SPONSORSHIP OF READING COMPETITION

Every year we award the champion readers in each class with a $25 Book voucher and we seek sponsorship for this. If you or the company you work for would like to be involved, we’d love to hear from you. The sponsorship is $25 x 6 classes, $150 in total. Please contact David if you are able to reward our student readers.

WELCOME NEW POSSUMS

A warm welcome to our new possums, Alex, Taylor and Charli Sawatzki, Chloe and Heidi White. We hope you enjoy your time at Beechmont.

2013 – IT IS VITAL THAT WE KNOW YOUR PLANS

Education Queensland has released the new computer program that calculates how many teachers we are allocated according to how many students we have.

To accurately predict how many students we will have next year and consequently those class groupings we will have, is incredibly important that we know if your child is going to be here next year.

It is very disruptive if we have to reduce the number of classes after day 8 in 2013 because we were unable to accurately predict the number of children we would have enrolled. So, consequently, any help you can give us by letting us know your plans for 2013 would really help us to have a smooth start to next year.

Thank you for your help.

INTERHOUSE READING COMPETITION

Our Interhouse Reading Competition started yesterday. For those of you who have been around for previous competitions, there are some new rules this year. These are;

• Reading record forms must be brought to School each Friday or else the time a child has read during the week will not be added to their house total.

• There is this year, a total number of minutes that the children, as a School, are expected to meet. This total is 110,000 minutes. We are telling the students that there will be dire consequences, like homework over the Christmas holidays as a motivational tool only.

• There will be weekly prizes for students if they bring in their reading Record sheets each Friday.

This Reading competition is a great opportunity to encourage children to get into reading. Any motivation you, as a family, can provide your child would be most welcome.

Please consider, for the next four weeks, for your family
• Having a no TV hour each night and just reading together as a family.
• Having a reading time on the weekend each afternoon (Saturday and Sunday) where the family reads while dinner is cooking.
• Having a 15 minute reading block 3 times a day once in the morning before School and then twice in the afternoon / evening.
• If we had a power failure, what would you do? Read! So pretend we’ve had a power failure each day!
• But overall, Read, Read, Read and infect your child with the reading bug for their lifelong benefit.

Fri 19th October why not order with your Tuckshop a Red Jelly Cup - $1.00 ea

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**COMING EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**

**Wed 17** Senior Band 7.45am
**Wed 17** P&C Meeting 7pm
**Thu 18** Junior Instrumental & strings lessons
**Thu 18** David to Nerang Alliance Principals Meeting at 2pm
**Thu 18** Year 6 Enrichment Day
**Fri 19** No Parade
**Fri 19** Year 6/7 to Gold Coast 6000
**Fri 19** Bravehearts “Dilto Program” 10am $4
**Sun 21** Junior Choir at Markets
**Sun 21** Bush Poetry at Markets
**Mon 22** Pupil Free Day
**Mon 22** Mountain Mates open Ph 0417775741
**Wed 24** Senior Band 7.45am
**Wed 24** Senior band State Music Festival
**Thu 25** Junior Instrumental & strings lessons
**Mon 29** Auskick starts after school

**BEECHMONT AWARD**

Attached to last week’s newsletter was a blue sheet so you can nominate someone for the Beechmont School Award. This Award, presented at our end of Year Concert and Awards Night on Friday December 7th, recognizes a contribution made to our School by an individual, organization or group of people. The nomination form is on our website at Support & resources/Parent resources.

This award is decided by you, the parents. Please complete the form and return to School by Thursday 25th October. This is an important award in our community to recognize a valuable contribution to our School.

**SYDNEY / CANBERRA EXCURSION**

2013, YEARS 4, 5, 6 AND 7

Every four years, as a School, we invite all the Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 Students to go to Sydney and Canberra for 4 nights / 5 days. The itinerary we have worked out so far is, Sydney: Bondi Beach, Rose Bay, Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, Circular Quay, Opera House, Sydney Tower and Eye 4D experience and the Rocks area. In Canberra, Parliament House tour, House of Reps and Senate, Parliamentary Education Office, War Memorial, Electoral Education, High Court of Australia, Institute of Sport, Nation Film and Sound archive, National Library, Mint, Black Mountain Tower, National Portrait Gallery, Questacon Science Centre, Embassies and Lodge tour, Mount Ainslie Lookout.

This is a jam packed week for the children (and the adults), but they get to see so much of our national capital and Sydney, it is a memorable trip to say the least.

We do need a minimum of 30 students to make the camp viable. The initial costs we have are $602.80. This will go down if we get the 30 students and take into account the rebate we will receive from the Federal Government, but we can’t factor these in until we have fairly definite student numbers. We are planning to go in Term 3 2013.

I do need to know as soon as possible if you are interested in your child taking part in this excursion. The sooner we book, the cheaper the flights are and the longer you have to pay the trip off, as well as doing some fundraising next year.

Please contact David at dmurp19@eq.edu.au or 55 459 100 as soon as possible to register your interest.

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

Don’t forget there is a Pupil Free Day on Monday 22nd October. Mountain Mates is operating a terrific program that was on last week’s newsletter. If that has been misplaced, it is on our website, Facilities / out of School hours care.

**THOSE BIRD HOUSE NAMES**

Many, many years when we were first debating having School houses (when Beechmont was just a three teacher School) the debate was between the current, Whip Birds, Lorikeets, King Parrots and Bower Birds and the names of some of the first settlers of Beechmont. Obviously the Bird names won.

Well it appears that decision was right. Our current School site is a bit like a bird sanctuary lately. We have three female Bower birds, two Whip birds, heaps of Lorikeets, Ducks, Galahs, ‘Swamp’ birds, Rail birds, Minors, our Mum and Dad Tawny Frogmouths and our recently born baby Tawny Frogmouth, a heap of Top Notch pigeons, Crows, Magpies, Butcher birds and of course Plovers. Our friendly wallaby hops in most afternoons as well.

What a lovely environment for our children to grow up in.

**NEW TO THE WEBSITE**

- Beechmont Award nomination form. Support and resources / parent resources.
- Pupil Free Day Mountain Mates Program facilities / Out of School hours care.
- Term 4 After School Care Program. Facilities / out of School hours Care.
- Year 6/7 class camp note. Facilities / School Grounds and classrooms / Year 6/7
- Year 6/7 Gold Coast 6000 note.
- Year 2/3/4 Camp photos. Facilities / school Grounds and classroom Year 2/3 or Year 3/4.
- Year 6/7 Science Project this term. Facilities / School Grounds and classrooms / Yr 6/7 class page.
**BRAVEHEARTS VISIT FOR PREP - 3**

The Bravehearts team will be visiting our Prep to Year 3 students this Friday 19th October at 10am. This program, “Ditto’s Education program” is designed to equip children with the knowledge and skills they need to avoid risky situations and give them an understanding of their rights to protect their own body.

Cost of the show is $4 and we strongly encourage all Prep to Year 3 children to attend. An envelope was attached to last week’s newsletter for your $4. Parents are most welcome to attend at no cost. For more information go to www.bravehearts.org.au/education.ews

**SWIMMING LESSONS YEAR 2**

By now, every Year 2 student should have brought home a note about the swimming program we offer every Year 2 student each year. If you have a child in Year 2 and the note didn’t make it home, then it is on our website at Support and resources / Parent resources, or just click on the link on the Home page. It is important that we have this note returned ASAP so that buses, swimming coaches etc can be organised. Thanks for your help in ensuring we are well organised for this important activity.

**P+C MEETING**

The October P&C Meeting is tomorrow night 17th October at 7pm in the School Library. Hope to see you there.

**MARKETS THIS SUNDAY**

At the Markets this Sunday 21st October, our Junior choir will be performing as well as some of our Bush Poets from Year 6 and 7. Details are

**Bush Poetry:** Students who have been selected are required to be at the Markets from 10am, they will be reciting after the Junior Choir performs at 10am.

**Junior Choir:** All members of the Junior Choir are to be at the Markets by 9.45am ready to perform at 10am. Children are to be in School uniform. Thank you for your support, as the Junior choir is only a small group, so as many members as possible are needed for some volume!

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Thank You Karen and Vicki for all your extra help last Wednesday, you made a massive dent in the Tuckshop workload. Thanks again to Michael and Cassandra, the dishwasher is fantastic.

The jelly cups we had for Jump Rope Day were very popular with the students so this Friday we are going to have some more red Jelly cups. At this stage it is just a trial so see if they continue to be a popular seller.

**Red Jelly Cup $1.00 (on Fri 19th October)**

**THANK YOU**

Thank you James and Katrina Harrison for the donation of the blinds for the annex of the Hall. We appreciate your generosity.

**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

The Student Council has organised a fundraiser in order to purchase much needed school resources. Each child has the opportunity to create a piece of artwork which will then be transformed into professionally printed calendars, cards or diaries. The calendars, cards and diaries make popular and affordable gifts for family and friends. They also offer parents and families the opportunity of a lasting and cherished record of their child's age and achievement.

Families will be able to choose whether they would like to purchase one or all three of these items. With Christmas just around the corner - these would make a wonderful gift.

**UNIFORM NEWS**

The Uniform Shop, which is the first door on the right as you enter the undercover area, will be open every Friday from 8.15am – 8.45am.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS CRITERIA**

Attached to last week’s newsletter, was a green sheet of paper that listed the criteria that children have to achieve to obtain a Commendation, Excellence or a Principal’s Award. You would have noticed that the criteria is different for Prep to Year 3 than year 4 to Year 7.
Wording used is also important to be aware of, the word, ‘consistently’, is used to describe a lot of the behaviours that children are judged on as well as, ‘displayed positive’, is also used.

These Awards will be handed out shortly as part of our normal Friday parade.

Attached to last week’s newsletter was our fun filled vacation care program for the school holidays, if you didn’t receive one please let us know or you can download it from the schools website.

Welcome to Mountain Mates News.

Welcome to week 2 of term 4. This week our term program gets under way.

Please note that next Monday is pupil free day and Mountain Mates will be operating a Disco Party for the day, so book in quick for a fun filled day of dancing, karaoke, games, movies and food. We are open from 7am-6.30pm.

Last week’s rewards table winners were Ruby-Lee who invited Lucy and Daniel who invited Jack, congratulations guys on a great effort at AASC with Mr Woods.

This week for dinner we are having Chicken Wraps and for dessert Zooper Doopers.

Parents please note that if your child comes to before school care and are to have breakfast they need to be here before 8am as staff need to clean up after breakfast and get them ready for school at 8.30. Have a great week.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Welcome to week 2.

This term in prep we are continuing to practice and learn how to form each letter correctly. We will also continue learning some of the more difficult letter and sound combinations. The sounds we will focus on are as follows, the long ‘e’ sound (ear), ea (peas), the long ‘a’ sound (angel), ay (play), the long ‘o’ sound (oval), ow (snow), the long ‘i’ sound (iron), y (my), igh (night), and the long ‘u’ sound (unicorn).

Other literacy work will include reading practice in the form of small guided reading groups as well as exploring the features of stories. The preps will be focussing on understanding and responding to these stories.

They will also have the opportunity to write stories and letters and present these to other class members.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your week.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Firstly I’d like to thank you all for your efforts with the children’s homework this year. Our recent running records and sight word testing have revealed significant progress and you will have noticed adjustments to the homework grid that reflect this. More than half the class know the first 300 Fry Sight Words and so for these children this has been removed from the grid and been replaced by reading comprehension activities. Home readers have also been adjusted to show increased capabilities. Year Level Benchmarks for Reading are PM Level 15 and 100 Sight Words for Year 1, and PM Level 20 and 200 Sight Words for Year 2. The challenge for these children who have passed these benchmarks is to use their reading fluency to increase their comprehension.

For Science I would like to ask each child to bring in a toy (please no valuable ones, old is ok) to help with our investigation. These could include: a soft toy, doll and pram, skateboard, skates, kite, boat, bulldozer, cart or wagon, musical instrument, train, car or push button toy.

For History I have asked children to bring in photos of family members. It would be great if some of those photos capture people wearing, travelling or doing things that were in the past so we can compare with nowadays. I am happy to photocopy and send back the photos straight away as I know they are precious.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Lucy Kenyon for her enthusiasm in poetry, and Jethro Harris and Jela Sola for their improvements in Sight Words.

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 2/3 CLASS

At the moment we have a student teacher, Jaimi Barrett, from USQ. She came with us on camp last week and to school for the remainder of the week. Miss Barrett will be teaching in the classroom this week as well as next week. She is teaching lessons from the English poetry unit and is currently teaching them about multiplication and division in mathematics.

Well done to all the students who went on camp last week. We had a great time. I think we have finally recovered from all the walking and caught up on sleep. All the children were well-
behaved and were an excellent group to take on camp.

Don't forget to record all the reading you are doing at home on the Interhouse Reading Competition booklet. If you are reading your daily readers each night, then don't forget to record the time you read for on the form.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Surely it can't be Term 4 already! The year is certainly speeding along. We have a huge and interesting Term ahead of us. Well done to the children who attended camp with such enthusiasm and energy. The children's behaviour and participation were very pleasing and it was a positive and enjoyable camp. Thank you to parents who assisted with transport and joined us for our hike on Wednesday.

We will need to begin our dance for the end of year concert in the near future. Our first task is to choose a song that has a Colour in the title. Then we have the joy of listening to the song about 50 000 times before the end of the year.

In Science this term we are finishing our unit of work on landforms and moving on to a unit on Solids and Liquids. This unit will involve lots of hands-on experiments and learning about how to set up a fair experiment where we control all of the variables.

We have two new students in our class as of last week. Welcome to Heidi White and Charli Sawatzki.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

We had a lovely first week back. Our class would like to welcome Kuepper and Taylor to our class.

The project part of the homework was issued last Tuesday. It is due on Friday 26 October and the topic is on investigation of a country. Every child was issued a detailed sheet about the project. Returning the homework booklet completed each Friday is crucial as we mark the maths homework as a group.

Award winners for week one were: Zoe Hoareau, Tane Brand, Sage Pearce, Jasper Marshall and Kuepper Pitman. Congratulations to all.

Hope you have a wonderful week.

Have a great week. Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au ibour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

We are still waiting on a couple of forms from children so they can attend the Gold Coast 600 this Friday for the special ‘Students on Track’ day. There will be a final note coming home this week if your child has misplaced the original note, it is on our class page on the website, Facilities & grounds/Year 6 7.

There are also some camp notes still to be returned. It is important that we receive these as we have to confirm numbers with Gumnuts as well as Adventure Parc on Tamborine. So if we could have these camp forms returned ASAP, that would really help.

In Science we are studying space. We will also be looking at the Solar Eclipse happening in November. The children have their project information as well as the ‘How to get an A’ rubric, that clearly points out what they need to do to secure top marks. All of this information is also on our Class page on the website, so if you get told that they have left it at school, it is available to them 24/7.

Welcome to Alax Sawatzki, a new member of our class. Great to have you as part of the group Alax.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Madison Godfrey, Angelique Steele, Katrina Mobbs, Brogan Munster, Wilson Gaythwaite And Spencer Wood. Well done!

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

GILSTON STATE SCHOOL
Is having a 'GIRLS NIGHT IN MARKET NIGHT' on Friday October 19th from 6-9pm @ Gilstons School Hall 588 Worongary Road Gilston.
Food, drink, entertainment, stalls, cent auction and raffles. Would love to see you there. Stall holders still wanted contact Jemma 0407091826 or Ruth 0428358026

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

FOR SALE
Fisher & Paykel 510 litre Fridge, Fridge on top Freezer at the bottom. Has signs of wear and tear (10 years old) $1700 new asking $350 ONO
Bosh Dishwasher also 10 years old
Will need fixing the heater element is broken $50
Heller Juice Extractor $40
Sew Delight Supreme small sewing machine $20
Phone Wendi or Pete 5533 3835

DID YOU ATTEND BEAUDESERT COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN?
Beaudesert Community Kindergarten is celebrating 25 years of operation in Tubber Street on Saturday 27th October with an open morning 9am-11am which will include Barnyard Babies, dance displays, face painting, morning tea and birthday cake.
For those over 18, a Cocktail Party will be held in the playground from 6pm. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the Kindy on bdstkindy@gil.com.au. We are hoping to see as many past, present & future families and staff on this special occasion.