This week is State Education Week and we celebrate this week in a number of ways. Yesterday we held our annual Spelling Bee and the winning house is announced at our parade this Thursday. Will it be Lorikeets again this year?

On Thursday, we have our 12th Annual Carnival of Words. This certainly is a very special day in the life of our School and I cannot thank our readers enough for giving up their time to inspire our students to read even more.

It is a great week to celebrate all that is good about being a State School and achieving what we do as a School.

INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY THIS FRIDAY

Last Friday 18th May Whipbirds won our Interhouse Cross Country. This is the 2nd event Whip Birds have won this year, so the other houses had better watch out with the Athletics Carnival just a few weeks away!

My sincere thanks to the parents & past pupils who came along, supported the children, helped in the canteen and also on the course. I have said it before, but say it again, without your support, we couldn’t do the cross country with the number of staff we have, so thank you for your support & willingness to jump in and help.

Congratulations to our Champion girl & boy, Katrina Mobbs and Wilson Gaythwaite. Congratulations also to other winners.

200m – Sophia Gistitin, Austin Knowles
400m - Lucy Kenyon, Ryan Gaffney, Kanoa Carter-Stampton, Hamish Abbot (new record)
800m – Ayla Sola, Kodie Robinson (new record), Phoebe Wood, Cameron Ayers, Kelsie Moyce, William Kattajan-Blackwell
1.3km – Phoebe Burchell (new record), Natasha Burchell, Zachary Le Faucheur
1.7km – Jade Mitchell, Luke Johnson (new record), Carla Blunt, Obi Miller
2.6km – Amy Bennett, Lochlan Kurtev, Katrina Mobbs, Wilson Gaythwaite, Caija Hogg-Wood

Congratulations also to our Possum Award winners for displaying those very important sporting qualities that we expect our athletes to display. Phoebe Burchell, Desi Johnson, Maddie Godfrey, Angelique Steele, Noah Pearce, Lachlan Chipping, Remy Allen, Cameron McIntyre, Chelsea Wadsworth, Ruby Cook and Zoe Hendricks. Well done to all our students!

TEA TOWELS ARE BACK

Hopefully you saw the pink note on last week’s newsletter advising you of the tea towel promotion we are doing this year.

Every student draws a picture of themselves and this is put on the tea towel. It is a great keep sake, as it records every student at our School at this point in time.

Tea towels cost $12 and are a great gift for relatives, grandparents and family friends.

I know from past pupils that they really enjoy finding their drawing on the tea towels and having a laugh at their drawings they did all of those years ago.

Please order your tea-towels and have orders and payments back at School by Thursday 31st May (not Friday 31st March as was on the pink form).

WORKING BEE

Our next Working Bee will be held on Sunday 29th July, from 8am – 12 noon. We do have quite a number of jobs that need doing around the school and hopefully we can get a great roll up and really hit a number of these jobs on the head.

We provide lunch and drinks, we just ask that you provide the man & woman power and also a few tools would help out. Please put it in your diaries & phones & look forward to seeing a heap of people on the 29th July. More details soon.

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COMING EVENTS

MAY
Thu 24 Carnival of Words
Thu 24 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 25 P&C Day
Tue 29 10 Yr 7’s to Edu Quest at Tamborine
Tue 29 Visual Arts Enrichment Nerang High
Wed 30 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 30 Opti-MINDS 3pm to 5pm
Thu 30 Instrumental Music – bring instruments

JUNE
Fri 01 Parade 8.50am
Mon 04 School Writing Competition starts
Tue 05 Senior Band to Fanfare
Wed 06 No Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 06 Opti MINDS 3 – 5pm
Wed 06 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 07 Combined Senior Band Day at Canungra
Fri 08 Celebrity Disco 6.30 – 8.30pm in the Hall
Fri 08 School Cleaner’s Day
Mon 11 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Wed 13 Prep, 1/2, 2/3 to Out of the Box Festival

WOOLIES EARN AND LEARN

If you are shopping at Woollies, please make sure you ask for the stickers as many checkout people are forgetting to ask if you want your stickers!!!
We do accept stickers from anyone, so if Aunt Beth in Muchadilla can collect stickers for us, we’d love to accept stickers from any of your friends or relatives. Thank you for your support.

OUT OF THE BOX

The Prep, Year 1/2, and Year 2/3 children have the opportunity to travel to Brisbane free of charge on the train. There may be some charge for parents, but we do ask for lots of parents to join us on the day, as we try, for this special excursion to have a ratio of 1 adult to 2 children.

Look out for the note coming out as this is a really great excursion for our younger students exposing them to a range of wonderful activities.

For more information visit, www.outoftheboxfestival.com.au

CELEBRITY DISCO

Our next disco, ‘Celebrity Disco’ will be held in the Hall on Graceleigh on Friday 8th June. That is only 2 and a bit weeks away.
We do need your help to make this a safe event for our children. Some rules you need to know are:
• When children come into the Hall they must stay there until collected by parents.
• At the end of the night children are not allowed out of the Hall, parents must come inside to collect their children.

• Children must follow all directions given by our volunteer parents in a respectful manner.
We desperately need your help to supervise on the night by being on a door ensuring children don’t leave, working in the canteen, checking the toilets and collecting entry money. We also need to clean up the Hall and canteen at the end of the disco so we need volunteers so we can get out quickly.
Please fill in the volunteer form so we can organize a roster so that people aren’t stuck doing a job all night. We want to share the load.

WELCOME POSSUMS

Welcome to our newest Beechmont possums, William Keti, Aroha Mogler, Raniera Mogler, TJ Whelan, Zachary Kelly-Gale & Jessie Kelly-Gale. We hope you enjoy your time at Beechmont School.

PLEASE NAME ALL CLOTHING

Recently, we have been able to fully outfit a number of new students in full School uniform thanks to the amount of 2nd hand uniforms in our 2nd hand uniform shop. Unfortunately a lot of this was unnamed and unclaimed uniforms.
Please name all items of clothing.

JUMPERS NOW IT IS COLD

Now the weather has turned colder, children are wearing jumpers. Please ensure you have a School or bottle green jumper as per our School dress code.

NUT FREE LUNCHBOX RECIPE

Healthy Banana Snack
This recipe is low GI, low sugar and high fibre. It can be cut up as a slice for snacks at school.

Ingredients:
• 2 – 3 over ripe bananas mashed
• 1 x can cannellini beans, drained, rinsed and mashed
• 1 x egg
• 3 Tablespoon honey
• 1 teaspoon baking powder
• 2 cups oats
• 1 cup of cooked and mashed pumpkin (optional)
• Sunflower seeds (optional)
• Sultanas (optional)

Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius.
To a large bowl add bananas, pumpkin, beans, egg and honey and combine with a hand mixer or blender until smooth.
Add oats and baking powder and stir to combine.
Spoon mixture into a greased loaf tin, sprinkle with seeds and bake for 20-30 minutes or until golden brown on top.
Welcome to Mountain Mates News

THE PRIME MINISTERS
OLYMPIC CHALLENGE BEGINS
NEXT
MONDAY 28th JUNE.

Mountain Mates is taking part in the challenge by encouraging and inspiring our the children to get active, have fun and earn rewards by playing sport. This is a 77 day challenge leading up to the London Olympic Games. We will be issuing parental consent forms to allow us to enter your children into the challenge. They will then receive a unique identification log in to access the website and enter their sporting activities. We will also be entering all of the activities they do at Mountain Mates. At the completion of the challenge the children will receive gold, silver or bronze certificates based on how many points they have accumulated. For further information visit www.olympicchallenge.gov.au

For dinner this Thursday we are having Mountain Mates Hamburgers with the works and bread and butter pudding for dessert.

Last week we had an all boys Rewards Table with Lachlan A & Joel having the opportunity to enjoy dinner with their friends. Lachlan invited his brother Cameron and Joel invited Ash. Well done boys and your manners were exceptional. Thank you.

A big thank you to The Hall Committee and the Treherne Family for the wonderful array of resources we gathered for Mountain Mates. Our creativity will be in overload with all of the treasures we have found.

Also another big thanks to Lisa Richards for the computer monitors.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

We had a beautiful day last Friday for our cross country and the 1, 2’s ran very well. However due to the cross country being held on Friday homework folders did not go home as usual. They were sent home yesterday with doubles facts as the math component. These number facts need to be

learned off by heart and we are aiming for instant response. The children will be tested on them in the coming weeks.

In Literacy we are exploring characters in ‘The Very Blue Thingamajig’ and focusing on adjectives, verbs and adverbs and how we can use them to add depth to our writing.

In Science we are identifying and describing physical changes. Children should have started gathering materials that might prove useful to their wind chime project.

There were no award winners last week as we didn’t have parade.

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 3/4 CLASS

Well done to all of the children in Year 3, 5 and 7 who worked so hard on the NAPLAN tests last week. It can be a stressful time, but the Year 3s in the class handled the process very well and can be happy with their efforts.

In Maths we will be continuing with a number of Measurement concepts including length and area. We are also continuing to work with mental strategies for estimating and calculating. Improving results in Mental Maths is our goal for this term. The homework last week showed a variety of strategies that can be used for mental calculations and these will need consolidating throughout the year.

Homework this week will not be in the form of a Homework Grid. A note was sent home regarding homework for this week. In spelling, some children will need to spend more time writing out their words using Look-Cover-Write-Check to ensure that they have a sound grasp of the spelling of the list words by the end of each week.

In English we are now working hard on our unit of “examining characters in a text”. The children will be investigating the use of language to develop characters in a narrative text. They will then prepare a speech to inform the class about a particular character that they have researched.

Have a great week.

Regards, Dan. dabrl1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

The class has returned to normal after the conclusion of the NAPLAN testing!

The year 7 children will need to wear their Leadership shirts on Thursday for the Carnival of Words. The year 6 students will not have to lead groups, they are just part of the grouping of Year 5 & 6 students who are read to by our Dads.

Just a reminder that reading is a compulsory part of homework and students should be reading for a minimum of 15 minutes every night.
Next week, the students will have their new Science project details. This new topic will have to be completed by the end of term.

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

Free event — support your child’s wellbeing and learning

All parents and carers are encouraged to attend a free event Tuesday 17 July with respected child and teenage psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg.

There is a very strong link between the wellbeing of young people, and their ability to learn and achieve in education.

Dr Carr-Gregg will outline ways that you can support your child’s wellbeing at home, which will in turn help them during their school years.

A separate session is also being held for principals and teachers in the Southport Sharks, Olsen Avenue Southport area, so we are all working together to enhance the wellbeing of our students.

This is an exceptional opportunity to learn practical ideas and tips from a nationally-recognised expert, and meet with parents from other schools in the area to discuss shared issues and interests.

The parent information session is being held at the Southport Sharks, Olsen Avenue Southport at 6.30-8pm on 17 July – light refreshments will be available.

To RSVP, please complete the form attached to this newsletter and fax it to 3237 1338.

Alternatively, please email eventregistration@deta.qld.gov.au or phone 3235 9072 by 9 July.
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.

SOCIAL NEWS
Another lovely Beechmont morning for our home games. Under 10’s finishing with another draw, under 8’s powered to 6 to 1 win, Team Phil had a close and very fun game, Team Joy a very close game winning by one point and our under 6’s had some great fun against some very big under 6 boys. The under 10’s Sunday competition at Nerang went well. They had four games. A loss, a win and two draws. Palm Beach taking out number one spot for the day. Our team had excellent games, and it was truly some great soccer, keeping the sideline on their toes.

This week’s games are all away, check your draw for times and clubs.

DON’T FORGET TRAINING IS THURSDAY NOT TUESDAY
Have a great week.

Beechmont Netball Club News

Another beautiful Saturday morning for Netball this week began with an excellent turn out for Week 2 of the SCNA shooting clinic. The girls that attended were lucky enough to participate in skill development activities run by the coaching convenor, Jules, and this fantastic start to the day was certainly evident in their performances on the court.

The Eagles played beautifully beating Chargers Charmers 12 – 8 and whilst the Bandicoots got off to a slow start against a very strong Technix outfit, they managed to regather at half time and win the third quarter, setting up an exciting finish. The Saints played their best game of the season against very physical Chargers opposition, however the girls stood up and toughed it out. They did everything that was asked of them, playing with intensity and focus for all 4 quarters, to take the win 13-9. The Tigers are certainly developing their skills under Coach Jamie, and played beautifully to beat Regal Royals. Thanks to the super-sub Maddie for filling in at the eleventh hour.

The shooting clinic being run on Saturday mornings 8 am to 10 am by SCNA will continue for another 4 Saturdays. It is a fantastic opportunity for our children to get some additional coaching from the experts and the club strongly urges players to participate. The clinic is open to all players (not just those that currently shoot in their respective teams). It certainly made a difference to Saturday’s performances and is an opportunity that should not be missed.

All players will be bringing home an order form for club jackets this week. Please fill in the details and return it to your coach or manager by 2 June to ensure you don’t miss out. Jackets are $35 each and can be ordered in both child and adult sizes. Why not get one for yourself and be a proud Beechmont netball supporter?

Games for this week 26th May:
9am Bandicoots
10 am Eagles and Saints
11am Tigers

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