WELCOME TO THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

A very warm welcome to the 2013 school year and what a start we have had! Everyone has made me feel so welcome. It was a very challenging week and I would like to thank all those people who helped us make it through the frustration and uncertainty. The teachers and support staff have made the transition into my role as Acting Principal a very smooth process. I have already met a large number of parents and I would love to meet as many parents as soon as possible. I am off class each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday so please feel free to drop in and make yourself known. The staff would like to welcome all the new children to Beechmont School and we really hope you get to experience that magical thing called “The Beechmont Experience”. The ‘Beechmont Experience’ is a wonderful thing that makes attending Beechmont School something special.

So welcome to our School and welcome back to our School, 2013 will be an exciting and busy year.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BEECHMONT POSSUMS

A very warm welcome to all our new students especially our little prep possums. We hope you really gain from your time at Beechmont.

SCHOOL FEES/LEVIES/PAYMENTS

One of the most important things that our School levies cover is your child’s attendance to four cultural activities throughout the year. This saves you constantly putting your hand in your pocket to pay for things throughout the year. By paying these levies, it is actually cheaper for you than paying four single admissions.

The levies also cover internet access, printing and art supplies throughout the year. Your prompt payment of these levies really assists us (especially Douglas) to finalise a range of functions that we need to do for audit.

The levies are:
- $60 School Fund
- $50 Library Fund (Tax deductible)
- $20 P&C Fundraising Levy – second child $15, 3rd or more $10

(so we’re not constantly sending raffle tickets, Chocolate drives etc home).

BEGINNING YEAR ASSEMBLY and OPEN NIGHT

We are looking forward to the Beginning Year Assembly and Open Night. We have decided to combine both events and we believe that it will be a very successful night.

This special night will be held on Tuesday February 19 starting with a free BBQ put on by your P&C Association. The BBQ starts at 5.45pm and then the formal part of the Assembly starts at 6.20pm. All students new to our School this year are formally introduced to everyone. Representatives from each class present a short overview of some of the work they will be covering during the year. Your child is required to introduce you to their teacher. Children are to wear school uniform.

Following this the parents will move to the classrooms to spend some time with their child’s teacher. The evening should be concluded by 8:00pm. We will provide more details in the next newsletter.

Food is free; drinks are for sale before and after the Assembly. Nothing at all is available during the actual Assembly, the tuckshop will be closed.

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**STAFF 2013**

Our staff for this year are:

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- Demelza Atherton Yr 2/3 dathe1@eq.edu.au
- Dan Albright Yr 3/4 dalbr1@eq.edu.au
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- Crichton Roberts Principal crobe60@eq.edu.au

or for both Douglas and Crichton

admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au

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**TUCK SHOP**

Welcome to 2013.

Tuckshop is open on Wednesdays and Fridays only at 1st break. We are not open 2nd break.

You can find the 2013 Tuckshop Menu on the website, go to P&C (on the left hand side) then click on the Tuck-shop tab and there you can see the new menu for 2013.

Due to the bad weather and loss of power we are unable to supply items from the menu for this Wed 06 Feb but as of Friday 08 Feb all menu items will be available.

**Tomorrow only** Wednesday 06 February we are having a Hot Dog Day. Also available are drinks and iceblocks as listed below.

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**ICE MONY FROZEN** $0.80

We are always in need of volunteers in the Tuckshop. We open at 8.30am and finish at approx. 11.30am.

Without volunteers the P&C are unable to provide this service for the School so please come in and have a look and see what goes on. Thank You.

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**WHAT IS COLOUR DAY?**

Colour Day is Beechmont Speak for Non Uniform Day. Colour Day is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month and the last day of each term.

To come in ‘non uniform’ costs 50c each time or $5 for the year. An envelope is attached to today’s newsletter for you to put the $5 in & send back in the children’s Communication Folders.

Children must remember that sun safe clothes must be worn, no strappy tops and bare midriffs. **Sports shoes must also be available** so sport, if planned, can be safely played.

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**SENIOR + JUNIOR BAND**

Senior Band rehearsals will be held at 7.45am each Wednesday morning. Children need to be punctual and to put in the practice required so the Band’s performances are up to the standard we expect from students who are part of our Senior Band.

Senior Band / Instrumental Music provide the children with remarkable opportunities and give their very best to this additional chance they have to extend themselves.

We have a number of instruments available for students to learn, a full list will be published next week. Any child in Year 5, 6 & 7 who would like to learn an instrument need to talk to Mr Clyde on Wednesday.

We are looking at the possibility of starting a strings program and students in Year 3 to 7 will be able to join this program.

Junior Band rehearsal time is yet to be finalised.

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**P & C AGM**

Our Parents and Citizen’s Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th February, 7pm at the School. Please make sure that you look at the coloured pieces of paper attached to our newsletter, especially the blue page and return by Friday 08th February. Thank You.

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**HATS**

School Hats are a part of our School uniform policy approved by the P&C and Staff. All children are required to wear a School Hat, not a ‘street hat’.
If children wear a non School hat then their play will be restricted to the Covered Area and not the outside areas.

Hats are the same as School shirts, shorts and dresses. They are expected to be worn each day. Please make sure your child has the appropriate uniform each day.

**IS YOUR CHILD ON THE BUS?**

If your child travels on any of the School buses then it is really important that you come to the Bus Meeting at the ‘Hall on Graceleigh’ on Wednesday 20th February starting at 7.30pm.

There is generally only 1 bus meeting a year unless issues arise that need all parents’ input.

So please make the effort to come along to the bus meeting so that any issues you might have can be openly discussed.

**2013 – WHAT WILL IT COST ME?**

**Art, Technology and Stationery Charge (Prep – Yr 7) $60.00 per child.**

This is a contribution towards the cost of basic stationery items (Prep – Year 3) or additional stationery items as required (Year 4 – Year 7). It also includes consumable art and computer materials used by students throughout the year. The payment for a Raw Art lesson, an Arts Council performance, an Author visit & a ‘physical activity’ has been incorporated to reduce the constant demands on parents to pay for activities during the year. A receipt will be issued on payment.

Payment method: Cash, EFTPOS or cheque payable to Beechmont State School.

**Library Fund $50.00 per family**

This is an annual contribution to maintaining the school’s library resource centre. This is a tax deductible contribution and it allows the purchase of books and access to computer technology in the library. A receipt will be issued on payment.

Payment method: Cash, EFTPOS or cheque payable to Beechmont State School.

**P & C Fundraising**

$20.00 ~ 1st child, $15 2nd ~ child, $10 for subsequent children.

This annual contribution reduces the need for excessive fundraising campaigns throughout the year. The Parents and Citizens Association generously supports the school in many forms.

Some examples include: purchasing new computer equipment, reading books, sports equipment. All children in the school benefit from the P&C support, which is only possible by some fundraising. The P&C also provides insurance to cover volunteers and events held at the school and this alone is a very significant cost. A receipt will be issued on payment.

Payment method: Cash, EFTPOS or cheque payable to Beechmont P & C Association

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Payment by instalments is welcome to help ease the financial burden at the beginning of the year.

If you do not intend paying the voluntary contributions, please discuss alternatives with David.

If you do not wish to participate in the voluntary contribution of $50.00 then you can purchase the following:

**Art, Technology and Stationery**

- 3 additional reams of A4 Photocopy paper
- Crepe paper 500mmw x 2.4 (1 each of Orange, Scarlet, purple & black)
- Student acrylic paint (either Red, Blue, Yellow, White) – 2 litre container
- Artist Brush Flat Size 6 Box of 12
- Cardboard 510 x 640 12 sheets assorted colours
- 3 x Raw Art or similar lessons
- Entry for University of NSW Maths competition (Years 4-7 only)
- Colouring pencils assorted colours Set of 12 x 3 packets (Prep – Yr 3 only)
- Mechanical propelling type crayons Set of 12 x 2 packets (Prep – Yr 3 only)
- Glue Stick 40gm UHU x 4 * HB Pencil x 40
- Scissors safety x 1

**LIBRARY AND LIBRARY BAGS**

We have School Library bags of a very good quality available for sale for $9.50. These bags keep our Library books away from the squashed bananas at the bottom of the School Bag! You don’t have to buy a bag but they are a very good investment to protect our precious Library books.

**THANK YOU**

Kathleen Callister for voluntarily typing the Newsletter again last year and for the last 20 years.
Sue Denning for putting the newsletter together all of last year.

**COMMUNICATION FOLDERS**

Every child has a Home / School Communication Folder. If a child is bringing home a note from your child’s teacher, the weekly school newsletter, a special note, then it will be in the Communication Folder.

If you are returning notes to School from the School Newsletter, then put them in the Communication Folder and the children can match these up to the copies of notices on the ‘Post Office’ outside the Office. Please don’t put these in envelopes, just the note so children can ‘match up’
the returned note with a sample we put on the ‘Post Office’.

WHAT ARE ALL THESE COLOURED PIECES OF PAPER ON THE NEWSLETTER?

☺ YELLOW PAPER – This is the enrolment for After School Care (Mountain Mates) & the Term 1 Program. Return by Friday 03rd February

☺ GREEN PAPER – General Permission Form covering a range of topics. Return by Friday 03rd February

☺ ENVELOPE – If you put $5 in this envelope then your child will have paid for Colour Days for the year. Return by Wednesday 01st February

☺ PINK PAPER – P&C membership, Tuckshop Volunteer form, home email addresses so we can get hold of you other than phone and Rainbow Reading Assistance. Return by Friday 03rd February

☺ BLUE PAPER – Tuckshop Menu, also available on the website under P&C

BEECHMONT SPEAK
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

P&C - Parents and Citizens Association
EQ - Education Queensland
EOYC - End of Year Concert and Awards Night
AGM - Annual General Meeting
NAIDOC- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Week
STLaN - Support Teacher Literacy & Numeracy
TAEA - Teacher Advisor Education Adjustment
AVT - Advisory Visiting Teacher
SET - Special Education Teacher
TA - Teacher Aide
Colour Day – Pay 50c to not wear School Uniform

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is a wonderful way to encourage your child to save and reinforce positive saving habits. If you want to set up a School Banking account for your child, please email us, admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au, drop in and see us or send a note with your child and we'll send home a package for you to fill out. There are bonuses and gifts that children can receive from drink bottles, watches, backpacks and the list goes on.

Please seriously consider setting up a School Banking Account for your child.

Student Banking is every Tuesday, just send your childs deposit book and money to the office and we will do the rest.

2012 END OF YEAR CONCERT & AWARDS NIGHT

I am desperate for photos of our 2012 End of Year Concert and Awards Night. There are no photos on our website yet as we don't have any photos here at School over the holidays.

If you need a disc, let us know and we’ll send one home.

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

Welcome everyone, and what a great year we have planned here at Mountain Mates. For those of you who have been here before, we have some new and exciting ideas planned for you. For those of you who haven’t, we can’t wait to meet you!

We had a great group of old faces during the holidays and some new faces too, Jaimie, Pheonix, Lochlan, Terry, Kyle and Lily, welcome to Mountain Mates.

Attached to this weeks newsletter on our beautiful bright yellow paper is a 2013 enrolment form. If your details have not changed since last year then please indicate that on the top of the form and we will attach it to last years form.

Also we have Term 1’s Skills program. These are the activities we will be offering on specific days of the week. Just cut off the Booking Form, return to either us or the school office and we can book your child/ren in.

Don’t forget our Before School care Service. Opening at 6.30am every weekday morning and offering a wholesome cooked breakfast, diverse activities as well as accompanying your child/ren to class at 8.30am. All for just $10 permanent and $12 casual.

We would like to thank the children who came to Vacation Care for their excellent behaviour and joy they brought with them. We all had a terrific time, topped off with a great day at White Water World.

From the Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare and Kara.
Hi everyone, hope your holiday was a good one and the children are excited to start their first year at school. I am excited to meet and to get to know your children. I am sure we will have a fun and productive year ahead of us. Please feel free to contact me if throughout the year you have something you would like to discuss. You can make a time to see me or drop me an email or give me a call.

Hope you have a great week and that both you and your child enjoy their first year of learning.

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

Welcome to 2013. This week we are setting up our books, getting acquainted with our new classmates, establishing class routines and formulating rules for a happy and productive classroom. In recognition of Australia Day we will also look at many aspects of Australia, including a nature walk to gather leaves and flowers for this week’s art.

We start work in all subject areas this week and need to be prepared for a busy and challenging year. Homework will start in Week 3 however if at all possible would you please send in two things; firstly, a baby photo of your child for our science unit on Living Things and a family photo for our history unit. I look forward to meeting you all at the Beginning Year assembly/Open Night and to sharing with you some of the curriculum challenges and expectations facing our children this year.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpryo8@eq.edu.au

Homework will not start until week 3. A full explanation of homework expectations will be glued into the front of children’s homework books. What you can expect though is that children each night will be practising their weekly spelling words, reading each night and usually they will also have a worksheet on either an English or maths concept. This worksheet needs to be completed by the end of the week. Homework will be distributed every Monday and will be due back at school on Friday.

Have a great week, Demelza
Welcome to the Year 6/7 class for 2013. Tanya Stanley will be teaching Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, while Crichton Roberts will be teaching on Thursday & Friday.

This week there will be a number of tests the children will have to complete. These are nothing for the children to worry about, it is just a lot of Pre-tests, so that you, as well as us can see the progress of the children over the course of the year. In education speak, it is said to be so we can see, ‘distance travelled’ over the year. It is really important to have a starting point, so that we can let you know of your child’s progress throughout the year. All we ask is that the children try their hardest & don’t get worried or give up.

**Year 7**

This year will be an amazing year in the life of your child in Year 7, their final year of Primary School. A big step is looming for them next year & we hope to give them a range of skills that will really assist this step into High School.

A significant amount of communication in Year 7 happens by email, so please email Crichton so your email address can be registered. It is important that you are kept in the loop.

A lot happens this year & it will go really fast, so please join us as often as you can for functions & events, as very soon, these precious children will be changed as they grow & mature over the year and be off to High School very shortly.

**Year 6**

On Fridays, when the Year 7’s are completing some Leadership training, the Year 6’s will be continuing with their academic work in an independent way, usually with online activities.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us, email is usually a better way as we can’t always answer a phone call or meet face to face especially if we are teaching.

Have a great week

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

WANT A CHILD FREE NIGHT?

BABY SITTING
If you have a function to attend or just simply need some child free time
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
I can also help with homework
I COME TO YOU!
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Hi, my name is Audrey. I am 17 and a Lower Beechmont resident.
ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY PET CARE
Please ph: 55331390

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTS

A Community Outreach Team from the Department of Communities will be visiting Beechmont State school to help provide financial assistance for personal hardship experienced in recent days. DCS officers will see people as quickly as possible and appreciate your patience.

Where: Beechmont SS Administration Building
When: Thursday 7th and Friday 8th February
Time: 9am to 4 pm
Please bring: Driver’s licence, Medicare Card and a utilities bill or similar showing your residential address
PHONE ENQUIRIES
People not requiring urgent financial relief or those unable to attend in person should contact the Department of Communities on 1800 173 349.
Applications don’t close until 28 February 2013
HELP FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS & RURAL BUSINESSES
Assistance for flood affected farmers and rural businesses is also available. Call the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority (QRAA) on 1800 623 946 for more information.

CRICKET NEWS
Cricket is back on starting this Saturday 9th February and for the rest of the first term.
Where - the hall on Graceleigh
Time 9am
ALL WELCOME

Gold Coast North District Swimming Carnival
Any 10 – 13 year old student who is interested in nominating for the Gold Coast North District Swimming Carnival to be held on the 13th February (week 3) please see Mrs Thomson on Thursday 7th February. Nominees need to have accurate and current times for the stroke/s that they would wish to enter. Times need to meet the GCND swimming qualifying times. These will be available from Mrs Thomson. Students will need to be accompanied by their parent/guardian and have their own transport to and from the venue.
Regards, Leandra Thomson, PE Teacher

South Coast Netball Association Inc.

It's a Brand New Year!
And we have a Brand New Opens Competition!
Come Join Us for our Tuesday Comp!
Tallebudgera Indoor Recreation Centre

South Coast Netball Association are pleased to announce the 2013 Opens Competition commencing 5th February

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Regards, Leandra Thomson, PE Teacher
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