**THIS FRIDAY NIGHT: OUR NIGHT OF NIGHTS**

**This Friday night, our night of nights happens.**
- The night starts promptly 6.15pm
- Free entry
- Every child participates in the class dance
- 2 outstanding student awards, 1 School Motto award and 1 Reading award are presented after each class dance.
- After the Year 6/7 dance, a number of whole School awards are presented.
- Every child is eligible for these awards.
- Please stay after the 6/7 dance as your child might be in line for one of these awards.
- The raffle will be drawn at the end of the night
- The Band plays a number of pieces
- The strings group perform
- The Junior Choir sing
- Please join us for this night that is so important to our School.

**CHRISTMAS PICNIC**

The P & C held a successful Christmas Picnic on Friday night. Those families who attend had a relaxing and entertaining evening. We would like to thank Allison Forner who lead the evening with her beautiful singing. It was fantastic to see so many children up on stage singing carols.

**BOOK ORDERS FOR 2014 CLOSE FRIDAY**

If you wish to order through Symonds Book Store from the book lists that were sent home recently, these orders close this Friday 6th December. Symonds cannot extend the closing date as they have to order in the materials from suppliers, who close down over the Christmas / New Year period.

Please return your orders or drop in tomorrow to ensure your child has everything they need for the 2014 School year and do not suffer academically because they do not have all of the equipment they need to fully access the curriculum.

**ORIENTATION DAY, NERANG, TAMBOURINE**

Year 7 students who are attending Nerang State High School or Tamborine State High School have their orientation days tomorrow for Nerang State High School 4th December and Tamborine Mountain State High School Thursday 5th December. Please refer to the information that has previously been sent home.

**Christmas Raffle—More Items Needed PLEASE**

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the hamper which will be the first prize in the P&C’s Christmas raffle. The hamper is looking a bit sad so if you haven’t already done so, could you please send in your donations by Thursday morning. We have enough homewares now so some yummy goodies or small Christmas items would be great. Tickets are $2 each or three for $5 and will be sold at the door of our End of Year Concert with the raffle being drawn on the night. You could be the winner of some great prizes to make your Christmas even merrier!
COMING EVENTS

November
04 Dec No early Band but lessons as normal
04 Dec Year 7 Orientation Nerang SHS
05 Dec Year 7 Orientation Tamborine SHS
06 Dec End of year Concert
10 Dec Yr 7 Graduation
11 Dec Yr 7 Wet & Wild
24 Dec Anglican Service Hall on Graceleigh
25 Dec Carols & Mass St Johns 10.15am

2014
23 Jan Book, Uniform and school fees
24 Jan Book, Uniform and school fees

BREAK UP DAY + CLEAN UP DAY

The last two days of the year are called Break Up Day and Clean Up Day. Details of these two days are as follows.

BREAK UP DAY – This day, Thursday 12th December is the last day of the year for most students. On this day each class has a class party where children bring food / drink to share and each class has a party for the day.

CLEAN UP DAY – Friday 13th December. If students come on this day, they must be prepared to work for the day. They should come to School in older clothes and have gloves as much cleaning will take place on this day. This is not a play day but a work day as our cleaners are not given time over the holidays to do all the tasks required to have classrooms ready for the 2014 school year, so we use this day to have everything ready for the new year. Children must if they come to School on this day be prepared to work for the entire day.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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Always a Big Thank You to our volunteer helpers, we wouldn’t be able to run the Tuckshop without you. We have a new helper this term who has been a life saver on many occasions. Donna Thank You very much.

We desperately need volunteer helpers for clean-up day in the Tuckshop. Everything in the Tuckshop including Fridges, Freezers, Cupboards, Floors, Walls etc are supposed to be cleaned from top to bottom, an impossible task for 1 person to achieve in a 5 hour shift.

If you are able to assist in any way with this task your help would be greatly appreciated. Doesn’t have to be the last Thursday a lot of the jobs can be done now.

PAST STUDENT NEWS

The Year 10 & 11 Principals Awards at Nerang High School were conducted on Friday 29th November and the follow past students received awards:-

Year 11 – Silver
Jade Ure
Jay Jay Treherne

Year 11 – Gold
Angel

Year 10 – Silver
Jaclyn Solway
Melanie Pryde

Year 10 – Gold
Monique Cook
Ryley Sami
Bethany Boland

STUDENT BANKING

Today is the last banking day for the year. Thank you to all our student bankers and I hope you have redeemed your rewards and enjoyed your prizes.

Student banking will resume in week 2 of the new year, 4th February 2014.

SUPPORT OUR MARKET BBQ

On the 3rd Sunday of every month Beechmont State School P&C runs the BBQ at the Beechmont Markets, from 8-12pm. Please come & support your school by buying a drink, sausage in bread or delicious burger. We would also appreciate any volunteers that can offer their time to help the wonderful team of Steve & Melissa Waters. Steve & Melissa do a wonderful job to run this BBQ each month but we do need your help. The Market BBQ assists in raising funds for the P&C so that essential items can be purchased to enhance the education experience for our students. Fund raising is becoming increasingly difficult and the number of volunteers that assist in fundraising activities is limited, so any assistance you can provide to the market BBQ would be appreciated.

If you are able to assist, please contact Douglas or Michael Kenyon on 0414 180 271.

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.15am until 8.45am. -Thanks Janine
Welcome to Week 9 – Term 4 at Mountain Mates.

As the end of the year approaches we are starting to notice a few tired little faces wander up here to Mountain Mates. We are allowing the children to create their own activities (with a little guidance) and it is interesting how wonderful and empathetic they are.

On Thursday the children discovered it was Daniels birthday so we all baked a cake to help him celebrate.

Handball and transformers are a high profile activity and it is enjoyable watching the children’s imagination unfold as they play.

Pencil into your diaries Term 1 2014 for Swim Safety as our Active After School Care Activity. It appears we may get the funding so make sure you book in early as our numbers are very strict.

Have a great week.
From Kim, Janine, Clare & Christie.
Your Mountain Mates Team.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Hi everyone hope you are having a great week. I cannot believe we are in the home stretch of the final two weeks of the year. Where did the time go? The preppies have grown so much over the last year. I cannot wait for you to see the wonderful job they have done in learning their dance for the end of year concert. The girls have all been handed their lovely skirts. Please check these and if you feel it needs to be taken up a little feel free to do so. A reminder that they also need a white shirt, socks and sneakers of whatever you can manage. The boys need black sleeveless or t-shirt and black jeans or pants to perfect the grease look. If they can wear their hair slicked that would be great as well. The girls can wear a ponytail to finish the look and a ribbon of their coloured skirt maybe. If you are not sure please see me.

See you Friday night, Warm regards
Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Next Tuesday, starting at 11:45, 1_2 will be performing three plays based on the tales they have studied in Literacy and you are all invited to come and watch. If you would like to come and help with costume design or mask-making and are free Monday from 1:45 you are more than welcome to join us. Speaking of costume design I’d like to thank Caitlin’s mum, Joanna, for her generosity in making all the girls a headband to wear for the dance this Friday. Also, the children will be dancing in socks; there is no need to buy them shoes to match their costumes.

As this is the last newsletter for the year I’d like to thank you all for the efforts you have put in at home in helping your children be consistently at school, ready and prepared for learning. They have been a delightful class and accomplished a huge amount of work, even having fun along the way! I wish you, and them, all the best for 2014.

Have a wonderful holiday,
Kerry Pryor

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

Remember for the End of Year Concert on Friday our class will need to be dressed in black and white. They can wear any footwear they feel comfortable in, but if you can still try to stick to the colour scheme for the shoes that would be appreciated, however don’t worry if you can’t.

We will be having our break up party day next Thursday. A note will go home before the end of the week with more details about the party. Children will be assigned to bring either something sweet, savoury or drinks to the party.

Since this is the last newsletter I just want to thank the students and parents for contributing to a successful year. Also I’d like to say a big thank you to Cassandra and Michael Kenyon for volunteering in the classroom each Friday; you really made differentiating the spelling program possible. I wish everyone a safe, memorable school holidays.

Have a good holidays, Demelza Atherton dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Congratulations to the children for their positive attitude in practising the dance for the End of Year Concert and preparing their shirts. They have toiled well and the dance is progressing nicely. We have now finished decorating our shirts and they are ready for the performance on Friday.

The children will be slowly bringing books and artwork home over the next week so they do not have to carry them home on the last day.

Next week, Thursday is Break-Up Day for the whole school. We will be having a class party on this day. The children will need to bring one item of food
or drink to share with the class. Make this a small dish or packet as we always have lots of food left over. We can heat up items such as party pies if necessary in the oven. The children have decided what they would like to bring. Please ask them about this. (It is fine if they bring something different).

We will also be having a Secret Santa activity on Break-Up Day. The children who wish to participate will need to bring a present (wrapped but not named) to the value of $5.00. We will then play a fun game and the children will all end up with a present at the end. This is not a compulsory activity.

Have a great holiday with your children and Merry Christmas.

Kind Regards, Dan Albright.

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

What a busy 2 weeks the final days of 2013 are going to be!! We have the End of Year concert on Friday night, Graduation For the Year 7s on Tuesday night, Wet ‘n Wild for the Year 7s next Wednesday and Party day for the whole class on Thursday. Wow!! What a way to finish 2013. The children are all confident that their costume is organised for Friday and the Year 7s have been reminded to check that their Leadership is washed and ready for Tuesday night. Thank you parents for your efforts in dressing your children appropriately for these events – it is much appreciated.

A separate note will be coming home regarding your child’s contribution to Party Day next Thursday so please look out for it. Thanks for your contributions to helping our class celebrate the end of the year in a yummy fashion.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I just wanted to wish everyone a safe and happy festive season. It has been fantastic working with this amazing group of children this year. They have taught me a great number of things and I feel very privileged to have played a small part in their lives.

To the Year 7s, I say good-bye and good luck am confident that they will one day find themselves "standing in the hall of fame". To the Year 6s I look forward to (hopefully) working with them again next year.

A big thank you to all the parents for the support you have given over the past 12 months. Education is a partnership and it has been my pleasure working with you all. Thank you for sharing your most precious possession, your child, with me.

Have a fantastic break. See you all in 2014

Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &
Crichton Roberts crorebe60@eq.edu.au
NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSITION DAY

Wednesday December 4th 2013
9:00am – 2:30pm
Nerang State High School will be holding a Transition Day for all students who will be commencing Yr8 in the year 2014. The day will be an invaluable opportunity for your child to experience the Jnr Secondary school and meet the Yr8 teaching team and support staff for 2014. It is a day that is designed to ease you or your child’s anxiety and ensure that everyone is ready to go from day 1 next year! All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend as we will also be holding a Parent Information Session from 9:30am until 10:30am, followed by some light refreshments.
A formal invitation will be sent home with your child closer to the date.
For all enquiries please contact Nerang State High School on (07) 5503 7888 or email Aaron Woonough, the Jnr Secondary Head of Department on awool42@eq.edu.au.

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

Free Swing Set
We have an outdoor swing set to give away. Not new but still in good condition and needs some children to love it again. Pick up only but it can be dismantled. Please call Julie on 55333226

St. Brigid’s Catholic Parish

McLaren Rood.
PO Box 196.
Nerang. Q. 4211.

Dear Parent and Carers,
The Catholic Sacramental Program for 2014 will begin early in Term 1.
This is a special program run by St. Brigid’s Parish, involving parents and children, that prepares children for the sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation), Confirmation and Holy Communion. If your child has been Baptised in Roman Catholic Church and is in Year 4 or older, then they are eligible to prepare for and celebrate these sacraments. Sometimes, older children have missed out in previous years, they are welcome to join us.
Enclosed is an outline of the Sacramental Program with relevant dates. Below is an enrolment form which needs to be returned to the parish office, by 9th February.
We would like to invite you to an information session on the 29th January at 7:00pm or the 5th February at 7:00pm, in the parish centre. During this time any questions or queries can be addressed.
Best wishes to you and your family,
Rebecca Rockhart
(0413 850 653)

BEECHMONT MASSAGE

Take some time out to relax and be pampered with a full body massage using a blend of calming essential oils. Soothe away your aches and pains, and be left feeling blissfully relaxed, the perfect way to unwind.

$60 for 60 minutes / ph: 0401 372 647 / mobile service available

Ellen Miller is a qualified and experienced massage therapist. Offering relaxation, therapeutic, deep pressure, ayurvedic and hot stone massage.

0401 372 647  * Special offer valid to 20 September 2013

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Christmas Church Service
Will be held at St John’s Windabout Road
On Christmas Morning, Carols at 10.15am
followed by Mass at 10.30
ALL WELCOME