FORMAL DISCO THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

- This Friday Night 8th November
- 6.30pm – 8.30pm
- $5 entry
- Canteen available
- Help desperately needed for supervision so our children can be safe all night
- No child is allowed outside
- Parents must come inside to collect children. Children cannot go outside to meet parents
- Lots of prizes available
- Please complete the Disco help form that is part of this newsletter
- Lets provide our children with a safe, fun activity

BAND NEWS

There will be no early Band practice this Wednesday as Mr Clyde is at Awards presentation at Mount Tamborine. Students should still bring there instruments as lessons will happen in session 2 & 3.

Next Wednesday 13th November at 7.15pm Hall on Graceleigh – New and continuing students interested in Instrumental Music for 2014.

There will be several music shop showing trade displays for parents and students to look or buy.

JUNIOR BAND

On Wednesday the Junior Band performed extremely well at MusicFest. I have included the adjudicator’s comments below.

OVERALL-BRONZE TROPHY

Stage Presence & presentation       GOLD/SILVER  Well presented
Intonation                          SILVER     Support tone with good embouchure, air and posture
Repertoire & selection Utilisation  SILVER     Royal March, a challenging work for this ensemble
Musicianship                        BRONZE     Power Rock working nicely
Phrasing                            BRONZE     Hobbit Dance Great work clarinets and flute!!
Balance & Blend                     BRONZE     Developing well, ensure you play with your best tone & listen to others to blend as a ensemble
Precision                          BRONZE     Foot/clap in Power Rock well done! Be Careful not to speed up
Rhythmic                            BRONZE     Percussion section, ensure you count your music and watch your conductor
Dynamics & control                  BRONZE     Greater Dynamics will enhance your performance

Well done young musicians!! Keep working on accuracy of rhythm & notes with your best tone. Congratulations today!

PS- Love the dedicated clarinet with a broken arm Robyn Roswarn
COMING EVENTS

November
06 Nov Colour Day-Multi colours
07 Nov Bush poetry final Beechmont 9:30am
08 Nov Year 2 Swimming Lessons
08 Nov Formal Disco
11 Nov Last Week Library lessons
11 Nov Rememberence Day Service
13 Nov P & C Meeting 7pm Library
13 Nov Recruitment Night for Band
15 Nov All Library Books to be returned
15 Nov Year 2 Swimming Lessons
19 Nov Prep Orientation.
22 Nov Year 2 Swimming Lessons
29 Nov Last Year 2 Swimming Lesson
29 Nov P & C Christmas Picnic
03 Dec Year 7 Orientation Nerang SHS
05 Dec Year 7 Orientation Tamborine SHS
06 Dec End of year Concert
10 Dec Yr7 Graduation

P & C NEWS

The P & C will be hosting a “Christmas Picnic” on Friday evening 29th November from 5 - 8pm. This will be an opportunity to get together to celebrate the festive season with other mountain families. Bring a picnic plus chairs or a picnic blanket and set up on the grass next to the undercover area. There will be carols to sing along to and drinks available from the bar (along with some special festive drinks). Join us for this relaxed get-together to celebrate the end of the school year.

NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

NIGHT PAST PUPIL SUCCESS

Public Speaking Awards, Bethany Boland & Elizabeth Abbey
Year 8 Scholarships Amy & Emma Bennett
Year 10 Academic Awards, Credit, Bethany Boland & Monique Cook
Year 11 Academic Awards Hospitality Studies, Yasmine Cook,
English, Modern History & Visual Arts & Distinction Angel Nikijuluw,
Certificate 1 in Manufacturing, Science in practice. Harrison Pickett
Year 12 Academic Awards, Ancient History, English,
Home Economics, Distinction & Scholarship to Bond University,
as well as the School Leaders Award Elizabeth Abbey
English Communication Samantha Bennett,
Distinction & Dux of the School, & Bachelor of Biomedical Science at Griffith University Jake Hashim Jones,
Credits Dannica Llewellyn & Sam Sproul,
Mention must also go to, Bailey Evans, Bethany Boland, Angelique Steele & Brogan Munster for being part of the 2 bands that performed.
It was so good seeing so many of our past pupils featuring in the Awards night. For the number of students we send to Nerang High, we can be exceptionally proud of the number of Students who receive awards or part of groups like the bands Well done past pupils

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

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

Welcome to Week 5 – Term 4 at Mountain Mates.
We didn’t get heaps of rain BUT the afternoon’s have been sensational for outdoor play.
We have had plenty of quality time enjoying our ball games and tennis this week. Again some incredible skills were achieved during our Tennis lessons. Well done.

LESSON 2 - NQF
Q. What are the aims of the National Quality Framework (NQF)?
A. The NQF aims to raise quality and drive continuous improvement and consistency in
education and care services and school age care through:

- The Education & Care Services National Law and the Education and Care Services National Regulations.
- The National Quality Standard for Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care.
- A national quality rating and assessment process;
- Streamlined regulatory arrangements
- A new national body jointly governed by the Australian Government and state and territory governments – the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) – to oversee the new system.

The National Quality Framework started being implemented on the 1st January 2012 with key requirements being phased in over time. Requirements such as qualification, educator-to-child ratios and other key staffing arrangements will be phased in between 2012 and 2020.

Invoices will be sent out this week, so please look out for them either in your Inbox or your child’s bag.

**GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR SWEEPS FOR THE MELBOURNE CUP!!**

Have a wonderful week – we certainly will.

From Kim, Janine, Clare & Christie.

*Your Mountain Mates Team.*

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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 preceding issue. Thank you for your assistance.

**STUDENT BANKING**

Important notice Commonwealth Bank is changing next year. Student saving tokens need to be redeemed by the end of November. Below are the reward options these will all be new rewards by 2014. So please redeem your rewards and if you are a couple short please make frequent deposits.

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**TECHNOLOGY CLUB**

Each Friday lunchtime over the rest of the term, the Year 7’s will be assembling the robots and programming them to perform tasks such as navigating around the room.

*Dean Cording*

Technology Club Convenor

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**DISCO HELP**

☐ Yes, I will be able to help with the School disco on Friday 8th November, at ‘the Hall on Graceleigh’.

☐ I will be able to sit on 1 of the 4 internal doors so that children stay inside

☐ I will sit at the front door and collect the admission fees

☐ I am happy to do regular checks on the toilets to make sure they are being used appropriately

☐ I am happy to work in the canteen

☐ I am happy to stay after 9pm to help with the clean up

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Today I have sent home the letter detailing the costume requirements for the End of Year Concert. Please look for it in the children’s communication folders. Also if you know that you won’t be attending the concert please let me know as partners and line configurations for the dance have already been organised and absences will mean altering the dance.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Jonah Bowen-Brown, Sophia Gistitin and Mikah Browning for learning their first 300 Fry Sight Words, Daisy Bowler and Samuel Hashim-Jones for their excellent doubles facts and Arianna Musumeci for her significant improvement in Reading.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

This week we will be completing many of our assessment tasks for the semester. Please ensure that children are present this week so they don’t miss these important tasks.

In Technology, the children have now completed the building of their huts for the Rowan of Rin task. We will now test them out with water and wind to see how strong they are.

In Geography we have been investigating Australia’s nearest neighbours. The children will be completing a short project on one of the countries that lies close to Australia. This will be completed at school in the next week.

For the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday, we had a simple sweep in the classroom where the children chose the name of a horse out of a hat. We then watched the race and the winners won a small prize.

Have a good week.

Regards, Dan dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

In preparation for the Melbourne Cup our class designed hats to wear to the occasion. They had to make unique patterns and designs using colourful squares on an origami hat. Watching the Melbourne Cup helped us consolidate information learned about chance and data. Focus was of a purely educational nature and time was also spent on discussing games and opportunities available in the real world using chance and data.

In Science this term we are studying the topic, ‘Electricity’. As young scientists, the students are exploring circuitry and finding how to connect wires to a battery to light a bulb. Last week we investigated how light bulbs are structured and how they work. This week we will be examining the fascinating biography of physicist Alessandro Volta, to see how he developed the first battery in 1800.

Warm regards Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au
Managing Asthma over the School Holidays

Although school holidays are a time to relax and unwind from the busy school term, it’s important to still remain vigilant to asthma management to ensure that your time off is enjoyable. Whether you’re planning a trip overseas, interstate or even just staying at home, here are a few tips to ensure your asthma, or your child’s asthma, is well managed during the school holidays:

— Continue to take preventer medication as prescribed on your Asthma Action Plan
— Carry blue reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin) and spacer with you at all times
— Visit your doctor for an asthma review prior to travelling and request an updated Asthma Action Plan
— Remember to take your Asthma Action Plan away with you, or keep in an easy to access location in your home
— Ensure you take enough medication to last your trip, and take repeat prescriptions with you in case you misplace or run out of medication whilst away
— Check that your travel insurance policy specifically includes asthma and that it offers the cover you need

For more information about asthma, please contact 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)