BEGINNING YEAR ASSEMBLY

Don’t forget this important event to welcome in the School year, next Friday Night 10th February. The free BBQ supplied by the P&C Association starts at 5.45pm until 6.30pm when the actual Assembly begins. There are also drinks available for purchase before 6.30pm. All drink sales and food distribution stops at 6.30pm.

At 6.30pm - All classes are announced and walk into the ‘Hall on Graceleigh’.
- All staff are introduced and have an accompanying Media display on the big screen.
- All new students including the Preppies are introduced and come and sit on the stage.
- The year 7 Leaders are introduced.
- Each class gives a short presentation outlining their plans for the year.
- The year 7’s tell us about the opportunities available to students this year.
- The Senior Band plays with help from last year’s band members
- Classrooms are not open – They are open on Open Night, 22nd February
- After the Assembly more food and drinks are available and your child has to introduce you to their teacher. This is just a quick ‘hello’ as there are a lot of Parents to be introduced.

We really hope that you can make this important evening as it is this event that sets our direction for the year.

YELLOW, PINK & BLUE FORMS
ON LAST WEEK’S NEWSLETTER

The Yellow attachments to last week’s newsletter were the After School Care enrolment form & program for Term 1. Please return these ASAP. They are on the website under the P&C tab if you have tidied up really well!!!

The Pink attachment is absolutely vital for us, so that we can make the correct decisions for your child in a variety of situations.

The Blue paper is really important for our School. If you want to be a member of the Parents and Citizens Association, the P&C Form on the Blue sheet must be returned by this Friday 3rd February at the absolute latest. The Tuckshop volunteer form is really needed, so we can get our Tuckshop operating properly 2 days a week. Without your help volunteering we won’t be able to have Tuckshop operating 2 days a week. Please, we really need your help.

The White piece of paper is absolutely vital if we are to get hold of you if your child is sick or has to go to a doctor.

Your home email is also vital as often it is easier for teachers, and you to just send an email. Please fill in that part of the form.

COLOUR DAY TOMORROW

Colour Day or Non Uniform Day is tomorrow, the theme of the Colour Day tomorrow is ‘Stripes’, so get your zebra outfits out and come and have some fun tomorrow.

Don’t forget, it is 50c to come in Non Uniform or $5 for the year. Payment can be made on the day.

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COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
Wed 01 Year 7’s to Leadership Camp
Wed 01 Colour Day 50c or $5 for the year
Wed 01 Tuckshop starts
Wed 01 Instrumental Music but not at 7.45am
Thu 02 Year 7’s to Leadership Camp
Thu 02 Instrumental Music – bring Instruments
Fri 03 Parade 8.50am
Wed 08 Instrumental Music 7.45am
Thur 09 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
Fri 10 Beginning Year Assembly, BBQ 5.45pm
Mon 13 District Swimming Trials
Tue 14 Raw Art Pay School Fees or $9.50
Wed 15 Senior Band 7.45am
Thu 16 Instrumental Music – Bring Instruments
Fri 17 Parade 8.50am
Fri 17 Sport 1.30pm
Sun 19 Markets at Old School
Mon 20 Book Fair starts this week
Mon 20 Footpath planting

BUDDIES

All Preppies and new students have been allocated buddies. For the Prep students and their Year 6 buddies there are some very clear rules. These are;
1. Every morning, meet your buddy and help them go through their Communication Folder and put notes in the right places (outside the Office) and also in their right place on Mrs Evans desk.
2. At 1st lunch, before they start eating, the Year 6 buddies are to find their buddy and see how they are.
3. Once a week, the Year 6 buddy is to sit with the Prep buddy and have lunch at 1st lunch.
4. At 2.50pm the Year 6 buddy collects their Prep buddy and take them to the bus line / walkers and riders gate / or waits in the room if the parents are collecting the children from the room.

Hopefully all parents have met their child’s buddies. If not, then there will be the opportunity to meet them at our Beginning Year Assembly on Friday February 10th.

WHAT HOUSE IS YOUR CHILD IN?

The following list details the house your child is in. If you wish to purchase a sports shirt, please put $20 in an envelope with your child’s name on the front and the size you need. Please note Adult 14, 16 or 18 sizes are $24.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is a wonderful way to encourage your child to save and reinforce positive saving habits. If you want to set up a School Banking account for your child, please email us, admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au, drop in and see us or send a note with your child and we’ll send home a package for you to fill out. There are bonuses and gifts that children can receive from drink bottles, watches, backpacks and the list goes on.

This really is a great program. I (David) have set up accounts for my 4 Grandchildren and they’ll have a wonderful gift later in their lives.

Please seriously consider setting up a School Banking Account for your child.

GOLD COAST NORTH
SEIMMING TRIALS

Children born in 2000, 2001 or 2002 can compete in the Gold Coast North Swimming Trials to be held at Southport Olympic Park on Monday 13th February.

There are strict qualifying times that the children must be able to obtain to be able to take part. Please email David on dmurp19@eq.edu.au to obtain more information.

WEEKLY PARADE

Our weekly parade / assembly occurs every Friday and this year it will be held in the Covered Area. Parents are more than welcome to attend weekly parades.

These Parades / Assemblies will start at approximately 8.50am and would usually run until about 9.15am.

CHESS IS BACK

Chess Club starts tomorrow at 2nd break for any interested students. It costs nothing to take part, children just need to go to the ‘Green Room’ (old Prep room) and see Mrs Foran and Mrs Boura. Thank you for providing this opportunity for our Students.

P + C AGM

Our Parents and Citizen’s Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February, 7pm at the School. Please make sure that you look at the coloured pieces of paper attached to our newsletter, especially the blue page and return by Friday 03rd February. Thank You.

RAW ART

The first of our four activities covered by your $60 School fee happens in 2 weeks time, on Tuesday 14th February. Only children whose fees have been paid can take part in this art activity unfortunately. If the fees haven’t been paid then the only way your child can take part is by paying $9.50. This is really a
terrific activity that the children thoroughly enjoy. Please pay your fees or send in the $9.50 so they can take part.

**TUCK SHOP**

Tuckshop starts tomorrow, Wednesday 1st February. We are desperately short of volunteers to run tuckshop every Wednesday and Friday.

There was a Volunteer Form on last week’s newsletter on blue paper. Please fill it out and return to School so we can as a community, provide a service to our School Community.

A menu was attached to last week’s newsletter for you to put on your fridge. If it does get misplaced, it is on our website, go to P&C (on the left hand side) then click on the Tuck-shop tab and there you can see the new menu for 2012.

**OPEN NIGHT**

Open Night will be held on Tuesday 21st February. This night is an opportunity for you to see the work your child has been doing in the first 4 weeks of School. You also get to hear your child’s teacher outline the plans for the year. You will also see a visual presentation of your child’s first 4 weeks of School. Your children will also show you Intrepicia / Mathletics / Reading Eggs (Prep students only) as well as their Class Page on our website.

This is the perfect time, especially for parents who can’t get to School very often, to make a connection with your child’s teacher and classroom, so when discussions come up during the year you have a visual picture already.

**IS YOUR CHILD IS ON THE BUS?**

If your child travels on any of the School buses then it is really important that you come to the Bus Meeting at the ‘Hall on Graceleigh’ on Wednesday 22nd February starting at 7.30pm.

There is generally only 1 bus meeting a year unless issues arise that need all parents input.

So please make the effort to come along to the bus meeting so that any issues you might have can be openly discussed.

**BEECHMONT ROAD INFORMATION**

Beechmont Road between the intersection of Nerang-Murwillumbah and North Road will remain closed for at least 5 to 7 days, weather permitting, to remove debris from landslips.

Access to Lower Beechmont is via Canungra on the western access road.

Departmental crews are working 7 days a week, weather permitting, and are closely monitoring the small wooden bridge at Sharp Park for safety.

Also, geotechnical investigations were undertaken today to provide more information about the slip areas and identify stabilisation requirements.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

**Stakeholder Management for Paul Noonan**

**Regional Director**

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**2012— WHAT WILL IT COST ME?**

Art, Technology and Stationery Charge (Prep – Yr 7) $60.00 per child.

This is a contribution towards the cost of basic stationery items (Prep – Year 3) or additional stationery items as required (Year 4 – Year 7). It also includes consumable art and computer materials used by students throughout the year. The payment for a Raw Art lesson, an Arts Council performance, an Author visit & a ‘physical activity’ has been incorporated to reduce the constant demands on parents to pay for activities during the year.

A **receipt will be issued on payment.**

Payment method: Cash, EFTPOS or cheque payable to Beechmont State School.

**Library Fund** $50.00 per family

This is an annual contribution to maintaining the school’s library resource centre. **This is a tax deductible contribution** and it allows the purchase of books and access to computer technology in the library.

A **receipt will be issued on payment.**

Payment method: Cash, EFTPOS or cheque payable to Beechmont SS Library Fund.

**P & C Fundraising**

$20.00 ~ 1st child, $15 2nd ~ child, $10 for subsequent children.

This annual contribution reduces the need for excessive fundraising campaigns throughout the year. The Parents and Citizens Association generously supports the school in many forms.

Some examples include: purchasing new computer equipment, reading books, sports equipment. All children in the school benefit from the P&C support, which is only possible by some fundraising. The P&C also provides insurance to cover volunteers and events held at the school and this alone is a very significant cost.

A **receipt will be issued on payment.**

Payment method: Cash, EFTPOS or cheque payable to Beechmont P & C Association

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Payment by instalments is welcome to help ease the financial burden at the beginning of the year.

If you do not intend paying the voluntary contributions, please discuss alternatives with David.
If you do not wish to participate in the voluntary contribution of $50.00 then you can purchase the following:

**Art, Technology and Stationery**
- 3 additional reams of A4 Photocopy paper
- Crepe paper 500mmw x 2.4 (1 each of Orange, Scarlet, purple & black)
- Student acrylic paint (either Red, Blue, Yellow, White) – 2 litre container
- Artist Brush Flat Size 6 Box of 12
- Cardboard 510 x 640 12 sheets assorted colours
- 3 x Raw Art or similar lessons
- Entry for University of NSW Maths competition (Years 4-7 only)
- Colouring pencils assorted colours Set of 12 x 3 packets (Prep – Yr 3 only)
- Mechanical propelling type crayons Set of 12 x 2 packets (Prep – Yr 3 only)
- Glue Stick 40gm UHU x 4
- HB Pencil x 40
- Scissors safety x 1

**TERM 1 CLASS TARGETS**

Our school constantly strives to improve the teaching and learning that happens every day. Students and their teachers set a learning goal each term and then work hard together to achieve their goal. Goals chosen focus on identified skill building and we would like you to support and encourage your children to work towards their goal. We believe that including students and you their parents in knowing what we are trying to achieve is extremely beneficial to successful learning.

**OFFICE NEWS**

School banking is again operating on Tuesdays so students just drop your book and money into the Office, but for those parents that would like to open a new account for your child things just got easier.

**School Banking accounts can now be opened at any Commonwealth Bank.** You no longer need to complete application forms and return them to school. Just go into any branch and ask to open a Youthsaver account for school banking.

Take in identification for you and your child (such as driver’s license and birth certificate) and you will receive your Dollarmites wallet on the spot – it is that easy! If you are a Commonwealth Bank customer with Netbank you have the option to open the account on line as well!

From January 2012 when children make their first deposit they will get their first token and our school will also receive $5 commission. Thank you for supporting our school and teaching your child good savings skills.

**FOOTPATH PLANTING**

Those of you who drive past School on the way to Canungra will notice how untidy the footpath often looks. This, of course, looks bad for School. With the help of Landcare we have obtained a grant.

On Monday 20th February, we will be planting the footpath out with flowering shrubs and lamandra and mulching the area. All children will be involved in the planting throughout the day.

We’d love parent help on the day. Please let us know if you can help to watch the children, the safer it will be for them.

This project will really transform the look of our School and will be a real attraction to the birds.

**MARKETS AT THE OLD SCHOOL**

A the local Markets held at the Old School on the 3rd Sunday of the Month, our School always runs the BBQ. Each class is rostered on, once a month. Your child’s teacher will let you know when their market is on and any help you can give would be most appreciated. Any money raised is spent in your child’s class.

The next market is Sunday 19th February and the money raised goes towards the Library. Any help you can give to help our Library gain more resources would be greatly appreciated.

**HATS**

School Hats are a part of our School uniform policy approved by the P&C and Staff. All children are required to wear a School Hat, not a ‘street hat’.

If children wear a non School hat then their play will be restricted to the Covered Area and not the outside areas.

Hats are the same as School shirts, shorts and dresses. They are expected to be worn each day. Please make sure your child has the appropriate uniform each day.

**THANK YOU**

Thanks to Janine Van B and Joy Carter-Stampton for coming to the rescue and providing the children at School last Friday with the planned Sausage Sizzle lunch. They had to do some very quick thinking to gather the necessary supplies needed. So a very sincere Thank You ladies!!

Also we can’t forget Leah Trikilis. Leah did the shopping on Thursday / Australia Day for the School Sausage Sizzle and then due to the poor weather and road conditions was unable to get those supplies to School. Thank You Leah!!
Welcome to Mountain Mates, your Before School, After School and Vacation Care specialists.

The After School Care Skills program kicks off this week with some very exciting and interesting activities in store.

Our Dinner this week is going to be a WELCOME BANQUET of a selection of different foods to chose from. Again we will be offering the REWARDS TABLE for those children who choose to astound us.

We have secured Diana for ZUMBA for our Active After School Care session on Thursdays. Diana will adapt a Zumba program to work with children. We will all be rocking. Diana will start next Thursday.

Our Homework club will start this week – so bring your work along so you have more relaxing time at home.

Homework Club will operate between 5pm and 6.30pm.

Sadly, we said FAREWELL to Dawn last week. Dawn has worked with us for the past year and has taken a year off to support her husband’s new promotion. We wish Dawn all the best with her year off.

If you didn’t receive the Term Program on last week’s newsletter you can check it out on the Beechmont School Website under the P&C section.

Our Behaviour Program is working very well and the children’s behaviour over the start of the year has been commendable. The Start Chart is filling up fast.

From the Kim and the Mountain Mates Crew.

PARENT READY READER PROGRAM

Parents and Carers of students Prep to Year 3

As your child’s first teacher you have a key role in the literacy and numeracy development of your child.

The Parent Ready Reader Program explores;
- the wide range of literacy experiences that happen daily and how these can provide opportunities for learning in natural and exciting ways
- the knowledge that effective readers use and ways to engage your child with reading.

Would you like to know more? Come along to one of the two hour sessions below and learn how to support your child to become a confident reader.

You are welcome to attend the session that is most convenient for you from the dates and venues outlined below and to bring along a friend or family member who may also be interested.

Registration is essential as sessions with little response will be cancelled.

Robina State School, Killarney Ave Robina
55624111 Tuesday 21st February 9:15 to 11:15

Helensvale State School 8 Lindfield Road
Helensvale
55561333 Tuesday 28th February 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Park Lake State School 1 Shoalhaven Avenue
Pacific Pines 55195200 Monday’s 5th March 9:15 to 11:15

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Well, the weather certainly made week 1 an interesting challenge however 1_2 was able to decide on the kind of classroom they want and here are their rules for their classroom: 1) The teacher is teaching, 2) The children are working quietly, 3) We are sitting still on our chairs, 4) The room is clean and tidy, and 5) Everyone is using good manners.

Our goals for this term are:
- Year 1 to correctly say each letter name and sound for every letter in the alphabet, both lower and upper case and to count from 0-20 sequentially and by skip counting in twos and.
- Year 2 90% will improve their spelling of long and other vowel patterns, and be able to identify any missing number from the 100 number board.
- 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

Homework is starting this week and so are the students’ daily readers.

The homework grid must be completed by each Friday. The homework grid will be issued on a Monday and will come back on the Friday. If your family has time limitations during the week; it can be negotiated that some students have over the weekend to complete the week’s work.

- Reading and housework are to be completed every school night. These compulsory activities represent a maximum of 20 minutes per night. In instances where households
cannot maintain this over the school nights, it is possible to use the weekends to make up the time, just include a little note explaining you needed more time when the homework is handed in Monday morning.

- The culture/music box is optional or may not apply at all.
- Use the computer and Visual Art are optional homework for those children who feel self motivated to complete these tasks. The students are welcome to include their artwork in their homework book or bring in for display at school; however a signature in the box stating the activity has been completed will suffice.
- Spelling is compulsory for all students and should be completed at least 4 times per week.
- Physical Activity and Teach Something are compulsory tasks and should be completed at least once in the week.
- The maths and English box is also compulsory and must be completed by Friday.
- Parents/Guardians are required to sign each box to validate completion of task.

Please email dathe1@eq.edu.au if there is any confusion whatsoever in regards to this grid.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

The children are now settling in well after a very disrupted first week due to the weather. Homework will now begin next week as we have a number of activities to complete so the children are ready to begin their homework grids. This week the children will just have a few nightly tasks to complete work that we have begun in class.

In English for the next four weeks we will be working on a unit based around the novel The Twits by Roald Dahl. We will be discussing many different aspects of the book including how the author uses language to make the book entertaining and interesting to an audience.

In Science this term the children will be working on the topic of Life and Living where we will explore the living and non-living world. Setting up an investigation and experiment will also be an important part of this work.

Have a good week.

Regards, Dan Albright. dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Welcome back to week 2. Let’s hope that it won’t be such a wet week this week. Last week we did our maths readiness as well as the Words Their Way spelling tests. It was interesting to see how much had been forgotten over the holidays – especially in maths. We also began reading the Red Dog which will be the basis for our English lessons.

The children in the class set some short, medium and long term goals for the year and we as a class set a goal for the term which was to use running writing at every opportunity we have.

Award winners for week 1 were; Jake Mobbs, Tayja Le Faucheur, Bonnie Shearman and Tane Brand.

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

YEAR 6/7 NEWS

The Year 7’s are at Leadership Camp until Thursday & the Year 6’s are assigned to other classes.

The Year 6/7 Learning Targets for this term is for all parents to be able to see an improvement in your child’s handwriting & Number Facts recall. Very few children in the class are using Cursive or running writing and for a considerable number of children their handwriting is not very legible. It is extremely important for the children to improve their handwriting neatness as when they hit Year 8, if they hand in an assignment that is written untidily, it has been known for some teachers to not mark the assignment & the children receive a fail grade. We certainly don’t want any Beechmont children to be in that position, so there will be a strong focus on improvement in handwriting.

Number Facts are absolutely vital for your child’s success at Maths and we will be pushing Number Facts as well. This Friday all children in the class will have a Number Facts Pre Test, and at the end of the term there will be a Post test. We expect all children to show an improvement in these results through a nightly ritual of learning these basic facts. All children by this Friday will have two number fact sheets in their Homework books. There is an explanation at the end of the sheet as to what the children are to do each night.

It is expected that each night, children read, revise or learn number facts and complete the requirements associated with the weeks spelling words. It is important that they get into a nightly routine of doing some work each afternoon/night to prepare themselves for the requirements of Year 8.

Have a great week.

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

You can help the School Band by sending your uncrushed aluminium cans into school.

Mem Fox talks about reading to children

Register now for this free event with world-renowned children’s author Mem Fox and an expert literacy panel, as part of the National Year of Reading launch.

Half of a child’s brain growth occurs between birth and age four, which makes this a crucial time for parents, carers and educators to foster a love of writing, illustrations and stories with children. Our inspiring literacy experts will provide practical advice, recommend texts, and open your mind to digital storytelling. Encourage your wider school community to attend!

16 February, 6:00pm-7:30pm, State Library of Queensland, South Bank. Free Register at www.slq.eventbrite.com or call 3840 7768.

Soccer AGM 2012

Appointment of new committee for the 2012 season.

Why not take an active part in your children’s soccer club and join our committee. We require coaches, team managers, canteen co-ordinator, grounds men, treasurer, secretary, registrar, president, vice president and general committee members.

AGM will be on Monday 6th February 2012 at Mountain Mates vacation care at 7pm. All welcome, supper will be provided.

Nominations will be taken from the floor or you can email your nomination in writing with a seconder at least seven days before the AGM.

All enquiries contact Richard 55331227 or info@mainahomes.com.au

Beechmont Children’s Music Group

is back again!

For ages 0-5

Mondays 10.30 am
Starting Monday, January 23rd 2012

Developing motor, movement, listening and social skills through singing, musical play and expression.

Parent / Carer participation is encouraged - no prior musical experience necessary!

All instruments and equipment provided - come join in with the fun and learning experienced!

*Group is conducted by a registered music therapist.

$5 per child

For expressions of interest, or more details contact Patricia on 5533868 or 0429191514

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.

Come Join the WARRIORS Rugby Union

A Family Orientated Club

Players Wanted
ALL ages
U6 - Seniors

Sign on now
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