**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

Students have all received a Sponsor form and are encouraged to obtain as many sponsors as possible so we can raise as much money as possible for the Heart Foundation as well as getting prizes for the children. Remember getting sponsors online opens the door for prizes like the Night vision glasses. Classes will begin skipping practice next week.

Please encourage your child to practice their skipping and obtain sponsors.

**WORKING BEE - THANK YOU**

I cannot express enough, my sincere thanks to everyone who was able to come and help on Sunday at our Working Bee. Very special thanks to Tony and Renae Knowles for coordinating the day. They did an amazing job and I am very grateful for their help.


Thanks also to Scenic Rim Regional Council for allowing us to dump rubbish at no cost.
Thanks also to Tony “T-Bone” Ross from Canungra T-Bones butchery, for the donation of the rissoles for the BBQ.

**NAME PAVERS ARE BACK**

As you walk into School by the main pedestrian gate you would have noticed between the Office and the old Prep building, an area of pavers that has past and current pupils and staff names and the years they were here.

This was always intended to be a ‘growing pathway’, so we are again offering all current students & past pupils the chance to go down in history by purchasing a paver.

All details are on the attached pink sheet. Please note the closing date is 22nd August and no extensions are able to happen.

**PREP 2013**

Our books are open for the Prep class of 2013. It is really important that we have every child’s details so that we can plan classes for next year. Please phone or drop in to the office to check we have your child’s details. Please don’t assume we have your child on our books, please check.

Also if you know of someone who has a child eligible to enter Prep in 2013, please ask them to contact the School. Children must be 5 by 30 June in the year they start Prep. So your child must have been born between 1st July 2007 & 30th June 2008 to start Prep in 2013

**COLOUR DAY**

Colour Day is tomorrow, Wednesday 1st August. Please remind your children that they must hand in their 50c before School.

**2011 CAROLS IN THE HALL ON GRACELEIGH**

We are in desperate need of some photos of the Carols that were in the Hall on Graceleigh last year. We need those for a funding submission for this year. Please if you were at that event and have any pictures, could you please send them to David (dmurp19@eq.edu.au).

**A caring family school...**
COMING EVENTS

AUGUST
Wed 01 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 01 District Athletics at Griffith University
Wed 01 Colour Day – PJ Day 50 cents
Thu 02 Junior Band and Strings lessons
Thu 02 District Athletics at Griffith University
Thu 02 Opti-MINDS 3 – 6pm
Fri 03 Parade 8.50am
Fri 03 Interhouse Sport 1.30pm
Tue 07 Year 6 Enrichment Day at Nerang High
Wed 08 Senior Band 7.45am
Wed 08 P&C Meeting 7pm
Thu 09 NO Junior Band and String lessons
Senior Band Workshop @ Nerang State High
Fri 10 Combined Band Day @ Canungra SS
Fri 10 School Nurse visit for Preps
Tue 14 Yr 6 Enrichment Day at Nerang State High
Tue 14 Senior Band @ Gold Coast Eisteddfod
Wed 15 NO Senior Band 7.45am

TEA TOWELS HAVE ARRIVED

Our Tea Towels have arrived with lots of fabulous drawings on them. If you didn’t get around to ordering one and would like to purchase one they are available for $15 from the Office.

Get in quick though, as we only ordered 50 extra and already some people put in orders, so we don’t even have 50.

This is a great memento of your child’s time at Beechmont State School.

HEAD LICE

Please check your child’s head as we have had some reported cases of head lice throughout the school. All students with shoulder length hair or longer must have it tied up every day to try and minimise the risk of the lice spreading.

P+C MEETING

Our next P+C Meeting is Wednesday 8th August 7pm in the Library. We’d love to see you there.

GOLD COAST SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Our School takes the Gold Coast Show Public Holiday. This year this Public Holiday is Friday 31st August. There is no School on this day.

COLES + WOOLIES

VOUCHERS + STICKERS FINISH

Woollies stickers finish on August 12 and Coles Vouchers finish on August 14th.

We have very strict timelines for when we have to send vouchers and stickers back. Last year we had to throw over 400 Coles vouchers away as they came in after the cut off date. So please send in your vouchers and stickers ASAP so we can get as many resources as possible for our School and we don’t have to throw vouchers or stickers away.

Please keep collecting these and send along to School. Woollies stickers close on August 12th and Coles closes on August 14th. We have very strict deadlines that we have to get our vouchers and stickers back to the companies, so please send in as you get them. Last year, we had to throw out heaps of vouchers that we received after the close off date. So please send in to school or drop into the Lower Beechmont Shop as soon as you have them so we can get the best gear for our children.

PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY AND COMPETITION NIGHT

All students from Prep to Year 7 take part in our Public speaking Day and competition on Tuesday 21st August. The Prep to Year 3 students have a non-competitive Public speaking activity during the day on the 21st that ensures every student comes away feeling very confident with their Public speaking efforts.

The Year 4 to 7 students have a competition starting at 5pm on the 21st and our Champion Public speakers represent our School at the Nerang Alliance of State School Speaking Out Competition on the 17th October.

Public Speaking is a vital skill for all children and this activity ensures all Beechmont children are developing essential life skills.

TUCKSHOP

Thank you Janine, Michelle and Clare for filling in for Kathleen last Friday who was in the office filling in for Douglas for the day.

Sadly we say Good Bye and Thank You to Sue Meadowcroft who has been volunteering on a Wednesday in the canteen for the last 18 months.

Strawberry CalciYum has been removed from the menu. The children don’t like the strawberry.

We now have Spaghetti Bolognaise for $3.00 per serve. Each serve is approx 400g.
SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

The School Health Nurse will commence Health Screening for all Prep Year children on **Friday 10th August, 2012**. Health Screening enables health concerns to be addressed early, thus ensuring the best opportunity for learning. Screening includes vision and hearing, observation of growth and development, speech, language and social skills. If you wish to have your child participate in this very important health screening, please complete and sign the consent section of the Health History Card sent home with your child and return this to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

Children in Years 1 to 7 with a vision or hearing concern may also be seen by the nurse. Children may be referred by a parent or teacher however all children must have a Health History card completed and signed by the parent. A Health History card is available from the school office. Please return the completed card to the school office as soon as possible. All parents will be advised in writing of the outcome of their child’s screening.

Lisa Hutchinson Clinical Nurse
Child Youth and Family Health

THANKYOU

Thank you James and Nina Harrison for the material.

PAST PUPIL NEWS

Congratulations to the Award winners from Nerang High School
**Yr 8 Bronze** Jasper Trulson, Declan Ansell, Taylor Pickett, Brayden Lewis & Ky Roney
**Yr 9 & 10 Awards**
Ryley Sami, Angel Nikijuluw, Harrison Pickett
Monique Cook, Yasmin Cook, Bethany Boland

Welcome to Mountain Mates News
Welcome to week 4. Thank you to the volunteers who cleaned up the gardens outside Mountain Mates on Sunday.
Our rewards table recipients for last week were Daniel who invited William and Ashleigh who invited Jack, congratulations to you all.
For dinner this week we will be having Country Chicken Casserole with Crusty Rolls and Lamingtons for dessert.

Have a great week.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

This week in Literacy Rotations the children will begin preparing their speeches for the Public Speaking Day and finishing off their practice Power Point presentations. They have all enjoyed exploring the features of Microsoft Power Point such as background selection and inserting pictures and audio to their text. In our book for the week, Tracker Tjugingji (ask the children how to say it!), they are looking at characters motivations and taking their turn ‘in the hot seat’ to answer questions from a character’s point of view.

In Maths the children are exploring fractions, halves (Year 1), quarters and eighths (Year 2).

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Coen Blunt, Hamish Abbot, Lucy Kenyon and Mikaela Chipping for their very detailed Science observations and Madson Francis for the Intrepica Leaderboard.

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 are encouraged to learn their two times and five times tables. They have worksheets in their homework to help them consolidate their knowledge of these times tables, but if parents could also test them orally it would be of benefit. Students will be tested on these times tables and Friday and we will also do more work on the concept of multiplication in class this week.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Most of the children in the class have been working hard to complete their homework each fortnight. Well done. Part of the homework on each grid has been to learn multiplication tables. Most of these facts should now be known up to 10 X 10. The children should be continuing to practise any facts that they are unsure of.

In other Maths work we have been creating and interpreting picture graphs. The children have been collecting data and creating a table and graph from
this data. We are also continuing to work with division as this has been difficult for some of the class.

In writing, our focus has been the creation of a text based on one of the characters from our class novel. We are also in the process of creating a Science Report based on Natural Disasters such as floods, bushfires and cyclones. The children have collected information and will now be creating their report. They will present this to the class as a speech.

Based on the responses received, our Year 2-3-4 Camp will proceed as planned. As stated in the note sent home, the dates for the camp are October 8-10 and the cost will be approximately $180. More information will be sent home throughout this term.

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

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YEAR 5/6 CLASS

As part of our literacy rotations children have been working hard on writing their narratives. In the plot, the main character has to face and solve an ethical dilemma. The children need to use a planner before they begin their draft and once they have proofread and edited their draft, they need to word process their work. Once the good copy is complete, they will then need to animate their narrative by using a particular program. We have been looking at many ways in which animation can be attained. The children are all looking forward to sharing their animations and we may have a special animation day where the children can share their work with both their parents and the rest of the school.

Although the majority of our class has been conscientiously working on their digital homework, there are still unfortunately children who have not been completing their entire homework. I have given children some time to get used to navigating and managing their new style of homework and as mentioned previously, if any problems are encountered, they need to see me before the homework is due. Parents will be notified as of next week if their child is not completing parts or all of their homework. Please feel free to visit the Ed Studio site with your child in order to see how simple the homework tasks actually are. Homework is usually ready by weekends and is due Fridays. This includes the spelling tasks set Monday by Mrs Boura.

Award winners for week 3 were: Amy Cleworth, Taija Le Faucheur, Jake Mobbs, Mikaela Jones and Lochlan Kurtev.

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

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YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Students have a number of projects on the go at the moment, that require their focus.

As part of our English unit on persuasive writing, the students will be entering Scholastic’s Reading Super Hero competition and will have the opportunity to win the ultimate Apple home system including a Mac Book Air, iPad2, the latest iPod and a super Scholastic kids’ library valued at over $500. Students are required to write in 25 words or less about who their Reading Super Hero is and why. Final submissions are due to be handed to Ms Stanley this Wednesday. Whilst every student is expected to complete the task for assessment here at school, could you please let us know by tomorrow if you do not wish for your student's submission to be entered into Scholastic's competition.

Students also have their Persuasive speech they have to write for the school Public Speaking competition. Parents, please note that this writing task has to be totally completed at school before it can be taken home. This competition is a school based competition so it does have to be totally completed at school so there is no parental or sibling input.

Children also have a digital story book to complete. All information is on our website under the Facilities/School grounds & classrooms/ Year 6 and 7 page and there is all the information you need to know about the project.

They also have their Book Report from the book they read over the last holidays. This has dropped to the back burner recently, but is still due August 23rd.

Homework suffered a major decline last week for some reason. Children are reminded that homework not handed in or incomplete will have to be completed in the child’s play times.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Waimarie Brand, India-Rose Harper, Desi Johnson & Bella Innis.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

SPIRIT BECOMES TAO

Martial Fitness Class

Martial Fitness combines the elements of Kung Fu training and current day fitness programs. Learn Kung Fu, keep fit and have fun without going through the grading system (unless interested). Martial Fitness is for those that want to explore Kung Fu as a means of Health and also for those that just enjoy the benefits of a strong capable body.

Current classes are held at Hall on Graceleigh, Beechmont. Classes are Wednesday evening from 4pm – 5pm and 5pm – 6pm. Cost is $10/person.

Qi Gung/Taoist Stretching Class

In this class we explore the benefits of Qi Gung and light stretching to increase vitality and wellbeing. The gentle breathing refreshes the body with Qi and calms the mind. Taoist stretching compliments Qi Gung as we send collected Qi throughout the body gently rotating joints and loosening muscles. Qi Gung aids in healing the body by supporting the blood system which provides nutrients to all areas of the human structure.

Meet at the Old School Site, Beechmont. Class is Saturday, begins at 8am and is about 1 hour. Cost is $10/person. Children under 14, $5/person.

For more information on any of the above classes or to book in advance contact Shen on 0488768017 or (07) 55630105. shennattiig@yahoo.com.au. http://attiigblog.wordpress.com
Beechmont Netball Club News

Firstly, a big, big thank you to everyone who contributed to making our duty day at SCNA on Saturday a success. Overall, the day raised almost $300 for our club which was a fantastic effort.

Secondly, we had another very successful weekend with 3 out of the 4 teams triumphing over their opposition. Unfortunately, the Tigers couldn't round out the day with a win going down 8-5 in a very tough game. The Saints had to rely on a number of fill-ins this week to take victory 11-6 against Chargers Chocolate. A big thank-you to Ryley S, Amy, Emma, Tara and Gillian who all stepped up and played brilliantly – Well Done!! The Eagles had a terrific 22-11 victory against Electrics showing great skills in both attack and defence. Coach Kim's girls were also short a couple of players this week but were ably assisted by both Ayla and Phoebe from the Tigers who stepped in and helped the Bandicoots bring home an exciting 9-5 victory.

August 19th is the date for this year’s SCNA Club Carnival. We urgently need to know name and date of birth for any player who is interested in playing. The teams for the day may not be exactly the same as our Saturdays as SCNA organises the teams purely on age. Please let your manager/coach know ASAP if your child wants to play in this carnival.

Greg has very kindly organised an end-of-season trip to Hervey Bay for any primary school aged player interested. Places on this trip will be limited due to the number of seats available on the bus. The trip will be held over the weekend of the 20-21st of October 2012, (with Monday 22nd of October luckily being a pupil free day for them all to recover 😊). Players will be billeted in pairs with families from the Hervey Bay Netball Club. This is a fantastic opportunity for our girls to travel away and experience playing against girls from other regions. We thank Greg sincerely for his efforts in making this trip a reality. Further details to follow as they become available, but please mark this weekend on your calendars.

Finally, just a reminder that payment of all outstanding club fees for the 2012 season is due now. Please ensure that you are paid up as soon as possible. Statements will be issued this week to all families with outstanding fees. If you have any concerns or queries, our Treasurer, Michael Powell, will only be too happy help.

Fixtures for this week are as follows.
Saturday 4th August
9 am Eagles, Bandicoots and Tigers
10 am Saints
Free breast cancer screening at Beaudesert Hospital

18 September – 28 November 2012
Phone 13 20 50 now
to book your breastscreen appointment!
Women aged 50 to 69 years strongly encouraged to attend.
Women 40 and over eligible for a free breastscreen.

A Circle for Living Deliberately

Increasing the power of your 5 senses to tap into your 6th : Your Intuition, Instincts and Psychic self

- Go beyond the limitations of your eyes to see the universal spectrum of light and colour
- Fine tune your hearing to the sounds above and below the cacophony of everyday living
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Wed Mornings 9.30 to 11am

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