ANZAC DAY

Please keep ANZAC Day Wednesday 25th April free so the children can take part in our community’s ANZAC Day service. The service starts at 11.30am and students need to be here by 11.15am in full School Uniform. Prior to the day some Prep, Year 1 and 2 children will be selected to lay the School wreaths with some of the Year 7 students. All Year 7 students will be notified of their duties this week.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Interhouse swimming carnival is scheduled for this Thursday 29th March. Please cross whatever you can for fine weather. At the time of writing there is to be a 40% chance of rain with scattered showers. We’ll look again tomorrow and decide.

Attached to today’s newsletter is a transport sheet, detailing what I have been told about how your child will be getting to and from Nerang Pool. If something has changed and we haven’t been told, you must contact us tomorrow so alternate arrangements can be made.

Please ensure all items of clothing including swimming costumes, towels, shirts, underwear and shorts are named. Every swimming carnival we end up with loads of lost property. Naming everything will ensure we can return clothing when it does become lost.

Don’t forget to send lunch with your child or money to buy from the canteen. Admission cost to get into the pool is $3.40 for children and $4.70 for adults.

Children have no option but to apply sunscreen. They must also have a swim shirt or t-shirt to wear during the day.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have been instructed to develop a new website as our current website cannot be hosted on Education Queensland’s new platform.

I am in the process of developing a new site that conforms to Education Queensland’s requirements.

Please be aware that we may be without a website for a few weeks while they approve our new website. The new website, when it goes live, will be a shadow of our current site until I am able to build more pages on the site. Please be patient while this process takes place.

EASTER HAT PARADE

Don’t forget our Easter Hat parade this Friday 30th March. There will be prizes for each class for the best hat. Hint: Last Year, the judges went for child made hats!

P+C CATERING AT ANZAC DAY

The Beechmont Anzac Committee has this year asked the P&C to cater for the Anzac Day Ceremony. 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. To date we only have a couple of volunteers and need considerably more to ensure this event is a success. If you can spare a few hours or the morning or afternoon or the whole day please email Michael Kenyon, mckenyon@live.com.au or phone on 0414180271.
COMING EVENTS

MARCH
Wed 28 NO Senior band 7.45am
Thu 29 NO Instrumental Music lessons
Thu 29 Swimming Carnival at Nerang Pool
Fri 30 Easter Hat Parade
Fri 30 School holidays start after School

APRIL
Mon 02 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Tue 03 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Wed 04 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Thu 05 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Tue 10 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Wed 11 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Thu 12 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Fri 13 Vacation Care ph: 0417 775 741
Mon 16 School's back for Term 2 Yahoo
Wed 18 Senior band 7.45am
Thu 19 Instrumental Music – bring instruments
Fri 20 Parade 8.50am
Sun 22 Senior band at markets
Mon 23 Year 6/7 to Brisbane for student ANZAC service
Wed 25 ANZAC Day. Students to be at School by 11.15am at the latest.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Many parents have taken up using the tuckshop and your support of this function is very much appreciated. The tuckshop is run by the P and C with a part time convenor who is supported by a very small group of volunteers. Without the volunteer support and support of the parents ordering from the tuckshop this function would not be viable.

This year a new menu was introduced that now includes healthy options and the use of the tuckshop services to date has been excellent.

Tuckshop operations are geared around delivering what is on the menu. Unfortunately some orders have been received for items not on the menu and a number of requests are being made for orders that vary from the standard menu. 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 this function would not be viable.

If parent have any suggestions on menu items please email the P and C. This does not mean that the item will automatically be included but if a number of suggestions are received for the same items then these will be considered.

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. This saves time for tuckshop volunteers as they don’t need to search for the order that has the money in it and then confirm if it is correct.

Finally if there are any parents out there who have some time to volunteer at the tuckshop this would be very much appreciated. If you are able to volunteer please see Kathleen Callister at the tuckshop on Wednesdays or Fridays.

PREP TERM 2

Education Queensland has notified us that Elizabeth Perkins will be taking over from Tania Evans next term. Elizabeth has been working closely with Tania to ensure a smooth transition.

NAPLAN TESTING

The Australia wide NAPLAN testing for students in Year 3, 5 and 7 takes place next term on 15, 16 and 17 May. If you do not want your child taking part in these tests, you need to contact the School to request an exemption form.

BAND AT MARKETS

The senior band will be performing at the Beechmont Markets next month, Sunday 22nd April. This is at the end of the first week back. All band members are required to attend unless you have spoken with Mr Clyde. This was one of the dates you were notified of at the beginning of the year.

P&C MEETING

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th April, 7pm in the Library. This meeting will focus on our fundraising calendar for the year. Everyone is welcome.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

As if you need reminding, School holidays start after School this Friday and School resumes on Monday 16th April. We hope all children have a very safe and restful holiday. The students, especially in Year 3, 5 and 7 need a good rest as NAPLAN preparations will really ramp up after the holidays. There is no pupil free day on Monday 16th as in past years.

EXTRA SWIMMING COACHING

Q has offered to give free coaching to any child who comes 1st, 2nd or 3rd at our swimming carnival in term 4 at Nerang Pool. More details later.
**Seed Slice**

- 1 1/4 cups Quinoa Flakes (Health Food section)
- 1/2 cup Coconut desiccated
- 1/4 cup each Dried Apricots, Sultanas, Craisin (or your choice of dried fruit), diced
- 2 tsp Chia Seeds (black or white) (optional)
- 3 tbsp Sunflower Seeds
- 3 tbsp Sesame Seeds
- 1 tsp fine Grated Orange Rind
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 100 g Butter, chopped
- 1/2 cup Honey

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to 180˚C (160˚C fan forced). Grease and line base of a 20cm cake pan. Combine all dry ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Combine butter and honey in a small saucepan and melt over low heat. Increase heat to medium and simmer for 2 minutes. Stir through dry ingredients until well combined. Press into pan. Bake for 15 minutes until pale golden. Remove and allow to cool completely before slicing into squares.


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**THANK YOU**

- Kathleen Callister and Janine Van B for volunteering to cook for the combined band day.
- Justine Robinson for all the plants.
- Paul & Di Shearman for the plastic bags

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**STUDENT COUNCIL**

The Student Council had its first meeting last week. The student representatives are Natasha Burchell, Natasha Trikilis, Bailey Evans, Caija Hogg-Wood, Emma Bennett, Lachlan McIntyre and Carlia Blunt.

There were several ideas floated some of which included:

- starting a ‘weedbusters’ club so that we can reduce the number of weeds in our gardens
- starting a skipping club that is all inclusive regardless of age or size in order to improve everyone’s fitness

If you have any other ideas that the Student Council could tackle, please speak with one of your representatives.

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**KEEP WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS**

With the holidays fast approaching, please keep an eye out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call the School Watch number – 13 1788. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 1788 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the program, please call Education Queensland’s Security Program on 3237 0874

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**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**PREP NEWS**

Hi everyone and welcome to the last week of the term. Hope you all have had a great week and certainly there has been a lot of new arrivals in the Prep classroom over the last couple of weeks.

In literacy we have finished writing our letters to someone and are now making envelopes to send our letters in. We have learnt the new sounds for ai as in train, j and oa as in goat. The children have also finished of their firecracker art pieces.

In maths we are looking at sequencing events in order of how they happen and we started looking at clocks and how to make o’clock time. We are making our own clocks so that we can have a go at making or own times.

Don’t forget that the swimming carnival is on Thursday and let’s hope that the weather is lovely for a change.

This week we will also be doing some Easter activities to finish off the term.
On a final note, this is my last week at school for probably the rest of the year, all going well. I would just like to take the time to say that I have had a wonderful term working with this lovely group of children and I will miss them immensely. They have been a very keen bunch and are always willing to learn and grow. It has been a pleasure.

Hope everyone has a lovely break over the holidays and that they all come back refreshed and ready to go.
Warm regards
Tania Evans.
Ps. I am sure I will see them again at some point as I have promised to bring the baby in to show them and if all goes to plan will continue with the choir for the rest of the year.

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Hi parents please don’t forget to pop in to school sometime this week (if possible) to collect the children’s Raw Art sculptures. In Literacy the children are practising the writing of very persuasive letters and I think that it might be difficult for the Easter Bunny to bring the amount of chocolate eggs that they are requesting. We are back to our usual spelling program with the children bringing home their sorts for homework. Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Kaja Mobbs for the Intrepica Leader board and a spelling award, and Corbin O’Toole for spelling. I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter holiday and I look forward to seeing you here again in Term 2.

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

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

This week for homework students are only expected to continue with their daily readers. On Wednesday they will also bring home some interview questions for history. As part of an upcoming history assignment that will be completed in class, students need to gather information about the past by interviewing a grandparent or an older person. They will be asking questions to find out about the older person’s childhood and the sorts of things they did for fun and entertainment when they were young. The answers to the questions will be due back at school in the first week of term 2 in order to start the history assignment in week two.

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

It is hard to believe, Term 1 is almost at an end. The children have worked hard this term and overall can be happy with their efforts. We are still working hard to complete our program for the Term so it is important for children to be at school for the rest of this week.

There will not be a normal fortnightly homework grid this week. The children may have nightly homework throughout the week if there is any class work that needs to be completed.

We are working on Persuasive Text in English. We have been reading some simple picture books which are good models for Persuasive Text. The children will soon begin to construct a text of their own in order to persuade an audience to agree with their point of view.

In Maths we are completing our work on fractions and will now be moving on to Data Representation and Interpretation (working with graphs and tables).

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

A belated thank you to the wonderful parents who ran the sausage sizzle on Sunday the 18th. We really value your efforts. The money raised will go towards the school camp and will make a small difference to the final cost.

Homework is due tomorrow and will resume in the first week of term 2. Congratulations to all the children who have shown great responsibility and organisation when it comes to completing and returning their homework on time.

Award winners for week 9 were: Faigan Meadowcroft, Carlia Blunt, Bonnie Shearman, Jake Mobbs, Gillian Clarke, Levi Boland Grace Harrison and Sage Pearce. Congratulations to you all.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing holiday.
Have a great week. Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Tomorrow, Wednesday 28th we will be watching, ‘Red Dog’ as a culminating activity for all the English work we have been doing around this novel this term. If you have any objections to your child watching the movie, please contact us tomorrow morning.

There is no written homework this week, just reading & number facts. It is expected that both
reading & revision of number facts will happen each night this week.

We hope the children have a very relaxing holiday as the year 7’s especially do need to be well rested for the NAPLAN test which happen next rem during week 5, so it is early in the term.

Award winners last week were, Caija Hogg-Wood, Inari Beyer, Waimarie Brand, Ebonie Ure, Bailey Evans, Brogan Munster, Wilson Gaythwaite, Jett Sterling, Hopi Derrick, Zachary Le Faucheur and Sidney Slater. Well done children.

Have a great holiday

Tanya Stanley & David Murphy

tstan15@eq.edu.au & dmurp19@eq.edu.au

Hi Everyone & welcome to Mountain Mates!!

As we enjoy our last week of Term One I must thank the families, the children & the Staff for a wonderful Term. We have had an enthusiastic and enjoyable group which makes Mountain Mates a great place to be.

We also had our last Zumba session with the wonderful Diana. The children really got a lot out of their Zumba and Diana presented each of the children with a certificate for their efforts.

Our Reward Table winners from last Thursday were Connor and Natasha. Connor invited Obi & Natasha invited Jorja. Great work!!

This Thursday evening we are having Bacon & Egg Burgers followed by Icecream Cones. As the swimming carnival is on Thursday could you please let us know if your child won’t be coming to Mountain Mates so we can cater accordingly.

As per our Policies and Procedures Manual I need to address the subject of dogs and pets at Mountain Mates. As much as we do love dogs and pets of all kinds, we need to make everyone aware that, for the safety of all of the children at Mountain Mates, to please leave your pets outside of the school grounds. I understand that they may be harmless but some children are scared of unfamiliar animals and also we don’t want to have to explain if a child accidentally gets bitten. By all means if you would like to bring your pet in to show everyone, please just let us know and we will prepare the children and everyone can have a meet and greet. I thank you for your understanding in this matter.

This being our last newsletter for Term 1, we all wish you a wonderful and restful Easter Holiday Break. We look forward to seeing some of your faces over the Vacation care period. Remember Mountain mates is open from Monday 2nd April to Thursday 5th April inclusive and then from Monday 9th April until Friday 13th. We open at 7am and close at 6.30pm.

Hope the Easter Bunny is good to you all.

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

NETBALL NEWS

After 2 weeks of grading, all teams were keen to start the 2012 season officially. Round 1 proved to be a week of nail-bitters in 3 out of the 4 games, with the Bandicoots (boosted by the return of the smiling Kaila), Eagles and Saints all playing gallantly to only go down by a few goals in the final minutes. The Tigers had a fantastic start to their season with a comprehensive 12-nil win against Jesters Jellies.

There has been some movement between teams and grades due to SCNA age restrictions, but this should be finalised (hopefully) by next weekend.

At the time of writing this, Saturday’s times were unavailable but they will be posted on the blackboard outside the Green Room as soon as we have them. We have games this Saturday (31st) and then 2 weeks off for the Easter break. Looking forward to seeing you all for Round 2.
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.

DANCE WITH ME
Trial Commencing Tuesday 17 April
- 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.
- For Mums and girls aged 2 – 4 years.
- Just $10 per lesson – pay as you go
- For information, please call 55331218 or 0412992700

TO ALL CRICKET PLAYING PARENTS
We are attempting to play our first ever indoor cricket game this Wednesday. You are all welcome to come along if you can.
We will finish the Milo “In 2 cricket” programme this term but resume straight after soccer season is over.
We will then run the program again for a few weeks with the aim of starting a Saturday morning indoor cricket competition as a summer sport. On behalf of all parents I would like to thank Q Clarke for being the Co-ordinator and for her enthusiastic running of this programme.
Please encourage your children to keep practicing and they have permission from David Murphy to use the school cricket nets before school and at the appropriate school breaks. If anyone is interested in being on a committee with the aim of forming a cricket club please contact Greg on 55332608 or 0405206076

Market Shopping Night!
Nerang State High School’s P&C will be holding a “Night Shopping Market” event. It will be on Friday 27th April from 5-8pm in the Nerang High School Hall. There will be various stallholders selling their wares and services all in one place. Just in time for Mothers Day! Come and join the fun. If you require further information please feel free to contact us on pandc@nerangshs.eq.edu.au 
Hope to see you there,
Tracey Spiers
P&C President

TIMETABLE
Thursday 5 April
Thursday 12 April
Saturday 21 April
FREE BUS SERVICE

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Toyota Paralympic Talent Search

Do you have a physical disability, intellectual disability or vision impairment?

The Australian Paralympic Committee will be conducting testing to help identify the next generation of Paralympic athletes.

Date: Saturday 24th March 2012
Time: 10:00am—2:00pm
Where: The Southport School, 7 Village Drive, Gold Coast Qld
Pre-registration is required; please contact Andrea Johnson on 07 5531 1771 or 0419 636 158 andrea.johnson@paralympic.org.au

paralympic.org.au

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SOCCER NEWS

Training will not be held over the school holidays. Our first game is Saturday 14th April, last Saturday of the school holidays. To check for the draw go to www.goldcoastsoccer.com.au and go to fixtures and results. You will find the draw here when it is complete.

Please have payments for fees finalised this week.

Rich and Anita 55331227
info@manakithomes.com.au

is proud to announce the 3rd Annual Beechmont Easter Egg Hunt

For children big and small

When: Friday 6th April 10am
Where: Graceleigh Park
Next to the Beechmont State School

Find the GOLDEN EGG and win a $100 Toys R Us voucher


100% Free Community event