INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY THIS FRIDAY

This Friday 18th May is our Interhouse Cross Country. We'd love to see you here because with such a small staff we do need your help to run the carnival. We do need adults out on the course so that we can be confident the children will be safe while competing.

Please send aerogard or a similar product with your child to protect them against ticks. This only applies to children who run near Back Creek and your child will be able to tell you if that is part of their course or not.

The children are, of course, allowed to take a drink bottle with them especially in the 1.3, 1.7 & 2.6km runs. There will, this year, be water stations on the way if the children need a top up.

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CARNIVAL OF WORDS NEXT THURSDAY

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Carnival of Words volunteer form. We are still a bit short of readers in the 3/4 group. If you can help we’d love to hear from you.

I hope to have the day finalised by this Friday, because the organization of the day is huge and we have to have everything in place well before the day to ensure everything runs smoothly. If you have a special dietary requirements please advise us as soon as possible.

This is a very special day that is designed to encourage our boys to read. It hit me the other day when one girl asked me if the class could read for the rest of the session. More than 1 hour! A couple of nearby boys (who do read quite a bit) quite openly said, “NO!” That’s when I realized the importance of this day for our boys. So please Dads, help if you can so the desire to read for our boys is a strong need for them.

NAPLAN THIS WEEK

Today, all students in Year 3, 5 and 7 took part in the National NAPLAN test in Reading and Writing. Children in Year 3, 5 and 7 still have a test tomorrow, Wednesday 16th May and again on Thursday 17th May.

Please make sure your child, if in Year 3, 5 or 7 has an early night and a good breakfast tomorrow and Thursday so they can perform at their best for these tests.

SCHOOL LEVYS DUE NOW!

School levies are now due. We place a lot of faith in families to do the right things and pay the levies at the beginning of the year or make a commitment to pay these off during the year.

If parents don’t pay or don’t pay off the levy then it places enormous strain on other families (who are carrying the burden) as well as on the School budget to maintain the current level of services for your child.

Please, if you haven’t paid or paid off, make the effort so that you aren’t leaving the burden to your child’s class mate’s families. If everyone does the right thing then all children will benefit.

TEA TOWELS ARE BACK! SEE ATTACHED PINK INFO SHEET

A caring family school...
COMING EVENTS

MAY
Wed 16 No Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 16 NAPLAN TEST
Thu 17 NAPLAN TEST
Thu 17 David to Nerang Alliance Meeting at 2pm
Thu 17 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 18 Interhouse Cross Country
Sun 20 Beechmont Markets – Year 3/4 Class
Mon 21 David to Regional Principal’s mtg Logan
Mon 21 Spelling Bee
Tue 22 Yr 6 Science Enrichment Nerang High
Tue 22 B’mont’s National Walk safely to school day
Wed 23 David to Asbestos training
Thu 24 Carnival of Words
Thu 24 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 25 District Cross Country
Fri 25 P&C Day
Tue 29 10 Yr 7’s to Edu Quest at Tamborine
Tue 29 Visual Arts Enrichment Nerang High
Wed 30 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 30 Opti-MINDS 3pm to 5pm
Thu 30 Instrumental Music – bring instruments

JUNE
Fri 01 Parade 8.50am
Mon 04 School Writing Competition starts
Tue 05 Senior Band to Fanfare
Wed 06 No Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 06 Opti MINDS 3 – 5pm
Wed 06 P&C Meeting 7pm

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN

Woolies earn and learn started last week and all at the end of the promotion, we are able to select from over 7,000 items to benefit our School.

Please use the sticker sheets that are again attached to our newsletter today to put your stickers after your purchase and send into School so we can benefit from this great promotion.

Thank you for your support.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

This week is National Volunteer Week and I would sincerely like to thank all our School volunteers so much for their contribution to our School. We certainly couldn’t offer the range of activities that we do offer to our children without your help.

So for whatever way you volunteer at School, thank you for giving to our children, it does make a difference! THANK YOU.

THANK YOU JULIE AYERS

If your child gave you a gift on Sunday from the School Mother’s Day stall, you really do need to make a huge thank you to Julie Ayers. Julie organizes the stall (and the Father’s Day stall) each year, she wraps all the gifts and organizes helpers to assist her on the day.

This is fundraiser for the P&C but more of a thoughtful gesture for our families totally organized by Julie.

I know Julie will probably hit me for this article (well I hope not!), but thank you Julie from all the School families that you give that little bit of pleasure to, each Mother’s and Father’s Day.

NATIONAL ANTHEM ON PARADE

Those of you who were at parade last week would have really noticed a very different version of our National Anthem – Advance Australia Fair.

I believe this version, used by a significant number of Schools actually has the power to unite our nation and also broaden our children’s and eventually our adult’s knowledge of our National Anthem. (It isn’t only 1 verse and chorus.)

If you are at School on a Friday for our Parade, please join in singing our National Anthem.

DAVID ABSENT

I will be absent (not for the vomiting bug as last week) on Monday 21st May as I will be at a Regional principals meeting at the Logan Entertainment Centre. Then on Wednesday 23rd May, I will be absolutely riveted at the asbestos training at Regional office at Robina.

If you have any issues on these two days, please contact David the following days so that any problems can be sorted out.

MARKETS THIS SUNDAY

Please come along to the Markets at the old School this Sunday to have breakfast / Morning tea / Lunch at the BBQ whose profits this month goes to the Year 3/4 class.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Please don’t forget to fill out the ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ that is part of our Newsletter, so that your child can join us walking from the Old School to our School on this day.

If your child catches the bus and you don’t fill out the form then your child must catch the bus to School, they will not be allowed to walk to School.

Please see the safety details in last week’s newsletter if you are concerned at all.

Please fill in the form that is part of today’s newsletter.
THANKYOU

Thank you to George Rankin for spraying our trees.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL FROM JULIE

Wow - what a wonderful response we had for our Mother’s Day stall! There was a great selection of gifts and I hope the children had fun choosing something special for Mum. Sincere thanks to everyone who sent donated gifts in - your help is really appreciated and the stall would not be possible without these donations. Huge thanks to all the helpers and those who also offered to help - Renae Knowles, Tam Wood, Joy Carter, Wendy Blunt, Sher Muir-Smith, Sunisa Thirasantikamol, Clare Ackfield, Michelle Moyce, Cassandra Kenyon, Nicole Kapusin and Linda Pitt (Julie's sister-in-law). I hope all Mums (and grandmothers) had a lovely Mother’s Day.

CLASS TARGETS

Class learning targets this term are summarised in the following table. Please read class news for more details of this terms targets

NUT FREE LUNCHBOX RECIPE

Chocolate Beetroot Muffins

The beetroot in the muffins makes them light and soft. Beetroot is full of Vitamin C and iron... and no one ever guesses the healthy magic ingredient.

Preparation time: 15 mins
Cooking time: 25 mins
Makes: 12

Ingredients:
- 80gms butter, room temperature
- 1 large beetroot (approx. 250gms)
- 175gms plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 large egg
- ¼ cup milk
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup castor sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 100gms chocolate (can be chips or squares)

Preheat oven to 180 c. Melt 1 Tablespoon of the butter and grease the holes of the muffin tin. Peel and grate the beetroot. Sift the flour, baking powder and cocoa into a bowl then sift again. In another bowl whisk the eggs and milk.

In the food processor combine the butter, oil and both sugars and process until creamy. Gradually add the milk and egg mix then transfer to a large clean bowl.

Fold in the sifted dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and stir in the grated beetroot.

Spoon mix into the greased muffin tin. Break the chocolate into 12 squares and poke a square of chocolate into the top of each muffin.

Bake for 20-25 minutes until the muffins are well risen and feel springy. Remove from the oven and allow to cool in the tin for a few minutes before turning out.

Adapted from: Kitchen Garden Cooking with Kids, Stephanie Alexander

Note: If you are time poor you can buy a very good chocolate cake mix, add the beetroot and the chocolate and make some equally delicious nut free chocolate beetroot muffins.

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WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Parent Name: ______________________________

Child/ren name: ____________________________

Child/ren name: ____________________________

Child/ren name: ____________________________

I give/do not give permission for my child to walk from the Old School to school on Tuesday 22nd May. I understand the safety procedures that are in place for the walk.

☐ I intend walking with the children

Parent signature: ____________________________

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Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 55333340
email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to Mountain Mates News

Welcome to a brisk Week 5. Please ensure your children have a jumper in their bags for the cool afternoon weather.

This week we have Chicken Noodle Soup with Crusty Bread Rolls and Trifle for dessert. A big CONGRATULATIONS to our Reward Table winners last week. Lucy invited Grace and Mikaylah MM invited Jhett.

On Wednesday we have the kids in the Kitchen and would love some of your favourite (simple) recipes from home. If you could get them into Janine as soon as you can we can showcase your special recipes for everyone to enjoy.
Active After School Care and Mountain Mates are embarking on the Prime Minister’s Olympic Challenge. All of the children who attend after school care will be given a username & password to log in to their activity throughout the challenge period. Prizes and Certificates are awarded. This is all leading into the London Olympics. The CHALLENGE begins on the 28th May!! I will give you more information in next weeks newsletter.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Hello everyone and welcome to week 5. The prep class has set a class goal for this term. All children will be aiming to recognise their numbers 0 - 10 and write them correctly. We have been practicing this in class and now the children will be able to practice these numbers each week for homework.

Also for the rest of this term we will be revising all the beginning letters and sounds.

This is advance warning of an excursion for Prep, 1/2 and 2/3. On June 13 we will be travelling by train to Brisbane to attend QPAC’s ‘Out Of The Box’ Festival for children. The festival program has a variety of workshops and performances in the grounds surrounding the QPAC, Forecourt and State Library. To attend an event of this kind we will require a large number of adult volunteers as we hope to have a ratio of one adult to two children. Please keep this date in mind, a letter with further details will be sent home later this week.

Hope you all have a good week

Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.
eperk17@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

In case you missed last week’s newsletter from 1/2 I will repeat the advance warning of an excursion for Prep, 1/2 and 2/3. On June 13 we will be travelling by train to Brisbane to attend QPAC’s ‘Out Of The Box’ Festival for children. The festival program has a variety of workshops and performances in the grounds surrounding the QPAC, Forecourt and State Library. To attend an event of this kind we will require a large number of adult volunteers as we hope to have a ratio of one adult to two children. Please keep this date in mind, a letter with further details will be sent home later this week.

In Science we continue to investigate what objects are made of and why certain materials are chosen. We are setting up a science properties’ table and would like interesting objects and materials to display and examine. The children can contribute to this by bringing in materials of interest such as wrapping paper, bubble wrap, felt pieces, sandpaper, metal tubes, foil, clean nuts and bolts etc. They will be making a wind chime for their assessment so it would be a good idea to start putting aside materials that might prove useful for this project.

In Math this week we will be looking at measurement and in Literacy the children are presenting the pages they have written to go in a new ‘Pigeon’ book.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Samantha Bennett for the Intrepica Leaderboard, Mikayla Wylie for her wonderful words and Ryan Gaffney for being a helpful class member.

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 P pyor kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

This is advance warning of an excursion for Prep, 1/2 and 2/3. On June 13 we will be travelling by train to Brisbane to attend QPAC’s ‘Out Of the Box’ Festival for children. The festival program has a variety of workshops and performances in the grounds surrounding the QPAC, Forecourt and State Library. To attend an event of this kind we will require a large number of adult volunteers as we hope to have a ratio of one adult to two children. Please keep this date in mind, a letter with further details will be sent home later this week.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Today is the first day of the year 3-5-7 Naplan tests. We began with Language Conventions test today, tomorrow we will be doing the Reading test and then on Thursday we will finish with the Numeracy test. Due to testing, our specialist lessons will be held on Thursday afternoon rather than in the morning.

The Cross Country events will be held this Friday. Make sure your child is wearing their most comfortable running shoes, their hat, house shirt and lots of sunscreen. There will be sunscreen available on the day as well.

At the beginning of the year we set some goals for our class. These were to use running writing at every opportunity we have and to improve our fitness by participating in the circuit training. At present we have18 children out of the 24 who do running writing at every opportunity. We also have a person who has acquired their pen licence as a result of meeting the handwriting criteria checklist and the overall neatness and presentation of children’s work has improved. As for the fitness, our class has definitely improved. All of the children were able to do more repetitions in their second circuit test than they had done in their previous one.

Award winners for week 4 were: Sage Pearce, Connor Richards, Taija Le Faucheur, Amy
OUR CLASS TARGETS

This term our class targets are to improve the recall of Number Facts as well as improving the use of cursive writing and setting out of work in a neat and presentable standard.

This, I realize is a continuation of the term one targets. The children have made some great gains since we first set out these targets last term, but there is more ground to be made so that the children go to High School ahead of their classmates that they will sit next to on the first day of class in Year 8. Our targets are simply designed to ensure Beechmont students have the advantage in year 8. This is the same with the use of cursive writing and setting out of work. We have seen examples from past pupils where their classmates have not had their work marked as it was too untidy, so they have failed their course. We do not want this to happen to our students when they enter High School, so hence the emphasis on this aspect of the children's work.

Ten year 7 students will be selected to take part in the EduQuest at Tamborine Mountain College on Tuesday 29th May. This is a competition devised by Tamborine Mountain College to attract enrolments, but the opportunity for our children to take part in an Interschool competition will be great for them and extend them. We will need parent involvement to get the children to the event and home again. We look forward to your support of this activity to extend our children.

Award winners last week were Jodi Kapusin, Madison Godfrey, Katrina Mobbs, Bailey Evans, Brogan Munster, Sidney Slater, Sierra Sterling, Lachlan Ayers and Spencer Wood. Congratulations!

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

SOCCER NEWS

What a perfect morning on Graceleigh for soccer. Two VERY close nail biting games with the under 10's and under 6's, both finishing with two all draws. The under 8's and both under 7's teams played some great competitive football, keeping the sideline on their toes.

This week's games are all at home.
Under 10's 8.30am
Under 8's 8.30am
Team Joy 9.50am
Under 6's 9.10am
Team Phil Was 8.30am, has changed to 9.15am

Please have all outstanding fees and uniform deposits finalised on Saturday.

Have a great week.
Rich and Anita 55331227
info@manakithomes.com.au
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.

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- Solar
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- $300 pw (Neg)
- Ph 0433184181

Dance With Me
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Mummy and Me dance classes now at Beechmont!
For Mums and children aged 2 – 4 years
Just $10 per lesson – pay as you go – no term fees – no enrolment fee
Tuesdays 9am
For information, please call 55331218 or 0412992700

Beechmont Netball Club News
Well, unfortunately we couldn’t match last week’s clean sweep of wins with the Tigers, Eagles and Saints all going down against some tough teams. Despite the losing score lines, all girls again enjoyed the beautiful autumn weather and tried their hardest. The importance of getting the basics right week in and week out is obvious and consistency is something that I am sure will be worked on at training this week by all coaches.

Greg has done an extraordinary job sourcing some club jackets to match our uniforms and they look amazing. These fantastic jackets are available to both players and supporters and come in both child and adult sizes. The jackets will have the Beechmont Netball logo embroidered on the front and are only $35 each. Please let your manager know what size/s you would like so that we can put in a club order as soon as possible. If you haven’t seen the sample yet, make sure you check it out at your child’s training this week.

The shooting clinic being run on Saturday mornings 8 am to 10 am by SCNA will continue for another 5 Saturdays. It is a fantastic opportunity for our children to get some additional coaching from the experts and the club strongly urges players to participate. The clinic is open to all players not just those that currently shoot in their respective teams. So head down to the courts, 8 am Saturday for the next 5 weeks. You never know… there could be another Natalie Medhurst or Romelda Aiken hiding in our defensive end waiting to be unleashed!!

Games for this Saturday 19th May are as follows:
9am Bandicoots and Eagles
10 am Saints
11 am Tigers