OPEN NIGHT

Please accept my very sincere thanks for those of you who were able to come to Open Night last Tuesday Night. Staff go to a lot of work to prepare their Slide Show of the year so far and also prepare their handout / contents of their talk, so it is good that there are parents here to see and hear about your child’s class. It isn’t written into their contracts, it is an extra that our Staff do, so thank you Staff for your efforts last week.

POLICE PIPE AND DRUM BAND

This Friday, 2nd March, the Police Pipe and Drum Band will be visiting our School from 11.20am to 12.05pm. Cost is free for the concert. All I ask is that children prepare a short ‘Thank you Card’, ‘Thank you Note’ or similar item to give to this Police Band.

The Band travels to many Schools and other public performances and I am sure have never received thank you Cards on the day of the performance. So please, encourage your child to make a card, a picture, a drawing to thank this band for their work that we can present to them next Friday 2nd March.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Our School is going to be a ‘depot’ on Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 4th March. We are looking for someone to be the co-ordinator of the depot and just co-ordinate people and rubbish collection on the day. It could even be a couple of people to share the load during the day. Unfortunately I can’t do the job as it is my daughter’s birthday & we have a special day with her and my grandson Connor.

The main base will be the Old School, school is just a depot where people can drop rubbish off that they have collected.

Please contact David dmurp19@eq.edu.au, or drop in to School, or phone 5545 9100 if you are able / willing to help out on the day.

READY READER PARENT PROGRAM

On Tuesday the 6th of March, we will be presenting the Ready Reader Parent Program. The program provides parents and caregivers with the skills and strategies to support developing readers. I encourage all parents or Grandparents with Prep, Year 1, 2 & 3 students to attend this valuable program. An invitation will be sent home with your child this week.

LEO HELP NEEDED

Our School has begun running this year’s LEO (Learning Engagement Online) programme. This programme has individual children and a tutor completing an online programme. The programme promotes a variety of computer skills as well as dealing with other aspects along the way. It really is a very valuable opportunity for the children that have been selected to be involved.

What we do need however, are some willing volunteer parents on a Monday and Wednesday from 9am to 11am to work with the children on the computer. If you can help, please contact David as a matter of urgency on 5545 100 or email, dmurp19@eq.edu.au
COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
Wed 29 Senior Band 7.45am

MARCH
Thu 01 Yr 7 to Leadership Conference in Brisbane
Thu 01 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
Fri 02 Police Pipe and Drum Band 11.20am
Sun 04 Clean Up Australia Day
Tue 06 Ready Reader Parent Program
Wed 07 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 07 Colour Day 50 cents PINK
Thu 08 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
Thu 08 David to Nerang Alliance Meeting
Fri 09 Leaders Presentation Ceremony 9.30am
Sun 11 David to Nerang Alliance Retreat
Mon 12 David to Nerang Alliance Retreat
Tue 13 Year 6 Enrichment Day LOTE

FOOTPATH PLANTING

Our Footpath planting was completed last week. My sincere thanks to Craig Perkins and Beechmont Landcare for organising the grant that will ensure this area does not become an eyesore again.

My very sincere thanks also to Mark and Julie Ayers, Tam Wood, Wendy Trulson, Josie Corsbie, Joy Carter, Sherylee Muir-Smith and Susan Cully for your help on the day that ensured we had a successful planting day.

My thanks also to Will Miller and the Techni Gro team that provided the man power and technical advice on species etc to plant.

YEAR 7s TO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This Thursday, 1st March, the Year 7s will be travelling to Brisbane to attend the Impact Leadership Conference. The cost of this conference is being met by the Connie Groom trust and we thank the directors of the trust for their generous donation to our Year 7 Leaders & developing their Leadership skills.

Parents, please refer to the note that came home last Thursday, which is also on the website under the 6/7 Class page. We do need the form returned by tomorrow at the latest.

STRINGS PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Children from Year 3 are able to be taught strings by John Clyde. A violin costs around $150 and that is better value than hiring. John’s advice is to keep clear of Aldi violins (or other instruments). Please contact John on jclyd3@eq.edu.au if you are interested in your child learning a string instrument.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Please be aware our annual swimming carnival will happen on Thursday 15th March.

Your child can’t swim? Good! Then they need to be at the carnival to take part!

Attached to today’s newsletter is a ‘pink’ form that we require you to complete and return to School by Thursday 10th March to ensure your child can participate in the Carnival.

This form determines which pool your child is allocated to depending on their swimming ability. Non swimmers are totally catered for, please do not even think of keeping the children home on this day, as they can get in the pool and enjoy the day because of the safe procedures we have in place.

Every child, regardless of swimming ability, is catered for at our carnival. Those children who can swim lengths can do that. Those children who are able to swim widths of the smaller pool are able to swim widths. Children who cannot swim at all or only swim partially can also take part with the help of volunteer parents who ‘pass’ these children between adults across the pool.

Please be a part of our swimming carnival, especially if your child falls into the ‘non swimmer’ category. We do need your help on this day to make this a really inclusive carnival that every child can take part in. So please consider coming along on Thursday 15th March to ensure we have a successful carnival for all children.

WORKING BEE

The weather certainly wasn’t kind to us for the Working Bee on Saturday, we had to postpone it. The new date for the replacement Working Bee is Saturday 10th March.

We really do need lots of help on the day as well as a couple of willing volunteers with a Ute or trailer to take cuttings to Canungra dump.

Your tools would really assist to get the jobs done as there are many areas in our school grounds that require lots of your help.

Please keep the 10th March free.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Wilson Gaythwaite, Jett Sterling, Quinn Di Bartolo & Blake Desmond on your indoor soccer premiership. Well done boys!

MILO IN 2 CRICKET

Milo in 2 cricket program starts this Wednesday 29th February, straight after school in the Hall on Graceleigh. If you have not returned your rego & $60, please do so ASAP. All welcome. For any information call Greg on 0405206076.
NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

LIBRARY NEWS

WOW, what a successful Book Fair we had! Many thanks to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week, we were able to take $900 worth of books, so that was a real boost to our library. Thank you so much for your support.

Please note that borrowing will happen this Friday 2nd March, as I am in Brisbane this Thursday.

Have a great week
Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au

PREP NEWS

Hi everyone I hope you are all having a wonderful week.

This week we are looking at the M and the D sound.

This week I am also sending home 3 sight words for you to read with your child everyday. I will also send home the sounds we have already learnt so that you can go through these with your child at home. Also if your child is having some difficulty in writing their name it might be a good time for them to practise doing this at home.

It was nice to see everyone at the Open night last Tuesday night and to have the chance to chat with you, as well as the opportunity you had to see some of the things that your child has done so far this term.

Everyone has now taken the story box home once and it is coming around to the second time starting this week.

This week in Math we are still focussing on subitising numbers, that is being able to recognise numbers to 5 without counting and we are looking at the different ways that these numbers can be made up.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Austin Knowles and Rylan Christensen.
Well done!
Have a good week,
Warm regards, Tania Evans. tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

In Literacy this week we are learning about alliteration and rhyme and connecting with text. In Math we are exploring location and direction, left and right, clockwise and anti-clockwise, degree of turn and flipping.

In Science we continue to look at living things and you will have noticed that there is a science component to the homework this week. If a digital camera and printer are not available at home then it is fine for children to draw the living thing that they observe.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Coen Blunt for dazzling doubles facts, Maryam Baroudi for the Intrepica leaderboard and Luka Allen for completing all set tasks well.

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

On Friday we will be making the seed heads for science. If your child is yet to bring in a stocking please organise this before Friday.

For homework this week children must chose to do a word sort, blind sort, speed sort or word hunt in order to help learn their weekly spelling words. Children need to stretch out the word in their head and decide if the ‘u’ in the word makes a short sound as in ‘cup’ or whether it makes a long sound as in ‘tube’. The word ‘put’ is an ‘oddball’ because the ‘u’ makes neither of these sounds it makes an ‘oo’ sound as in ‘look’. After the students categorise their words they should write them in their homework books into 3 columns. The column titles should be short u, long u and oddballs. Instructions for completing the different sorts are included in their homework books.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

In Science this week the children have made their “Grass Heads”. We will now watch and write observations as the heads grow. We will also be setting up a number of other experiments involving the growing of living things. The class will learn about controlling an experiment and testing for one thing only, such as: “Does a plant need light to survive?”

In English, the children are writing a new chapter for The Twits. They need to think up new and interesting ways that the characters in The Twits can be nasty and awful to each other. We have learned a variety of concepts in our study of this novel including noun groups, verb groups, adjectival phrases and punctuation for direct speech. The children will be attempting to use these skills in the construction of their own chapter.

In Maths, we are now assessing the work that has been covered this term so far. This includes fractions, time, mapping skills and various number concepts.

Regards, Dan Albright. dalbr1@eq.edu.au
YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Thank you to the parents who came to our Open Night last Tuesday. If you were unable to make it and would like information regarding anything feel free to contact us via our email addresses or give us a call.

I would like to make another request for old shirts to be used as art smocks. If you have any spares we would love to use them to protect our uniforms.

Children should be bringing home their spelling words on a Monday night to practice and sort them throughout the week. The spelling tests are on Fridays and it is quite evident who does and does not practice their words. The onus is on the children to be organised and responsible for their learning.

The Create A Creature project is due on Friday 16 March. This is not far off, so please ask your child how they are progressing and if they need assistance to come and see me.

Award winners for week 5 were: Byron Roney, Taylah Dunkerton, Pheobe Burchell, Emma Bennett and Mikaela Jones. Congratulations to you all.

Have a great week. Katie and Joyce kmann38@eq.edu.au  dbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

The pressure is still on for improvement in homework quality. All students need to try their hardest to improve so that they have skills for presentation when they are in Year 8 as this is a very important.

The Year 6 students from our class will be supervised by Katie Mann the Year 5/6 teacher while the Year 7 students are at the annual Leadership Conference in Brisbane this Thursday completing work set by me as normal planning for the class.

During the Leadership sessions that the Year 7’s have on a Friday, the Year 6’s complete activities on line that have been planned to complement the study they have during the week. These activities are part of the Year 6/7 edStudio. Your child can show you the edStudio from home. It is the 1st time I have made one, so it is a bit rough around the edges, but still able to be used & learning can take place from it!

Award winners last week were, Sidney Slater, Bella Innis & Lachlan Ayers. Congratulations

Have a great week

Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &
David Murphy dmurp19@eq.edu.au

Hi Everyone & welcome to Mountain Mates!!

As we sail through another week at Mountain Mates I would like to congratulate the Homework Club children for your dedication to your Homework. I hope that by doing some of your homework here it has given you some free time at home.

Last Thursday Jade & Abbey enjoyed their dinner at the Rewards Table. Jade invited Natasha and Abbey invited Lucy. Well done girls on your Zumba efforts.

This Thursday evening we will be enjoying Scrumptious Pizzas, Garlic Bread and Pancakes with Icecream for dessert!!

Have a super week!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Norco Milk Community Caps help our school. Please save them for us and bring them to the office.

CRICKET

The Milo in to Cricket Program will start on Wednesday 29th February straight after school in the Hall on Graceleigh Park.

Please return your registration forms with your $60 A.S.A.P. So we can order the players cricket kits which comprise of a backpack, shirt, hat appropriate size bat and ball for each player.

For any information please contact Greg on 0405206076

3 BIG GARAGE SALES

Saturday 3rd March on the Mountain
One at 2009 Beechmont Road, & 2 in Cypress Court Beechmont
Strictly 8.30am -3pm
Ph 55333130 or 55333949

- Household stuff
- 380 Fridge/Freezer $70
- Double Bed $60
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.
- For Mums and girls aged 2 – 4 years.
- Just $10 per lesson – pay as you go
- For information, please call 55331218 or 0412992700

House for Rent

3 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 spacious living areas
Breathtaking views overlooking Hinze Dam.
Lower Beechmont walking distance to shop/bus stop $380pw
Ph Kay 0412 334 971

SOCER NEWS

Training will start in two weeks.
Team managers will be in contact soon to advise.

Please start arranging fee payments. If you want to direct credit, please contact us for bank details.

Gold Coast Soccer have decided to give small sided football more value for money this season by giving us more games. Twenty two rounds (last year only eighteen) so the first game is now on Saturday 24th March, not April 14th.

Rich and Anita 55331227
info@manakithomes.com.au

Professional eye brow shaping is a quick and easy method and will remove unwanted hairs creating a perfect brow line. Receive an analysis on an eyebrow shape which suits you best. Learn basic techniques for grooming the brows. Beautifully shaped eyebrows will define the face and enhance the eyes. The classic eyebrow shape will bring the eye forward with the highest point of the arch above the pupil.

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