WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Last Friday was World Teachers Day. I must admit that I had it for this Friday in my diary. So I hadn’t informed you prior to last Friday.

All of the teachers at our School work very hard to do the best they can for your children. Generally, as people, we often don’t remember to thank people but are quick to complain when something goes wrong. If you get the chance in this next week to drop an email, or a note to your child’s teacher just thanking them for the effort they put in trying to do the best they can for your child, I am sure it would be appreciated.

Thank you teachers for what you give to our children each day.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

As previously mentioned, the Student Council has organised a fundraiser in order to purchase much needed School resources. Each child has created a piece of artwork which will be transformed into professionally printed calendars, cards or diaries if an order is made. Children took home order forms last week which are due tomorrow. Please ensure your child has returned the order form and money to Douglas by tomorrow, as the artwork will be posted this Friday. Not only does making an order help the School, the items can also make popular and affordable gifts as well as offering parents and families the opportunity of a lasting and cherished record of their child’s age and achievement.

YEAR 2 SWIMMING

Year 2 Swimming classes commence this Friday. Regardless of what the weather is like up here, they should bring their named togs and named towel each week, as it could be fine and sunny in Canungra.

At this point we are still missing forms from a number of children. Please let us know ASAP what your plans are.

READING COMPETITION

2nd week of the competition and Bower Birds are now in the lead after reading 7,321 minutes. It doesn’t look as if the children are reading enough to reach 110,000 minutes so I will have to start thinking of what awful consequences I can inflict if the 110,000 minutes are not reached.

Please encourage your child to READ READ READ.

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COMING EVENTS

OCTOBER
Wed 31 Senior Band 7.45am Strings lessons today
Wed 31 Bush Poetry Selection trials Yr 6 and 7

NOVEMBER
Fri 02 No Japanese lessons today
Fri 02 Swimming for Year 2
Fri 02 Energex Information day
Tue 06 Teaching and Learning Audit
Wed 07 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 08 Junior Instrumental and Strings lessons
Fri 09 Year 2 Swimming lessons
Fri 09 Bush Poetry Finals at Beechmont
Fri 09 Reading competition ends
Sun 11 Remembrance Day Service 10.45am
Tue 13 Bush Poetry finals at Canungra
Wed 14 P&C Meeting 7pm
Wed 14 Senior Band 7.45am

SYDNEY / CANBERRA EXCURSION 2013 - YEARS 4, 5, 6 AND 7

Latest update, we have 19 signed up, still need a some more to be able to go at a reasonable price. This is obviously well short of the 30 required. Please, if you believe your child can attend the camp next year in Term 3, 2013, please let us know as a matter of urgency so plane tickets can be booked, attractions booked, accommodation booked etc.

Every four years, as a School, we invite all the Year 4, 5, 6 and 7 Students to go to Sydney and Canberra for 4 nights / 5 days. The itinerary we have worked out so far is, Sydney: Bondi Beach, Rose Bay, Mrs Macquarie's Chair, Circular Quay, Opera House, Sydney Tower and Eye 4D experience and the Rocks area. In Canberra, Parliament House tour, House of Reps and Senate, Parliamentary Education Office, War Memorial, Electoral Education, High Court of Australia, Institute of Sport, Nation Film and Sound archive, National Library, Mint, Black Mountain Tower, National Portrait Gallery, Questacon Science Centre, Embassies and Lodge tour, Mount Ainslie Lookout.

This is a jam packed week for the children (and the adults), but they get to see so much of our national capital and Sydney, it is a memorable trip to say the least.

We do need a minimum of 30 students to make the camp viable. The initial costs we have are $602.80. This will go down if we get the 30 students and take into account the rebate we will receive from the Federal Government, but we can’t factor these in until we have fairly definite student numbers. We are planning to go in Term 3 2013.

I do need to know as soon as possible if you are interested in your child taking part in this excursion. The sooner we book, the cheaper the flights are and the longer you have to pay the trip off, as well as doing some fundraising next year.

Please contact David at dmurp19@eq.edu.au or 55 459 100 as soon as possible to register your interest.

ENERGEX SAFETY TALK

This Friday the children will be addressed by members of the ENERGEX team about safety around power lines, how power gets to our homes, the dangers of fallen power lines and the approaching storm season.

This is a free service from ENERGEX and we are grateful for their time and expertise to keep our children safe.

LIBRARY BORROWING

Due to the huge process of annual stocktake of our library resources, the last day for borrowing Library books will be Thursday 8th November.

It really takes a long time to find out which books are missing, who borrowed them last, get them back and then stocktake. All Library books must be back by Thursday 15th November.

So if you can do a search at home for Library books, that would really help us maintain our stock of books that are able to be borrowed by our children.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day falls on Sunday 11th November this year. We ask all families to make the effort to be at Graceleigh Park with your children in full School uniform by 10.20am.

The service starts at 10.45am and is usually over by 11.15am. It is important for our children that they realise the significance of the day and the meaning it has for so many in our country.

Please make the effort to be here on Sunday 11th November.

END OF YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

Our Night of Nights will be held on Friday 7th December starting at 6.15pm.
All children are involved in the night in each of the class dances and could be the recipient of an award on the night.

After all of the class dances have finished, we present the whole School awards and do ask that families stay for this section of the night as it involves students across all year levels and it is important that children are here to receive their awards if they have earned one.

The night is well and truly over before 9pm so we do ask for all families to stay for the end just in case your child is one who will receive an award.
Congratulations to our Senior Band on their success at Music Fest last week. The Band was awarded Bronze and played the best I have heard them all year. They really sounded brilliant. Well done to all members of the band and thanks to John Clyde for all of his hard work to get the band to such a high standard for this important competition. Many thanks also to Tim Hunt for his support of our students.

PAST PUPIL NEWS

Congratulations to Allie Slater and Adam Powell who have been selected to attend the Queensland Academy of Health Sciences at Ashmore in 2013. Well done, this is certainly a huge achievement.

NERANG STATE HIGH AWARDS NIGHT

What an honour it was to attend the Nerang State High School Awards Night last Tuesday Night. For the number of our past pupils who attend Nerang High School, we were certainly very well represented with the number of students who received awards.

Congratulations to our three Year 7 students who received Scholarships to Nerang High, Natasha Burchell, Jorja Sami and Angelique Steele. This is a real honour – well done girls.

Congratulations to our past pupils
Bethany Boland – Yr 9 Academic Award & Distinction
Ryley Sami – Yr 9 Industrial Technology Design
Monique Cook – Yr 9 Credit
Angel Nikijuluw – Yr 10 Distinction
Yasmine Cook – Yr 11 Credit
Elizabeth Abbey – Yr 11 Academic Award in Ancient History, English, Home Economics and Distinction
Jake Hashim-Jones – Yr 11 Academic award in Maths B&C, Griffith Uni Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Distinction and Yr 11 Academic Excellence
Dannica Llewellyn – Yr 11 Credit
Sam Sproul – Yr 11 Credit
Daniel Ritchie – Yr 12 Academic Award in Marine and Aquatic practices, Certificate 1 in Manufacturing
Ethan Crow – Direct entry to TAFE in Diploma of Building design and Technology

It was also wonderful to see Ethan Crow and Bethany Boland performing in the band on the night.
In the highlight of the night Elizabeth Abbey was announced School Captain for 2013. What an honour for Elizabeth, and another example of one of our past pupils doing wonderful things at High School.

HELP YOUR TEACHERS WIN A $20 000 STAFFROOM MAKEOVER

Students can help our teachers win a staffroom makeover worth $20 000 and win an Apple iPad or iTunes gift card for themselves.
Visit staffroomforimprovement.com.au to register. You can start voting by clicking on the big red button.
The more votes you make increases our school’s chance, and yours, of winning.
Students aged under 18 will have to check with parents or caregivers to enter this competition, which closes on 5 November 2012.

THANKS TO THE TUCKSHOP TEAM!

Tuckshop Day is on Friday 2 November and our school will give a big thank you to all of our tuckshop helpers and volunteers who have put in a great effort this year.
The role of our tuckshop and the people who provide nutritious food and drinks for students and staff is very important to our school community. I hope after each shift our tuckshop helpers feel their contribution has been appreciated by the students and the school.
The many volunteers who put their hands up to help out have been wonderful and it is great to have them involved in the school’s daily operations.
Thank you all and we hope to see as many of

HOLLYWOOD TRIVIA NIGHT AT BEECHMONT

our helpers who can make it on Tuckshop Day, Friday 2 November
The Beechmont Community Sports Association is holding a fun filled night of trivia, entertainment, fun and food.
The event will be held at the Hall on Graceleigh to raise funds for the halls operating costs and equipment so the community can benefit from our great new complex.
The evening promises to be fun filled with a dress theme as your favourite Hollywood characters including prizes for the best dressed. The trivia will have teams of six battling for their chance to win prizes throughout the night.
Cost for the night is $10 pre-paid and $15 on the night. This includes entry into the game, a chance to win the prizes and hot and cold finger food. A licensed bar will be operating with all the top sellers and a cocktail or two. Even the kids are taken care of with a movie and popcorn night is being held in the school library at a cost of $5 per child, and for those

STRINGS & JUNIOR BAND

All strings and Junior Band lessons will be held this Wednesday not Thursday just for this week.
wanting to relax a little, a bus service will be in place for collection and drop off down to Lower Beechmont.

For anyone requiring further information on this great community event, please contact Kim Sami on 55333413 or email samiclan@bigpond.com

Welcome to Mountain Mates News.

Welcome to week 4. Last Monday the children enjoyed our disco for pupil free day, plus a little bit of water play with the weather being so nice.

On Tuesday the weather wasn’t so kind so we spent the afternoon inside creating some harma bead masterpieces.

Wednesday the children created some egg carton dragons with some interesting expressions.

Thursday Mr Wood continued teaching the children some catching skills ready for a big game of cricket in the next few weeks. Our rewards table recipients were Maryam who invited Scarlett and Phoebe who invited Sam congratulations to you all.

This week for dinner we are having Egg n Bacon Rolls and for dessert Jam Donuts.

Have a great week.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Welcome to week 4. For maths this term we are focussing on a variety of topics, beginning with counting and recognising numbers and words to 20. We are also revising their knowledge of shapes and measuring. We will also continue developing their understanding of basic addition.

As you are aware next week is Melbourne Cup Day. The preps will not be having a class sweep. We will simply be watching and talking about the race. If their horse places first, second or third they will win a stationery-like prize. If you do not want your child to be involved in Melbourne Cup Day activities please drop me an email or call to let us know.

Congratulations to Jack Small and Kailah Norris. They were our top readers last week in The Interhouse Reading Competition. Both of these student read more than 400 minutes. Well done! Also, congratulations to Tye Noorda. He was the only student last week to achieve full marks on his spelling test.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Yesterday 1_2 had a class discussion about costumes for the End of Year Concert dance and you will find a short note in their folders today detailing these requirements.

In Literacy we continue to analyse poems looking for similarities and differences in topic, structure, rhythm and devices such as alliteration, onomatopoeia and rhyme. In Maths we are finishing off our unit on fractions, dividing collections into halves, quarters and eighths. In Science this week we will investigate how toys move and in History we are examining and sequencing significant family events. Next week for Melbourne Cup we plan to go to the library and watch the race as it ties in nicely with our Math unit on Chance that will start next week.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Kaja Mobbs for the Intrepica Leaderboard, and Hayden Harper and Mikaela Chipping for their excellent achievements in Reading.

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 happy holiday,
Kerry Pryor kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

Next week for Melbourne Cup Day the class will be involved in a sweep. All the horses’ names will be put into a hat and the children will randomly draw out a horse to barrack for in the race. If their horse places first, second or third they will win a stationery-like prize. If you do not want your child to be involved in Melbourne Cup Day activities please drop me an email or call to let us know.

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YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Homework will be sent home today and will be due next Friday. This will be a smaller grid due to the reduced number of days. The children have been asked to read as much as possible for the Inter House Reading Competition over the last week. All reading needs to be recorded in their logs and signed by parents. Reading will still be a big part of the homework until the 9th of November.

Next Tuesday is Melbourne Cup Day. Our class will be holding a simple “Sweep” where the children get to choose the name of a horse from a hat. The child who chose the name of the winning horse will win a small prize. We will be watching the race with the rest of the school. If you would prefer that your child does not take part in this activity, please let me know by next Tuesday.

In Science, we are starting a unit of work on liquids and solids. The children will be experimenting with various items such as chocolate, ice and jelly. We will be heating and cooling various items and...
recording the results. The children are hoping that eating the end result will be part of the experiment.

In English, our focus for this week is working with Humorous Poetry. We are looking at nonsense verse such as The Ning Nang Nong and then moving on to Limericks.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Last week notes regarding the end of year concert were issued. Please make sure the note and money is returned as soon as possible so that I can organise the outfits. The main black part of the outfit can be bought to school as well so that we can have a full dress rehearsal.

The school fundraising orders that came home last week are due tomorrow. Please give all orders and money to Douglas. It is a really worthwhile cause, fundraising for more resources for our children.

Next Tuesday for Melbourne Cup our class will be discussing and working on probability exercises related to the Cup during maths. We will also be watching the race with the rest of the school in the library.

Award winners for week three were: Mikaylah Matthews-Mullen, Wishy Thirasantikamol, Carlia Blunt and Amy Bennett. Congratulations to all.
Hope you have a wonderful week. Regards
Katie Mann and Joyce Boura
kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour74@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Things will really start to get busy in our class from now on. The End of Year Concert and Awards Night dance practices have begun and will ramp up in the next few weeks to ensure we have a polished dance for you to enjoy on the night.

We remind you of the costume requirements for our End of Year Concert & Awards Night dance that was in the 1st Newsletter of this term as well as in the children’s diaries before the September/October holidays.

Children need a White long sleeve business shirt, black business pants (not jeans), plain black sunglasses, black shoes and socks, optional black suit jacket. Please use the Op Shops for your child’s costume as we don’t expect you to buy these costumes brand new unless you see value for your child beyond our special night.

Children will have a sweep for Melbourne Cup, costing them nothing & will have a prize if their horse comes up. Obviously there will also be a discussion about gambling and the associated problems with this activity.

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

We’re almost there!
Let’s help win $5000 for Nerang High School Gym project.

Your support during the past few weeks has been tremendous, and we can’t thank you enough for getting us to this final stage in the CUA Community Care program. Over the past few weeks, we have seen a tremendous amount of support from our entire local community.

We’re almost there, but we can’t stop now. We can’t stress enough how crucial these last few weeks are. Let’s all put in one final effort, and get as many votes as we can!

The $5,000 grant will mean a lot to our school, and we can’t thank you enough for all the support you have given us so far. Winning the CUA Community Care program will be a team effort, and will be all thanks to you!


Let’s keep our fingers crossed for Nerang State High School! Thanks for your help.

Tracey Spiers- Nerang High P&C

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