ANZAC Day falls on Wednesday 25th April which is our 2nd week back after the holidays. The Beechmont community service will be held at Graceleigh Park starting at 11.30am. Our School children play a significant role in the service and we ask for as many children as possible to come to the service in School Uniform.

Our Junior and Senior Choirs both perform, children lay wreaths, all children follow the Returned Service personnel into the ceremony area, Year 7 students lay rosemary, students say prayers and the Ode as well as lead the parade with the Australian and New Zealand flags.

Please try to keep ANZAC Day free so your child can fully participate in this important day in the life of our country.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Hopefully your child brought home the A5 Pink note last Wednesday about our Swimming Carnival being postponed. The new date is Thursday 29th March which is the 2nd last day of the term.

We will assume that all transport arrangements that were in place for the original date, 15th March will remain current unless we hear from you this week.

TERM 1 REPORTS

Please be aware that the Term 1 reports that will be sent home this Friday 23rd March are really based on only 5 weeks work. We had a staggered start to the year due to the rain and teachers need to start these reports two weeks ago due to the time it takes to complete them. So it isn't a 10 week report, it is really based on 5 weeks worth of work.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Our Easter Hat (or Bonnet in the ‘old’ language) will happen on Friday 30th March. There will be lots of prizes available, so get started on making your Easter Hats so that you can take away the prizes! As long as you’re Easter Hat has the Easter theme it is in with a chance.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Easter School holidays start next Friday 30th March after School and School resumes on Monday 16th April. There is no pupil free day on Monday 16th as in past years.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop is on every Wednesday and Friday. The Tuckshop menu is on the Website in two places. On the homepage, right hand side click on the Tuckshop Information tab and on the left hand side click on the P&C tab, then the Tuckshop tab.

THANK YOU - WORKING BEE AND MARKETS

We had a busy Sunday with the Working Bee as well as the markets. My very sincere thanks to Dean Hogg, Sage Pearce, Janine Van B, Amy & Emma Bennett, Patrick, Sunsia & Wishy Thirasantikamol, Wendy, Carla & Coen Blunt, Tony, Renae, Bryce & Austin Knowles, Kathleen Callister & Nick Gistitin. We really do appreciate your help for our school, THANKYOU!!

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH
Wed 21 Senior band 7.45am
Thu 22 Combined Band Day @ Beechmont
     Concert at 1.45pm – Graceleigh Hall
Thu 22 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Thu 22 3/4 to Metricon Stadium
Fri 23 Parade 8.50am
Fri 23 Term 1 Reports issued
Sat 24 State Election – you can vote in Hall
Wed 28 Senior band 7.45am
Thu 29 Swimming Carnival at Nerang Pool
Fri 30 Easter Hat Parade
Fri 30 School holidays start after School

APRIL
Mon 02 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Tue 03 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Wed 04 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Thu 05 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Tue 10 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Wed 11 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Thu 12 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Fri 13 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Mon 16 School’s back for Term 2 Yahoo
Wed 18 Senior band 7.45am

SCHOOL ‘GLOW DISCO’

A big thank you to Janine Van B who co-ordinated our Glow Disco on Friday night. Also thank you to our willing volunteers, Leigh & Kylie Gaffney, Mel Stevens, Josh & Asta Abbot, Joy & Andy Stampton, Tony & Renae Knowles, Wendy Blunt, Sammy Bennett, Sunisa Thirasantikalom, Sherylee & Matt Muir-Smith, Tammy Stott, Christine Langford, Tania Evans, Renee Carlaw, Susan Flynn & the late stayer & mopper Nicole Kapusin who gave up her Anniversary night to work for our children! We do need quite a few people as you can see to run a safe disco in our Hall on Graceleigh & your help & support is really appreciated as we do have a lot of doors that need an adult watching over.

We are still looking for a Disco Co-ordinator. We have 2 discos left this year so it’s not a huge commitment, but we do need a co-ordinator to organize decorating, prizes plus the lollies and drinks sold on the night.

I must congratulate our children on their behaviour & a very special mention to our Year 9 students, (2010 Year 7’s) who came & were an absolute delight to have despite the age difference.

NO LIBRARY BORROWING THIS WEEK

As we have the school holidays around the corner, there will be no Library borrowing this week. Please ensure all books are returned on Thursday.

NUT FREE RECIPES

Chocolate Coconut Puffs
• ¾ cup Nut free Nutella spread
• 100g butter
• 3 cups rice bubbles/puffs
• 2 cups desiccated coconut
• 1 extra large egg
• ¼ cup 100s and 1000s

Method
2. Combine rice puffs and 1 cups coconut in a large bowl.
3. Stir in chocolate mix and egg and mix well.
4. Squeeze mixture into small balls and roll in remaining coconut and 100s and 1000s.
5. Chill in refrigerator.

Adapted from Coles Rice Puffs box

White Tropical Hedgehog
• ½ cup dried sliced mango, pineapple or pawpaw
• ½ cup banana chips, chopped
• 75g copha
• 275g white chocolate buttons
• 2 cups rice puffs/bubbles
• 1 cup shredded/desiccated coconut

Method
1. Combine rice puffs, coconut, fruit and banana chips in a bowl.
2. Melt copha, remove from heat and set aside for 5 mins. Stir in chocolate until melted.
3. Combine both sets of ingredients and press into a lined 25 x 17cm slice tin.
4. Refrigerate for 1 hour and cut in small pieces.

Adapted from Coles Rice Puffs box

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

Hi everyone hope you are all enjoying your week. It is hard to believe but this is the second last week of the term. This week I will send home the new sounds learnt for the children to practise as well as the new sight words, sorry I did not get to this last week.

Yesterday we learnt the sound ‘ai’ as in pain or train.

In maths we have been looking at ordinal numbers and how to recognise these numbers in the correct position. Yesterday the children began to write a letter to a person of their choosing. They are doing a
fabulous job with their early attempts at writing which is so wonderful to see at this stage of the year.

The mid term reports are due out at the end of this week so look out for these. Just a reminder that these are simply based on work and observations made for half a term and are simply written to give you a heads up to any concerns we may have.

Congratulations to the awards winners last week, Becky Bennett, Sophia Gistitin, Daisy Bowler and Matilda Miller. Well done everyone. Hope you have a great week
Hope you all have a good week

Wishing you all a good week.
Kerry Pryor

Well parents the holidays are almost here so if you are popping in to school anytime over the next two weeks please feel free to come up to the classroom to collect the children’s Raw Art sculptures (sending them home on the bus may result in breakages and tears!) In Literacy we are commencing our study of persuasive texts and in Maths we are learning about Chance. Try and reinforce this with conversations about the likelihood of certain events using language such as likely, unlikely, will happen, won’t happen, possible, impossible e.g. it is unlikely that Mr Murphy will ever shave his beard off. (Mr Murphy comment; sorry, unlikely is the wrong word, I will never shave off my beard is a much better choice of words)))

This week’s spelling is taking a break from our usual program as I would like the children to focus on reading and writing numbers. You can help this by saying a number and asking them to show you it in various ways e.g. with numerals, words, blocks and pictures. I have differentiated the spelling according to their spelling groups but the Math curriculum does expect Year 1 children to both read and write in words, numbers to fifty, and for year 2’s that is to five hundred.

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

This week for homework students have not been given a homework grid, but they still have homework. Students are expected to practice and write out their spelling words, also they need to complete a word sort and work on a doubles and near-doubles maths handout. Additionally they need to continue with their daily readers. Next week students will only be reading their daily readers and they will have to also complete an interview of a grandparent or older person for history. We are currently learning about how fun and entertainment for children has changed over the past hundred years. Accordingly students will interview a grandparent to find out how they entertained themselves as children and what sort of toys they played with. More information about this interview will be given to children next week and it won’t be due back until after the holidays.

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

Congratulations on the general classroom improvement to homework last fortnight. Most children are now organising their time to suit the fortnightly schedule. Neatness can still be a focus for some children. Setting work out neatly in columns drawn with a ruler should be part of the routine for homework.

We are off to Metricon Stadium at Carrara on Thursday for the A.F.L. Shine program. Notes should now have been returned. Children can travel to and from school in the normal way as we leave at 10:45am and will return before the 3:00pm buses.

In English we are now working hard on our second written genre of Persuasive Text. The children are looking at persuasive writing in newspapers, narratives including children’s picture books, magazines, posters and letters. They will be constructing a persuasive text at the end of this term.

In Maths we have just completed a unit of work on Chance (Probability). Part of this work involved discussing gambling games and investigating how these games are designed to make the gambler lose in the long run.

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

The ‘create a creature’ science project is due last Friday. Well done to all the children who handed it in on time. There were some really fantastic projects that demonstrated a great deal of effort and thought.

With regards to homework, I encourage you to look through your child’s homework book. I have been writing comments which may be of interest to you. Having access to a dictionary, a ruler and in some cases a calculator is necessary to accurately complete the homework tasks. If your child does not have one of these at home, they are welcome to use the ones from our class. I have also noticed that many children are writing random answers in order to make it look like they have completed the homework. I have told them on many occasions that if they are stuck, they need to come and ask me for help. Random answers are not good enough. Running writing must also be used for homework – many are reverting to print.
Any question to a multiplication fact up to the 12 x tables should be answered in the click of a finger. Many children are still struggling to do this and practice is the only way to get better.

Award winners for week 8 were: Faigan Meadowcroft, Amy Bennett, Amy Cleworth, Carla Blunt and Eric Watts. Congratulations to you all.

Have a great week. Katie and Joyce kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Homework still remains an issue for some students. The expectations are that homework is completed every week to a standard that is appropriate for year 6 & 7 students. It needs to be neat, well set out, and the use of a rular and cursive writing is expected. Reading record is expected to be signed by parents as well as the diary. This is NOT a parent responsibility to remember, it is a student responsibility to remember to ask their parents to sign the both areas.

Children are expected to be reading every night as well as learning their number facts each night. Learning spelling and doing the work that is in the children's homework books for each night is expected to be done.

Sentences are to be complex sentences, not simple sentences and dictionary meanings are expected for all words. If children cannot find the meaning of a word at home, then they are expected to use a school dictionary or an online dictionary at school.

The expectations in Term 2 will be that all homework is at an appropriate standard otherwise children will be redoing their homework in their playtimes.

Children have received individual feedback each week on their homework so from next term we will up the ante so that all children realise what is expected each week. This is getting the children into positive habits for their High School years.

We hope that all students use these last two weeks to make the changes needed. Obviously there are a significant number of children who are following all the expectations.

The students last week were given a case of reality. We had 2 students who didn't bring their homework. One student had brought their homework in every week completed to an acceptable standard, while the other student had yet to bring their homework in completed and to an acceptable standard. The first student was given the benefit of the doubt and was required to bring in their homework yesterday. The 2nd student spent their play time & some sport time on Friday, doing their homework. How a student is dealt with is based on each child's history.

Each child is entering a competition through Book Club to win a $25 book voucher. If you don't want your child to enter please let us know ASAP.

Award winners last week were, Caia Hogg-Wood, Inari Beyer, Jodi Kapusin, Madison Godfrey, Katrina Mobbs, Ebonie Ure, Jett Sterling, Zac Treherne, Zachary Le Faucheur, Billy Connolly, Sierra sterling & Lachlan Ayers. Well done children.

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

Hi Everyone & welcome to Mountain Mates!
Our Vacation Care program was on last week's newsletter, so if you have missed out please let us know and we will get another one to you.
Kim & Janine attended a workshop on developing our Quality Improvement Plan. This is an important step in the National Quality Framework agenda. If you would like to know more please talk to Kim or Janine who will be happy to enlighten you.
It is our last week of Zumba this Thursday!! We will miss Diana and her groovy beats each Thursday. Thank you to Diana and the Active After School Care Community Program for giving this opportunity to the children at Mountain Mates.
Our Reward Table last Thursday went to Chelsea and a young lady who wishes to remain anonymous. Chelsea invited Abbey and Natasha was the guest of Miss Anonymous. Well done girls.

This Thursday evening we have Gourmet Hotdiggity Dogs and Chocolate Mousse with smarties.
Have a wonderful week!
From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare & Celeste, your Mountain Mates crew.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Abroad Education is an Australian ‘Not for Profit’ organisation.
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MobileMuster
Schools Recycling Challenge
Please bring your old mobile phones into Beechmont State School Administration foyer and place in the box provided.

SOCCER NEWS

Training today on the oval.
The season draw has not been completed yet, so we are not sure if the first game is home or away. I will email you all when the draw is complete.

Second hand boots are still available if anyone needs them.

Payment of fees: if you require bank details please advise, cheques are payable to Beechmont Junior Soccer Club, please give any monies to Renae, Rich or myself.

Rich and Anita 55331227
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Ian Roberts
Middle Schooling Coordinator
St Michael's College
5530 2722

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.

is proud to announce the 3rd Annual Beechmont Easter Egg Hunt
For children big and small
When: Friday 6th April 10am
Where: Graceleigh Park
- Next to the Beechmont State School -
Find the GOLDEN EGG and win a
$100 Toys R Us voucher
100% Free Community event