ANZAC DAY TOMORROW

Please have your children at the entrance to the staff car park by 11.15am at the latest so we can organize them for the march into Graceleigh Park.

Children should be in full School uniform with a School hat. They will know today if they have been selected to lay a wreath.

Thank you for your support of this very important day in the life of our country and teaching your child the very important lesson of respect.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ATHLETICS?

This term is our Athletics program. The Prep, Year 1/2 and Year 2/3 train in 1st session and the Year 3/4, 5/6 and 6/7’s train in last session from 1.30pm every Friday.

If you are interested in Athletics or have a skill in this area and are able to help out, we’d love to talk to you about helping our children with their training.

COMMONWEALTH BANK COMPETITION

I mentioned last week about the Commonwealth Bank Dollarmite competition. I don’t usually endorse competitions but this one certainly has some real benefits for our School especially. $1,500 for a class excursion and 25 iPads would be an amazing boost to our School.

The apps that we have for the two School iPads that we have are just amazing and can really benefit our children’s learning. To have a class set would be so beneficial to the children, it would be just amazing.

If your child does School banking please consider entering this competition. If you are a bit creative and good at writing, then you might be able to help us with some 25 words or less savings tips to help in the competition. Details are attached to today’s newsletter. If your child doesn’t do school banking, consider starting so we can have a real go at this competition to benefit all of our children if we win!

CARNIVAL OF WORDS

One way we celebrate State Education Week in May is by holding a very special event called ‘Carnival of Words’. Carnival of Words is a special day that we ask our Dads and some Mums to come to School to read and talk to groups of children about reading.

It is a very special day that has a magical feel to it. We hold Carnival of Words on Thursday 24th May.

We would love you to be part of the day and hope that our Dads are able to rearrange work commitments on this day to be here at School from 9am to 12 noon.

Watch out for your letter coming home soon.

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that the Labour Day Public holiday is Monday 7th May. No School on this day.

JUNIOR CHOIR

Congratulations to the Junior Choir for their wonderful performance for the Seniors who visited us last week. Sincere thanks to Tania Evans who came in from her leave to conduct the choir.

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL
Wed 25 ANZAC Day. Students to be at School by 11.15am at the latest.
Thu 26 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 27 Parade 8.50am
Sun 29 David at Nerang Alliance retreat
Mon 30 David at Nerang Alliance retreat

MAY
Wed 02 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 02 Opti-MINDS Parent Information night
Thu 03 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 04 Parade 8.50am
Fri 04 Opti-MINDS Nominations open
Mon 07 Labour Day Public holiday
Tue 08 Opti-MINDS nominations close
Wed 09 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 09 David to Coomera Rivers State School
Wed 09 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 10 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 11 Mothers Day Stall
Fri 11 Parade 8.50am
Sun 13 Mothers Day ☺☺ ☺☺

Opti-MINDS PARENT INFO NIGHT

If your child in Year 4 – 7 is interested in this extra curricula activity, then please come along to the parent information night, Tuesday 2nd May 7pm. For information prior to the night visit www.opti-minds.com.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

Sue Denning, our cleaner is taking Long Service Leave from 28th May until 22nd June. There is an opportunity for someone locally to fill this position. Hours of employment are 5am – 9am and 2pm to 6pm. If you are interested please contact the Office on 5545 9100.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Each year the P&C hold a Mother’s Day stall to raise funds and also to give our children a chance to choose a gift for their Mum. We ask for your donations of small gifts that will be gift wrapped before the day (in clear wrap so the children can see the gift) and priced between $3 and $10. Some suggestions include stationery, toiletries, chocolates, small garden tools, photo frames or anything you think a Mum might like to receive. The stall will be held at school on Friday 11th May just before Mother’s Day and there will be a box placed in the office where donated gifts may be left. Thank you for your help and if you need any more info, please call Julie on 5533 3226.

BOOK CLUB

You should have received Book Club catalogues with last week’s newsletter. Any orders should be returned to school by THIS FRIDAY. Book club is a great fundraiser for our school and always has fantastic items at very reasonable prices. We receive very generous commission from Scholastic so please consider making a purchase and supporting your school.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our Annual Cross Country Carnival this year will be held on Friday 18 May. We welcome and encourage parents and family to join us on the day.

We will be selling food and drinks during the day, our normal tuckshop menu will not be in place. This is one of our red days so the menu on the day will be different. Also our normal tuckshop bag system for ordering lunches won’t be available. We will be operating from the hall kitchen and food, drinks etc will be available for purchase throughout the day. At this stage the menu for the day has not been finalized but it will definitely be advertised for your information prior to the event.

The School will need parent volunteers to help with various areas around the course to make sure all children can compete safely as well as helpers in the tuckshop on the day. Please contact the office if you can help on the day.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Thank you to all of the parents that have assisted us by ensuring that only menu items are ordered. However we still are receiving a number of requests for variations to the menu items. With limited volunteers, it is very difficult for tuckshop staff to deviate from the menu offering. Accordingly it would be appreciated that when parents are completing orders from the tuckshop, the item as contained on the menu is ordered.

If you have more than 1 child at the school it would also be appreciated if the order for each child is accompanied by the money for that order. If this is not possible due to the correct money not being available, please place the money in a bag with your child’s name, class and order on the bag. For the second child please place the bag with their name, class and order inside the first child’s bag. The Tuckshop staff will ensure that each child receives their order. Alternatively, if you don’t have or use a bags and use an envelope write both children’s names on the envelope including their class and order and place the money in the envelope.

Finally a tuckshop volunteer is required to donate some time in on Wednesday and Friday mornings to sort orders by menu items and reconciling the money received for the orders. There is no food handling
requirements with this role. If you are able to assist in this regard please see Kathleen Callister at the tuckshop on Wednesday’s and Friday’s.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS — DATE CLAIMER**

The date has been set for this year’s Beechmont Christmas Carols which is 15 December 2012. So please put this date in your calendar. Also The Beechmont P&C Association is looking for two volunteers to be part of the organising committee. If you would like to be part of the organising team for this event please contact Michelle Moyce on 5533 1168.

**SCHOOL GARDEN**

At the last P&C meeting the creation of a school garden was discussed. If you are interested in being part of this initiative, please contact Wendy Truls on 5533 3835

**SAINTY’S MORNING TEA**

Last Wednesday the school and P&C volunteers put on a morning tea for Nerang RSL members. The morning tea was very successful to the extent that it was asked whether we would be prepared to conduct the morning teas on a more regular basis. Further the food provided was so good that attendees were asking for the recipes!!! The morning tea also raised some valuable funds for the P&C and would not have been successful without the efforts of the following volunteers:

- Julie Ayres
- Wendy Blunt
- Aster Christensen
- Leah Trikilis
- Bob and Christine Gill
- Joy Carter
- Sue Barrett

and

The Junior Choir under the direction of Tanya Evans for entertaining the attendees.

A big thank you goes out to the above volunteers. Your efforts certainly made the day a success and are very much appreciated.

Finally, a huge thank you goes to Renae Knowles for coordinating this successful event and for her baking efforts. Thanks you Renae.

**NEW SANDWICH PRESS**

The tuckshop is in dire need of a new commercial sandwich press. If anyone out there has one they could donate or works in the electrical appliance industry and can obtain one for a sharp price please contact Michael Kenyon on 0414180271.

**ANZAC DAY CATERING**

Tomorrow is ANZAC Day and we still only have a few volunteers for this event. If you can spare a few hours or the morning or afternoon or the whole day and your volunteer form didn’t make it to School last week then please phone or email Michael Kenyon, mckenyony@live.com.au 0414 180 271.

Please consider volunteering to help your Parents & Citizens Association raise money to provide resources for our children. Catering for this event is a great fundraiser for the P&C and the funds are channelled back into improving the school for the students. To run this event a number of volunteers are required to ensure it is a success. Volunteers duties include set up and preparation for the event, cooking (sausages, burgers, and chips) making burgers, serving customers and clean up after the event.

**SCHOOL VEGETABLE GARDEN PROJECT**

Hello all, the P&C has endorsed that our school will have a Vegetable Garden. I am searching for a couple of helpers who are prepared to get their hands dirty and have informal planning meeting once a month.( day time )

I envisage that we will be able to grow produce for the School Tuckshop, sell our excess at the monthly markets, at parade or after School once a week.

The children will be able to help in their breaks and we already have some keen green fingers amongst us.

I would love to get started before the end of April

Please call Wendi Truls 5533 3835
wendit@optusnet.com.au

**NUT FREE LUNCHBOXES**

Nut Free Lunchboxes

Many people struggle to meet the nut free lunchbox concept. It does take a bit of getting used to and more than that it takes a bit more preparation than you might be used to. However, once you get into the routine of a nut free box it’s really quite easy to achieve. Over the next few weeks we will publish some suggestions to help you achieve the nut-free lunchbox.

Suggestions for nut free snacks for the lunchbox:
- Popcorn
- Vegetable sticks (carrot, celery, capsicum, cucumber)
- Rice crackers, corn thins
- Cheese and crackers
- Pumpkin seeds
- Sunflower seeds
- Hard boiled eggs
- Olives, Cherry Tomatoes
• Raisins, Sultanas
• Fruit wraps, fruit bars, fruit leather, fruit poles
• Banana chips
• Dried banana, mango, pineapple, blueberries, strawberries, apricots, apples figs, etc
• Tumbles
• Roasted peas, Wasabi Peas
• Roasted seaweed snacks
• Yoghurt buttons, yoghurt covered fruit
• Vegetable muffins
• Chocolate coated prunes/sultanas etc
• Apricot and coconut snacks
• Pikelets/Mini pancakes
• Chocolate Mud (Nut free Nutella from the Health Food section)
• Sunflower butter (Nut free Peanut butter substitute from the Health Food Section)

Homemade ‘Nut Free’ Muesli Bars
Preparation time: 5 mins
Cooking time: 15 mins
Ingredients:
• ½ cup desiccated coconut, 1 cup rolled oats (not instant oats), ½ cup sunflower seeds, ½ cup sultanas, ½ cup pumpkin seeds, ½ cup dried apricots, finely chopped, ½ cup dates, finely chopped (or 4 ½ cups of nut free, muesli)
• ½ cup chocolate chips (optional)
• 60g butter or margarine (reduced fat if you prefer)
• ½ honey
• 1 medium red apple, peeled and coarsely grated

Preheat oven to 170 c and lightly grease a 3cm deep slice pan. Line with baking paper.
Combine coconut, rolled oats, sunflower seeds, sultanas, pumpkin seeds, apricots, dates and chocolate chips in a bowl.
Combine spread and honey in a saucepan until the spread is melted. Cook, stirring occasionally for 3-4 minutes.
Combine all ingredients together and press into the tin.
Adapted from: Super Food Ideas Magazine, March 2011

With the cross Country day coming up we will be spending 15 minutes each day attempting to develop and increase our fitness levels. I’m also looking forward to seeing those preps and their families who can make it to the ANZAC Service on Wednesday.
Hope you all have a good week
Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.
eperk17@eq.edu.au

This week in prep we are focussing on learning the sounds ‘w’ & ‘x’. The maths focus is recognizing numerals and the written word for each numeral.

Welcome back! I hope you were all able to enjoy the lovely weather over the Easter break. Now that we have had Term 1 to establish our class routines and literacy rotations I would like to get Rainbow Reading up and running for which I need a parent volunteer. The time commitment involves one hour on Tuesday morning from 8:45-9:45, and half an hour on Wednesday morning from 8:45-9:15. Ideally it would be most manageable for parents who drop their child at school in the mornings. If you are able to help I would love to hear from you via phone, drop-in or email.

Homework was not sent out yesterday as I would like to make a change and send it home on Fridays and have it returned on Thursdays. So you can expect the homework to go out this Friday. The children have been doing very well with their spelling and all groups are ready to proceed to their next stage of study. For the yellow group this means that they will also commence spelling tests. Yippee☺

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

The students’ history task is due this Friday. The task involves interviewing a grandparent or older person about a toy that was special to them when they were a child. They also have to choose a toy they play with now and answer a series of questions about it. Additionally for homework students have a money worksheet to complete, their spelling words to practise and a word sort to complete.

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

Homework has commenced for the term as of this week. The children should have brought home their homework sheet on Monday and this sheet will be due on Thursday 3-5-2012.

In Literacy the children are now on the second draft of their Persuasive Essays. We are still in the process of discussing the most effective way to convince an audience and making the best language choices to achieve this. The children have now
begun to work with their new spelling words for this week in Literacy sessions.

In Science, Year 3/4 will be investigating Food Chains and Food Webs in order to understand how different plants and animals rely on others for their survival. The children will be constructing Food Chains to see how pressures on one species can affect others in the chain.

Have a good week and ANZAC Day.
Regards, Dan. dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Word sorts will be continuing for homework this term. Children should be doing a word sort each night and practicing their spelling words in order to improve their spelling strategies and skills. The responsibility to practice words and to improve spelling is the onus of the child.

Welcome to Mikaylah Mathews, a wonderful new addition to our class.

Award winners for week 1 were: Levi Boland, Mikaylah Mathews, Jasper Marshall, Taylah Dunkerton, Bonnie Shearman and Zoe Hoareau. Congratulations to you all.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

More often than not, when the general public sees a group of school children getting on a bus or train, they cringe or move to another section of the vehicle. I have even heard staff on trains warning the public that at the next stop, a school group will be getting on at the next stop, and advising them to move!

Our children need to be congratulated on their behaviour on the train to & from Brisbane. They were extremely well behaved and certainly were a real positive advertisement for Beechmont School. We were extremely proud of them on the train.

Homework will resume next week, but children are expected to be putting the time into their number facts learning as well as reading each night.

All children are aware of their duties for tomorrow at ANZAC Day. We request the Year 7 students to be here by 11am so they can start their duties.

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

NETBALL NEWS

Games last week were played on Friday night to commemorate ANZAC DAY. The girls marched very proudly as a club before joining in the singing of the national anthem and having a minute of silence and the last post to mark the occasion for 2012. The association also chose tonight to award our president, Greg Slater, with the Kay Ellison Award for Community Contribution. We are all so grateful to Greg for the time, effort and commitment that he puts in week in and week out for our club and this award was truly deserved. Congratulations Greg!!

After the formalities were over it was down to business. The first round of games saw the Saints, Tigers and Bandicoots brave drizzly, wet and slippery conditions to play fantastic games. After a 3 week break, all teams hit the courts full of enthusiasm and running, eager to get back into the swing of things. The Tigers showed terrific improvement, and recorded a huge 13-0 win, whilst the Saints had to dig deep against Magic to record their 19-13 victory. The Bandicoots played some absolutely brilliant netball that brought a smile to Coach Kim's face but unfortunately couldn't overcome the strength and power of Angels, losing 5-11. The Eagles had the toughest game of the night with the rain absolutely teaming down in the second half. Despite the appalling conditions, the girls showed great skills defeating a fast finishing Technix team 14-8. All girls should be congratulated for their efforts on a wet and slippery night.

In other news, 3 of our girls, Ryley J, Chelsea and Jorja, played in the SCNA Representative Carnival at Benowa Rd on Sunday. The girls played hard and with great sportsmanship, showing 100% commitment and effort on a tough and exhausting day. Congratulations on your achievements girls; you are certainly great ambassadors for Beechmont Netball!!

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NETBALL NEWS
COMMUNITY NEWS

Found in the Car park, a girls watch. Please contact the Office if it is your child’s watch.

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.

DANCE WITH ME
• Come and learn to dance like a fairy ballerina!
• Mummy and Me dance classes will be commencing shortly, come along and be part of the fun.
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SOCcer NEWS
Well Beechmont soccer kid’s, welcome to the BIG clubs. This season will be our first introduction to the largest clubs on the Gold Coast. Some of them have nearly 400 players so there will be some very competitive teams this season. Given that we have an elite club of 38, you all did extremely well over the week end, on a very hot 30 degree morning. The feedback from your coaches was awesome, with some children scoring their first goals.
The Beechmont Blues are coming to town.
Well done. Home games this week.
Under 6’s 9.10am
Team Phil 9.50am
Team Joy 8.36am
Under 8’s 8.30am
Under 10’s 8.30am

Have a great week.
Rich and Anita 55331227
info@manakihomes.com.au

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2012 GOLD COAST FILM FESTIVAL

FREE PROGRAM

FREE Outdoor Kids Cinema at Southport Broadwater Parklands
Films are screened at The Porch subject to weather.
Look for the big inflatable screen and bring a picnic blanket!

FRIDAY 27 APRIL
6.30pm
Oakies Outback Adventures (G)

SATURDAY 28 APRIL
6.30pm
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (G) & CJ7 (PG)

SUNDAY 29 APRIL
6.30pm
The Waterhorse: Legend of the Deep (PG)

FREE Future Film Maker Seminars at Robina Community Centre

MONDAY 23 APRIL
10am – 11am: Science fiction and Fantasy writing workshop (Years 10-12)
11am – 12.00pm: Career Pathways Panel: How do I become a film producer? (Years 10-12)
12.30pm – 1.30pm: BUPFA: create your own short film and win a full scholarship to Bond University!
1.00pm – 3.00pm: Manga and Anime drawing workshop (Years 8-12)

Program has been designed for Secondary School students. To register email mail@gcfilmfestival.com