It is hard to believe that there is only 4 weeks left in Term 1. I would like to congratulate the children on their efforts in the classroom and the playground this term. I have taught at numerous schools over the years and the behaviour and attitude of the children at Beechmont is excellent. Unfortunately I had a visit from one of the bus drivers this morning informing me of some inappropriate behaviour on the bus. Could you please speak to your child and remind them about respecting all people at all times. The bus drivers have a huge responsibility transporting the children and they need to be focused on driving, not keeping an eye on disruptive children.

**Leaders’ Presentation This Friday**

This Friday is our annual Leaders’ Presentation Ceremony in the Hall on Graceleigh commencing at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to attend but especially the parents and relatives of the Year 7 students. There will be a morning tea following the ceremony.

**Swimming Carnival**

The Blue forms attached to this weeks week’s newsletter and is also on the website at ‘home / Notes that were sent home’ must be returned to School by this Thursday 7th March. Please complete your child’s ability to swim widths assisted or unassisted or lengths for each child and the transport section. It is vital that we have these forms so that transport can be organized and also to make sure we have enough people to effectively run the carnival. Entry to the pool costs $3.60 for a child & $4.90 for an adult paid on the day at the gate individually & you can purchase from the canteen at the pool or bring your own lunch.

**P + C News**

Thanks to everyone who attended the P&C AGM last Wednesday night, it was great to have such a good turn out. A special thanks to Member for Beaudesert Jon Krause for making the trip on a rainy night to attend our meeting.

A new executive has been elected which includes Michael Kenyon (President), Renae Knowles (Vice-President), Wendi Trulson (Treasurer) and Wendy Blunt (Secretary).

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 March at 7pm in the school library. Please come along and help decide how the P&C can continue to help the school this year. We will be working on a calendar of events to raise funds to purchase resources for our kids. If parents/grandparents/friends are able to volunteer some time at any of these events during the year, it would help to share the load of raising money for school resources which are not provided by the government.

In the last couple of years the P&C have upgraded the playgrounds and purchased twenty-two new laptop computers for classroom use. We look forward to your involvement.

**Parent and Community Engagement Framework launched**

Research tells us that students achieve more when schools, parents and the local community work together.

To this end our school will be using the newly-launched Parent and Community Engagement Framework to better work with you for the benefit of our children. Visit the website for more information on the framework.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH
06 Mar  Colour Day Blue
07  Combined Band Beechmont
08 Mar  Leaders' Presentation
14  Swimming Carnival Nerang
15 Mar  School Disco
28  Easter Hat Parade
29  Good Friday

UNIFORM SHOP FIRE SALE

- School Socks 3 for $10.00 of $4.00 a pair.
- Girls Gabardine Shorts $4.00 ea.
- Girls Green Tights $1.00 ea.
- Girls Gabardine Slacks $6.00 ea.

If you ordered a new sports shirt at the end of last year and it hasn’t got the screen printing on the back can you please return it to school by Friday so I can send them off to be printed, sorry for the mistake.
Uniform Shop Opened every Friday morning from 8.15 until 8.45

Thanks Janine

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

your Beechmont State School P&C Assn.
Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 55333340
email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

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

Another week of indoor fun at Mountain Mates. The children are to be commended for their excellent behaviour throughout this wet weather. We have been able to bake, create and play our way through the rainy days.

Hama Beading has been a popular activity with some excellent designs being produced.

This Monday we are making sushi sandwiches and for dinner on Thursday evening we will have Bacon & Egg Mountain Mate Burgers followed by Chocolate Mousse for dessert.

Fingers crossed for some dry weather on Wednesday for our Archery lessons.

Janine attended a Statewide training program on the National Quality Framework last week and has gathered further information on keeping our Service at a high quality. Clare & Kara both attended a workshop titled “What’s with this Kid - Ways to Positively Guide Children’s Behaviour”. The information they both collected will be beneficial to them and their work within our Service. Kim & Janine will be attending a Professional Learning Network dicussion on Wednesday which always has important information

and they will also be updating their 1st Aid on Thursday.

Many thanks to our outgoing P&C Executive and congratulations to the newly elected Executive.
Again we are looking forward to working with you during 2013.

Have a great week.

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

Dear Parents,

The Canungra and Beechmont State School choirs are vocal groups that cater for students throughout the schools who are interested in singing and performing in a multi-age group environment. The choirs provide excellent opportunities to build confidence, make new friends, and experience the fun of performing in front of others!

Being part of a group that practices regularly in order to produce memorable performances requires dedication and commitment. The expectations of being part of the school choir are:
1. to attend practices:
   - Beechmont (year P-4) every Thursday 2nd break in Mrs Evans’ room
   - Beechmont (year 5-7) every Thursday 2nd break in Mr B’s Music Room.
2. to attend planned performances. Notice is usually given in advance of upcoming performances.
   - The Big Rocks for 2013 are the Canungra Show and Christmas Carols.
3. to be a committed member of the choir. Students who do not attend rehearsals frequently may not be considered to perform at scheduled events.
4. students will not be allowed to re-join the choir if they elect to leave.

A lot of students have expressed great interest in being a part of the choir this year. In order to help establish an understanding of fairness and what it takes to be a part of a group, would you assist me in discussing the above points to your child at some stage?

I look forward to seeing these lovely children perform to you later in the year and I trust they will make you proud :)

Mr Dave Brown
Music Teacher Canungra & Beechmont State School
NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

In Math this week we are studying measurement with the Year 1’s concentrating on capacity and the Year 2’s on mass. There will be lots of hands-on activities as we fill, weigh and compare objects.

In Science we have been examining habitats and discussing healthy vs unhealthy habitats. Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Miranda Cording for beautiful bookwork, Tilly Miller for her Sight Words and Samuel Hashim-Jones for his word hunting.

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 kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

A new homework sheet will be sent home today in the children’s communication folders. I have discussed homework with a number of children after the first fortnight and we have established some individual goals. Most children completed their homework tasks well and showed that they are working on homework daily. All children need to write out and practise their two lists of spelling words for the fortnight. Any words that the children are unsure of need to be practised with Look-Cover-Write-Check in their homework book. Please remind children to write out and practise their Number Facts also.

Children who know their multiplication facts should practise division facts as an extension.

In History this week, we are continuing to look at world exploration. We will be looking at atlases and investigating where the explorers originated from in the period 1492-1800. We will also be discussing the reasons for world exploration and colonization.

In Maths the children are working with measurement. We are investigating metres and centimetres and measuring with various instruments. Extension work will involve problem solving with length and perimeter.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

It has been fantastic to see what a responsible and organised group of children our class consists of this year. They have been getting very good results on their spelling tests and have remembered to complete and hand in their homework on time. If your child is having difficulty with the homework set, feel free to let me know and we can arrange a modified task. Homework is for the child to complete and not their family members, so I am happy to modify the work to something that they can do independently.

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 5 were: Madeline Evans, Lachlan McIntyre, Kelsie Moyce, Mikaela Jones and Tiah Palmer. Congratulations to all.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

It has been another busy week in the Year 6/7 classroom and as we pass the halfway mark for the term there is still a lot of work to be done. Many students have been trying hard to improve their homework standard and that is always very pleasing to see. It is vital that word sorts are being completed each night and the times recorded as this forms an important basis to our spelling program. This Friday is the Leaders’ Presentation Day for the Year 7s and we invite all parents to join us for this very special event. The Year 7s will be singing their Leadership song and the words for this should be being practised each night in anticipation for their performance on Friday.

Instant recall of times tables continues to be an issue for some of the students and we cannot stress enough the importance of developing this vital skill. There are many websites and apps which can assist in the consolidating is knowledge and we strongly suggest adding 10 mins a night to homework if this is an area that needs improvement.

Just to keep you all up to date with some staffing changes, I will be away for all of Term 2 on Long Service leave. Mrs Elizabeth Perkins will be taking my place 3 days a week in the Year 6/7 classroom. She is an excellent teacher with many years of experience and I know that the children will enjoy their time with her. I am definitely going to miss the class whilst I am away and look forward to returning to them in Term 3.

Have a great week and we look forward to seeing some of you at the Leaders’ Presentation Day on Friday.

Warm Regards
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!
LOWER BEECHMONT AREA

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA
We have recently launched the website Family Law Network Australia. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. The information provided on our website could be very useful and of great benefit to the families who attend your school.
We would be most obliged if you could advise the parents and carers about our free service in your school newsletter and include a link to our website on the links page of your website.
We invite you to visit Family Law Network Australia at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au to assess the suitability of including our website on your links page. If you are happy to include a link to our website we would be most grateful if you do so by arranging for your webmaster to post the following code:

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

Soccer News
A great team sport for boys and girls of all ages
Join up now for a sports season of fun. The first game is scheduled for Saturday 6th April.
Training for the season will be on Tuesday afternoons between 3pm and 4pm on the oval.
For further information contact Rich 55331227 info@manakithomes.com.au

Ipswich Plant Expo
9th and 10th March 2013
8am – 4pm
Ipswich Turf Club
Brisbane Rd, Bundamba (URD: 214 F15) Entry: $5 per adult (Children under 15 free)
Free carparking
www.plantexpo.com.au