IS YOUR CHILD READING?

After one week, Whip Birds are in the lead in our Interhouse Reading Competition reading 2615 minutes. Please, please, please encourage your child to read as much as they possibly can each week. The rules of our Interhouse Reading Competition are:

- There is this year, a total that the children as a School are expected to meet, this total is 110,000 minutes. We are telling the students that there will be dire consequences, like homework over the Christmas holidays as a motivational tool only.
- There will be weekly prizes for students if they bring in their reading Record sheets each Friday.

This Reading competition is a great opportunity to encourage children to get into reading. Any motivation you, as a family, can provide your child would be most welcome.

Please consider, for the next three weeks, for your family:
- Having a no TV hour each night and just reading together as a family.
- Having a reading time on the weekend each afternoon (Saturday and Sunday) where the family reads while dinner is cooking.
- Having a 15 minute reading block 3 times a day once in the morning before School and then twice in the afternoon / evening.
- If we had a power failure, what would you do? Read! So pretend we’ve had a power failure each day!
- But overall, Read, Read, Read and infect your child with the reading bug for their life long benefit.

GOT YOUR AUSKICK FORM IN?

If you would like your child to play AFL or Auskick, then the enrolment options, listed on the form that came home, last week need to be completed. Auskick sessions start next Monday 29th October after School.

The enrolment options are:
- Online registration- aflauskick.com.au and also bring in signed form to your first session
- You can re-register online from 2011 at aflauskick.com.au
- Complete registration form that was on last week’s newsletter and take to your local NAB AFL Auskick centre.

BUSH POETRY

Our Year 6 and 7 students will have their Bush Poems heard next Wednesday to select our students to represent our School in the annual Budding Bards competition against Canungra School. Well done to Jake Mobbs, Sidney Slater & Jorja Sami for their efforts last Sunday at the Markets.

END OF YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT RAFFLE

Every year our P&C has a raffle at our End of Year Concert and Awards night. We try to make this a large food hamper and ask if every family can donate some food items to this hamper.

Please send your donations along to School ASAP so we have time to organize the raffle before our End of Year Concert and Awards Night. We would like this to be a real valuable prize that would really help out on of our School families for Christmas.

If every family donated just 2 items we would have an absolutely wonderful prize for one of our School families to win. Please send your donations in ASAP so we can let everyone know about this prize.
COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER
Wed 24 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 24 Senior Band State Music Festival
Thu 25 Junior Instrumental & strings lessons
Thu 25 Senior Band to Music Fest
Fri 26 Parade 8.50am
Mon 29 Auskick starts after School
Wed 31 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 31 Bush Poetry Selection trials Yr 6 and 7

NOVEMBER
Fri 02 Swimming for Year 2
Fri 02 Energex Information day

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council has organised a fundraiser in order to purchase much needed School resources.

Each child has the opportunity to create a piece of artwork which will then be transformed into professionally printed calendars, cards or diaries. The calendars, cards and diaries make popular and affordable gifts for family and friends.

They also offer parents and families the opportunity of a lasting and cherished record of their child’s age and achievement.

Families will be able to choose whether they would like to purchase one or all three of these items.

With Christmas just around the corner – these would make a wonderful gift.

BRING TINSEL FRIDAY

This Friday (26th October) we will be taking some photos to promote our ‘Carols in the Mountain’ to the Gold Coast Community. We ask all students to bring some tinsel, Santa hats etc. for a photo shoot after parade. It would be great for all students to have something Christmasey to promote our very special event.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

All Year 2 students are eligible to take part in our annual swimming lessons. If your child has lost their form, it is on our website at Support and resources / parent resources.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is Sunday 11th November. We ask that all students be in School Uniform, attend the service at Graceleigh Park starting at 10.45am.

Remembrance Day is an important day in our country’s history and it is important that our children understand the importance of the day.

Students will be laying wreaths, reciting poems, talking about the significance of Remembrance Day, so please make the effort to come to Graceleigh Park on Sunday 11th November to pay tribute to our soldiers.

CONGRATULATIONS PUBLIC SPEAKERS

I cannot adequately express the pride I felt last Wednesday evening when I heard Waimarie Brand, India-Rose Harper, Carlia Blunt and Claire Muir-Smith speak at the Nerang Alliance Speaking Out Competition.

All four students were a real credit to our School and their families, as they all spoke absolutely brilliantly. It was a pleasure to see & hear our students perform so well.

SYDNEY / CANBERRA EXCURSION 2013 - YEARS 4, 5, 6 AND 7

Unfortunately at this stage it doesn’t appear that this camp can go ahead as we only have 12 students who have said they can go. This is obviously well short of the 30 required. Please, if you believe your child can attend the camp next year in Term 3, 2013, please let us know as a matter of urgency so plane tickets can be booked, attractions booked, accommodation booked etc.

Every four years, as a School, we invite all the Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 Students to go to Sydney and Canberra for 4 nights / 5 days. The itinerary we have worked out so far is, Sydney: Bondi Beach, Rose Bay, Mrs Macquarie’s Chair, Circular Quay, Opera House, Sydney Tower and Eye 4D experience and the Rocks area. In Canberra, Parliament House tour, House of Reps and Senate, Parliamentary Education Office, War Memorial, Electoral Education, High Court of Australia, Institute of Sport, Nation Film and Sound archive, National Library, Mint, Black Mountain Tower, National Portrait Gallery, Questacon Science Centre, Embassies and Lodge tour, Mount Ainslie Lookout.

This is a jam packed week for the children (and the adults), but they get to see so much of our national capital and Sydney, it is a memorable trip to say the least.

We do need a minimum of 30 students to make the camp viable. The initial costs we have are $602.80. This will go down if we get the 30 students and take into account the rebate we will receive from the Federal Government, but we can’t factor these in until we have fairly definite student numbers. We are planning to go in Term 3 2013.

I do need to know as soon as possible if you are interested in your child taking part in this excursion. The sooner we book, the cheaper the flights are and the longer you have to pay the trip off, as well as doing some fundraising next year.

Please contact David at dmurp19@eq.edu.au or 55 459 100 as soon as possible to register your interest.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

All Year 2 students are eligible to take part in our annual swimming lessons. If your child has lost their form, it is on our website at Support and resources / parent resources.
**THANK YOU**

Sincere thanks to Kikumi & Alec Bennett for your invaluable help at the markets on Sunday. I would have been lost without you!

**JUNIOR CHOIR**

Many thanks to those members of the Junior Choir who were able to be at the markets on Sunday. We really do appreciate the effort families go to, to have their children at these functions. It really does teach valuable life lessons to the children.

I would again like to thank Tania Evans for continuing with the Choir even though she is on Maternity leave. Thanks Tania.

**SENIOR BAND**

All Senior Band members should have brought back the permission form and $7.50 for the Music Fest in Brisbane this Thursday 25th October. If the form has been lost under the squashed banana in the school bag, it is on the website, Extracurricular/Music/Senior & Junior Band information. It is vital that all members of the senior Band attend to ensure we have that full sound and the Band sounds & plays their best.

Welcome to Mountain Mates News.
Welcome to week 3. The warmer weather has the children enjoying the afternoon’s outdoors.

Last Tuesday the children enjoyed a game of T-ball; all the children got in and had a go with some great home runs and catches.
Thursday Mr Wood taught the children some catching and throwing skills at AASC for a game of cricket. All the children did such a good job Clare found it very hard to choose any one child for the rewards table so we had a great big rewards table outside, congratulations guys on a continued great effort at AASC.

This week for dinner we are having Macaroni and cheese and for dessert Jelly and custard.

Have a great week.

*From Kim, Janine, Kerry and Clare your Mountain Mates crew.*

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**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**PREP NEWS**

Welcome to week 3. As you are probably aware the preps have started preparing for the End of Year Concert. We will be dancing to the Michael Jackson song ‘Black or White’.
As part of the performance I would like the children to be dressed similarly. I’d like to give you as much notice as possible so you are able to gather a few pieces of clothing together.

For the End of Year Concert all the children need to be wearing

- **long** black pants (as plain black as possible, **no** coloured decorations on them, etc.)
- **white** T shirt (as plain as possible, **no** coloured decorations on it)
- **if possible** it would also be great if they had a long sleeve, light weight, black jacket or open button up shirt to go over the top of the white T shirt.

If you don’t have any of these items please don’t go to any major expense. I’m sure there will be other families who may be able to lend some of these items of clothing. Second hand shops are also very handy for gathering pieces of clothing.

Thank you for your help with this.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your week.

Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.

eperk17@eq.edu.au

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**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

It’s that time of year again and 1_2 are beginning their End of Year Concert dance. A letter will come home this week with dress requirements and I will do my best to make these simple.

A reminder to those who have not yet sent in their science and history items: for Science each child is asked to bring in a toy (please no valuable ones, old is ok) to help with our investigation. These could include: a soft toy, doll and pram, skateboard, skates, kite, boat, bulldozer, cart or wagon, musical instrument, train, car or push button toy. For History children are required to bring in, or email, photos of family members and it would be great if some of those photos capture people wearing, travelling or doing things that were in the past so we can compare with nowadays.

There were no awards 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 2/3 CLASS

Our class is working hard to clock minutes for the Interhouse Reading Competition. Congratulations to Bryce and Remy for reading the most minutes last week. They are both Whipbirds too, go Whipbirds!

This week children are encouraged to read as much as possible and record the minutes on their Interhouse Reading Competition booklet. Students also need to practise their spelling words this week for homework. There is no extra maths sheet for homework this week because it is a short week and students can focus their energy more on the reading competition.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Homework for this week will again be Reading, Reading, Reading for the Inter-House Reading Competition. We will be resuming normal homework on Friday when a new fortnightly grid will be handed out. Please ensure that children are reading as much as possible and recording their reading in their reading log. These must be handed in each Friday so we can tally up the reading totals.

In English we are starting a new unit of work on Humorous Poetry. Children will be investigating various forms of humorous poetry and looking at the structure and form of each of these. Rhyming, rhythm, structure, style will all be investigated as well as looking at what makes a poem or joke funny. The children will be constructing humorous poems throughout this unit of work.

In Maths we will be working with fractions, data and money over the next two weeks. We will then be putting this knowledge into practice in problem-solving tasks.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

We had a great day at the Gold Coast 600 last Friday. The children were very well behaved and took part in the activities offered to them as well as watching different sessions of the race & seeing the motorcycle burnouts! Mind you, watching the car racing seemed the least popular activity this year! I was most excited to see the Cars display with Lightning McQueen and my Grandson Willow was beside himself when he received the photos from me!

Children should be putting serious time into learning their Bush poems ready for the selection trials next week. The areas we have been emphasizing with the children, have been to ensure they work on their phrasing so that it does not become a ‘sing song type delivery. They should be taking time to make sure they are highlighting he most important phrases and lines so that the delivery comes across the best and the audience can see a picture in their heads of what the child is saying.

Children also need to be making sure they are not rushing their delivery as it is easy to get into a habit of saying their poem at a very fast pace.

Those students in Senior Band need to make sure their band notes for Thursday’s Music fest excursion to Brisbane have been returned along with the $7.50 for bus charges.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

I can’t believe how quickly this term is flying past. Week 3 already!

Our class has begun practicing their end of year concert dance as part of their daily exercise. We will be dancing to Black and Gold by Sam Sparrow. Our costumes will consist of any black top and bottoms your child may have with preferably black shoes. I will also be purchasing gold wigs, bow ties and hats to spruce up the black. This will be at a cost of $6 per child. Notes regarding this fee were handed out today. Please return the form and the money directly to me as soon as possible so that I can make the order.

Last Tuesday our class spent time on designing and creating an Anti-Bullying collage using the Makebeliefs Comix website. Feel free to have a look at our display in the window of the New South Wales Block. Our class says NO TO BULLYING.

The homework project is due this Friday. Well done to those children who have already completed them and handed them in well before the due date.

Award winners for week two were: Byron Roney, Emma Bennett, Amy Cleworth and Bonnie Shearman. Congratulations to all. Hope you have a wonderful week.

Have a great week.
Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au ibour96@eq.edu.au
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.

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**Community**
Canungra State School and our Green Team would like to invite you to attend the grand opening of our Worm Farm and a celebration of our Green Team Initiatives.

We will be holding an informal ceremony as part of our Family Fun Day on Saturday the 27th of October 2012.

The proceedings will be held at the Worm Farm Shelter on the Back Oval of our School.

We will cut the ribbon at 11.00am and would love you to come and see what all your support has helped us achieve!
Beechmont Community Sports Association Inc proudly presents a

HOLLYWOOD TRIVIA NIGHT

THE HALL ON GRACELEIGH
FRIDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
6.30pm arrival for a 7pm start.
TABLES/TEAMS OF 6

PREPAID TICKETS - $10 PERSON
ENTRY ON THE NIGHT - $15 PER PERSON
ALL TICKETS INCLUDE NIBBLIES, ENTERTAINMENT & PRIZES
LICENCED BAR, TEA, COFFEE & SOFTDRINKS AVAILABLE (NO BYO Please)

PRIZES FOR:
• BEST DRESSED TEAM
• ROUND WINNERS
• WORST ROUND
• OVERALL WINNING TEAM
• LUCKY DOOR
• MOST ORIGINAL OUTFIT

CHILD MINDING
Will be available in the school library for $5 per child.
Movies and popcorn.
Please book early for this service.
Phone Kim on 55333413 or email samiclan@bigpond.com

All money raised goes to the Hall on Graceleigh.
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For bookings, further information or payment details please contact Kim
Sami on 55333413 or email samiclan@bigpond.com

Bus service from Lower Beechmont and return.
Contact Greg Slater on 0405 206 076 to book.