booklet is free of charge, however, if it is lost or damaged to the extent that it can no longer be used, a replacement will cost $5. The homework booklet will be due every Friday. As well as the booklet, children will have assignments to complete. These will be set over a three week period in order to be completed and there will be no extensions given to complete the tasks. Instead, children will have to complete them at school during their own time.

As part of our goals for the term, we will be continuing to improve our fitness, maintain and improve cursive handwriting for all tasks as well as work hard on increasing our vocabulary.

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

Welcome back & welcome to Term 4. This is a very busy term for all of us, students & staff alike. Children will be busy developing their End of Year Concert & Awards Night dance during the next 9 weeks, so they can present a polished dance on the 7th December.

Next Friday, 19th October, our class will be attending the special student day at the Gold Coast 600. There is no cost at all for the children. I have not as yet received final details of the transport, but last year, we caught the train from Nerang to Helensvale & then caught the free bus to the track.

In the past few years that we have taken advantage of this free day, I can say without any hesitation, that all children have really enjoyed the day. We do spend some time watching the cars zip around the track & also try to see some of the stunt vehicles on track. We also spend time in the family area, where there are heaps of displays, free giveaways, activities and displays.

The day can be totally free for families as transport is free, entry is free and if you pack lunch & drinks, the day is totally free. If you wish, children can bring money to buy food & drinks.

Children will need to be transported to Nerang rail station in the morning & collected from Nerang rail station in the afternoon.

Please read the note that will come home this week as soon as we have transport details from the V8 Super Car organisation. I have been to their website, but they do not have any info about the Students on Track Day on the site.

End of Year Concert & Awards Night costume. Hopefully your children showed you the costume list that they had written in their diaries prior to the holidays. This was done so you could do some Op Shop buying if children didn’t have the required costume. The children are dancing to the original ‘Men in Black’ movie song. So they need white long sleeve business shirt, black business pants (not jeans), optional black suit jacket, plain black sunglasses, black shoes & socks. Black ties will be supplied. Please do buy anything new, as this is just a one off costume for the EOYC & Awards night.

Have a great week, warm regards,
Tanya Stanley & David Murphy
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COMMUNITY NEWS

ART AND CRAFT MARKET

Nerang State High School P&C Association is holding an Art and Craft Market on Saturday November 24th from 8am-12 noon. If you are talented at craft and have some items for sale or you have a direct selling business to promote we would like to hear from you.

The cost is $20 a table plus a raffle prize donation. The event will be very widely advertised in local newsletters, local papers, community radio, flyers and notice boards. Refreshments will be available.

Please contact pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au or Tracey Spiers on 0412267263 if you wish to book a table or for further information.

CRICKET NEWS

Firstly I would like to thank Richard & Waimarie Brand, Peter Trulson, Patrick Stapleton and Sunisa and Whisky T for helping out at our Bunning’s BBQ. We raised $700 that will assist us in getting our Club up and running.

Our first game on Saturday 22nd September was very exciting. Thanks to Patrick Stapleton it can be viewed online by going into you tube then Patrick Stapleton Beechmont in 2 cricket. We will be continuing playing every Saturday morning at the Hall on Graceleigh starting at 9am for the rest of this term then the first term of 2013.

Remember all players who registered at the start are still eligible to play. We encourage any one else who would like to play to come along and join in the fun to do so. We cater for all ages from 5 to 14 registration costs are $65 which entitles you to a kit comprising a bag, shirt, hat, bat, ball and drink bottle. For any further information please contact Greg on 55332608 after school.

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.

NAB AFL AUSSIE RULES

Beechmont State School NAB AFL Auskick Centre

Sign on and 1st Session:
3:10 – 4:10pm – Monday 29th October
Venue: Beechmont School Oval, Beechmont Road
Cost: $60

For more information contact: Kiara Daley on 0424 136 494
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

Participants receive a benefit which includes, Hat, Water Bottle, Football, Back pack and much more.

TO REGISTER:

OPTION A – PREFERRED OPTION - Three Easy Steps:
1. Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au
2. Print submitted registration form
3. Bring receipt or payment and online registration form along to first session.

OPTION B – Complete a handwritten registration form and give along with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session.