I would like to thank all parents for your support during this year. We (the School) certainly try our hardest to do the best for every child every day. Sometimes we don’t succeed for a variety of reasons, but boy we do try!

As you all know, I will be on leave next year. This has been the hardest decision of my life. I cannot imagine not being here with these children next year. I know I have made the decision for the right reason, but I am finding dealing with this decision extremely difficult.

I have had one meeting with Crichton Roberts (the Principal next year) and am very confident that he will continue the family values that we are known for, but of course he will bring his own flavour to our School. Crichton is from a small School (Ingleside State School in the Tallebudgera Valley) so he understands the complexities of a small School which is really important for a new Principal to know.

I know I will find it personally extremely difficult not being here next year, but I wish all students a fabulous year and sincerely ask for you to support Crichton and the staff as they make their way through the year.

Beechmont State School is an incredibly special place and I know you will support Crichton and the staff during this change period.

To our Year 7 students, our very best wishes go with you as you venture into the world of High School. You have been a wonderful group of Year 7 leaders and we hope your High School years are the best years of your life. Thank you for the positive impact you have made on Beechmont School.

My sincere thanks to all the staff for the amazing effort you put into your jobs that have an impact on our children. We are lucky to have such a dedicated caring staff at Beechmont and I thank them for the brilliant job they do.

My sincere thanks also go to our P&C Association. This group of people work very hard to raise money so that it can be spent on the children. The P&C volunteer many many hours for our children. Thank you P&C, you are remarkable selfless people.

To our families who are leaving us, we wish you all the best in your new locations. We really hope your children have gained from being part of the ‘Beechmont Experience’.

To all our volunteers at School and events, thank you for contributing to the P&C events that simply provide resources for our children to keep them in the same ball park as students from bigger schools. Thank you!

My very, very best wishes to everyone for a successful 2013.

Reports were sent home yesterday, Monday 10 December. Please read the information page of the report so you fully understand the codes used in the reports.

For students in Year 4 to 7, a ‘C’ means your child is achieving at the standard required for that particular year level.

For students in Prep to Year 3, a ‘Sound’ means the child is achieving at an average level for their year level.

For all students the effort and behaviour rating for all students use the A-E rating with ‘A’ indicating ‘Excellent’ and ‘E’ indicating ‘Unacceptable’.

Teachers work very hard to ensure these reports are an accurate assessment of your child’s progress and are based on the work and effort your child has displayed this Semester.

A caring family school...
COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER
Wed 12 Year 7 to Wet ‘n’ Wild
Wed 12 Volunteers needed to help clean tuckshop
Thu 13 Class Parties and activities
Thu 13 Volunteers needed to help clean tuckshop
Fri 14 Clean Up Day
Fri 14 Children who come to School need gloves and old clothes to work all day
Sat 15 Carols on the Mountain & Markets 3pm
Sun 16 Markets @Old School
Mon 17 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Tue 18 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Wed 19 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Thu 20 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Fri 21 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741

JANUARY
Mon 07 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Tue 08 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Wed 09 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Thu 10 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Fri 11 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Mon 14 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Tue 15 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Wed 16 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Thu 17 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Fri 18 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Sat 19 Book and Uniform Selling Day 9-12noon
Sun 20 Carols on the Mountain & Markets 3pm
Mon 21 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Tue 22 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Wed 23 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Thu 24 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Fri 25 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741
Mon 28 Australia Day Public Holiday
Tue 29 Yahoo!! School’s Back!! ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

CAROLS IN THE MOUNTAIN

This year’s event on Saturday 15th December is shaping up to be even bigger and better than last year. What better way to kick off the School holidays with lots of fantastic entertainment, festive food, drinks, a beautiful lantern parade and of course our wonderful fireworks to complete the evening (weather permitting). The afternoon will begin with markets from 3:00pm followed by the Carols at 6:30pm. We still need lots of volunteers to make the event a smooth success so please call Julie on 5533 3226 if you are able to help. Thank you to all those who have already said they are able to help - it’s really appreciated.

We have sent home raffle tickets which will be drawn at the Carols. There are fabulous prizes on offer including a $200 shopping voucher which will certainly come in handy for Christmas - so please sell as many tickets as you can to raise funds for our school. Money and tickets need to be returned to school by Wednesday 12th December.

Looking forward to seeing you all - don’t forget to bring your picnic blanket, chairs and best singing voices!

UNIFORM AND BOOK SELLING DAY

Our annual Uniform and Book Selling Days are on Thursday 17th January and Friday 18th January from 9am to 12 noon. Help is required on these two days. Can you spare a few hours on one or both of these days? Please contact the School 5545 9100 if you can help or email admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au. Six people each day really helps to share the workload, please consider volunteering a couple of hours.

BACK TO SCHOOL COSTS

In the Community News section of this newsletter, there are two ads about saving money and getting money from the Benevolent Society. The opportunity certainly looks positive and may help with costs at the beginning of 2013 and back to School.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.

By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

EOY CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

What a fantastic night we had last Friday Night. The children were absolutely wonderful performing their class dances, band, choirs and strings.

I cannot adequately express my sincere thanks for your comments, actions, thoughts & gift on Friday night. I am not sure how I am going to cope not being with these wonderful children next year, but your positive reaction gives me a lot of strength to face the year ahead. To say I was overwhelmed would be an understatement. Thank you so very much for your amazing generosity & support, you really are amazing people. Thank you.

BOOK + UNIFORM SELLING DAY

Our Book & Uniform selling days are on Thursday 17th & Friday 18th January. We really do need help on these two day to distribute the books and uniforms to students & parents. If you are able to help us on these two days, please contact the Office on 5545 9100 if you are able to help on these two days.
Please consider volunteering on one or both of these days so that we can provide a positive service to all families.

2013 STAFFING

Not all of our staffing has been finalised for next year, but I can tell you of one change. Cameron Hart has been transferred to Tamborine Mountain High School. We wish Cameron all the best in his new location. At this stage no replacement has been appointed.

BREAK UP DAY + CLEAN UP DAY

The last two days of the year are called Break Up Day and Clean Up Day. Details of these two days are as follows:

BREAD UP DAY – This day, Thursday 13th December is the last day of the year for most students. On this day each class has a class party where children bring food / drink to share and each class has a party for the day.

CLEAN UP DAY – Friday 14th December. If students come on this day, they must be prepared to work for the day. They should come to School in older clothes and have gloves as much cleaning will take place on this day. This is not a play day but a work day as our cleaners are not given time over the holidays to do all the tasks require to have classrooms ready for the 2013 School year, so we use this day to have everything ready for the new year. Children must if they come to School on this day be prepared to work for the entire day.

NERANG HIGH PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Year 9 Gold    Bethany Boland
Year 9 Silver  Monique Cook
Year 9 Bronze  Ryley Sami

Congratulations! Well Done! ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺

HELPERS NEEDED

On the last week of the School year the Tuckshop gets a clean from top to bottom. This will happen on Wed 5th and Thu 6th Dec.

We really do need some helpers for the task to be achievable. If you have some time to spare this Wednesday or Thursday to help with the clean then we would love to see you there.

Welcome to Mountain Mates News.
Welcome to week 10.

Attached to last week’s newsletter was our Christmas Vacation Care Program, please ensure that a completed booking form is returned to Mountain Mates by Thursday 13th so we can cater for everyone with all our planned art and cooking activities.

For dinner this week we are having pizza and garlic bread and for dessert a smorgasbord of treats.

The Mountain Mates Staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a great 2013 and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Have a great holiday.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Thank you all for a fantastic year. The children have grown and developed in so many areas and it has been wonderful to be part of their journey this year. Your efforts at home to support their development with homework and reading have been much appreciated. Well done 1_2 on an absolutely fabulous year.

Wishing you all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Kerry Pryor kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

It is hard to believe we are in the last week of the 2012 school year. Congratulations to the children for their effort and performance at the End of Year Concert. Well done. Thank you to parents for your work on the costumes. The children looked great.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will be having our class break-up party on Thursday. Each child is bringing a food or drink item to contribute to the party. Don’t bring too much as we always have a lot left over.

Our Silly Santa activity will also take place on Thursday. Each child who wishes to participate will need to bring a wrapped but not named present to the value of $5.00. We will then play a game with the presents and each child who participates will receive a present at the end. This is not a compulsory activity.
In the last session on Thursday the children have chosen to watch the movie Get Smart. This is a PG movie. Please let me know if you would prefer that your child does not watch this movie and we can organise an alternative activity.

Have a wonderful holiday with your children and I look forward to seeing you in 2013 to start the new year.

Regards, Dan Albright dalbr1@eq.edu.au

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YEAR 5/6 CLASS

I can’t believe it is the end of the 2012 school year. It has been a really busy and productive year, as well as a challenging one, with the new C2C curriculum.

Some things that could be continued over the holidays are reading and practicing times tables. Even by the end of this year, some children still didn’t know their tables properly and it really lets them down.

Our break up party will be on this Thursday. Your child should have given you a note whether they needed to bring in something sweet or savoury for the day. I suggest only a light lunch will be needed for the day seeing as there is usually plenty to eat. We will also be playing Silly Santa – similar to Secret Santa – during the party. For Silly Santa, a gift valued around $5 needs to be discreetly brought in. It should not have a name on it and it should be wrapped in a manner that does not give the contents away. If your child does not bring a gift in, they will unfortunately not be participating in the game.

Friday will be a day of cleaning. Please ensure your child wears clothes they can get wet and dirty.

Apologies for the incorrect information regarding homework in the last newsletter. I decided to give the children an early present and therefore, homework finished a little earlier than planned.

We hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Regards

Katie Mann and Joyce Boura
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YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Thank you parents for what has been a fabulous year with your children. The class has been exceptional, showing in most cases a great deal of maturity and diligence towards their work. They have been just a lovely group of people to work with & we wish them well in their future years of education.

A note has been sent home today about our party day on Thursday. Each child has been asked to bring something sweet or savoury. Drinks will be supplied for the children.

Year 6 children will be putting the classroom back together on Wednesday (tomorrow) after Graduation, as the Year 7’s are at Wet ‘n’ Wild. They will be working with Janita to ensure the two rooms are ready for 2013.

Please remember Year 6, if you are coming on Friday, then you must be prepared to clean & work all day. Please bring gloves and wear old clothing.

Hopefully, yesterday the Year 7’s brought home the note about Wet ‘n’ Wild as well as Graduation. All families are asked to bring something to share for supper following the Graduation ceremony. Graduation starts at 7pm and we ask for all students to be here by 6.45pm so we can start on time.

Year 7 students can bring a shirt on Thursday for classmates to sign. These shirts cannot be worn, but must be brought as a separate item. This is certainly a lovely activity for the children to write a message to their classmates on a shirt, and these become a special item for the children.

A note has also been sent home giving details about the Year 7 party at the Sami’s place on Friday 14th December. Children are asked to bring some food and drink to share. The day runs from 9am to 3pm, bring towel & togs. It is a lovely way for the Year 7’s to spend their final day as a group in a fun environment.

Thank you for a fantastic year, we both feel very privileged to have taught your children this year. Our very best wishes go with the Year 7’s for their High School years and to the Year 6’s we hope you enjoy your final year of Primary school and are outstanding Year 7 leaders in 2013. Our best wishes go with all members of our class for 2013 and the future years. Best wishes children.

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

CATHOLIC MASS
Christmas Day
St John’s Church
Windabout Road, Beechmont
Carols 10.30am
Mass 11am
Everyone welcome
For more details phone John
Ritchie 55 333 575

The St Brigid’s Sacramental Program for next year is run by the Parish with the support of parents. Children will attend workshops, after Mass on Sundays, for 1 hour. During these workshops the relevant topic will be discussed and the follow-up activity will be given. Morning Tea will be provided at the commencement of the workshops.

The program commences on 10th February 2013 and there will be a parent information meeting on 4th February at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.

The program finishes with the celebration of the Sacraments –
Reconciliation – 17th March 2013
Confirmation – 12th September at 7:00pm by Bishop Joseph Oudeman
Eucharist – 15th September at 8.30am – part of regular Sunday celebration.

Further information is available on our Web Page:
www.stbrigidsparishnerang.org.au

Beechmont Tae Kwon Do will be taking a break over Christmas.
Our last training sessions for 2012 will be Thursday 13 December at 6PM. We will return in 2013 on Monday 7 January.

Merry Christmas!

CHEAH ADVANCED TAEKWONDO
Phone: Ask at or Met on 07 5533 3252 or search Cheah tae kwon do on facebook.com

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Looking for something to do this New Years Eve?  
Look no further, and come along to the

60’s & 70’s New Years Eve Disco

About the night:
Come along to The Hall on Graceleigh for a fun night of dancing at the 60’s & 70’s disco. Dress in your favourite 60’s & 70’s outfits. Families welcome and you can camp on the oval. (No fires please.)

Start Date/Time:
New Years Eve (31st December 2012) - 4:00pm til very late

Cost:
$10 per family of $5 for an individual (to cover hall hire)

Food/Beverage:
BYO Food & drinks – BBQ will be available to use.

RSVP or more information - Tony & Renae Knowles 55333774 or Kjm Sami 55333413