Welcome back to Term two. This is a busy and stressful term for the Year 3, 5 and 7 students and teachers as they prepare for the annual NAPLAN test.

It was certainly different having the two weeks holiday this year. I really hope that it makes a difference to the children's energy levels in term 2. I really believe that the reorganization this year of the Pupil Free Days, Public holidays and School holidays has been a positive for the children and especially the younger children.

Welcome to our newest Possums, Sam and Mikaylah Matthews-Mullen. We hope you enjoy the ‘Beechmont Experience’.

We start Term 2 with Tania Evans on Maternity Leave. We thank Tania for giving our Preps a great start to the year and wish her all the very best, especially in the next few weeks. Tania is also planning to come in once a week to continue with the Junior Choir and we thank Tania for this wonderful commitment to our children.

The group who manage the ‘Hall on Graceleigh’ will be closing the logo competition on 30th June. The group are looking for a logo to promote the Hall. We would also love to see a sign on the Hall to identify the Hall to visitors to our area.

Please submit any designs to admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au by 30th June. The design must have the words, ‘Hall on Graceleigh’. We’d love to see your creations.

The Australia wide NAPLAN tests happen for all Year 3, 5 and 7 students on the 15, 16 and 17th May. Further information can be obtained at www.qsa.qld.edu.au/8017.html www.naplan.edu.au http://education.qld.gov.au/naplan

ANZAC Day is next week, Wednesday 25th April. Could you please let your child know if you will be coming to the service as we have a practice on Tuesday and it is always good for the children to know for when we select the children who are going to lay the wreaths.

The service starts at 11.30am and children are to be here in full School uniform by 11.00am at the latest so we can organize them for the march. They need to have full School uniform.

My sincere thanks to all the adults who were able to come to our swimming carnival last term. One adult commented to me how wonderful it was that we have an event where all children can participate regardless of their swimming ability. We can only do this with your support and willingness to get in the water to help the younger children, so THANK YOU for all of your help.

The staff at the pool also commented on the good manners of the children who made purchases at the canteen, so well done children.
COMING EVENTS

APRIL
Wed 18 Senior band 7.45am
Wed 18 P&C meeting 7pm Library
Thu 19 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 20 Parade 8.50am
Mon 23 Year 6/7 to Brisbane for student ANZAC service
Wed 25 ANZAC Day. Students to be at School by 11.15am at the latest.
Thu 26 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 27 Parade 8.50am

MAY
Wed 02 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 02 Opti-MINDS Parent Information night
Thu 03 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 04 Parade 8.50am
Fri 04 Opti-MINDS Nominations open

THANK YOU

Martin Kapusin, Kara O’Toole and Sue Barrett for the Swimming Carnival photos.
Maddy Godfrey, Jorja, Ryley & Kim Sami for your help at the Markets.
Michael Kenyon for organising the line marking in the car park.

P&C MEETING

The P&C meeting for April will be held tomorrow night 18th April, 7pm in the Library. We will be looking at arranging our fundraising calendar for the year.

CONGRATULATIONS

Desi Johnson who has been selected in the South Coast Regional Netball team. Well done Desi!

SCHOOL SONES

We have had a report of one child contracting school sores. Please keep a close eye on your child as these are very contagious.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Each year the P & C hold a Mother’s Day stall to raise funds and also to give our children a chance to choose a gift for their Mum. We ask for your donations of small gifts that will be gift wrapped before the day (in clear wrap so the children can see the gift) and priced between $3 and $10. Some suggestions include stationery, toiletries, chocolates, small garden tools, photo frames or anything you think a Mum might like to receive. The stall will be held at school on Friday 11th May just before Mother’s Day and there will be a box placed in the office where donated gifts may be left. Thank you for your help and if you need any more info, please call Julie on 55333226.

SCHOOL BANKING

Great Competition

The Commonwealth has announced a great competition for all students who do school banking. All a student has to do is make 5 deposits from now until 30th June and give their best saving tip in 25 words or less.

If they win, the student becomes the face & name of a brand new Dollarmite character! Plus a family movie pass for a year! The school receives 25 Apple iPads plus $1500 towards a class excursion. See the info sheet attached to today’s newsletter. Seems pretty easy to enter!

OPTI-MINDS PARENT INFO NIGHT

If your child in Year 4 – 7 is interested in this extra curricula activity, then please come along to the parent information night, Tuesday 2nd May 7pm. For information prior to the night visit www.opti-minds.com.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

Sue Denning, our cleaner is taking Long Service Leave from 28th May until 22nd June. There is an opportunity for someone locally to fill this position. Hours of employment are 5am – 9am and 2pm to 6pm. If you are interested please contact the Office on 5545 9100.

EASTER HAT/BONNET PARADE

We had a very successful Easter Bonnet parade on the last day of last term. My thanks to all the parents who came along, it was great having you here as part of the event.

I would never want to be a judge at anything, let alone this hat parade, when there were so many outstanding creations that the children had. I was blown away with the quality and creativity of them all. My poor recycled hat from last year looked a bit sad in comparison to the children’s creations! So my very sincere thanks go to Gary Dowling our LEO teacher for doing the judging for us.

Congratulations go to the following winners from each class, Prep Kobi Marshall, Yr 1/2 Corbin O’Toole, Yr 2/3 Nyah Piggott, Yr 3/4 Eliana Tari, Yr 5/6 Mikaela Jones, and Yr 6/7 Desi Johnson. Our runners up were, Austin Knowles, Sammy Bennett, William Johnson, Jasmine Lang, Ula Trulson, Jake Mobbs, Phoebe Burchell and Bailey Evans.

Our Egg guessing competition winner was Abbey Trikilois with an accurate guess of 162 eggs. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

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TUCKSHOP NEWS

Many parents have taken up using the tuckshop and your support of this function is very much appreciated. The tuckshop is run by the P and C with a part time convenor who is supported by a very small group of volunteers. Without the volunteer support and support of the parents ordering from the tuckshop this function would not be viable.

This year a new menu was introduced that now includes healthy options and the use of the tuckshop to deliver what is on the menu. Unfortunately some services to date has been excellent.

Tuckshop operations are geared around delivering what is on the menu. Unfortunately some orders have been received for items not on the menu and a number of requests are being made for orders that vary from the standard menu. With limited volunteers it is very difficult for tuckshop staff to deviate from the menu offering. Accordingly it would be appreciated if parents are completing orders from the tuckshop, the item as contained on the menu is ordered.

If parent have any suggestions on menu items please email the P and C. This does not mean that the item will automatically be included but if a number of suggestions are received for the same items then these will be considered.

It would also be appreciated if parents would ensure that each order has sufficient funds to cover the order as there have been instances where the money included does not cover what was ordered.

If you have more than 1 child at the school it would also be appreciated if the order for each child is accompanied by the money for that order. This saves time for tuckshop volunteers as they don't need to search for the order that has the money in it and then confirm if it is correct.

Finally if there are any parents out there who have some time to volunteer at the tuckshop this would be very much appreciated. If you are able to volunteer please see Kathleen Callister at the tuckshop on Wednesdays or Fridays.

ANZAC DAY CATERING

It is only a week until ANZAC Day & we still only have two volunteers for the catering on ANZAC Day. Please consider volunteering to help your Parents & Citizens Association raise money to provide resources for our children. Catering for this event is a great fundraiser for the P&C and the funds are channelled back into improving the school for the students. To run this event a number of volunteers are required to ensure it is a success. Volunteers duties include set up and preparation for the event, cooking (sausages, burgers, and chips) making burgers, serving customers and clean up after the event. To date we only have a couple of volunteers and need considerably more to ensure this event is a success. If you can spare a few hours or the morning or afternoon or the whole day please email Michael Kenyon, mckenyon@live.com.au or phone on 0414180271 or fill out the from that is part of this newsletter

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ANZAC Day P&C catering

volunteer form

Name: 
Email: 
Phone: 

I am available to assist
☐ before the ceremony
☐ cooking BBQ
☐ serving
☐ cleaning up

Please return by Friday 20th April to give us enough time to organize a roster.

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

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Welcome back everyone to Term 2

What a sensational time we have all had during the past 2 weeks at Vacation Care. Again, I must congratulate all of the children on their wonderful behaviour and great friendship.

As we are starting a new Term we have attached a Skills Program and booking sheet to this week's newsletter. Please note that our Active After School Care Program has been moved to Tuesday's . Breakdancing is the skill this term and we have a qualified coach coming up to show us some great moves in the new Hall on Graceleigh. This will begin next Tuesday.

Dinner this week will be Bacon & Egg burgers or Fish burgers followed by ice-cream sundaes for dessert. Dinner will still be on Thursday afternoons as usual.

I hope you have all enjoyed the holidays. I would like to thank the wonderful Staff at Mountain Mates for the commitment they put into Vacation Care to ensure everyone has a great time.

Looking forward to this Term.

From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare & Celeste, your Mountain Mates crew.
NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Hi, I’m Elizabeth Perkins & I will be teaching the Preps at Beechmont for the rest of the year.
This week, we will be focussing on the letters & sounds ‘v’ & ‘qu’. We will also continue revising numbers & counting to 10.
Hope you all have a good week.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Welcome back! I hope you were all able to enjoy the lovely weather over the Easter break. Now that we have had Term 1 to establish our class routines and literacy rotations I would like to get Rainbow Reading up and running for which I need a parent volunteer. The time commitment involves one hour on Tuesday morning from 8:45-9:45, and half an hour on Wednesday morning from 8:45-9:15. Ideally it would be most manageable for parents who drop their child at school in the mornings. If you are able to help I would love to hear from you via phone, drop-in or email.

Homework was not sent out yesterday as I would like to make a change and send it home on Fridays and have it returned on Thursdays. So you can expect the homework to go out this Friday. The children have been doing very well with their spelling and all groups are ready to proceed to their next stage of study. For the yellow group this means that they will also commence spelling tests.Yippee!

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

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break and is now ready for term 2.
This week in maths we are focussing on money. Students will learn a little history about who’s who on our Australian notes and will learn about the features of the notes, such as the security features. Students will also learn to count money, record money and calculate change. Furthermore students will learn to count and record money as a result of our new good behaviour incentive scheme for this term. Students will be rewarded for good behaviour and exceptional work by receiving 5c into their ‘bank account’. They will have to calculate their new bank balances each time. Every 3 weeks there will be a class auction where the students will bid on prizes such as pencils, note pads, pencil cases, etc. The highest bidders will claim their prize.

In literacy lesson we will be completing lessons that will help children with the language conventions test on the upcoming year 3 NAPLAN test. Students will also be learning how to write an exposition/argument. They will write an exposition aimed at their parents convincing them to let them have a pet, whether it will be a puppy or something that may take more convincing like an elephant or pet tiger.

I am also giving students 2 more weeks to complete their history interview of a grandparent. At the end of term 2 students were given a sheet to help them question their grandparent or older person about the toys they played with when they were a child. I will check in class if anyone has lost this sheet and issue new ones if necessary.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Welcome to Term 2. This term for homework we will continue with our fortnightly homework grid. The first grid will be handed out this Friday. This week we are consolidating spelling concepts from last term so there will be no new spelling words until Friday.

In Maths we are currently working with data including constructing Bar graphs and Column Graphs from data we have collected. Our next topic will be money. The children will be investigating all aspects of money such as representing dollar amounts in different ways, counting money, adding and subtracting money, giving change etc.

In English the children will be completing their work on Persuasive Text including the construction of a text to persuade an audience. We are investigating the structure of a Persuasive Text and the language features used in this genre.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Welcome back to term 2. We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing break.
Homework will resume this Thursday and will be due next Wednesday.
This term in Science we will be looking at matter – solids, liquids and gases, in English we will be practicing persuasive writing and really focusing on writing proper sentences and paragraphs, in Maths we will be covering concepts in Number/Place Value, Measurement, Fractions & Decimals, Shape and Patterns & Algebra.

We will also be working on fundraising for the upcoming camp in term three – details will follow soon.

Have a great week. Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au _jbour96@eq.edu.au
Welcome back to Term 2. It is an important term for the Year 7 students as they prepare for the NAPLAN tests in week 5.

A reminder that our class is travelling to Brisbane next Monday 23rd April, for the student ANZAC service organised by the Queensland ANZAC Day Commemorative committee. The long range weather forecast isn’t too flash, but at this stage we will go ahead regardless, as we can do other things in Brisbane. Children are to be at Nerang rail station by 8am and need to be collected by 4.04pm. Children must have full school uniform including a school hat. Year 7 students are to wear their Leadership shirts and orange hats. Last year we ended up being on the channel 7 news, so this is a real chance for a TV breakthrough! Keep your eye out for the special note that will be coming home this week.

On ANZAC Day, we ask children to be at Graceleigh Park by 11am at the latest.

Have a great term warm regards,
Tanya Stanley & David Murphy

How Do I know My Child Has Head Lice?

Many head lice infections cause no symptoms, and probably less than half cause itch. So you have to LOOK to find out if your child has head lice. Do not rely on itching and scratching.

Eggs are not difficult to see; use a strong light and look on the hair shafts. Newly laid eggs are usually within 1.5 cm of the scalp while older eggs are higher up the hair shafts. If you are not sure whether an object you find is a head louse egg, try sliding it up the hair shaft using your fingers. Eggs are usually quite difficult to move, whereas hair muffs and other items slide easily.

However, finding live lice can be difficult since the climbers move away quickly from disturbances in the hair, and they are very difficult to see.

An easy way is to find the climbers is to use the conditioner and nit comb treatment

1. Apply conditioner to dry hair aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
2. Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
3. Immediately comb the hair with a fine tooth comb. The best comb for this is the Lice Meister comb. However, plastic nit combs with conditioner are also very effective for detecting climbers.
4. Wipe the conditioner off the fine tooth comb onto a paper tissue and look for lice and eggs.
5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 5 times.
6. Also examine the comb for lice and eggs.

If you find lice, your child should be treated.

If your child has not been treated for head lice before, and you only find eggs, you should consider treating for head lice. However, another option if you do not want to use insecticidal treatments, is to check again the next day using the conditioner and comb technique.

If your child has been treated recently, and you find only hatched eggs, but no lice, you may not need to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

You should check your child every week using conditioner, a fine tooth comb, and paper tissue as described above.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MobileMuster
Schools Recycling Challenge
Please bring your old mobile phones into Beechmont State School Administration foyer and place in the box provided.

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.

DANCE WITH ME
• Come and learn to dance like a fairy ballerina!
• Mummy and Me dance classes will be commencing shortly, come along and be part of the fun.
• For Mums and girls aged 2 – 4 years.
• Just $10 per lesson – pay as you go
• For information, please call 55331218 or 0412992700

Large Family Home in Lower Beechmont for Rent
HUGE VIEWS and lawn maintenance included.
- 5 Bedrooms – Master with ensuite
- 2 Separate Living areas
- Huge timber decks
- Wood Fired Pizza Oven
- Double remote lock up garage
- Slow Combustion Fireplace
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- Polished Timber Floors
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Found in the Car park, a girls watch. Please contact the Office if it is your child’s watch.

SOCCER NEWS
Our first games for the season were a huge success. We had a lot of children new to the game and they were fantastic. Well done to all of the children, and you all looked very smart in your brand new uniforms. Maybe not so after playing soccer in the rain. The nice blue and white turned a red and brown. Good commitment to you all and to our referees and coaches.
Hosting the games at our new facility was a real showcase for our small club and the undercover area was a welcome addition.
Please check the GCS website for times this week as they are all away games.
Have a great week.
Rich and Anita 55331227
info@manakithomes.com.au

COMMENTS