WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY 25th

Can you please help us reclaim our School? There are a lot of areas that need urgent and a lot of work ‘done to them’.
Please help us at our Working Bee this Saturday 25th February from 8am to 12 noon. We really do need a lot of people so our School grounds can get back to normal.
Please bring any tools you have, or machines! There is so much to do we need all the help we can get!
Lunch and drinks will be provided.
Some of the jobs we have to do are:-
• lots of weeding of lots of gardens
• trimming of some shrubs
• some painting jobs
• clear the bank of our School oval
• take a few trips to Canungra Dump to get rid of the branches we cut down as well as a lot of garden rubbish we have here at School.

OPEN NIGHT

Teacher talk times are at the following times
Prep and Year 2/3 - 6pm
Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 - 6.30pm
Year 5/6 and Year 6/7 - 7pm
Book Fair open in the Library from 5.30pm
Please make every effort to attend so you can hear about your child’s class plans for this year.
This is not an opportunity to have a parent and teacher discussion about your child’s progress. Please use the opportunity to make an appointment to have a discussion with your child’s teacher, but please don’t on Tuesday night.

BOOK FAIR

Starting yesterday, Monday 20th February until Friday 24th February we will be having a ‘Book Fair’ in our Library. Book Fair offers a wonderful range of books at very reasonable prices.
Please come along and check out the books. Books make the perfect birthday and Christmas gifts. Reading is the key to children’s success at School, so why not help them and buy some books for your children.
Any profits make at the Book Fair are rewarded by the School being able to take the profits in books that go directly into our Library.
Please support the Book Fair as it directly helps your children by providing books for them.
BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN TONIGHT AT OPEN NIGHT FROM 5.30pm.
Many thanks to Anne Hart & Jenny Slingsby for the decorations.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Volunteers are still URGENTLY needed in Tuckshop.
For the Tuckshop to continue to operate we need more volunteers and support of this valuable service from the families of the school.
PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL’S TUCKSHOP AGAIN THIS YEAR!

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**COMING EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY**
- Tue 21 Open Night
- Tue 21 Book Fair Open Night
- Wed 22 Senior Band 7.45am
- Wed 22 Primary School Bus Meeting at the Hall on Graceleigh at 7.30pm
- Thur 23 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
- Fri 24 No Parade today
- Fri 24 Interhouse Sport 11.30am
- Fri 24 Life Savers visit to Year 3/4
- Sat 25 Working Bee. 8 – 12noon
- Wed 29 Senior Band 7.45am

**MARCH**
- Thu 01 Yr 7 to Leadership Conference in Brisbane
- Thu 01 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
- Fri 02 Police Pipe and Drum Band 11.20am
- Wed 07 Pink Colour Day 50c or $5 for year
- Wed 07 Senior Band 7.45am
- Thur 08 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments

**NEW TO THE WEBSITE**
- Wednesday & Thursday Instrumental Music Timetable for John Clyde Curriculum/Band/Instrumental music timetable.
- Year 7 Raw Art photos Special Events / 2012 Special Events / Raw Art.
- Year 7 Photo Gallery Class Pages / Year 7 / Photo Gallery.
- Beginning Year Assembly Photos Special Events / Special Events 2012 / Beginning Year Assembly.

**THIS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

This Wednesday afternoon most of our teachers will be leaving early to attend a Staff Meeting at Nerang State School on Curriculum to the Classroom C2C for the new Australian Curriculum.

David will be supervising all classes in the Covered Area from 2.45pm so teachers can attend this Professional Development activity that will have a positive effect on our classrooms and teachers.

**BUS MEETING**

Please do not forget about the Bus Meeting tomorrow night, 22nd February at the Hall on Graceleigh. All parents who have children on any of the School buses should be at the meeting. Look forward to seeing you there.

**UNIFORM NEWS/LOST PROPERTY**

We have an enormous amount of Lost Property in the Office. It includes a lot of non-uniform items as well as lunch boxes, drink bottles, shoes & books! Anything not claimed by Friday will go to our 2nd Hand Uniforms or St Vinnies.

I would urge parents to come in & have a look this week, as children do tend to have a ‘boy look’. Thank you for your help.

**P+C POST**

Last Wednesday night the P&C’s AGM was held with the election of officers for 2012. The team this year is:
- President – Michael Kenyon
- Vice President – Renae Knowles
- Secretary – Wendy Blunt
- Treasurer – Vacant

We would be interested in hearing from anyone who has MYOB experience as Karen, our treasurer from last year has resigned.

Our School has begun running this year’s LEO (learning engagement online) programme. This programme has individual children and a tutor completing an online programme. The programme promotes a variety of computer skills as well as dealing with other aspects along the way. It really is a very valuable opportunity for the children that have been selected to be involved.

What we do need however, are some willing volunteer parents on a Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 11am to work with the children on the computer. If you can help, please contact David as a matter of urgency on 55459100 or email, dmurp19@eq.edu.au

2012 has been named the National Year of Reading to celebrate the joy of reading. It’s a great chance to read new books, meet some
different characters and discover exciting new worlds.

The year focuses on improving student’s literacy skills, increasing the number of children reading books and promoting the important role of libraries.

Queensland Minister for Education, Cameron Dick will join a host of famous Queenslanders as ambassadors for the National Year of Reading. The special ambassadors will be promoting reading across Queensland alongside the State Library of Queensland and Queensland public libraries.

This year will see a whole heap of fun reading activities taking place around Australia and online, so people of all ages, from different backgrounds, can discover and rediscover the joy of reading.

Visit the Love2Read website to learn more about National Year of Reading events. Let’s turn Australia into a nation of readers!

### COLOUR DAY

Colour Day is coming up on Wednesday 6th March. The theme is ‘Pink’. Have a bit of a think and come along on Wednesday 7th all dressed up in pink! 50c or $5 for the year.

### READING EGGS / INTREPIDICA / MATHLETICS

Hopefully you and your child have logged on to the relevant programs and seen the possibilities that these wonderful programs have to offer your child’s learning.

Please use the programs at home, to get your money’s worth from the programs, so please use them lots and lots.

They are wonderful programs and really assist your child’s learning.

### SCHOOL DISCO

Our first School Disco is scheduled for Friday 16th March. The disco runs from 6.30 – 8.30pm.

As Leah Trikilis said at the Beginning Year Assembly, we really do need your help, and the disco is the first example of this.

We’ll need people prepared to sit at the doors of the Hall to make sure the children stay inside. This will be 6 people. It would great to have 12 people, so 6 people could do a 1 hour shift.

We’ll need people to work in the kitchen. We’ll also need people to monitor the toilets to ensure nothing silly happens.

There will be a volunteer form in the newsletter in the next couple of weeks. Please help us out by volunteering to help, as many hands make light work! Thank you in anticipation of your help.

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**NO NUTS AT BEECHMONT**

One of our children at school has a life threatening reaction to nuts and the ambulance has been called due to breathing having stopped.

The child knows what foods not to eat, but children being children can make mistakes from time to time.

We simply ask you to support this policy to protect one of our students.

Many people have allergies. Approximately 1 in 100 children’s allergies are so severe it is called **Anaphylaxis**. Anaphylactic reactions are potentially life-threatening allergic reactions.

Although there are 8 foods that account for 90% of allergic reactions, **PEANUTS** are the leading cause of severe allergic reactions followed by tree nuts (walnuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios, pecans, macadamias etc). It is estimated that between 10 & 20 people die each year from severe food allergy reactions.

While many children have reactions to foods, insect bites etc, and we ask that the office is informed of such issues, this policy mainly relates to anaphylactic reactions.

**Anaphylaxis** is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. Anaphylactic shock is a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment with adrenaline administered by an epipen. This allergic reaction can produce such severe swelling of the air passages that suffocation and death can occur in minutes.

Families who have anaphylactic children wage a constant battle to provide a safe environment for their children. Just one bite or contact with the wrong food can kill.

These children’s lives are at risk. They and their families **NEED OUR SUPPORT.**

**OUR ENTIRE SCHOOL IS NUT FREE**. We pride ourselves on being a caring and supportive community and I am confident that everyone who belongs to the Beechmont School Community will support our **NO NUTS AT SCHOOL** policy. This policy has been ratified by our P&C.

**FOODS THAT ARE POTENTIAL ‘KILLERS’ AND WILL BE DISCOURAGED FROM SCHOOL ARE;**

- Nuts
- Nut spreads – Nutella, Peanut Butter, other Hazelnut spreads and dip
- Custards and Yoghurts that include nuts or have separate nuts to tip in
- Muesli bars that contain nuts.
- Chocolate bars that contain nuts.
THANK YOU

Many thanks to Susan Flynn, Katrina Mobbs, Jorja Sami & Tanya Stanley for your help at the Markets on Sunday. Your help ensured $160 was raised for our Library.

Sincere thanks go to Mark & Julie Ayers, Tam Wood, Sherylee Muir-Smith, Wendy Trulson, Joy Carter, Josie Corsbie & Susan Cully for your help with our planting day yesterday. We will see the results in a year or so! Thank you

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

LIBRARY NEWS

Please drop in this week and have a look at Book Fair. It is open every day from 8.15am until 3.30pm after school, as well as lunch times. All proceeds from the sales directly benefits our children as we receive the commission in books, so we all benefit!

We will be judging the Book Fair colouring competition after school on Wednesday, so make sure your entries are here by Wednesday morning.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Thank you parents for an excellent effort in having the homework in on time however if, for whatever reason, the homework is not in on a Friday morning then unfortunately it will not get marked until the following week. Please make sure you initial each section of the homework grid as they are completed.

In Literacy we are learning about nouns, verbs and adjectives and in Math we are exploring numbers to twenty (Year 1) and 999 (Year 2).

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Lucy Kenyon for good writing, Zoe Hendrix for completing all set tasks and Jela Sola for effort.

I look forward to catching up with you all at Open Night this evening.

Wishing you all a good week,
Kerry Pryor. kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

For our science investigation we still need some students to bring in an old pair of stockings or tights. We will be making seed heads and observing how living things grow.

This week for homework students will be learning to spell words that contain o's. When helping your child with their spelling encourage them to see patterns in the words, for example when the ‘o’ makes an long ‘o’ sound there tends to be a silent ‘e’ at the end of the word. Also, short ‘o’s tend to be found in short words. The words some and come are considered to be ‘oddballs’ because they do not follow the regular pattern of creating a long ‘o’ sound, instead they make short ‘u’ sound.

In maths this week we will finish learning about analogue and digital time. We will also be learning about positioning and location. We will explore maps and create and interpret maps from a bird’s eye view. For homework this week children have been asked to create a bird’s eye plan of their bedroom. Later in the week we will be learning about fractions.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Homework is due this Thursday morning. Please remind children to be regularly practising their spelling words and Look, Say, Cover, Write, and Check any words they are unsure of several times in their homework books.

Tonight is Open Night at school. Our class talk is at 6:30pm. We will be discussing some of our plans for the 2012 year in Year 3-4. I look forward to meeting with parents who are able to make it along tonight.

In Science we are now ready to begin some of our experiments with growing plants. One experiment involves making “Grass Heads”. For this experiment we need as many old stockings as possible. We will be cutting them up and using the toe of each stocking. Can you please send along any old stockings you may have at home that we can cut up. (It will be a bit embarrassing for me to shop for stockings at Coles if I need to buy them).

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Just a reminder that children will be bringing their spelling words home on a Mondays and should be practicing their words using the word sort strategies, in order to learn the words for the spelling test on Fridays.

Last week we had a Raw Art session in which children learned how to form a clay bust. They practiced some useful techniques whilst creating their busts. These will be on display tonight for Open Night and will be sent home later in the week.

Award winners for week 4 were: Carlia Blunt, Wishy Thira santikamol, Lochlan Kurtev and Grace Harrison. Congratulations to you all.

Looking forward to seeing you tonight during Open Night.

Have a great week. Katie and Joyce kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au
We hope to see everyone tonight at Open Night. One thing we will be focussing on over the next few weeks is the quality of homework that is being produced. Children should be taking pride in the quality of presentation of their homework. This will hopefully be transferred to their projects and assignments. This will place them in good habits for High School assignments.

An area in Literacy that we are also putting effort into is the use of ‘s. Society in general misuses the ‘s and also the use of plurals.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Caija Hogg-Wood, Madison Godfrey, Angelique Steele, Natasha Burchell, Brogan Munster, Sidney Slater, Desi Johnson & India-Rose Harper. Well done students.

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

Hi Everyone & welcome to Mountain Mates!!
Welcome to our new P&C executive, elected at the P&C meeting last week. We look forward to working alongside Michael, Renae, Wendy & Karen throughout the year ahead.

Fingers crossed that our mobile library will be back in action soon so we can start our visits on Mondays.

The children have been enjoying a lot of outdoor play., which is great while we have such beautiful weather. Let’s hope it continues.

Last week we had 2 lovely brothers enjoying the Rewards Table privileges. They were Lachlan & Cameron Ayers. They both gave 100% during our Active After School Care session. Lachlan invited Connor & Cameron invited Obi. Well done boys.

This Thursday evening we will be having fresh & tasty Chicken and salad wraps for dinner followed by icecream cones with sprinkles for dessert. A welcome treat after a session of Zumba with Diana.

Have a super week!

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

COMMUNITY NEW

Norco Milk Community Caps help our school. Please save them for us and bring them to the office.

CRICKET

The Milo in to Cricket Program will start on Wednesday 29th February straight after school in the Hall on Graceleigh Park.

Please return your registration forms with your $60 A.S.A.P. So we can order the players cricket kits which comprise of a backpack, shirt, hat appropriate size bat and ball for each player.

For any information please contact Greg on 0405206076

BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Sign on tonight at open night.
Please see Renae Knowles for details or phone Richard 55331227

Last opportunity before teams are decided.