HEAD LICE

While some parents have checked their child’s head, we still have cases of head lice throughout the School. Please, please, please check your child’s head tonight. If you are unsure how to check your child’s head, try youtube http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4C3rNwWhdvs&feature=related http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=evxFuk2gL8w&feature=related Please check so we can get rid of these creatures from our School.

INTERHOUSE READING COMPETITION

All reading record sheets must be brought to School by this Friday 16th November so points can be tallied and preparations made for the big announcement at our End of Year Concert and Awards Night.

Please remind your child to hand in their form as we don’t want any house disadvantaged.

RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

All Library books must be returned by this Thursday 15th NOVEMBER. Please help your child search their room so you don’t get a bill for a missing book!

END OF YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

Don’t forget our very important night, the End of Year Concert and Awards Night on Friday 7th December. Some details you need to know are;
• Starts 6.15pm finishes not long after 8.30pm
• Each class presents a dance, every child is involved in the dance
• Each class has awards, two outstanding students, school motto award and reading competition award
• After the Year 6/7 dance and awards, we present some whole school awards. Every child is eligible for these awards. Please don’t assume you child won’t receive an award. Everyone is eligible.
• The raffle is drawn at the end of the night.
• The Band plays
• Our Choirs sings
• Our special awards are presented

Please make every effort to stay for the entire night as all children are eligible for the whole school awards in the 2nd half of the night.

FORMAL DISCO

Don’t forget, our final disco for the year is Friday 23rd November. We need lots of help on the night, please, so our children can have a safe, fun activity.

We need adults on all of the inside doors so children stay inside the Hall during the night. We need people on the door collecting money, people working in the canteen and people to check the toilets during the night to make sure the toilets are being used appropriately.

Please complete the volunteer form that is part of today’s newsletter. Thank you in advance.
COMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Wed 14  P&C Meeting 7pm
Wed 14  Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 15  Junior Instrumental and strings lessons
Thu 15  David to Nerang Alliance Meeting 2pm
Thu 15  All Library books to be returned
Fri 16  Volunteer Parade and Morning Tea
Fri 16  Swimming Year 2
Fri 16  Interhouse Sport 2 sessions
Sun 18  Senior Band at Markets
Sun 18  Year 7 Graduation Markets
Tue 20  Prep Orientation Day
Wed 21  Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 21  Cold Play tonight!! ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺
Thu 22  Junior Instrumental and strings lessons
Fri 23  Swimming Year 2
Fri 23  Combined Band Day at Beechmont
Fri 23  Formal Disco – Farewell to our Yr 7’s
Mon 26  Year 6/7 Camp
Tue 27  Year 6/7 Camp
Tue 27  Ready Reader information
Wed 28  Year 6/7 Camp
Wed 28  No Senior Band 7.45am

2013 PRINCIPAL NEWS

For a number of reasons, I (David) will be taking leave for the entire 2013 school year. This has been a very difficult decision to come to and not one that has been easy to make.

An Expression of Interest will be issued this week to all schools by Education Queensland for someone to be Principal here during 2013. I will certainly keep you up to date as soon as an appointment is made.

REPORTS

Your child’s reports will come home on Monday 10th December. If you would like to discuss anything in your child’s report, please contact your child’s teacher. All staff email addresses are on our website, our School / our Staff.

SENIOR BAND AT THE MARKETS

All members of Senior Band are required at the Beechmont Markets this Sunday 18th November. The band is performing twice, at 10am and then 11am. Children are required to be there at 9.30am to assist with setting up and to be in full band uniform. School shirt, black long trousers, black shoes and socks.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ISSUED

Please make sure you respond to the financial statements that were issued last week. We cannot as a School carry the amount of money that is owing to the School.

PAST PUPIL NEWS

Congratulations to Courtney Tarlinton on being awarded AB Paterson’s College Drama Captain for 2013. Well done Courtney!

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Just a reminder that all book club orders must be back at school by THIS THURSDAY 15th NOVEMBER.

END OF YEAR - TUCKSHOP

We had some disappointed children last Friday when they received their lunch because we ran out of Hash Browns and no second option had been given.

Friday after Tuckshop we did a quick stocktake:-

- No Hash Brown at all available
- No Goujons
- 12 Beef Traveller Pies
- 12 Chicken Traveller Pies
- 20 Chicken Burgers
- 24 Sausage Rolls
- 34 H & P Pizzas
- Lots of Hotdogs
- 40 Garlic Bread
- 24 Potato Top Party Pies
- No Chicken Chip wraps
- No Chicken Chip triangles
- No Calcium Milk
- No Cake
- Loads of cookies and popcorn
- No Icecream Cups
- Loads of Ice Money

Please, Please when ordering your Tuckshop give us an alternative meal choice just in case the first isn't available. Thank You.

END OF YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT RAFFLE

Every year our P&C has a raffle at our End of Year Concert and Awards night. We try to make this a large food hamper and ask if every family can donate some food items to this hamper.

Please send your donations along to School ASAP so we have time to organize the raffle before our End of Year Concert and Awards Night. We would like this to be a real valuable prize that would really help out on of our School families for Christmas.

If every family donated just 2 items we would have an absolutely wonderful prize for one of our School families to win. Please send your donations in ASAP so we can let everyone know about this prize.
HOLLYWOOD TRIVIA NIGHT
AT BEECHMONT

The event will be held at the Hall on Graceleigh to raise funds for the halls operating costs and equipment so the community can benefit from our great new complex.

The evening promises to be fun filled with a dress theme as your favourite Hollywood characters including prizes for the best dressed. The trivia will have teams of six battling for their chance to win prizes throughout the night.

Cost for the night is $10 pre-paid and $15 on the night. This includes entry into the game, a chance to win the prizes and hot and cold finger food. A licensed bar will be operating with all the top sellers and a cocktail or two. Even the kids are taken care of with a movie and popcorn night is being held in the school library at a cost of $5 per child, and for those wanting to relax, a bus service will be in place for collection and drop off down to Lower Beechmont.

For anyone requiring further information on this great community event, please contact Kim Sami on 5533 3413 or email samiclan@bigpond.com

CAROLS ON THE MOUNTAIN HELP

Our big event for the year, Carols on the Mountain is on Saturday 15th December. We kindly ask for your help as without it, the Carols would not be possible. The afternoon will kick off at 3:00pm with Christmas markets and then the carols program will be from 6:30 - 8:30pm. We need lots of help over this time.

Set up in the morning, canteen & bar staff, sellers of raffle tickets, candles & lucky dip tickets, jumping castle attendants, toilet checkers and help with clean up. If lots of people volunteer, we can share the load.

So please come along, have fun and help our school bring this event to our community. Please call Julie on 5533 3226 to volunteer. Thank You.

BEECHMONT STATE SCHOOL P+C ASSN.
Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 55333340
email - mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to Mountain Mates News.
Welcome to week 6, only 7 weeks until Christmas and 5 weeks left of term 4.

Wasn’t the rain much appreciated on the weekend! At least the afternoons have been nice so the children have been able to have some quality outdoor time, as it is staying warmer later in the afternoons.

Our program for this term is being enjoyed by all and the children who have been in on Friday’s have designed a great under the sea mural.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Welcome to week 6. I know the term is half over but I thought I’d still let you know what we have been working on in the area of science. This term preps have focussed on the science topic of movement. We have been exploring how we (people) can move and the things which affect our movement. We have also been exploring how a variety of objects can move and what affects the movement of these objects. Coming up, we will be looking at the way different animals move and why they move this way. Enjoy the rest of your week.
Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.
eperk17@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Week 6 already! Where does it go?
In Literacy we are performing, and videoing, our poetry. Please let me know if you have any objections to us videoing your child’s performance. In Maths we are learning to pose questions, record data, and construct and interpret graphs. Some students will incorporate ICT in this learning as they use software to create tables. Well done on the doubles plus one homework, I did a quick quiz around the class and they know it well.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Christopher Towner for his thorough approach to comprehension tasks, Maryam Baroudi for bringing materials to share, and Corbin O’Toole for the Intrepica Leaderboard.

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 happy holiday,
Kerry Pryor kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

This week for homework students have their spelling words to learn. In class students are also writing their own rhyming poems. Once their poem is complete they are to take it home and practise presenting their poem. They must bring their poem to life using facial expressions, changing the pace and tone of their voice, by using gestures, props, etc. Some children will present their poem on parade next week while others will present theirs in class on
Thursday, Friday and Monday. If children have not finished their poem in class yet, then they should be working on their mental maths booklet instead.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

This week and for the rest of this term, there will not be a normal homework Grid for the Year 3-4 class. We will be finishing off a number of activities from classroom lessons. Each night the children will be told what needs finishing for the following day. On Monday night, for example, the children needed to complete the first draft (Ideas Web) for the Humorous Poem that they are writing. Some nights may involve revising skills such as multiplication and division facts or Mental Maths skills in preparation for our assessments.

Our dance for the End of Year Concert is progressing slowly. The children are coming up with some good ideas for the dance and we are putting as many of these ideas into the dance as we can. Costumes will be any crazy, wild looking outfits and hair and lots of RED as our song is I See Red by Split Enz. The children who will be acting as the Band (Natasha, William, Claire, Charli, Ostin and Sebastian) will be dressed more like the Split Enz band. More information on this will be sent home next week.

Have a great week.
Regards, Dan Albright dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Congratulations to all the students who came to Remembrance Day on Sunday. Those students who had tasks to complete, really completed them very well. I was exceptionally proud of them, especially those who were thrown in at the last minute to cover sick students who couldn’t make it.

Our class camp is on in two weeks from Monday 26th November until Wednesday 28th November. Could you please make sure payment is made before we go on camp.

For the Year 7’s, we still have a number of children who ordered a Year 7 Leavers shirt, but have not yet paid for it. We do ask that these shirts are paid for as they were ordered in good faith.

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

MAKE YOUR GRANDPARENTS’ DAY ON 18 NOVEMBER

Families are encouraged to get behind Grandparents’ Day on Sunday 18 November.

Grandchildren and families can celebrate by doing something special such as sending their grandparents a special postcard or certificate, treat them to lunch, or just spend time together doing something you enjoy.

A range of free resources is available including posters, postcards and downloadable certificates of recognition for grandparents.

To order posters and postcards or download certificates and other Grandparents’ Day resources, visit www.communities.qld.gov.au/communityservices/seniors/seniors-support-initiatives/grandparents-day

DISCO HELP

☐ Yes, I will be able to help with the School disco on Friday 23rd November, at ‘the Hall on Graceleigh’.
☐ I will be able to sit on 1 of the 4 internal doors so that children stay inside
☐ I will sit at the front door and collect the admission fees
☐ I am happy to do regular checks on the toilets to make sure they are being used appropriately
☐ I am happy to work in the canteen
☐ I am happy to stay after 9pm to help with the clean up

Your name: _______________________________
Best phone contact: ________________________
Email: ___________________________________
COMMUNITY NEWS

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER

While dangerous events like floods, fires and storms may be common in Queensland, they can also be scary times for children and adolescents. These scary feelings or worries can last a long time after the event itself. So it’s important to remain calm and talk to them about the weather. If they ask questions, just stick to the facts. Try to keep children away from stories on the TV and radio, and keep them busy with other activities.

The CYMHS Metro Recovery and Resilience Team (CYMHS Metro R&R) provide specialist assessment, support and treatment to infants, children, young people (0-18 years) and their families/carers, who are at risk of or are experiencing moderate to severe emotional and behavioural changes (including grief and loss) following exposure to the effects of natural disaster in Queensland. These changes can include, but not are limited to, difficulties socially, with sleeping, eating, concentration, separation from caregivers and worry about changes in the weather.

The CYMHS Metro Recovery and Resilience Team services residents living in the catchment areas of Moreton Bay Regional Council, Brisbane City Council, Redland City Council and Logan City Council.


For further information about the CYMHS Metro Recovery and Resilience Team phone 3087 2260. Non-urgent referrals can be emailed to CYMHSMetro_R&R@health.qld.gov.au

PARENT READY READER PROGRAM INVITATION

Parents and Carers of students Prep to Year 3

As your child’s first teacher you have a key role in the literacy and numeracy development of your child.

The Parent Ready Reader Program explores;

• the wide range of literacy experiences that happen daily and how these can provide opportunities for learning in natural and exciting ways
• the knowledge that effective readers use and
• ways to engage your child with reading.

Would you like to know more? Come along and learn how to support your child to become a confident reader.

Date: 27th November 2012
Time: 9:00 to 11:00am
Venue: School Library

Refreshments will be provided

RSVP: A.S.A.P
You may contact the school on 5545 9100
Or email me at: jbour96@eq.edu.au

You are welcome to bring along a friend or family member who may also be interested. I am looking forward to seeing you there!
Joyce Boura
(STLaN)

BEECHMONT CRICKET NEWS

On Sunday the Beechmont Junior Cricket Club did Beechmont proud playing in front of a big crowd at the Gabba during the lunch break of the Test match. They thrilled the crowd with their enthusiasm and skill, as the crowd cheered them on. The Highlight of the day was their batting ability as many of them hit the ball over the fence into the delighted crowd waiting for a catch and a roar off Howzat. None more so than Carlia Blunt who caught the eye of the promoters who voted her one of the best on ground. Not only did she win a prize but she stood in the middle of the Gabba and was interviewed and beamed up on the big screens for all to see and hear. She spoke well and let everyone know she was from Beechmont and what she thought of the game of cricket.

A great day had by all and a proud moment for Beechmont.
Beechmont Community Sports Association Inc proudly presents a

HOLLYWOOD TRIVIA NIGHT

THE HALL ON GRACELEIGH
FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
6.30pm arrival for a 7pm start.
TABLES/TEAMS OF 6

COME DRESSED AS HOLLYWOOD * STARS*

Raffle

PREPAID TICKETS - $10 PERSON
ENTRY ON THE NIGHT - $15 PER PERSON
ALL TICKETS INCLUDE NIBBLIES, ENTERTAINMENT & PRIZES
LICENSED BAR, TEA, COFFEE & SOFTDRINKS AVAILABLE (NO BYO Please)

PRIZES FOR:
• BEST DRESSED TEAM
• ROUND WINNERS
• WORST ROUND
• OVERALL WINNING TEAM
• LUCKY DOOR
• MOST ORIGINAL OUTFIT

CHILD MINDING
Will be available in the school library for $5 per child.
Movies and popcorn.
Please book early for this service.
Phone Kim on 55333413 or email samician@bigpond.com

All money raised goes to the Hall on Graceleigh.
Proudly supported by the Beechmont Junior Soccer Club, Beechmont Netball Club

For bookings, further information or payment details please contact Kim
Sami on 55333413 or email samician@bigpond.com

Bus service from Lower Beechmont and return.
Contact Greg Slater on 0405 206 076 to book.