Our School Open Night will happen next week on Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} February. There will be ‘teacher talks’ to fill you in on details of your child’s classroom.

Children are required to complete a check list so that you get to visit the Japanese room, Library, Music room, Green room (for Chess players, Learning Support children, Gross Motor Skills groups), Instrumental Music Room and Eating area.

- Children need to show you all their books
- Children also show you Reading Eggs, Intrepica and Mathletics
- Children are to show you the class page on the School website

For those of you who find it difficult to get to School during the day time, this is a great opportunity to see your child’s ‘other home’.

The ‘Teacher talk’ times are

- Prep and Year 2/3 - 6pm
- Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 - 6.30pm
- Year 5/6 and Year 6/7 - 7pm

Book Fair starts on Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} and finishes on Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} February. Book Fair Open Night coincides with our School Open Night on Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} February.

Book Fair raises valuable resources for our School receiving 15% of sales in books. Please support our Book Fair so we can obtain valuable resources for our Library that your children can benefit from.

We ask for parents help to remind your children that no child is to be on the ‘forts’ before School. The forts are often still damp from the dew and can be slippery and there is no adult supervision as staff are getting ready for the day. Thank you for your help with this important safety message.

Any help you can give us on Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} February for our planting of the footpath would be most appreciated. We really do need a lot of hands to beautify this area of our School and also to enable the children to plant safely.

The following timetable will be reasonably accurate for next Monday.

- Prep and Year 5/6 - 9.30am – to.05am
- Year 2/3 and Year 3/4 - 10.10am – 10.45am
- Year 1/2 and Year 6/7 - 11.30am – 12.10pm

We really do need your help, so please email David on dmurp19@eq.edu.au if you can help us on this important day.
COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
Wed 15 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 15 P&C AGM 7.30pm in the Library
Thu 16 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
Thu 16 Suns visit to Year 3/4
Fri 17 Parade 8.50am
Fri 17 Sport 1.30pm
Sun 19 Markets at Old School. Can you help?
Mon 20 Book Fair starts this week in the Library
Mon 20 Footpath planting day
Tue 21 Open Night
Tue 21 Book Fair Open Night
Wed 22 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 22 Primary School Bus Meeting at the Hall on Graceleigh at 7.30pm
Thu 23 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
Fri 24 No Parade today
Fri 24 Interhouse Sport 11.30am
Fri 24 Life Savers visit to Year 3/4
Wed 29 Senior Band 7.45am

MARCH
Thu 01 Yr 7 to Leadership Conference in Brisbane
Thu 01 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
Fri 02 Police Pipe and Drum Band 11.20am

LIBRARY NEWS

Next week Book Fair is here and we are very excited about the wide range of beautiful books that are headed our way. Book Fair is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the library as we receive commission from every book sold. This translates into more books for our library and as 2012 is the National Year of Reading we are hoping to have our students reading even more than ever.

Please support this event by coming along and having a look at the books on offer. Book Fair is open every morning from 8:15 am to 8:40 am and from 3 pm until 3:30 pm each afternoon Monday to Thursday next week. It will also be open from 5 pm next Tuesday during Open Night. We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Book Fair!!!

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately we have had some cases of head lice already. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S HEAD TONIGHT AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY.

WORKING BEE

Our 2nd Working Bee for the year will be held on Saturday 25th February from 8am – 12 noon. Lunch and Drinks are provided; we just need you and your tools.

Some of the jobs we have to do are:-

• lots of weeding of lots of gardens
• trimming of some shrubs
• some painting jobs
• clear the bank of our School oval
• take a few trips to Canungra Dump to get rid of the branches we cut down as well as a lot of rubbish we have here at School.

MARKETS – THIS SUNDAY

The Markets will be held this Sunday 19th February and money raised will go to our School Library. We’d love your help!

BEGINNING YEAR ASSEMBLY

I cannot thank all the families and Staff who came along to our Beginning Year Assembly last Friday night. I would also like to thank our P&C Association for the BBQ. Special mention to Michael Trikilis, our extraordinary Chef, Leah Trikilis, Janine Van B, Wendy Blunt, Cassandra Kenyon & Sue Meadowcroft for all of your help to get the food to our families before the 6.30pm start is really appreciated.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Well homework went home yesterday and will be due in on Friday. Although the tasks have been explained to the children please don’t hesitate to contact me if there is anything you are not clear about. Our class pages have been updated on the website and there is also a section on homework there.

We had an enjoyable time in Raw Art today “Sculpting Bits and Pieces’ and producing many interesting creations.

In Math this week we are exploring calendars, days, months and times. Please try and link home activities to times in conversations with your child e.g. “It’s 7:30, time for bed”, or “It’s 6:30, time to get up” etc. This helps them to sequence time and activities.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Kaes Ryan for perseverance, Maryam Baroudi for quickly settling-in and Madson Francis for completing all set tasks well.

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
**YEAR 5/6 CLASS**

It is a pleasure to report that in the first week of homework being set, we had a 100% rate of completed and returned homework. Well done girls and boys – let’s keep this up for the rest of the year.

An addition to homework will be spelling words. These are the words children are given on a Monday to learn and practice during the week for the test on Fridays. The words are based on children’s spelling abilities according to the Words their Way program. Children will need to do word sorts at home – an exercise they have learned at school.

I would like to send out a request for old shirts to be used as art smocks. Ones with short sleeves and buttons would be preferable. If you have any to donate we would much appreciate them.

Award winners for week 3 were; Connor Richards, Faigan Meadowcroft, Amy Bennett and Eric Watts. Congratulations to you all.

Have a great week. Katie and Joyce kmann38@eq.edu.au  jbou796@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

Many thanks to those parents who have sent along the $13.50 for the handwriting book & we ask other families to send it along as soon as you can so we can get this desperately needed handwriting work up & running.

I must congratulate the Year 6 students in our class for their persistence last Friday. The Year 7’s had to practice their speeches for the Beginning Year Assembly, and the Year 6 students had to do a lot of the setting up for the night. I was most impressed with the way most of the students completed the jobs assigned to them often without direct supervision.

The Year 7 students are to be congratulated for the way they spoke on Friday night. It was very obvious which students practised their scripts at home & which students didn’t. The speaking component of the Year 7 year is assessed and reported in the report cards, it is important that children use their scripts to prepare for speaking duties at home prior to the speaking duties.

Homework still remains an issue for students regardless of whether they are in Year 6 or Year 7. All students are required to complete

- Reading every night & have it signed once a week by an adult
- Practice number facts every night, these sheets are in the back of homework books as well as being on the website
- Write 8 complex sentences using as many list words as possible
- Complete the ‘Sorts’ required each night. This information is on the website under class news under the homework tab
- Provide dictionary meanings for the tricky words
- Use ‘running writing’ for all homework
- Underline words used in the sentences with a ruler

Completion of homework following the rules is an important skill for the children to obtain so they complete their work requirements and don’t have to worry about repeating the work.

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

**MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS**

*your Beechmont State School P&C Assn.*

**Outside School Hours Care Service**

Ph. 55459124 or a/h 55333340

e-mail: mountainmates@bigpond.com

**Welcome to Mountain Mates,** your Before School, After School and Vacation Care specialists.

Our program is really moving along well this Term with all types of activities going on after school. The children have experimented with their tie dying and now have the opportunity to bring along a white piece of clothing (T-shirt, singlet) from home to create a masterpiece.

ZUMBA was heaps of fun with most of the children getting right into the Hip Hop moves. I think Clare and myself got a bit of a work out too.

Just a note on the Active After School Care Program (AASCP). The idea of Active After School Care is to get the traditionally non-active children up and moving in a fun and stimulating environment. We like the children to: at the very least; have a go and they will probably enjoy it. We have had many success stories in the past of children who were quite timid and inactive who have been encouraged to “have a go” and are now involved in sporting teams and have a new sense of confidence. The AASCP also tries to promote pathways to local sporting and activity clubs, for you, as a parent, to try out to see whether your children enjoy it, without having the expense of joining a club and finding your child isn’t interested. The Queensland Government Sports Commission provide funding to us to access professional and qualified instructors, so it really is worthwhile. You never know if we have a future soccer player, netball player or break dancer amongst us.

Dinner this Thursday night is Crumbed fish fillets with smashed potato and tossed salad. Dessert is Chocolate Self Saucing Sponge Pudding with Icecream. Yum yum.

Our REWARD TABLE diners last Thursday were Jack & Obi who really put their heart and soul
From the Kim and the Mountain Mates Crew.

NETBALL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Saturday tryouts and uniform fitting and those who signed up on Friday night.  
After careful consideration we have nominated the following teams:

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NETBALL KIDZ - Kaja Mobbs, Briella Evans & Daisy Bowler  
(Netball kids is an introductory program run by the Southport Carrara Netball Association every Saturday morning at 9am for children born in 2007 - 2005. The cost is $35 registration fee; which covers your insurance and association costs. You then pay $5 each week you attend. We feel this introduction to netball is very beneficial and gives them confidence to start playing netball games next year.) There are no other costs involved.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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.

Nerang Bulls RUC
Junior and Senior Grades
Glenmore Park, Poppas Way West, Carrara
Saturday 4th Feb, 10am - 2pm
www.pitchero.com/clubs/nerangbullsrugbyrugbyclub
Sonny Jobs - 0413 109 926

CURRUMBIN COMMUNITY FARM SCHOOL OPEN DAY
Sunday 4th March, 9.30am - 2pm
Live Music, Rock Climbing, Farmyard Feeding, Jumping Castle, Market Stalls, Food & More!
FREE ENTRY
STALL HOLDERS WANTED – From $10
1226 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley Phone: 5533 0312 Email: alock16@eq.edu.au

Beechmont Children’s Music Group
is back again!
For ages 0-5
MONDAYS 10.30 am
Starting Monday, January 23rd 2012
Developing motor, movement, listening and social skills through singing, musical play and expression.
Parent / Carer participation is encouraged – no prior musical experience necessary!
All instruments and equipment provided - come join in with the fun and learning experiences!
*Group is conducted by a registered music therapist.
$5 per child
For expressions of interest, or more details contact Patricio on 55333868 or 0429191514

TURNING THE SCREWS ON CRIME
In the Currumbin Police District there has been a large quantity of NUMBER PLATES STOLEN from vehicles. Some of the stolen number plates are being used to evade identification in various crimes such as stealing of petrol and robbery or to avoid paying for tolls. When a number plate is stolen it can quite often result in great inconvenience to the victim such as, reporting the matter to the police. the possible numerous statutory declarations & letters to explain that it was not your vehicle involved when the stolen plate is photographed on a speeding vehicle or going through a toll booth.

Crime prevention initiative – Free of charge
As part of our Crime Prevention Initiative we are offering to supply and fit FREE of charge, one way screws to secure number plates of patrons’ vehicles. When this type of screw is fitted it makes the removal of the number plate very difficult – deterring the theft of that number plate.

When: Sunday the 12th February 2012
Approx 10.00am to 2.00 pm
The car park of Nerang Mall Shopping, Corner of Gilston Road and New Street, Nerang

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