EVERY DAY COUNTS

Your child’s attendance at School is vitally important for their progress. Unless children are sick, they should be at school. With our transition to the National Curriculum, daily attendance is absolutely paramount as some aspects of the curriculum may be only covered on one day. This one day may not seem to be much but the work covered on this day may have links to other work later on.

As a child, I was quite sick in Year 4 and totally missed the work on division. It wasn’t until Year 9 that I was able to understand what division was all about. For non-medical reasons, don’t let your child miss out on vital aspects of their education.

Yes, I do realise and fully support, that at times children may need an R&R day. All I am asking is that R&R days or days off for birthdays, wet weather get kept to an absolute minimum.

I also understand the importance of family and so when Grandparents visit from interstate or overseas, this is an absolutely vital time for children to connect with their grandparents and I support this.

The Education Department’s campaign ‘Every Day Counts’ is based on being at School every day and not being absent for invalid reasons like, wet weather, birthdays, forgot to do homework and don’t want to get in trouble, assignment due and I haven’t finished. So please, ensure your child is at School every day unless there is a compelling reason.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival is this Thursday 15th March at the Nerang Pool. Admission is $3.40 for children and $4.70 for adults. Please ensure your child has lunch or money to buy from the pool canteen. Children should have the $3.40 to pay at the gate, we do not pay as a school, this is an individual payment at the gate.

We are still missing some pink forms advising us of your child’s swimming ability and transport to Nerang pool. These must be here tomorrow or your child will miss out on this wonderful opportunity.

TERM 1 REPORTS

Please be aware that the Term 1 reports that will be sent home on Friday 23rd March are really based on only 5 weeks work. We had a staggered start to the year due to the rain and teachers need to start these reports last week due to the time it takes to complete them. So it isn’t a 10 week report, it is really based on 5 weeks worth of work.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our Easter Hat (or Bonnet in the ‘old’ language) will happen on Friday 30th March. There will be lots of prizes available, so get started on making your Easter Hats so that you can take away the prizes! As long as your Easter Hat has the Easter theme it is in with a chance.

WORKING BEE

Our Working Bee, Sunday 18th March 8am – 12 noon. We really do need a lot of help on this day. Please make an effort to come along on Sunday 18th March and help us to develop our School grounds.

Please, we need your help. Sunday 18th March will help us gain control of our School grounds.

A caring family school...
THANKYOU

MISSING HATS

COMING EVENTS

MARCH
Wed 14 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 14 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 15 Swimming Carnival Nerang Pool
Fri 16 Parade 8.50am
Fri 16 GLOW DISCO 6.30 – 8.30pm
Sun 18 Markets at Old School - Year 5/6 BBQ
Sun 18 School Working Bee
Tue 20 Year 6 Enrichment Day Nerang High
Wed 21 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 22 Combined Band Day @ Beechmont
Concert at 1.45pm – Graceleigh Hall
Thu 22 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Thu 22 3/4 to Metricon Stadium
Fri 23 Parade 8.50am
Fri 23 Term 1 Reports issued
Sat 24 State Election – you can vote in Hall
Wed 28 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 29 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 30 Easter Hat Parade

That’s right; yes you did see David yesterday! The planned meeting on Sunday and Monday with the other Principals in the Nerang area had to be postponed until 29th and 30th April.

P+C MEETING

Our next P+C Meeting is tomorrow night 7pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome to attend and especially if someone would like to volunteer to be Treasurer. MYOB experience would be very handy.

WELCOME

A warm Beechmont welcome to Sophie Gistitin we hope you have a wonderful time at Beechmont School.

SCHOOL ‘GLOW DISCO’

We still need lots of help for the disco to go ahead this Friday night. At this stage it does look like we might have to cancel this disco. Please complete the help form and return tomorrow so we can make decisions as to whether the disco can go ahead.

We need approximately 20 people to go ahead with this activity for it to be safe for our children. Children are not allowed to leave the Hall without an adult and they will be stopped at 8.30pm if they are not with an adult.

We are also looking for a Disco Co-ordinator. We have 3 discos a year so it is not a huge commitment, but we do need a co-ordinator to organize decorating, prizes plus the lollies and drinks sold on the night.

THANKYOU

Sincere thanks Nicole, Martin, Jodi & Chloe Kapusin for all of your grounds work on the weekend. Most appreciated!

NUT FREE RECIPES

NUT FREE CHOCOLATE SPREAD V 1
120gms bittersweet chocolate
1 cup raw unsalted sunflower seeds
1 – 2 tsp vegetable oil
¼ cup icing sugar

Add the sunflower seeds to the bowl of a food processor. Pulse until it becomes a fine, almost powdery, consistency. Add 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil, and process until it forms a smooth paste. You may need to add the additional teaspoon, depending on the sharpness of your food processor blades.

Pour in the melted chocolate, and pulse until smooth and well-mixed. Add the icing sugar and process until it forms a smooth, spreadable consistency, scraping down the sides as needed to make sure it is well mixed. Store in a tightly sealed glass jar and use as desired.

NUT FREE CHOCOLATE SPREAD V 2
2/3 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup cocoa powder
2/3 cup milk (any kind-substitute non-dairy if you need to)
1 tsp vanilla extract
1/2 cup sunflower seed spread

In a medium saucepan, stir the sugar and cocoa powder until blended. Gradually stir in the milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly, then lower heat and simmer for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool for at least 5 minutes. Add the vanilla and sunflower seed spread, stirring until smooth. Let cool thoroughly before using.

Store this in the refrigerator. It will keep for about a week.


MISSING HATS

We have had a case of two hats that have gone missing off the bag racks outside the NSW Block (Year 5/6 & 6/7). One was light blue with white lines & the other was green with a black brim.

If these hats have made their way to your house, could you please return them? Both hats were named
**PREP NEWS**

Hope you are having a great week. This week we are looking at 2 new sounds, f and b.

Last week the children made and wrote postcards to Mr Murphy which we will send to him soon. The little homework booklet that came home last week is for the children to practise learnt sounds and some sight words. They can keep this to continue practising these throughout the term. Today will come home a new sheet for them to have a go at practising.

Last week a booklet came home about Pets. This is not due in immediately and when it is completed the children can bring it in to share it with the class. They can take photos of their pets and you can either write what they want to say for them or they can have a go at copying writing. They are to talk us how they care for their pet and what their pet needs to stay alive and be healthy and happy.

Hope you all have a good week

Warm regards,
Tania Evans. tevan27@eq.edu.au

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**DISCO HELP FORM**
(Return by Wednesday 14th March)

Parent / Guardian Name: ______________________________________

I am willing to help in □ Front Door
□ One of the 4 internal doors
□ Toilet Checker
□ Canteen
□ Clean Up after 8.30pm

From these times: □ 6.00pm – 7.00pm
□ 7.00pm – 8.30pm
□ ____________other times

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**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

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**Beechmont State School P&C Assn.**

Outside School Hours Care Service

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**Hi Everyone & welcome to Mountain Mates!!**

We are nearing the end of Term 1 and we have had a great bunch of children attending Mountain Mates. The Vacation Care Program is attached to this week’s newsletter full of fun and entertainment over the Easter break for everyone. We will be open from Monday 2nd April until and including Thursday 5th April and then open after Easter on Tuesday 10th April until and including Friday 13th April. Please book in early to avoid missing out!!

Last week we had another couple of Zumba champions after their Thursday Zumba session with Diana and they were Jack & Ruby. Jack invited Mikayla & Ruby. Congratulations.

Our Thursday evening menu this week is Sticky Chicken wings with special fried rice and Chocolate Cakes for dessert. Remember to book in early for Thursday evenings so we can cater accordingly.

Have a super week!

*From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare & Celeste, your Mountain Mates crew.*

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**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

Wow! The children achieved some fast times in their spelling sorts for homework last week and we also had some very interesting current affairs reports. Well done on the homework. Our assessments continue in English this week and in Maths we return to number study with the Year 1’s representing, ordering and partitioning numbers to 50, and the Year 2’s doing similar but to 999. In History we have looked at the concept of belonging and the many community groups that provide opportunities for us to be part of a group of people who enjoy similar activities and goals. Unfortunately there were no awards presented last week due to the special Leadership Assembly. Don’t forget we have the Swimming Carnival on Thursday and the Glow Disco on Friday…it should be a fun week.

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

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**YEAR 3/4 CLASS**

The children have now completed their writing task of writing a new chapter for the book The Twits. Each child will now have a conference with the teacher to discuss how this piece of writing could be improved and achieve a higher standard. We have
also spent considerable time discussing the reading comprehension task in order to work out how to interpret the questions more effectively and how to approach multiple-choice questions.

In Maths we are revising some of our number work in order to strengthen those areas the children had difficulty with. Practise of number facts should continue at home as this is an important skill. We have discussed Number Families such as 4+5=9, 5+4=9, 9−5=4 and 9−4=5. Learning these turn-arounds helps children remember their number facts.

In History we have continued investigating the explorer Christopher Columbus. We will be carrying out computer research on Columbus in the next few days to find out more information on his journeys. Part of our research will include looking at the impacts that explorers such as Columbus had on the native populations in the lands “discovered”.

Have a good week.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Each week the class participates in circuit training as part of the mandatory physical exercise requirements. Last week the children had their first fitness test where they all recorded how many repetitions they could perform in 30 seconds. The exercises consisted of sit ups, push ups, skipping, lunges, squats, dips and star jumps. It will be interesting to see how much their fitness levels will increase over the coming months.

The ‘create a creature’ science project is due this Friday. This item is part of the science assessment and children need to make sure it is completed and handed in on time. Points will be deducted for lateness.

Award winners for week 7 were: Connor Richards, Bonnie Shearman, Tane Brand, Jake Mobbs, Taija Le Faucheur and Sage Pearce. Congratulations to you all.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

You may have seen the announcement in the main part of the newsletter about the missing hats. These hats do belong to a member of our class & I ask you to please see if they have been accidentally taken home & have them returned as they were not cheap hats.

Also head lice have appeared in our classroom. As a result, all girls must have their tied back in to a ponytail, plaits or pig tails to try & stop the spread of these horrible creatures.

As a matter of urgency, please check your child’s head tonight & treat if you find anything. If you don’t feel confident then send me an email & I can check your child’s head for you.

Number Facts still remain an issue with a significant number of children in the class. It is very obvious which children are putting in the effort each week, as it can be seen by just looking at the number facts sheets glued into their homework books. In a disturbing number of cases these sheets have obviously never been opened.

Your child might say, if you talk to them about this, that they did well during last Friday’s test. A lot of them did do well, but it was a slower test & only very basic subtraction questions. All children need to be learning these every night. Please ask your child to show you their sheets.

The children’s Science Power Point is due on Friday 23rd March. Children have been issued with a full criteria sheet along with a rubric that clearly shows how they can obtain full marks for this activity. If you haven’t seen this sheet, please ask your child to bring it home to show you.

Advance notice for all Parents. We will be taking the class to Brisbane on Monday 23rd April for the Annual Student ANZAC Day service. There is absolutely no cost to this day as train travel is free for school students. We have to be at Nerang Rail station at 8.05am and we get back into Nerang at 4.04pm. Children obviously need full school uniform, including school hat and black shoes. When the service is over, we do other activities in Brisbane to take advantage of the free train travel.

This is a really good day, and a meaningful one being prior to our community’s ANZAC Day service.

We did not have Award winners last week due to the Leaders Presentation Ceremony. There will be awards this Friday on Parade.

Have a great week.

Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Abroad Education is an Australian 'Not for Profit' organisation. With increasing demands on working parents, an au pair may relieve some of the stress in balancing work and home. Abroad Education has international au pairs waiting to join Australian families. Together we can make the dreams of a young international person come true. I invite you to visit our website, www.abroadeducation.com.au

SOCCER NEWS

Training today on the oval. We will still be training if it is wet, under cover.

The season draw will be available within the next week and you will be advised as soon as Gold Coast Soccer have it completed. First game is 24th March.

Second hand boots are available at training and all uniforms will be given to the children today.

Rich and Anita 55331227
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