PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY AND NIGHT

My very sincere thanks to all the parents who were able to come to School last Tuesday for the Lower School and Upper School Public Speaking event. It is such a valuable skill for the children to have. Yes, it might create some stress in the children and nerves, but the most important point is that they get up and deliver their speeches and acquire an important skill in Public Speaking along the way. It may be hard on families to be here, especially for the evening event & I thank parents for their efforts to be here to give their children valuable skills.

Our High School adjudicators are to be congratulated for their efforts, as the night time event couldn’t go ahead without them and it is very special that they are willing to give up their time to help out.

My thanks to the Staff, teachers & Teacher Aides for their preparation of the children and also giving their time to be here on the night.

Special thanks to Renae Knowles and Michael Kenyon for collecting the Pizzas for dinner for the Staff and Adjudicators. I am very extremely grateful for your help.

PHOTOS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Do you have any photos of the Public Speaking that we could have a copy of? Please email to David dmurp19@eq.edu.au or send in on a USB or disc. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Public Speaking winners who will compete in the Nerang Alliance Speaking Out Competition on the 17th October. Year 4 Claire Muir-Smith, Year 5 Carla Blunt, Year 6 India-Rose Harper, Year 7 Waimarie Brand.

GOOD LUCK GIRLS

Our best wishes go with Desi Johnson and Waimarie Brand, competing in the South Coast Athletics today. We hope the vibes we are sending today results in positives for you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photo Day is Tuesday 11th September, only 16 days away. Please read the attached information and return to School ASAP. All orders have to be placed by Friday 7th September. NO ORDERS CAN BE PLACED ON TUESDAY 11th.

If you are wanting photos of Senior, Junior Band, Choir, Opti-MINDS, Student Council or our Strings group, you must request a separate envelope for these photos.
Also if you want a family shot of your children, then you must request a separate envelope for this.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our big Jump Off Day is on Friday 14th September. Children are encouraged to come in red or wear clothes with red hearts on them. There is also a special tuckshop menu on this day. Spaghetti Bolognaise $3.00, Red Jelly Cup $1.00, Red Apple Popper $1.50 or order the lot and receive fresh fruit freebies at 2nd break after our jumping session.
Don’t forget, every class needs to raise $300 (or approximately $15 a child) to get the staff to wear red tutus on the day (how embarrassing)!

A caring family school...
DESPERATE HELP NEEDED THIS THURSDAY TO COUNT VOUCHERS

We had a great turnout of volunteers last Friday to count our Coles vouchers, there were far more vouchers than we realised and we still have a massive amount of vouchers to count.

Can you please help us this Thursday morning from 8.45am to count the rest of the vouchers so our children can gain the maximum benefit from this promotion?

We really need to get the most out of this promotion for the benefit of our children, so we can get many sports resources for them.

So please, if at all possible, we’d love your help this Thursday to count the remaining vouchers (that there are plenty of).

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP THIS THURSDAY?

Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge
4-5 September 2012

The Mathletics team have joined with Commonwealth Bank to present the Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge 2012 as a lead up event to World Maths Day 2013. The following students have been selected to represent Beechmont in this event: Luka Allen, Sammy Bennett, Ryan Gaffney, Hayden Harper, Tane Tari, Hamish Abbot, Coen Blunt, Christopher Towner, Jack Small, Kurt Johnson, Lachlan Chipping, Kaylah Norris, Oscar Kirk, Kanoa Carter-Stampton, Lachlan Ayers, Wilson Gaythwaite, Inari Beyer, Waimarie Brand, Brogan Munster, Sidney Slater, Ebbie Ure, India-Rose Harper, Natasha Trikilis, Abbey Trikilis, Taije Nielsen, Claire Muir-Smith, Cameron Ayers, Ayla Sola, Lachlan McIntyre, Carlia Blunt, Wishy Thirasantikamol, Levi Boland, Tane Brand, Gillian Clarke, Mikaylah Matthews-Mullen, Taylah Dunkerton and Kaila Gaardsted. This week these students will be having opportunities to practise the challenge questions in warm up activities and then next week there is round the clock access to the challenge during which time the children must accrue as many points as possible. We hope parents that you will allow these students as much computer time as possible over the 4-5 September in order for them to fully participate in this challenge. To participate, students simply use their Mathletics usernames and passwords to log in via the Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge website - www.australianmathschallenge.com

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST
Wed 29 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 30 Father’s Day Stall
Thu 30 Junior Band and Strings lessons
Fri 31 Gold Coast Show Public Holiday

SEPTEMBER
Sun 02 Father’s Day
Tue 04 Year 6 Enrichment Day Nerang High
Wed 05 Colour Day 50c Theme is Blue
Wed 05 No Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 05 Combined Junior Band Day
Wed 05 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 06 Teacher Aide Day
Thu 06 Junior Band and Strings lessons
Fri 07 School Photo orders closing day
Tue 11 School Photo Day
Wed 12 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 12 Instrumental Music Recruitment night
Fri 14 Jump Rope for Heart Day

Opti-MINDS SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Opti-MINDS team of Jorja Sami, Natasha Burchell, Desi Johnson, Carlia Blunt & Natasha Trikilis on their brilliant success at the Opti-MINDS Presentation Day on Sunday. The girls were awarded Honours and received many positive comments from the judges. Well done girls!

COLOUR DAY

Our next Colour Day is Wednesday 5th September. The theme for this Colour Day is Blue.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Please if you received a survey last Wednesday, we do need it back tomorrow. If you completed it online, we would appreciate an email to let us know, so we can package up the paper surveys and send off. Thank you for your assistance.

COLES VOUCHERS COUNTING DAY

My very sincere thanks to Nicole Coulter, Sue Denning, Vicki Clarke, Joy Carter, Andy Stampton, Wendy Blunt, Jason Mills, Kikumi Bennett, Sonia English, Michelle Moyce, Claire Ackfield, Julie Ayers, Sherylee Muir-Smith, Alec Bennett and Karen Cording, who were able to come to School last Friday to help count the Woolies stickers & Coles Vouchers. Your assistance to help our School obtain valuable resources is genuinely appreciated.
**BAND AND CHOIR AT CANUNGRA SHOW**

Thank you to all the families who ensured that our Senior Band and Junior Choir members were at the Canungra Show to support their team mates and showcase our School.

Special mention must go to the members of the Junior Choir, they performed exceptionally well considering the size of the group who turned up & the general noise of the show. I certainly learnt something about the quality of microphones I need to have to project their voices next year, but despite the issues on the day, these young people really gave their all and performed brilliantly despite the odds.

Thank you to Tania Evans, who is on leave for still giving time to our Junior Choir, thanks also to John Clyde, Tim Hunt & Cameron Hart for their commitment to our Senior Band.

Special thanks to our P&C Association who contributed to the purchase of shirts for our combined Band. For the first time in years, our combined Band looked like a combined band with everyone wearing the same shirts. Thank you to our P&C Association!

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**FATHERS' DAY STALL**

A big thank you to everyone who has sent in gifts for the Fathers' Day stall this Thursday. Unfortunately, we still may not have enough items so if you could send them in as soon as possible that would be great. Wednesday morning is the latest we can accept gifts as they need to be wrapped in time for the stall. No second hand or fragile items, please as we'd love the gifts to make it home in one piece! The stall will be before school on Thursday in the undercover area, and the gifts will be priced between $3 and $10. If you need more info, or would like to help, please call Julie on 5533 3226.

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**OUT AND ABOUT APP HELPS CHILDREN LEARN**

Parents and carers can download a range of DETE's popular free apps.

One of the department's most popular apps is *Out and About* sight words kit aimed at Prep to Grade 2 students to help them master the first 100 sight words to which they are typically introduced.

Out and About has been designed for young children.

Kids love using their parents’ smart phones and they love mastering each set of the Out and About App sight words. In no time at all, your younger will be ready to zoom through entry-level books.

Out and About can be downloaded from the iTunes App store.


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**TUCKSHOP**

**NO AROONAS IN STOCK**

Outsise School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 55333340
email - mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to Mountain Mates News
Welcome to week 8. Just a reminder that due to Gold Coast Show holiday this Friday Mountain Mates will be closed.

Last weeks rewards table winners were birthday girl Mikayla who invited Jack and Sophia who invited Chelsea, congratulations to you all.

For dinner this Thursday we will be having homemade rissoles with mashed potato and mixed veg and for dessert chocolate cake.

Have a great week.

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

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**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

This Monday and Tuesday Miss Barrett is taking our class as part of her third week of pre-service practice. I’m sure we are all looking forward to the public holiday on Friday and as this is usually when the homework goes out I have decided that there will be no homework next week except for spelling and home readers; the children will bring next week’s spelling sort home on Thursday.

In Literacy the children continue to learn about information reports and in Math we are focussing on time. Parents can help with the concept of time by having conversations with their children about how long something takes e.g. it is one hour till bedtime, or it is six days till…. or it takes 30 minutes to get to the shops etc. Some of our students have been selected to participate in the Commonwealth Bank Australian Maths Challenge. If you are able to let them have extra computer time at home from now until the 5th September it would be very beneficial. This week there are warm up activities and next week the competition commences, all they need is their Mathletics log in.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Sammy Bennett for the Intrepica Leaderboard, Mikaela Chipping for her wonderful question writing, Corbin O’Toole for his participation in class.
discussions and Mikayla Wyllie for her lovely waterfall in Art.
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

This week for homework students have been given a times table chart to encourage them to learn their times tables. At a year 2-3 level the main ones they should be focussing on are x1, x2, x3, x5 and x10. They have been taught a trick for learning their x9 times tables as well so hopefully they’ll learn the x9 easily. In maths lessons this week we are particularly focussing on the x3 and they will have a quiz on the 3 times tables on Thursday. Students also have a time worksheet to complete where they convert analogue time to digital time. We did a lesson on this on Monday and it was very successfully. No-one appeared to be struggling with the concept so hopefully children can complete this sheet independently and easily.

Welcome to our new student Kailah Norris. She has fitted in very quickly and even received an award on parade for her amazing literacy work last week. Welcome and well done, Kailah.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Congratulations to all the children in the class who spoke last Tuesday night at the Public Speaking Competition. It takes great courage to stand before an audience and speak for any amount of time and I am very proud of those children that gave it a go.

Last Thursday we had a visit from the Tamborine Mt College students who put on a wonderful performance for the school and immersed the children in culture through their play. It was indeed a very enjoyable performance.

Unfortunately due to the constant disruptions in our class we have had to make changes in seating arrangements yet again, and re visit the classroom rules. As a class we have agreed that working at the current cluster of tables with our peers is a privilege, and that it is fair, that after several warnings, if an individual continues to disrupt the group by talking, making noises or any other behaviours which inhibit on either the teacher teaching or the students at the tables learning and working, that the individual will be removed from the cluster of tables for a period of time. Below is an excerpt from the Queensland Education Departments policy that the class as a whole has looked at and agreed upon. For further information you can find this document on the BSS site www.beechmontss.eq.edu.au in the Our School - > Rules and Policies section.

3. Learning and behaviour statement

1. We believe that Responsible Behaviour relates to the development of self-control and self-direction in each child. It can never be reduced to the mere enforcement of a set of rules.
2. We believe that good behaviour is a pre-requisite for effective learning and that,
a) no child has the right to stop the teacher from teaching.
b) no child has the right to stop another child from learning.
c) no child has the right to engage in behaviour that is not in his/her best interests or the best interests of others.
3. We see our task not merely as curbing misbehaviour but as promoting constructive and positive behaviour.
4. We see the development of a healthy self-concept in children as major pre-requisite for responsible behaviour.
5. We accept that a well-planned curriculum is an important foundation for responsible classroom behaviour.
6. We believe that responsible behaviour grows out of a warm pupil/teacher relationship.
7. We accept responsibility, along with the home and community, for helping our children develop socially acceptable standards.

Award winners for week 7 were: Eric Watts, Grace Harrison, Gillian Clarke and Taija Le Faucheur. Congratulations to all.
Have a great week. Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Congratulations to all the students on the presentation of their speeches last Tuesday night. I’m glad our past pupils are the adjudicators, because I would have found it very difficult to decide the winners. Congratulations to Waimarie Brand and India-Rose Harper on your success & keep practising for the Nerang Alliance Speaking Out competition next term.

Homework has resumed this week and children have been reminded about the standard that is expected with their work. All students should be ensuring their work is the best quality they can possibly produce.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Spencer Wood, Hopi Wolf-Derrick, Caija Hogg-Wood, Brogan Munster, Lachlan Ayers and Maddy Godfrey.
Have a great week, warm regards,
Tanya Stanley & David Murphy
tstan15@eq.edu.au & dmurp19@eq.edu.au
Firstly, your child should have bought home a note from Greg about many important things happening in our club today. It is absolutely vital that this note is returned to school by BY THIS THURSDAY so that Greg can collect them prior to the long weekend.

With the Semi finals commencing this weekend for our senior teams, Saturday was their last chance to secure positions in the top four. The Saints gave a dominant performance to trounce Mini Magic 16-6, but unfortunately the Eagles went down fighting in a very closely contested game 10-8. Our two junior teams are involved in nipper testing over the coming weeks and the Bandicoots certainly demonstrated how well their skills are developing with a fantastic 13-3 win over Chargers. The Tigers played beautifully in their game, with great sportsmanship shown once again by the players.

This Saturday Beechmont Netball Club is having a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings Nerang. We will require assistance in setting up, as well as cooking and selling on the day especially in the morning as many of us will be at SCNA. If you are able to assist in any way please indicate your time preference on the note which went home today and return it to school ASAP. This will certainly be our biggest fundraising event for 2012, especially with Fathers’ day on Sunday so your support in making this day a success is vital.

Our End of Season presentation day will be held at the Advancetown Hotel from 12 noon on Saturday 16th September. Please mark this very important date on your calendars. We do need numbers for catering for this day, and this information needs to be indicated on the note that was sent home today.

The trip to Hervey Bay continues to gain momentum with many parents and players expressing interest. You will need to secure your seat on the bus with a $10 non-refundable deposit so be sure to get in quick as there are only 24 seats available. Again, you can indicate your interest in this trip on the note which was sent home today.

Finally, there will be no Eagles or Saints training this Friday due to the Gold Coast Show holiday.

Despite this weekend being a long weekend, we are playing on Saturday. Game times for this week are:

9am Eagles (to be confirmed!!)
10am Tigers
Bandicoots
Saints (to be confirmed!!)

The Eagles and Saints times are to be confirmed due to these teams playing semi-finals. Please check the SCNA website on Friday for confirmation.
Mudgeeraba Nerang & Districts’ Cricket Club
Positions Still Available in all Age Groups
In 2 Cricket (5 – 10yrs BOYS AND GIRLS), Juniors, Seniors, Over 40’s
Registration forms can be downloaded from our Website – http://www.mndcc.com.au by 31st August 2012
To be guaranteed a place in a team, please email Registrations to info@mndcc.com.au by 31st August 2012
Or phone Vicki on 0402 885 653
Home games this weekend from 8.30am.

End of season presentation

If your game is in the later time slot, come along early and support our teams playing before you. Festivities will start from 9am on the oval and the ceremony will be from 11am in the hall.

Have a great week.