At present the school is collating information that will be used to help develop the next Quadrennial School Review. The Quadrennial School Review (QSR) is scheduled for all State Schools every four years to review the School Plan and to gauge the effectiveness of our planned strategies in terms of progress towards the achievement of objectives, and to identify any changed conditions, needs or priorities that require adjustments. It is an opportunity for a school to consult with the community, reflect on its data, and review improvement planning processes.

I would like to invite you to be part of this process by completing the green survey which is attached at the end of the newsletter. It would be appreciated if you could take the time to complete this survey as the results will be collated to provide vital information needed to plan the future direction of Beechmont State School.

Please return the survey by Friday 6 September 2013.

Our Prep Orientation morning will be held on Tuesday 19 November between 9am - 11am. Please spread the word to any of your neighbours who may have Prep aged children, as we would love to see them on that day.

To be eligible to enrol in Prep in 2014 a child must be born between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009. Please spread the word.

This day was a success and I believe the children enjoyed the opportunity to try a healthy juice. We have also purchased a dehydrator and will be testing it out to come up with some tasty snack options next term.

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

The trip was fantastic, the children had an amazing time and they now have a greater understanding of the history and function of Canberra.

I would like to thank Tanya, Lisa and Jenny for their hard work which ensured the success of this trip.

The P & C would like to sweeten your vote and we are holding a cake stall at the Hall on Graceleigh on election day, Saturday 7th September.

We would like to call upon all campaign staff (i.e. bakers and preservers) for your donations of goodies to make this fundraiser a success.

Please bring your cakes, biscuits, jams etc to the school on Friday 6th or to the stall on Saturday.

They would need to be packaged up ready for sale, please. Thank you for your support and may the best cake....er, candidate win!
**COMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**
- 03 Sept  Enrichment Day Performing Arts
- 04 Sept  Colour Day Spot theme
- 05 Sept  Teacher Aides Day
- 11 Sept  P & C Meeting 3.30pm Library
- 10 Sep   School Photographs
- 20 Sep   Last Day of Term
- 07 Oct   Public Holiday Day Labour Day
- 08 Oct   First Day of Term 4
- 08 Oct   Nomination open for Beechmont Award
- 09 Oct   Colour Day Theme ‘Pink”
- 14 Oct   Interhouse Reading Competition starts

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Envelopes went home today. Please note there are some changes from last year. Every student has their name printed on their envelope. You must use the correct envelope for each order, the cost and options are on each envelope.

Family Photos are available if you would like to order them, the cost starts from $23.00. Choir, band and other photos will be available to order at a later date.

**AUSKICK**

We will be offering the Auskick program again this year. It will be held on Friday afternoons starting at 3:10 pm for an hour. The program will run from 18 October to Friday 6th December. We need to have around 30 students interested in order for Auskick to go ahead. Auskick Representatives will be at Parade on 13 September 2013.

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**OFFICE NEWS**

Due to changes in procedures newsletter articles will need to be in to the School Friday preceding Tuesdays issue or if emailing Sunday proceeding issue. Thankyou for your assistance.

**UNIFORM NEWS**

The Uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.15am until 8.45am. -Thanks Janine

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**MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS**

your Beechmont State School P&C Assn.
Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 0417775741
e-mail:mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to week 9

With the weather starting to warm up the children are keen to spend the afternoons outside, this has unfortunately affected our Monday performance of Puppetry. Therefore we have had to cancel our puppet show because we were been having too much fun outside and didn’t get enough time to rehearse. ☹️ Sorry.

A HUGE thanks to Mark Evans for the mulch he gave us for our garden. It is helping to keep our colourful garden alive.

Thanks to Janine for attending 2 webinar’s on Relating to Children – Responding to Children’s Behaviour and the National Quality Framework.

The Vacation Care Program will be on next week’s newsletter and don’t forget all of you Wheelie Day enthusiasts out there, pencil into your diaries Monday 30th September for our ultimate Wheelie Day. We have booked Go Cart Wild to deliver us 6 pedal Go Carts and one extra large go cart to do laps around our Mountain Mates race track. Enjoy the rest of your week 😊

From Kim, Janine, Clare, Kara & Christie.
Your Mountain Mates Team.

**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

In Maths this week we are revisiting time, days in the month and seasons. There is a useful singing activity on the Ed Studio under Measurement that can help the children remember some of their facts. It is nice to know that the children are able to access the studio now through the Learning Place.

In the last week of term students will need to bring in either a cereal box or a large shoe box for creating a diorama for Science.

There were no award winners last week due to the holiday on Friday.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpry08@eq.edu.au

Wishing you all a good week, Kerry Pryor

**YEAR 2/3 CLASS**

Last week due to the public holiday on Friday many students didn't hand in their homework. In order to redistribute homework books on Monday
many books went back unmarked, therefore when homework is handed in on Friday I will mark any other week’s work at the same time.

This week in English we are learning to write information reports. We are using the internet to research facts about an Australian animal, noting down and converting our notes into informative texts. In maths we are focussing on addition and subtraction mental strategies and looking at time concepts. Later in the week students will have a test on all things they have learnt about time.

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

Welcome back to the campers from the Sydney - Canberra trip. It sounds like it was a rewarding and enjoyable trip.

This week our homework will be handed out to the children on Friday as the campers needed to hand their homework in to be marked for the last fortnight. All children should be working on spelling, reading and Number Facts for the rest of this week.

In History, we are constructing a timeline of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history in Australia. We are also continuing to research the lives of children in 1900 to make comparisons with life today. Areas such as communication, transport, cooking, schooling and recreation will be investigated.

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

I hope you have all had the opportunity to check out our Ed Studio and see all the wonderful work that went into building the Rube Goldberg Machines. Next on our History/English/Technology task is to design and create a Dvolver animation file that will inform viewers about Australian history. The children are also still busy writing scripts and filming their famous Australian interviews. Hopefully all of these will also be available to view on our Ed Studio page.

The weather is getting warmer and I encourage children to bring water to drink during class time. Liquids of any other form, eg. milk, cordial etc. will need to stay out of the class as they are much harder to clean up if spillage occurs. It is also a good idea to have the bottle wrapped in absorbent material if condensation – water leakage – is going to occur.

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

After a very exciting week in Sydney and Canberra, the Year 6/7 classroom has returned to our “normal” routines once again. I would like to congratulate the students who were here at school last week as, according to Mrs Mann and Mr Albright, were beautifully behaved and a pleasure to have. Well done to those students. It is always lovely to hear praise for the students in the class.

Congratulations to Wishy and India-Rose for winning their respective divisions in our Public Speaking event 2 weeks ago. We are very proud of their success and wish them all the very best at the Nerang Alliance competition next term.

All students need to ensure that they are revising basic maths facts EVERY NIGHT as well as completing their set homework tasks. There are still too many children who do not have instant recall of their times tables and rainbow facts and this is incredibly concerning at this stage of the year.

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

Beechmont Netball Club News

Despite many tired campers having an early start to Saturday, all girls gave 100% as week One of the semi-finals began. Unfortunately both the Saints and Eagles were defeated but the girls did not disgrace themselves, fighting hard until the final hooter. The Eagles will have a second chance at making the Grand Final this weekend as they take on Chargers. Unfortunately for the Saints they are out of the running and will have a friendly this week before playing off for third and fourth place next week. The Tigers and Bandicoots continue to go from strength to strength each week, showing terrific skill development. This is a fantastic sign for the 2014 season as the Bandicoots move out of the non-competitive Nippers divisions and into the open divisions.

Our Club break-up is at the Hall on Graceleigh after SCNA presentations on the 14th September. Please ensure you have given your names, numbers and food orders to Greg ASAP.

Game time for this week are as follows:
9am   Eagles v Chargers Cherries Crt 6 PRELIMINARY FINAL!! Gooooooo Beechmont!!
9am   Tigers v Trinity Taipans Crt 11
10am  Saints v Technix Twinkles Crt 2
11am  Bandicoots v Regal Royals Crt 2
COMMUNITY NEWS

WANTED TO RENT
House or cottage on 5+ acres suitable for 2 to 3 horses. OR Adjustment for 2 horses with secure fencing, clean water and shelter from the wind and rain. Call Ariel 0416 928942

GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES – ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

ORAL HEALTH CARE MATTERS
Did you know that Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services in both the community and school dental clinics accept Medicare Teen Dental Scheme Vouchers?

Good oral health care is important for young people. The government has provided Medicare Teen Dental Scheme Vouchers to help enable and maintain good oral health and preventative care. These vouchers can be presented to private dentists or Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services, including a community or school dental clinic.

Children attending schools up to the end of Year 10 who present a Teen Dental Voucher with Gold Coast Oral Health Services will receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care. Children in Years 11 and 12 in receipt of a voucher can only be seen by Gold Coast Oral Health Services if the eligibility criteria is met. They will then be placed on a waiting list to receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care.

If the Teen Dental Voucher has been used at a private dental practice, completion of the private dentist’s treatment plan will need to be undertaken privately at own cost. Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services will only be able to provide Emergency Care for these children, not a full course of care as prescribed by the private dentist.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services have qualified and experienced dentists, oral health therapists, dental therapists and dental assistants who work together to provide a range of oral healthcare services to meet your child’s specific oral health needs in a caring environment.

As the Teen Dental Voucher expires by 31.12.13, it is important that you arrange your appointment as soon as possible by telephoning the Gold Coast Oral Health Services Call Centre on 1300 300 850. Oral health services are also provided during all school holiday periods.

For more information on the nearest community or school dental clinic, the Oral Health Call Centre will be able to assist you with your enquiry.
SOCCER NEWS

It's all finished for 2013 and we went out with a bang.

Our thanks to all those that were a part of this fantastic season of soccer.

We opened our presentations with the children’s surprise dance. They did great. I will advise when it is uploaded to the site for them to view.

Some heartfelt words were said on the day with a mix of Beechmont humour.

Awards for 2013,

Beechmont Electrical best performing team went to Rich and his under 11’s and our new Silent Hand award went to coach Phil of the under 7’s.

All the seasons photos and on field footage is on the DVD the children received. They will love seeing themselves playing.

SOCCER AGM for next season is Sunday February 3rd 2014. we look forward to seeing some new blood.
Please tick the appropriate box:

Teacher □  Teacher aide □  Parent □  Student □  Year 7 □  Year 6 □  Year 5 □

1. What are the best things about Beechmont State School?

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2. From your list above (in Question 1), what do you think is the very best thing about Beechmont State School? Why?

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3. If we could improve anything at our school, what should we consider? Why?

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4. What are the biggest challenges you think our school might face over the next four years?

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