JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Last week on parade we had a visit from Jump Rope for Heart ambassador. As a School, we are taking part in the Jump Rope program this term. What this involves is children getting sponsors by signing the sponsor sheet or doing it online. Depending on how much each child raises, there is a range of prizes they can win. If they gain sponsors online, they can be in line for a pair of night vision goggles!

The children learn a range of skipping skills, increase their fitness and raise money into research about heart disease. I think every family knows someone who has had a heart related health incident. The money raised will be able to help these people.

Please get behind this activity, encourage your child to practice their skipping and obtain sponsors.

WORKING BEE THIS SUNDAY

We do ask for your support this Sunday for this term’s working bee. The working bee goes from 8am till Midday. Even if you can’t come for the whole time, even some time will really help. At midday you will receive lunch and some drinks. Some of the jobs we have to do are:

+ Rubbish removal to Canungra tip
+ Getting rid of tobacco trees
+ Spreading dirt on the oval
+ Guernrying the paths
+ Painting of forts
+ Gutters to be cleared
+ Tennis court to be tidied

We do need:

* Utes to go to Canungra tip
* Gardening tools
* Shovels, Forks
* Weeding tools
* Pruning tools

* Trailers to go to Canungra tip
* Wheelbarrows
* Painting gear
* Chain saws
* Brush cutters

We’d love your help, please contact Tony Knowles on 5533 3774 or 0418 731 737 to register your ability to help keep our grounds tidy and safe for our children.

COLOUR DAY

The next scheduled Colour Day is next Wednesday 1st August. The theme is Pyjamas. If you didn’t pay $5 at the beginning of the year then your child must bring 50c. Please remind your child they must hand in their 50c and not keep it or spend at the tuckshop. We do have a list of all children to mark off who have paid. Thank you for reinforcing this honesty message with your child.

SENIOR BAND

Last week all Senior Band members received 3 forms about upcoming events, The Nerang Alliance workshop, Combined Band Day at Canungra School and Gold Coast Eisteddfod.

If you haven’t returned these, please do so ASAP so we can organize transport to these events. It does take a lot of organizing so please help us by returning the forms. If they haven’t come home, they are on our website under Extra-curricular / Music / Senior and Junior Band information, click on item 2, 3 and 4. Thank you for your assistance.
COMING EVENTS

JULY
Wed 25 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 26 Junior Band and Strings lessons
Thu 26 Opti-MINDS 3 – 6pm
Fri 27 Parade 8.50am
Fri 27 Opti-Camp at School from 3pm
Sat 28 Opti-Camp at School
Sun 29 Opti-camp at School
Sun 29 Working Bee 8am-12noon
Lunch and Refreshments provided

AUGUST
Wed 01 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 01 District Athletics at Griffith University
Wed 01 Colour Day – PJ Day 50 cents
Thu 02 Junior Band and Strings lessons
Thu 02 District Athletics at Griffith University
Thu 02 Opti-MINDS 3 – 6pm
Fri 03 Parade 8.50am
Fri 03 Interhouse Sport 1.30pm
Tue 07 Year 6 Enrichment Day at Nerang High
Wed 08 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 08 P&C Meeting 7pm

THANKYOU

Thank you Martin Kapusin for the plants at the Markets. Thank you also to Martin and Jodi Kapusin for trimming the trees in the car park & making all the trips to the dump last week.

iPod TOUCH MISSING

Unfortunately, an iPod touch was taken out of a student’s bag last Friday. It is a silver iPod with a dragon screen saver.

The student was doing the right thing and leaving it in his bag & not playing with it at school, but waiting to use it on the bus trip home.

Please be vigilant and if there is a different iPod at your house, please return to school.

HEAD LICE AGAIN

Please check your child’s head as we have a had some reported cases of head lice throughout the school. All students with shoulder length hair or longer must have it tied up every day to try and minimise the risk of the lice spreading.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C Meeting is Wednesday 8th August 7pm in the Library. We’d love to see you there.

GOLD COAST SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Our School takes the Gold Coast Show Public Holiday. This year this Public Holiday is Friday 31st August. There is no School on this day.

STAFF CHANGES

Our Japanese Teacher Renae Mason is taking Maternity leave from Friday 24th August. We wish Renae all the best and thank her for her contribution to our School this year.

We welcome, Akemi Johannesen who will replace Renae.

JUNIOR CHOIR AT BINNA BURRA

My very sincere thanks to all the families that made the effort and braved the very cold night to bring their children to sing at Binna Burra, for the Christmas in July event, last Friday night.

The children were fantastic, they were so energetic and that filtered through to the crowd. The Binna Burra guests were genuinely appreciative of the children’s efforts.

So thank you parents, Choir members, Tania Evans for doing these things while you are on Maternity leave & Tanya Stanley for coming up to help after training the Netballers. I really do appreciate everyone’s amazing efforts.

BEECHMONT + CANUNGRA ATHLETICS

My congratulations to the children for the way they took part in the Canungra and Beechmont Athletics Carnival last Friday. The team we sent was selected from 49 students and the team Canungra sent was selected from 133 students! A bit skewed, but that is the population of both our school’s 10 to 13 year old students. So for what we achieved, I am really pleased. The student number imbalance is something we just have to live with unless our school grows dramatically.

Congratulations to our 2 Age Champions, Desi Johnson and Waimarie Brand. You both competed exceptionally well and showed great sportsmanship.

Congratulations to Bella Innis, Desi & Waimarie who were all selected to go on to the Gold Coast North Athletics Carnival in early August.

My sincere thanks to the parents who came to support our children, but especially to a few parents who were able to take on jobs as Tanya, Katie & myself all had jobs and we couldn’t be there to organise the children, take photos, be our 1st Aiders and help with events.

Special thanks to:
- Official photographer: Tam Wood
- Children organizers: Kim Sami, Janine Van B
- First Aiders: Julie Ayers, Tam Wood
- Discus helper: Ken Johnson

We honestly could not have competed without you generous assistance as we don’t have the staff to do all jobs. THANK YOU!
PAST PUPIL NEWS

Congratulations to the following past pupils who received recognition last week at the Year 11 & 12 Principal’s Awards. I don’t have a complete list of Year 8, 9 or 10 Award winners. If someone has a list so I can recognize the achievements of our past pupils, that would be great!

Yr 11 Bronze Michael Telford and Audrey O’Donnell
Silver Samantha Bennett, Jake Hashim-Jones and Dannica Llewellyn
Gold Elizabeth Abbey and Samuel Sproul
Yr 12 Silver James Abbey
Gold Ethan Crow

COLES AND WOOLIES
VOUCHERS AND STICKERS

Please keep collecting these and send along to School. Woolies stickers close on August 12th and Coles closes on August 14th. We have very strict deadlines that we have to get our vouchers and stickers back to the companies, so please send in as you get them. Last year, we had to throw out heaps of vouchers that we received after the close off date. So please send in to school or drop into the Lower Beechmont Shop as soon as you have them so we can get the best gear for our children.

NEW TO THE WEBSITE

On the Support & resources orange tab/Parent resources, the final item is a link to resources from the recent Dr Michael Carr-Gregg free parent seminars that were advertised on our website. The resources are about student wellbeing.

PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY AND
COMPETITION NIGHT

All students from Prep to Year 7 take part in our Public speaking Day and competition on Tuesday 21st August. The Prep to Year 3 students have a non-competitive Public speaking activity during the day on the 21st that ensures every student comes away feeling very confident with their Public speaking efforts.

The Year 4 to 7 students have a competition starting at 5pm on the 21st and our Champion Public speakers represent our School at the Nerang Alliance of State School Speaking Out Competition on the 17th October.

Public Speaking is a vital skill for all children and this activity ensures all Beechmont children are developing essential life skills.

Welcome to Mountain Mates News
Welcome to week 3. A big thank you to the Kenyon Family for the donation of toys.

After bad weather and other activities happening last week we were unable to enjoy this term activities so will start our term program this week.

Our rewards table recipients for the last two weeks were Casta who invited Jack, Sophia who invited Chelsea; Joel invited Connor and Grace who invited Chelsea.

This week’s dinner is Stuffed Potatoes and Jelly and Custard for dessert.

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

Welcome to week 3. Once again preps will be very busy this term.

During term 3 preps we will be continuing to revise those beginning letters and sounds of the alphabet. We will also be introducing more difficult letter and sound combinations such as, ‘ie’, ‘ee’, ‘or’, ‘oo’, ‘ow’, ‘oi’, ‘er’, ‘ar’ and ‘ng’.

We will also continue to practice reading and writing sentences from familiar stories, and speaking clearly in front of the class.

Other literacy work this term will be focusing on understanding rhyme, using rhyming words, exploring characters from a variety of stories and understanding the importance of the illustrations.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Warm regards, Elizabeth Perkins.
eperk17@eq.edu.au

This week in Science the children are studying the sky and the objects they see there. They will be using a digital camera to take photos as well as drawing their objects. Parents please note that ‘observing the night sky’ is part of their homework this week as conducting that investigation at school was going to be a little tricky.

In Art we are capturing weather scenes using watercolours and collaging fabrics to build clouds and paint the rainy season. The children have learnt that although we have four seasons the aboriginal people divided the year up differently and we have been exploring their seasons too.
The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit from the fire brigade last week as the rain stopped just in time to allow the children to go outside and be introduced to the fire truck and handle the hoses. I hope to get the photos up on our new website soon.

Congratulations to last week’s award winner: Cameron McIntyre for the Intrepica Leaderboard.

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**

Demelza will be away until next Tuesday. We have managed to secure the services of Tracey Hansen for the week to ensure continuity for the class.

**YEAR 3/4 CLASS**

Congratulations to the children who participated in the Inter-School Athletics at Canungra last Friday.

In Maths this week we will be working hard on fractions concepts. We will be revising earlier work and then extending this with new concepts and problem-solving tasks involving fractions. We will also be working on different problem-solving strategies this week including drawing a picture and looking for a pattern to solve problems.

In English we are working on completing our Matty Forever activities. The children will be constructing a Character Profile as the culminating activity for this unit of work.

Have a great week.

Regards, Dan. dalbr1@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 5/6 CLASS**

Who would have ever thought a child would actually look forward to doing their homework? By going digital the children in our class have certainly changed their tune towards homework and rate of completion has increased. Although this is great news, children also need to remember to practice their spelling words in order to get full marks on Fridays. All of the spelling words for the term can now be found on the Ed Studio, so there are no excuses for not practicing them.

Congratulations to those children who have risen to the challenge and going to the next level. It really is wonderful to see and the benefits of your efforts will be obvious for years to come.

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

**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

We were most impressed last Friday with the number of children who remembered to hand in their homework either at Canungra or left it here at school. This is the level of responsibility that says something about the children. Some children who did forget, emailed us to explain or had their parents let us know that it was completed. The benefits of completing their work regularly and to the best of their ability will provide them with untold skills for their future even into adulthood.

Congratulations to those who have attended the District Athletics Carnival last Friday. They all tried their very best and are to be commended on their efforts.

Award winners for week 2 were: Carla Blunt, Phoebe Burchell, Taylah Dunkerton, Grace Harrison, Sage Pearce, Tane Brand, Mikaylah Matthews-Mullen and Taija Le Faucheur.

Congratulations to all.

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It was great to get some home games in after all the washed out week ends. Some very close games for all divisions kept the sideline entertained and the coaches on their toes.

Team photos have been completed and will be handed out to the children on our end of season presentation day.

Over the next two weeks we have away games. I recommend that you go to the Gold Coast Soccer website to get an update of times and clubs.

Good luck on Saturday.

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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• increase compliance across contexts (e.g., home and school)
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Beechmont Netball Club News

There was a mixed bag of results after last weekend’s round of games. The Beechmont Tigers had a terrific win 7-5 over the Trinity Tigers and showed great tenacity coming back from 3-0 down in the first quarter. The Saints were also victorious, winning 15-10 over a very strong Mini Magic team. The Saints showed outstanding attacking skills against some very determined defence with all girls having an absolutely outstanding game!! Despite giving their all, the Bandicoots and Eagles faced very tall and tough opposition with both teams being defeated. Both of these games very hard fought, with the players giving 100% right until the final siren.

This weekend Beechmont Netball is running the canteen and having a “Cakes and Sweets” stall as well as a Lucky Hundreds board. We will also be selling tickets in our signed Queensland Bulls cricket bat raffle. This is a fantastic opportunity to fundraise and we thank SCNA for this chance to raise some much needed funds for our club. We would like each family to donate some homemade cakes or sweets to be sold on the day. We will need volunteers (over 16 yrs) to man the canteen throughout the day. All help and support to ensure this day is a success will be greatly appreciated.

The Shooting clinic recommences this weekend from 9-11 am for any girls interested in improving their shooting skills. It is conducted by Julianne Penkilis, the coaching convenor for SCNA who has a great passion for developing young shooters and is well worth attending.

For any of our girls that are interested in earning a little bit of pocket money and becoming junior umpires, SCNA is holding a beginners umpiring course this Saturday 28th July at 12noon, at the Benowa Road courts. Any junior players interested in learning the skills to become a umpire must attend these sessions.

Just a reminder that payment of all outstanding club fees for the 2012 season is due now. Please ensure that you are paid up as soon as possible. If you are unsure or have any concerns, our Treasurer, Michael Powell, will be happy help.

Fixtures for the next 2 weeks are as follows.

Mark your calendars 😊

Saturday 28th July
9 am Saints
10 am Eagles, Bandicoots
11 am Tigers

Saturday 4th August
9 am Eagles, Bandicoots and Tigers
10 am Saints