BEECHMONT DAY

We are still missing a significant number of green forms that were on the newsletter two weeks ago. **We really do need these by TOMORROW 19th SEPTEMBER.**

If you have misplaced the form, it is on the website Support and resources/Parent resources, 2nd item on this page.

Even if your child is not attending Beechmont Day, we still need the form returned, so we are able to book an adequate sized bus. We also need to purchase drinks, sausages, bread and sauces.

**Please return the form and money (if you are ordering lunch) tomorrow WEDNESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER.** Hopefully a transport list will be coming home tomorrow afternoon or Thursday at the latest.

CRICKET

Don’t forget Cricket is meeting this Saturday 22nd September at Graceleigh Park. This is a great opportunity for our children to keep fit and enjoy the Milo in 2 cricket program.

We do need children to sign on the black board outside the green room.

The children get a great starter kit of a bag, hat, cricket bat, ball, water bottle and shirt for $65 as well as being able to take part in the Milo in 2 cricket program. **Sign up now!**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School holidays start after School this Friday 21st September and School resumes on Monday 8th October.

VACATION CARE

A fabulous program is operating at Mountain Mates during the School holidays. A yellow information and booking form was attached to last week’s newsletter. If you have misplaced it, it is on the website, Support and resources / Parent resources, it is the first item there on the page.

HEAD LICE

We are still experiencing many cases of head lice across the school. This is extremely frustrating & expensive for those families who regularly check their children’s hair, and find they have been reinfected.

Some simple things for all families to do are:

- Make a regular habit of one night each week check your child’s eg every Monday night
- Immediately treat your child
- Use a nit comb, a normal comb doesn’t work
- Regularly change products you use so the lice don’t get used to one product
- Let us know at school if you have found any lice.

If a student’s hair is shoulder length or longer, **it must be tied up each day**

We want to use the upcoming school holidays as a time for all families to check & treat if necessary in the first week of the holidays and then check & treat again in the 2nd week. If every family diligently does this we will as a school be able to start term 4 as a nit free school. This relies on every family taking the time to check & treat. **Please make the effort these holidays to check & treat twice.**

Please help us to help every family.
SEPTEMBER
Wed 19 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 19 No Tuckshop today
Fri 21 Beechmont Day at Paradise Point Parklands
Mon 24 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741 to book in
Tue 25 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741 to book in
Wed 26 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741 to book in
Thu 27 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741 to book in
Fri 28 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741 to book in

OCTOBER
Mon 01 NO Vacation Care – Public Holiday
Tue 02 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741 to book in
Wed 02 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741 to book in
Thu 03 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741 to book in
Fri 04 Vacation Care Ph. 0417 775 741 to book in
Mon 08 School resumes for all children ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺
Mon 08 Year 2/3/4 camp at Binna Burra
Wed 10 Colour Day, Pink theme
Wed 10 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 11 Junior Band and Strings lessons

NAPLAN RESULTS
If your child is in year 3, 5 or 7, they should have brought home their NAPLAN reports on Monday afternoon.

I am generally quite pleased with our school’s performance in this year’s NAPLAN tests. Our results are either equal to the National mean or above, with no areas below the National mean.

Year 3 students were equal to the National mean in Reading, Writing, Spelling & Numeracy and above the National & State mean in Grammar & Punctuation.

Year 5 students were equal to the National mean in Reading, Writing, Spelling Grammar & Punctuation & Numeracy and above the State mean in Grammar & Punctuation.

Year 7 students were equal to the National mean in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar & Numeracy and above the State mean in Reading, Grammar & Punctuation & Numeracy.

YEAR 7 IN 2013
There will be a short meeting on the night of Tuesday 16th October, outlining to parents the procedures for students to be in Year 7 at Beechmont School in 2013. All parents are invited to attend. It starts at 7pm and should be completed by 8pm.

YEAR 2/3/4 CAMP
Just a reminder that the Year 2,3,4 camp is Day 1 Week 1 of Term 4 from the 8th to 10th October. All notes are on the website, Facilities / School Grounds and classrooms / then select the Year 2/3 class page or the 3/4 class page.

AUSKICK IS COMING
Auskick will be presenting an information session on parade on Friday 19th October and then the Auskick program will be starting on Monday 29th October at 3.10pm – 4.10pm and continue until Monday 10th December.

PUPIL FREE DAY
There is a Pupil Free Day in October, week 3, Monday 22nd October. Mountain Mates will be operating on that day.

NEW TO THE WEBSITE
• Important Senior Band dates for Term 4 Extra-curricular/ Music/ Senior & Junior Band information.
• Vacation Care program and book form Home page/ Quicklinks RH side below newsletter/ Parent resources or Support & resources/ Parent resources.
• Some behaviour rules and signs that will soon appear around the School as well as a link to the ‘You can do it’ Program that all classes are doing lessons from. Our School/ Rules & Policies (Paragraph 2 and 3).
• Updated dates in Calendar and News/ Events calendar.
• Photos from Jump Rope Jump Off Day, Calendar & News/Photo Gallery.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
We had a fantastic day last Friday at our Jump Rope Jump Off Day. The children behave extremely well and participated really well.

Thank you Kerry Pryor who totally organised the day, made the red tuts (maybe I don’t need to thank her for that one), organised the Fun Food Friday and the fruit for the children.

Also Thank You to Janine and Kathleen for cooking and organizing our lunch on the day.
Kerry also provided the fresh fruit for second break and with the help of Kim distributed to the children who devoured it with very healthy appetites.
These events have a large amount of pre workup so it is fantastic to see the children enjoy themselves on the day.
There are some photos on the website, Calendar & news/Photo gallery/Jump Rope for Heart.

THANK YOU
Thanks Richard Brand for cooking the BBQ lunch for the Junior Combined Band Day last Wednesday.
**TUCKSHOP**

The Tuckshop will be closed tomorrow for stocktake.

Thank You so much to all our Tuckshop volunteers. Without you we would not be able to provide this service for the children. Very special thanks to Vicki for being there every Wednesday and Janine for every Friday and all your other extra help. Also Thank You to Michelle, Karen and Sue who are all regularly in the Tuckshop. There are lots of others who are always available on our special days and all the extras but I don’t want to try to remember all the names in case I forget someone. Thank You and Thank You again to everyone. Everyone also includes all the children and staff who order Tuckshop Lunches and are always Happy and smiling. You make it all worthwhile.

See you all again in Term 4.

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**SWIMMING LESSONS**

As part of our School sporting program, all Year 2 students take part in swimming lessons in Term 4. These lessons are held at Canungra Pool and the School subsidises these lessons by paying for the cost of employing a swimming coach. Parents are required to pay approximately $60 to the overall cost. Final figures will be confirmed. The lessons start on Friday 2nd November and the last lesson is Friday 30th November.

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**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**PREP NEWS**

Welcome to week 11. It has been a very long and busy term and the preps have worked very hard. They all deserve a holiday and I’m sure the parents do too. I look forward to seeing you all term well rested and ready to go.

Have a wonderful holiday.

Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.

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**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

I think 1/2 has done a lot of wonderful work this term and are overdue for a fantastic two week holiday. No readers are being sent home over the holidays but don’t forget about the local library or, as an alternative, Intrepica has Reading Comprehension activities which the children might like to do as something different (we don’t do them in rotations). All they need is their log on and password and there you have holiday reading with a difference!

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Tane Tari for the Intrepica Leaderboard and Lucy Kenyon for great writing.

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

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**YEAR 2/3 CLASS**

The payments for camp need to be finalised this week.

For homework this week students must

- practise their spelling words,
- continue with their daily readers and search for a joke for Beechmont Day.

Year 3 students also received their NAPLAN results this week and they were put in their communication folders on Monday. As a result of Beechmont Day on Friday, we will complete the spelling test on Thursday instead.

I hope everyone in the class has an amazing holiday and returns all fresh and motivated to tackle the fourth term. Remember camp is the first day back after school holidays.

Have a good week, Demelza

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**YEAR 3/4 CLASS**

There will be no homework sheet for the last week of the Term. Some children will need to finish off work started in class that has not been completed.
Reading and working on Maths mental calculations should also continue if necessary.

Well done to all of the children who took part so enthusiastically in the skipping activities last Friday. Congratulations to all of the children who helped raise money for the Heart Foundation through the skipping program. We have also built up our fitness with weeks of daily skipping.

All camp permission forms have now been handed in for Year 3-4. Thank you parents for wading through all of the official medical and permission forms. You should have also received a What-to-Bring list last Friday. A note will be sent home soon showing the transportation details for camp. We will also be sorting out the cabin groups in the next few days. Children will know their groups by the end of the week. Don't forget that camp is the first day back after the holidays.

We will be working hard this week to complete a range of assessment tasks in Science, History and English. It is important that children are present for all of these tasks.

Have a great week and an enjoyable holiday with your children.

Regards, Dan Albright dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Spelling words and the science/maths assignments for homework are due this Thursday. Homework for next term will be changing. Although the digital homework was initially embraced by students, as the term progressed, more and more children began reverting back to the manual style of homework through the request of their parents. For this reason we will be changing back to the manual style of homework. I have collated a homework booklet for each child. The booklet contains all of their spelling words and spelling activities for the term, all of the maths activities, a reading log, a chores log and some strategies on how to practice spelling words, number facts and some suggestions on chores that could be performed. This booklet is free of charge, however, if it is lost or damaged to the extent that it can no longer be used, a replacement will cost $5. The homework booklet will be due every Friday. As well as the booklet, children will have assignments to complete. These will be set over a three week period in order to be completed. Homework will be issued first week back after the holidays.

Congratulations to all the children who put in a great effort on Jump Rope for Heart day. We had been practicing as part of our daily exercise program and it was good to see the practice had paid off.

Last week children chose a bush poem that they need to learn and recite without assistance. They will need to practice these over the holidays.

Award winners for week 10 were: Wishy, Carla, Taija and Mikaela. Congratulations girls for all your efforts with your spelling and homework over the term.

Hope you have a wonderful and relaxing holiday.
Have a great week. Katie and Joyce
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YEAR 6/7 CLASS

All children have their selected Bush poem, and need some time (10 minutes a day is all that is needed) spent learning it during the holidays, as the children will be reciting it at a few different places after the holidays to get them used to reciting in front of a crowd.

As we said last week, there is no homework this week. Almost all students do need a new homework book for next term. If there is a ½ used one at home, that would do as there is only a term left of homework, in reality 8 or 9 weeks, so please do not buy a 128 page book. If there are no spares at home, then a 48 page book would be more than enough.

We encourage the children to have a restful holiday. Term 4 is notoriously busy and for the Year 7’s quite emotional as well, so they do need their reserves of energy to get through the term! Of course that also goes for the teachers as we get quite stressed trying to get, not only all the required academic work done, but fit in all the extras as well, End of Year Concert dance & slide show, all the bits associated with Graduation, End of year reporting and the list goes on. That is why I am heading to Port Douglas for a few days to spend time with Willow and Emily (who had her 1st birthday on Saturday), while Ms Stanley will be literally ‘putting her foot up’ to try & repair her torn calf muscle. Have a great holiday everyone!

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Ebonie Ure, Bailey Evans, Zac Treherne, Sidney Slater, Desi Johnson and Bella Innis. Well done!

Have a great week, warm regards,
Tanya Stanley & David Murphy
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

ART AND CRAFT MARKET
Nerang State High School P&C Association is holding an Art and Craft Market on Saturday November 24th from 8am-12 noon. If you are talented at craft and have some items for sale or you have a direct selling business to promote we would like to hear from you.

The cost is $20 a table plus a raffle prize donation. The event will be very widely advertised in local newsletters, local papers, community radio, flyers and notice boards. Refreshments will be available.

Please contact pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au or Tracey Spiers on 0412267263 if you wish to book a table or for further information.

BLAST INTO ARTS school holiday activities
There are lots of activities and films on offer at the Centre Beaudesert and the Boonah Cultural Centre as part of the ‘Blast Into Arts’ program for these school holidays.

Disco, iPad Bash, art workshops, a cooking class, story-telling and circus workshops are programmed alongside the films The Muppets (G), We Bought a Zoo (PG), Puss in Boots (PG), Street Dance 2 (PG), The Adventures of Tintin (PG) and Dr Seuss’ The Lorax (G) starting on Friday 21st September going through until Saturday 6 October.

The full printed ‘Blast Into Arts’ program with costs can be picked up from any of the Customer Service Centres, Libraries or Cultural Centres or downloaded from the website www.liveatthecentre.com.au. Bookings for workshops are essential and can be made by phoning 5540 5050 or 5463 1524, visiting the box office at either Beaudesert or Boonah or online at www.liveatthecentre.com.au.

Beechmont Netball Club News
Well Saturday season has come to a close with a fantastic Grand final day on Saturday. Unfortunately, both the Saints and Eagles were defeated by stronger teams on the day. However, all girls performed outstandingly and made their coaches very proud. It gives us something to strive for next year!!

Firstly, to the Executive, Greg Slater, Michael Powell and Kim Sami, you guys are amazing. Your commitment to Beechmont Netball has gone above and beyond once again this year and I am sure that I speak on behalf of everyone involved in the club when I say, we couldn’t do it without you!!

A big, big thank you also to all of the parents/caregivers for the support you have given the club this year. Without your commitment to getting your child to training and games each week we wouldn’t have a club and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our Presentation Day on Saturday afternoon was a terrific success. A big congratulations to the award winners from each team. The job of choosing the recipients of these awards this year was certainly made difficult by the impressive efforts shown by all girls over the last 26 weeks.

Special mention to Allie Slater for putting together the amazing movie highlights package together. It was a terrific overview of the 2012 season, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all despite the few technical glitches with the dvd player.

Finally, the Twilight season for those involved begins on the first Monday back at school. Games fees for the 9 weeks will be $40 per player. Games are either at 4:15 pm or 5 pm and we will email you during the holidays with game details for the first week.

Once again thanks to everyone for a terrific 2012 Saturday season and we hope to see you all in 2013!!