FATHERS DAY STALL

Our P & C will be holding a Fathers Day Stall on Friday 23rd August - the week before Fathers Day which is on 1st September. We ask for your kind donations of small gifts for the children to choose from. Suggestions include: small gardening tools, toiletries, chocolates/confectionery, household tools or anything you think a Dad might like to receive. There will be a box in the office for your donations - please no fragile or second hand items. If you would like more information, please call Julie on 5533 3226.

HEAD LICE

Head lice have been detected in the school. It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Please contact the school if you require information on how to treat your children for head lice.

Responsibility

Families have the responsibility of finding and treating head lice at home.

- It’s important that families work together to beat head lice!
- Remember, children can learn to check for head lice themselves and help each other.
- Our school supports families by providing accurate information and reinforcing these messages at school.

CAMP UPDATE: PARENT MEETING

There will be a Parent Meeting on Thursday 8 August in the Library at 3:15pm to hand out the itinerary and answer any questions you may have. If you can’t make it I will send the itinerary home and we can talk on the phone or you can drop in and ask any questions.

Last week you should have received the Medical and Consent Form, can you please ensure this is returned as soon as possible.

The school account for the trip has to be paid in full on Monday. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please pay any outstanding money as soon as possible.

GOLD COAST SHOW DAY

Gold Coast show day this year is the 30th August. This is a public holiday and there will be no school. This year the Brisbane Show Day is not a Pupil Free day and students are expected to attend school.
COMING EVENTS

AUGUST
07 Aug  Colour day Theme Stripes
08 Aug  Parent Meeting Canberra Camp
09 Aug  Raw Art
14 Aug  P & C meeting 7pm
15 Aug  Combined Band Workshop Canungra
19 Aug  Gold Coast Eisteddfod Jnr/Snr Band
20 Aug  Public Speaking Competition
24 Aug  Canungra Show Performance Snr Band
26 Aug  Canberra Camp begins
30 Aug  Gold Coast Show

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

We are still waiting for the return of 18 outstanding School Opinion Survey envelopes. Could you please send all envelopes to Douglas. We need all envelopes returned even if you did not complete the survey. If you have completed the form online please let us know. Thank You.

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

Thanks Janine

UNIFORM NEWS

Thanks to all our regular student bankers. Unfortunately no-one in our school won a prize in the latest competition. Gilston State School did have a winner. Details will also be published on our website at commbank.com.au/adventureisland

STUDENT BANKING NEWS

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Welcome to week 4.
Our program is in full swing and we are building, cooking, creating, running, jumping, planting and having fun every afternoon.
The gardens are coming along nicely with Lily being one of our keenest gardeners. Lily certainly has a green thumb and she is looking after all of our plants with loads of love.

Our Monday Puppeters and Playmakers are very keen to put on a performance so keep an eye out for a special invitation.

Thank you to Mr Roberts, Mr Evans and the P&C volunteers who have tidied up our Mountain Mates area. It is great to be able to see down to the playground again.

Kim, Janine, Clare & Kara are off to a conference this weekend. We will come back on Monday bursting with ideas.

Have a great week – we will.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Hi everyone hope you are all enjoying this week and the lovely weather we have had so far. For the last few weeks in literacy groups the children have been doing sorts to help them with their spelling and reading of words. The sorts the children use have been selected based on where they are at. Some groups are looking at beginning constants (l, k, j and w) and other groups are looking at the word families (op, og and ot). In class we have also been looking at rhyming words and coming up with words that belong to a variety of word families. We read a book called “Have you ever seen a sneep? “, which is a rhyming text.

In maths we have been looking at various elements of number. We have played dominoes and looked at a building ten frame. We are continuing to look at number this week. We are investigating the early stages of addition and how to count groups of objects to find out how many altogether.
In science we have been continuing to look at materials and how they are affected by water. Next we will be investigating how wind affects objects.

In art we have started to make Paper Plate Tropical fish, which has had the children so far using their fingers to print fluro colours all over their fish.

Hope you all have a wonderful week.

Warm regards
Tania Evans
tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

1_2 are busily collecting materials to test as suitable components for their science assessment of making a wind ornament. They have drawn and labelled a diagram of their ornament and will be asking their parents to help them gather the materials they need. Part of the scientific process is their testing and analysis of the suitability of their materials themselves. Their finished product must reflect their initial design and their presentation must demonstrate their own testing of materials observed by the teacher. Parents please provide them with help in gathering the materials they ask for without contributing to any analysis as to the suitability of the material. It is crucial that children demonstrate an ability to independently assess the suitability of their materials and then make justifiable choices when building their ornament. Wind ornaments made at home with parent help will not be accepted for their assessment. We are looking forward to a return visit from the fire brigade on Thursday and what a good job the children made on their evacuation plans in their homework last week. I’ll be checking whether they know their addresses tomorrow!

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Tilly Miller for mastering 300 Sight Words, Sophia Gistitin and Austin Knowles for super-fast word sorting and Jonah Bowen-Brown for his excellent role playing of Mama Bird.

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 2/3 CLASS

This week we are beginning to work on our End of Year Concert dance. The theme this year is: weather. Our class will be dancing to the song, ‘Umbrella’ by Rihanna. The children will need an umbrella as a prop during the dance. A note will go home this week asking if you could give $7 towards the purchase of an umbrella for your child. We want to ensure the children all have the same type and colour of umbrella, so I will purchase a bulk class set.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

This week in Maths the class will be working with Patterns and Algebra. We will be investigating equations in Year 4 and learning how to balance these. Generating and identifying number patterns will also be part of this work. Extension work will involve using fractions for number patterns.

In writing this week, we will be completing our speeches for the Public Speaking day and night. The Year 3 children will be presenting their speech in the daytime and the Year 4 children will be participating in the Public Speaking Competition in the evening. All children are expected to participate in this activity which will be held on Tuesday 20-08-2013. More details will be sent home regarding the times for the heats and finals.

In History, we are continuing to look at life in the past in the local area and throughout Australia. We have completed a recount on the arrival of the First Fleet and discussed some of the changes that have occurred over the years since this time. Changes in the lifestyle of children over the past decades will be our next focus for discussion.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

As part of our technology this term, the children will be designing and creating a Rube Goldberg machine. Below are examples of the machines.

To make this machine, children will need a variety of recyclable materials from home. If you have any clean bottles, lids, piping, boxes or anything that could be used for this project, we would greatly appreciate your contribution.

Unfortunately there are still too many children who do not know their times tables. Learning the
times tables and basic number facts are vital to virtually all areas taught in maths, and without this knowledge, children struggle with basic computations. This can result in children having little confidence in their experiences with maths and developing a strong dislike for the subject. Learning the times tables is encouraged on a regular basis during class, and I would appreciate parental support from the home front to tackle this problem.

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

SOCCER NEWS
Home games on Saturday.

Tamborine carnival Sunday 25th August for Under 11’s and Under 9’s. End of season presentation ceremony Saturday 31st August at our home grounds after the last game is played.

For further information contact Rich 55331227 or Anita at info@manakithomes.com.au

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