CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Desi Johnson on her selection in the Under 12 Queensland Schools Netball Team. This is a fantastic achievement. Last week Desi represented the South Coast in the State Championships in Townsville and played beautifully. She was rewarded by being selected to represent the Queensland at the National Titles which are being held in Maitland in September. We wish Desi every success and we are all extremely proud of her. Well done Desi.

SCHOOL DISCO

The Disco for this term will be held on Friday June 7 at the hall on Graceleigh starting 6.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm. Admission is $5. We will need volunteers to assist at the door and canteen and to clean-up at the end as there is a function Saturday. Could you please return the form indicating if you are able to assist on the night. Mr Murphy will be the DJ.

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SYDNEY CANBERRA CAMP

The return flight to Sydney has been booked. The total cost for the trip is $900. As this booking is a non refundable booking we will require a non refundable deposit of $200.00 per student by 19 June. A form will go home to those parents who have previously indicated their child was going. If you do not receive a form and would like your child to attend the Sydney/Canberra camp then please contact the office.

The cost of the camp includes accommodation in Sydney and Canberra, 3 meals daily from dinner on day 1 until lunch on the last day and all tours and activities. The itinerary is fantastic. It includes time around the Rocks and the Sydney Opera House precinct, the Sydney tower Eye, Parliament House, Royal Australian Mint, Australian War Memorial, Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, tour of the Embassy and Lodge district, High Court, National Portrait Gallery, the National Film and Sound Archive and Mount Ainslie.

OPTI MINDS

Unfortunately due to numbers we will not be participating in Opti-MINDS this year. We hope to be able to participate next year.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TOURS

Next week, on Wednesday, School Performance Tours will be performing ‘Halfway around the World’. If you have paid your school fees (Art & Technology or Stationary Levy $60) at the start of the year this charge was included. For parents that have not paid school levy and wish their child to see the performance the cost is $5.00 per child.
COMING EVENTS

May
05 June Colour Day Maroon theme
07 June School Cleaner’s Day
07 June Disco at the Hall
10 June Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
12 June School Performance Tours
13 June Athletics Rotation
14 June Athletics Carnival
17 June Advance Music Camp
19 June No Band due to camp
20 June No Strings due to camp
21 June Last Day of Term Have a good break
08 July Term 3 starts

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

We have had some new volunteers this term who have all been a pleasure to work with. Thank you Kerry Murphy, Kikumi Bennett, Sam Norris and Matilda Lewis. And of course thanks to Janine, Vicki and Michelle.

We understand that there will be times you may be unavailable. Please, as your first option, try to contact one of the other volunteers to do a swap. If that isn’t possible then contact the School. If a volunteer doesn’t turn up without giving prior notice everything can fall apart.

Our annual Athletics Carnival is being held on Friday 14th June. We generally need more than just one volunteer on this day. If any parents can lend a hand your help would be appreciated.

JUNE
Wed 05 June Vicki Bouwer
Fri 07 June Janine Van B + Kerry Murphy
Wed 12 June Sam Norris
Fri 14 June Athletics Carnival
Volunteers Needed am
Fri 14 June Michelle Moyce
Wed 19 June Vicki Bouwer
Fri 21 June Janine Van B + Kikumi Bennett

Mountains Mates Mutterings
Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 55333340
e-mail-mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to Term 2 - Week 8

As the school term heads towards its final weeks we are busy planning a sensational time for you all at Mountain Mates over the June/July school holidays. The program will be attached to next week’s newsletter and also available on the school website as of next week. So keep your eye out.

Don’t forget the Public Holiday on Monday 10th June – No school & no Mountain Mates either ☹️.

Have you noticed our new birthday wall and Family tree at Mountain Mates. We are working on quite a few new projects around our building to display all of the wonderful work the children do while spending time with us.

Congratulations to Corbin last Thursday at Arakan Martial Arts for his control and focus. He was lucky enough to receive the $125 gift voucher. Well done Corbin – keep up the positive attitude.

Don’t forget our great offer from Dreamworld for all people associated with Mountain Mates. $60 annual passes for Dreamworld, White Water World and Skydeck. See further information in this newsletter.

ZEST FEST is kicking off again on Sunday June 23rd and Mountain Mates are running the canteen. This is our major fundraiser for the year and would love any of our Mountain Mates families to donate a cake or slice we will be able to sell on the day. Thank you.

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

P + C FUNDRAISER

P & C are having a second hand book sale at Zest Fest. We are looking for donations of good condition, secondhand books. Please drop off to the Office by 19th June 2013. All proceeds will go to the benefit of our children at the school. Your donation is very much appreciated.

UNIFORM NEWS

With the colder weather upon us winter uniforms are in stock. Please note black stocking or leggings are not a part of our uniform. Multi coloured school jumpers are not allowed.

If you are unable to afford a new uniform we have good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase also.

Uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.15 until 8.45.

Thanks Janine

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Hi everyone hope this week finds you all well. This week in Literacy the children have learnt the new sound ch as in chicken and sh as in sheep.
They are continuing making a great effort with their reading and sight words. A reminder to tell your children to bring me their sight words book if you believe that they know all their words without prompting or sounding out the word, so I can test them. I do ask every day however some of them are forgetting to bring me their books. Also a little reminder that if readers can be returned every day signed and read that would be great. This helps the children a lot with not only their reading but also their sight word knowledge.

In maths this week we will be looking at location and movement and following and giving directions using positional words. In art this week we are creating a jellyfish picture using oil pastels and mixing green blue and yellow dye paint to create a groovy background.

Well done to our award winners last week; Ella Best, Charlotte Boura, Oliver Gaffney and Xzaveir Cresswell.

Hope you all have a great week

Warm regards,
Tania Evans
tevan27@eq.edu.au

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**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

This week in Science we continue investigating the properties of materials. We are enquiring how suitable some materials are for building houses, just like the Three Little Pigs except, hopefully, our houses won’t blow over!

Yesterday we took a walk to the ANZAC memorial and formulated questions to help us find out more about this significant community site. The Year 2’s will now have to find answers for their questions while the Year 1’s recall a special family event and write about it’s significance.

There were no award winners last week as parade was cancelled.

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

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**YEAR 3/4 CLASS**

Last week we worked with rhyming poems in writing time. The children constructed a two stanza rhyming poem with a rhythmic and rhyming structure. The children then read the poem to the class as part of our speaking activities.

Homework will be different for the final two weeks of this term. This will be an opportunity to catch up on skills that need reinforcing from Semester 1. The children will be given nightly tasks to complete if they need to reinforce a particular skill or finish off a task.

Tonight the task is to have recall of the 9X tables (Yr 3) and the 4X tables (Yr 4). We will test these on Wednesday.

In Science, we have begun to carry out our experiments to test if there is water in the air around us. Most of the children think there is water in the air. Now they have to prove it by setting up their own experiment.

Have a good week.

Regards, Dan
dalbr1@eq.edu.au

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**YEAR 5/6 CLASS**

We have a new Ed Studio for our class – Ed Studio 2013. Please ask your child to share this site with you as we will be adding work each week for Technology. Last week the children learned how to access the site and to add text and clip art. There will be many other exciting and interactive creations added over the next few months. The beauty about the Studio, is that children can access it from home.

Congratulations to these children who earned awards this week: Tane Brand for improving the effort he puts into his school work, Gillian Clarke, Amy Bennett and Wishy for being responsible, hard working class members.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Regards,

Elizabeth Perkins

Elizabeth Perkins perk17@eq.edu.au & Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au
The Animals of Antarctica

Many wild and unique species of whales are well known to Antarctica. But thanks to human beings, a few species of whale have nearly been hunted to extinctions.

In Japan, whale meat is valuable and is fed to wealthy people. The whale meat may taste nice, but the way people catch whales is cruel, inhuman and unforgivable.

Whales are important for a number of reasons. First whales have become an important topic for study amongst most scientists. Scientists study their behaviour, echo-location, language, intelligence, environmental impact and much more. These studies have helped scientists learn so much about the species and their impact on this world.

Whales also help regulate the flow of food in the ocean. Baleen and toothed whales are at the top of the food chain, they feed on krill, squid and fish. Squid and fish feed on krill and krill feed on phytoplankton. The blue whale can consume as much as 4 tonnes of krill a day, so you can imagine the impact this would have on stabilising the aquatic eco system if the blue whales were to become extinct.  Written by Wishy Thirasantikamol.

We need seabirds, if they die, fish, krill and squid will over take and the oceans will be full of them. If all the fish, krill and squid die what will the sea birds eat? That is why you need every animal we have, they are all important to the food chain.

Written by Grace Harrison.

Spectacular Antarctica is home to some exotic penguins that live and breed among the rocks of the Antarctic shore where they catch their food and have their young. The Emperor penguin is the biggest penguin, the king of penguins and lives in the beautiful Antarctica. The Emperor penguin can be 1.15 metres, bigger than your cat or dog.

Did you know that penguins bones are solid and heavy? And that 75% of their time is spent at sea, hunting. The main diet of a normal penguin is small fish, squid and krill. The penguin is a huge part of the food chain. If penguins become extinct it would be a disaster for the seals and whales.

Written by Sidney Slater

The amazing terns are on of 21 species of seabirds that live in Antarctica. Terns are very smart birds. They make their nests out of loose grassy depressions. There are only 30 000 left. The terns lifespan is 50 years.

Written by Bonnie Shearman

The beautiful but icy cold Antarctica is home to so many magnificent creatures, but this is about the birds of Antarctica. The sea birds can range from big to small or skinny or fat. One of the most fascinating is the Albatross. Albatross can fly for one whole year without stopping, wow!!
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Beechmont Netball Club News**

Kim’s Tigers played a very spirited two all draw well done. The Eagles again to good in a 17 to 7 victory. The Bandicoots and Saintys not so lucky but enjoyed their Saturday morning battle against some very good opposition. Training Friday as usual weather permitting as hall is being used for school Disco. Greg 0405206076

**Flying Start – An overview**

**Why Year 7 will be part of high school:**
From 2015 our education system is changing for the better with Year 7 becoming the first year of high school. In 2007 the Prep year was successfully introduced to Primary School and subsequently in 2008 the Year 1 entry age was raised by six months. The final step in bringing Queensland in-line with other states will be the movement of Year 7 to High School.

By 2015 more than half the students in Year 7 will be turning 13. Educators agree that young teenagers are ready for greater independence and the depth of learning that high schools provide. With the additional of the Prep year, by 2015 our Year 7 students will be in their eighth year of school and this is the right year for High School to begin. Also, since 2012 we have adopted the new Australian Curriculum for English, Maths, Science and History. In 2014 and 2015 HPE, Humanities, LOTE, Technology and The Arts will be introduced. Being at High School will mean our Year 7 students will have access to the specialist resources they need for these subjects.

**What will change:** A fundamental change in High Schools will be the formation of a distinct Junior Secondary school that will encompass Year 7, 8 and 9. There will be a strong emphasis on pastoral care for our students, and parents will be encouraged to become even more involved in their student’s schooling in the High School years. The government has provided additional funding to upgrade facilities at Nerang High to ensure our learning environments are the best they can be, and give students the learning opportunities they need. We have appointed a Head of Department for Junior Secondary to oversee this important phase of students schooling.

**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 Teen Dental Vouchers?

Good oral health care is important for young people. The government has provided Teen Dental 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.
WANTED BABY SITTER

In home care for two children, 9 year old and 15 months. Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon/ night. (2-10:30 pm) Must have own transport. $60 per night (firm)Dinner supplied.
Call Kellie on 0411425572

Beechmont Social Club

There will be no activities this Friday 7th due to the school Disco. Our next get together will be June 14th at 6.30pm start. We have organised a Social Game of Golf on Sunday June 23rd. More details in the coming weeks.
For any Enquiries call Greg on 0405 206 076

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

***** SPECIAL OFFER FROM MOUNTAIN MATES *****

Unlimited World Pass Tickets to Dreamworld, White Water World and Skypoint Observation Deck until 27th June 2014!!!!

Only $60 for Children (3 - 13) & $70 for Adults.
(normal gate price $89.99 or $119.99)

If you are interested in ordering these tickets at this fantastic price please fill in the attached order form with payment either by cash, cheque, eftpos or direct debit and return to Mountain Mates before 30th June 2013. For more information please see Kim at Mountain Mates (Beechmont State School P&C Outside School Hours Care).

Unlimited World Pass Tickets Order Form

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