PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

I would like to congratulate the Year 7 children on their efforts at the Leadership Ceremony on Friday. It was pleasing to see so many parents who organised their time to attend this very special occasion. I know the children were so pleased when there were some parents who made unannounced visits! Thank you to all involved.

This week is going to be another busy one. We have the Swimming Carnival at the Nerang Pool on Thursday and the School Disco at the Hall on Friday evening. We need volunteers at both events so could please let us know as soon as possible if you are able to assist.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Attached to this week’s Newsletter is a final note about the swimming carnival this Thursday.

There will be no normal buses operating this Thursday as the whole school will be at the Swimming Carnival.

If your child’s name is not on this note and is attending the carnival going please contact the office today. Your child will need to have $3.60 to pay at the entrance at the pool.

HEADLICE ALERT

Once again we have reports of headlice in some classes last week. Please, check your children’s heads tonight and treat if you find any eggs or live creatures.

Unfortunately, all it takes is for one family not to check their child’s head and the plague can be passed on to every child. Please make sure you check and act tonight. Thank you for your co-operation.

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DISCO THIS FRIDAY

Disco this Friday night at the hall on Graceleigh starting 6.30pm and finishes at 8.30pm. Admission is $5. We still need volunteers to assist at the door and canteen and to cleanup at the end as there is a function Saturday. Could you please return the form indicating if you are able to assist on Friday night.

Price List

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH
13 Mar  P & C meeting 7pm
14 Mar  Swimming Carnival Nerang
15 Mar  School Disco
28 Mar  Easter Hat Parade
28 Mar  Last day of term
29 Mar  Good Friday

APRIL
15 April  Term 2 Starts

THANK YOU

Alicia Ure for the plastic bags for the library.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEARS 1/2 CLASS

We started our new English unit this week: Exploring Persuasion in Picture Books. The children were able to share lots of interesting language that they use for persuading people to give them what they want! In Math this week the Year 1’s are learning to partition two digit numbers into tens and ones while the Year 2’s are reading and writing numbers to 1000. In History we have been exploring continuity and change in family roles and jobs.

There were no award winners last week because of the special leadership assembly.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpyro8@eq.edu.au

Wishing you all a good week,
Kerry Pryor kpyro8@eq.edu.au

YEARS 2/3 CLASS

This week in maths students are learning how to double 2 digit numbers. Over the next 2 weeks they will also be learning about the concept of multiplication and division. They will explore how division and multiplication are linked. There will be a focus a learning their X1, X2, X5 and X10. They will be assessed on these times tables not this Friday, but the next (22 March).

In science this week they will undertake an investigation to answer the question: Are seeds a living thing? Students will be growing beans. They will be acting like scientist making predictions and daily observations, recording their findings in labelled diagrams and then they will form conclusions.

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

YEARS 3/4 CLASS

Please remind children that homework is due this Friday (Thursday is the swimming carnival). The next homework sheet will be handed out on Monday.

The 3/4 class will be going on an excursion next Monday 18-03-13 to Metricon Stadium at Carrara. This excursion is part of the Shine Program that the children have been participating in at school. The purpose of the program is to promote healthy lifestyles, beach safety and introduce children to the opportunities to participate in AFL on the Gold Coast. Please ask your child for the note that will be sent

Welcome to Mountain Mates, your Before School, After School and Vacation Care specialists.

It was nice to see some sun last week, but it still remained to wet for the children to go outside.

This Monday for MMM Cooking School we are cooking Pumpkin Scones.

Last Tuesday I had set up an activity for Radical Recyclig but all the children were keen to get their homework done and I love hearing the children read.

Wednesday unfortunately was still to wet for Archery, so as we have missed 3 weeks now due to the weather our Archery coach is going to come up during the school holidays for an afternoon, so the children don't miss out as they were really enjoying it before it started to rain. For dinner on Thursday evening we will be having Savoury Mince followed by Donuts for dessert.

Have a great week.

From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare and Kara.
Your Mountain Mates Team.

DISCO HELP FORM

Parent / Guardian Name: __________________

I am willing to help in

☐ Front Door
☐ One of the 4 internal doors
☐ Toilet Checker
☐ Canteen
☐ Clean Up after 8.30pm

From these times:

☐ 6.00pm – 7.00pm
☐ 7.00pm – 8.30pm
☐ _________other times
home today or tomorrow. There will be a small cost for the bus to the stadium. The program itself is free.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

I would like to congratulate all the children who have worked so hard on their spelling words. The majority of our class is getting twenty out of twenty each week. This is a fantastic result. We will be doing a new spelling inventory test in week 9 to see where the class is with their strategies, and from the results, new sets of words will be issued. Although the words may seem easy, the Words their Way program is there to promote success, so getting full marks each week is a good thing.

We have an alert for head lice in our classroom. Please check your child to ensure they are free of the awful critters.

Please feel free to explore our class Ed Studio where your child can be assisted or extended by the variety of activities available. To access the Ed Studio your child will need to go to The Learning Place and then use our class access key to enter the studio. The class access key is S12598421.

Award winners for week 6 were: Olivia Flesser, Ostin Piggott, Austin Meadowcroft, Noah Pearce and Jade Mitchell. Congratulations to all.

Hope you have a great week.
Regards Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and relatives at our Leadership Presentation Day on Friday. I thought the students did a wonderful job conducting the ceremony and look absolutely wonderful in their Leadership shirts. It was very touching to see the emotion in both the faces of the kids and their families as the badges were presented to them. I know that they will do their very best to uphold their mission statement for the year and be the best leaders they possibly can. I am certain that they will perform their newly acquired leadership positions with pride and courage and be fantastic role models for the other students.

A big congratulations to the Year 6s for the way in which they independently completed set tasks last week whilst the Year 7s were involved in preparations for Friday. You all conducted yourselves in a mature and responsible manner – Well Done!

With less than 3 weeks to go, we are at full steam ahead to get work finished and assessment tasks complete. It is so important that students are here each day to ensure that they are not missing out on vital work. We do understand that there are times when absence is unavoidable (i.e. when the child is sick) but we thank you for your understanding in this matter in regards to those other events that could be scheduled outside school hours or in the holidays.

This Thursday is the swimming carnival. All students are expected to attend, especially our Year 7s. Swimming carnivals at Beechmont SS are a fun-filled day with something for everyone from the nervous swimmer right through to the competent swimmer. All students need to be in their house shirt, have a hat and plenty of water and food. They also need to bring a dry set of clothes to go home in. With the weather the way it has been, I highly suggest 2 towels, a jumper and a raincoat as you just never know.

Have a great week
Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &
Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au

Beechmont Netball Club News

Firstly a very big thank you to Michael Powell, Michael Trikiliis, Patrick Stapleton, Sunisa Thirasantikamol, Wihsy Thirasantikamol, Allie Slater, Lucy Slater, Alice Powell and Greg Slater for their time and effort on Sunday to run the Netball BBQ at Bunnings Nerang. Despite the rainy start to the day, these people managed to raise $1000 profit for our club. What a fantastic effort and what a difference your efforts make to our club. Thank you all so very much!!!

Yay!!! After our Week One games were cancelled due to the wet weather, we managed to start the 2013 season under (reasonably) blue skies and come away with 2 out of 3 wins on Saturday. The Saints had a slow start against Legends Limes but powered away in the second half to win 17-12. The Bandicoots opened their season with a very dominant victory over Trinity Tigers 11-1 which was a fantastic effort considering it was the girls’ first official game on the full height poles. The Beagles were not so lucky going down to a very, very tall Newbies Storm team. The girls put up a gallant fight but just could not overcome the height difference between the two teams. It was lovely to see the excellent sportsmanship shown by all players and we are all very excited to see what the 2013 season will bring.

This week, all four Beechmont teams will play. At the time of printing the draw was unavailable but we will post it on the board near the Green Room as soon as it is available.

It is vital that the players are at the game 30 mins prior to game time each week. Not only does it allow time for warm-up and pre-game drills, but for signing the board, checking nails/jewellery etc. Coaches rely heavily on this time to organise positions and substitutions, and also to talk with the team about skill focus and strategy for the game. Late arrival plays havoc with this and causes unnecessary panic as to whether we can field a team or not.

Training will be on Friday from 3:15 pm with a bbq and drinks available from 4:30pm. Feel free to come down and join in the fun.

Have a great week.

Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &
Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

HOUSE - Rent to Own

- $445.00/wk
- Small deposit
- 2 bed + 1 study + 2 bath
- 1200m² block
- Solar Water & Power
- School bus across road
- Avail mid April

- 95 North Rd, Lower Beechmont
- Call Angela 0433 329 620, Or 3415 3997

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FAMILY HOME FOR RENT

- 5 x bedroom
- 3 x living areas-
- walking distance to school.
- $395/week
- garden maintenance included
- Phone 0412 313 310

Worlds Greatest Shave

Hi my name is Bonnie and my son William is in Grade 5 at BSS. William, myself and my Mum are being brave and doing the Worlds Greatest Shave this Sunday 17th March. We would like to invite you to be part of our team for this vital fundraising, by sponsoring us. The money you give will help to fund Australia's best blood cancer research. Please follow the link below to our fundraising webpage to make a donation online or see me in person around the school. Thanks so much for your support. Bonnie

http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/BonnieweeHeather

Australian Film Academy
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3 Activities to choose from
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Maximum 10 per class
For more details call AFA at (07) 55492479 or
Visit the website at www.schoolholidayprogram.weekly.com
Promoted by www.gippsps.com.au
Run by Australian Film Academy Pty Ltd
www.australianfilmacademy.com.au
Important note about the Swimming Carnival
TOMORROW THURSDAY 14th March

THERE WILL BE NO NORMAL SCHOOL BUSES
OPERATING ON THURSDAY 14th March

1. We have the following students listed as getting to and from the pool with their parents or have arranged a lift with someone else that has been indicated on the form.

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2. We have organised the following students to get a lift with someone else. If your child is getting a lift with someone else, then you must ring the driver TONIGHT WEDNESDAY NIGHT to arrange pick up and drop off details. Please remind your child to thank the driver and please give a donation towards the cost of petrol.
THERE WILL BE NO NORMAL SCHOOL BUSES OPERATING ON THURSDAY

The following children will be catching a bus down to the Pool and back from the pool.

and the pick up times are as follows:
8.15am Binna Burra Rd Alax, Taylor & Charli Sawatzki, Timbarra Estate 8.18am Ula Trulson, School
8.25 Chelsea & Jhett Wadsworth, Ruby Cook Mc Innis Estate 8.30 Gillian Clark back only, Kailah Norris, Lower Beechmont 8.35 Angel Ariel-Tomlinson Shop 8.45 Phoenix Duffy, Tye Noorda, North Road 8.50am, Christopher Towner

Please make sure that children are at the bus stops 5 minutes before the time to get on the bus, so that the bus isn’t held up getting to the pool. The bus is unable to be delayed in order to get to the pool on time.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
• If your child’s name does not appear above you will need to contact the office tomorrow, Wednesday 13th to advise us of your details unless you indicated on the pink form that your child will not be attending the swimming carnival.
• The Carnival will start hopefully by 9.15am. Supervision will not start until 9am.
• The Carnival will finish by 2.30pm, so this will mean children will probably get dropped off at home earlier than the bus would get them home. Supervision will stop at the Nerang Pool at 3pm.
• Entry to the Pool is $3.60 for children. This MUST be paid as children enter the Pool.
• Entry for adults is $4.90
• Children need their named house shirt & named towel
• Children MUST have a rash vest or tee shirt to wear (this is an Education Queensland requirement)
• ALL clothing, togs & towels are to be named
• Hot food, drinks and snacks will be available from the pool canteen. It would be a good idea to pack lunch & snacks for your child just in case the canteen runs out of food. They seem to have a never ending supply of lollies & drinks!

If you have any queries, then please ring school tomorrow. Crichton’s mobile will be on from 6:30 am.

Warm Regards,
Crichton Roberts
0416 067504