PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Electronic Devices and Toys

I would like to ask parents and carers for their support in ensuring that electronic devices and toys are not brought to school. There have been numerous cases where the younger children are losing their toys and it creates problems in the classrooms and the playground.

Some of the older children are bringing mobile phones, ipods and other electronic devices to school. There have been some instances of children filming and photographing other children. I have spoken to the children involved and they understand that it is inappropriate to do this at school without the consent of parents. I fully understand that parents provide mobile phones to their children for safety. If your child needs to have a mobile phone or electronic device at school they will need to hand them into Douglas when they arrive at school and collect it when they leave at the end of the day.

If you need further clarification in this matter please give me call. Thank you for your support.

Crichton Roberts

NAPLAN

The Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests are formal national tests designed to inform the teaching and learning cycle. The tests are being administered next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the first session of the day. The results from the 2013 NAPLAN tests are only one element of a school’s assessment program at one point in time.

The test results sit within the broader context of a school’s existing assessment data that has been gathered through:

- observation
- focused analysis
- consultation.

It is imperative that all students participate in this assessment. Can you please ensure that your children attend school on the test days.

For almost all students, the test results will be consistent with performance on other assessments. If the results are different from what was expected, then the reason/s why differences may have occurred should be investigated. The results of the tests may indicate some aspects of student performances that may need further investigation within the classroom using other forms of assessment.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions regarding NAPLAN.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Our Mothers Day stall is this Friday 10th May. You can come and choose your gifts for Mum before school only. We will have gift tags for sale and also some lovely plants. We still need lots of gifts to be donated to make this stall a success. There is a box in the office for donations. Please no second hand or fragile items. Thank you to everyone who has already donated gifts and offered to help. We have some truly lovely gifts. If you would like more information or would like to help, please call Julie on 5533 3226.

CROSS COUNTRY FOOD

Friday 17th May is Cross Country. This year we won’t be working and selling food and drinks from the Hall Kitchen. We will have normal Tuckshop the same as every Friday.

If there are any parents who would like to order then fill out a bag the same as the children and put it into your child’s Tuckshop Box.

If you require Tea or Coffee head up to the Tuckshop and we can help you out with that also.

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COMING EVENTS

May
08 May  P & C Meeting 7:00pm
08 May  Senior Band 7:45am
10 May  Mothers Day Stall (open prior to school)
12 May  Mothers Day – a special day for Mums
14 May  Naplan Yr 3, 5 & 7 till 16 May
15 May  No Senior Band 7:45am
17 May  Interhouse Cross Country
22 May  Carnival of Words 9:30am-12:00pm
21 May  National Walk Safely to School Day
24 May  District Cross Country
29 May  Senior Band 07:45am
30 May  Combined Band Day Canungra

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

We understand that there will be times you may be unavailable please either swap your shift or contact the School or Kathleen (0409 642743) so a replacement can be arranged as extra pairs of hands are required. Thank you for your help.

Kathleen Callister

Wed 08 May  Vicki Bouwer
Fri 10 May  Kerry Murphy & Janine Van B
Wed 15 May  Stephanie Utakea
Fri 17 May  Michelle Moyce
Wed 22 May  Vicki Bouwer
Fri 24 May  Kikumi Bennett & Janine Van B
Wed 29 May  Stephanie Utakea
Fri 31 May  Michelle Moyce

Carnival of Words

Thank you to those who let us know that the date for the Carnival of Words was incorrectly shown in the middle part of the invitation sent out last week. Sorry for the confusion. Please note that the correct date for Carnival of Words is Wednesday 22nd May 2013 9:30am – 12:00pm. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to participate on this day.

THANK YOU FROM SUZANNE

Well I managed to get through last week without breaking anything, well almost! I eventually got the bell to work, had an on going battle with the photocopier and managed not to find spell check for the newsletter (sorry to those whom I misspelt names). Thanks Kathleen for stepping in for a few days, Crichton for his direction, and to the school community for your patience. I have renewed profound respect for what Douglas does effortlessly everyday from kids in sick bay, general maintenance, class photocopying, newsletter updates and the massive job of looking after administration. Welcome back Douglas! Look forward to seeing you all again Suzanne Noakes

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

LIBRARY NEWS

The library is open first break all this term on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Come in and visit Mrs Perkins or myself and play a board game, read a story, colour in or draw.

Don’t forget to look after Mum this Sunday on Mothers Day. Have a great week.

Trish O’Connell pocon7@eq.edu.au

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 55333340
email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

Week 4 Term 2

The Mountain Mates children are really enjoying our new activities for Term 2.

On Monday the children created some “Shrinky Dinks”. The children were crouched down in the kitchen to watch what happened to their shrinky dinks once they had coloured them and then put them in the oven. They curled and twisted and became one tenth of their original size.

On Tuesday we enjoyed another beautiful afternoon skipping. Our instructor is very impressed with the ability of our children here at Mountain Mates.

Wednesday we spoke about our ancestry and I asked the children if they could find out their cultural backgrounds so we can create our cultural wall.

Thursday was our first Tae Kwon Do lesson and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. They learnt a simple method of self defence and posture and strength in their stance. Tom, our Arakan Martial Arts instructor said that the Beechmont children were the most well behaved after school care group he had ever had. A big pat on the back girls and boys.

Friday afternoon saw us continue on with our paper plate craft theme creating lady beetles.

Have a fantastic week. From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare, Kara & Christie. Your Mountain Mates Team.
In Math this week we are analysing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes with the Year 2’s focussing on polygons, polyhedrons and quadrilaterals. At home you can help increase your child’s awareness of shape by playing eye spy the 2D and 3D shapes in the environment e.g. a cereal box looks like a rectangular prism.

In History we have been sharing family stories as a way of remembering the past and looking at memory quilts. For homework next week the children will be asking you to share old family stories with them which they can record as drawings on a quilt worksheet.

In Science we continue to look at the properties of materials as well as working in the gardens to create a butterfly habitat from our Term 1 investigation and our thanks go to Mrs Barrett for her help with this project.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Rylan Christiansen and Tilly Miller for super-fast word sorting and Sophia Gistitin for the highest score on the Literacy Planet Leaderboard.

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

Congratulations to last week’s award winners Jethro Harris and Samantha Bennett. Jethro received his for working so hard to learn his weekly spelling words and Samantha received hers for her excellent work in our 3D shape maths lessons.

Children for homework will now only be doing their daily reader and practising their spelling words each night. I have removed the extra sheet we normally do as I understand how difficult it can be to meet the homework requirements. Children are now just offered the extra sheet as an optional task if they wish.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Congratulations to our award winners last week: Monique Boura, Shakyay Bowen-Brown, Yolanda Pitman and Kodie Robinson. Well done!

This week in History the children will begin to work on a project related to our unit of work on European Exploration. The children will be choosing a European explorer to research in order to present a written and oral presentation on this explorer. We will be cooperatively working out the criteria for this project this week and the children will begin their research.

In English we are in the final stages of constructing Persuasive Texts. This week, the class will begin to work on the construction of a whole Persuasive Text using the techniques and skills that we have learned in the past three weeks.

Please encourage children to practise their spelling words and multiplication tables for a short time each night as this is the most efficient way to recall and learn these. Practising words or tables once in a fortnight is not an efficient strategy.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

The year 3, 5 & 7 Naplan tests will take place next week. Our class has been going over some sample tests and learning some strategies in how to answer questions. I have explained to the children that for most of the questions, they will have a very good chance of getting correct answers if they focus on the strategies taught. Some of these strategies include; reading and understanding the whole question, making sure they have answered all questions – not missed any due to not turning pages properly, using scrap paper to do working out and making sure they are applying the correct operation to work out the question. We have spoken about using a positive, “can do”, attitude when sitting the tests and that the tests should put no more pressure on them then doing any other task in the class.

During the week we looked at some free Apps that children could download from the iTunes Store. These Apps are particularly useful for children who own an iPod touch or iPad, as they can practice their times tables at any time. Unfortunately there are still too many children in the class who do not know their times tables well enough and it is impacting on their ability to understand and work out other mathematical tasks.

Award winners for week 3 were: Ostin Piggott, Kelsie Moyce, Olivia Flesser and Jade Mitchell. Congratulations to all. Hope you have a great week.

Regards,
Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au
jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Welcome to week 4. This week we are finishing up all of the history assessment, including 2 written paragraphs, a short speech and an art presentation. We will now be moving onto a new SOSE unit based on understanding the responsibilities involved in belonging to a global community. This unit will focus on the unique global situation and environmental issues surrounding Antarctica. We will explore the connections between Australia and other nations of the world in managing and protecting the resources and environment of Antarctica and global citizenship.
The nature of this unit will also give students the opportunity to develop mapping skills.

Congratulations to those children in term 2 who have so far earned awards on parade: Levi Boland and India Rose Harper for always being responsible and mature class members; Phoebe Burchill, Desi Johnson and Carlia Blunt for always putting their best effort into their work; Alax Sawatzi for his maths work; and Lochlan Kurtev for being a hard worker.

Have a good week. Regards,

Elizabeth Perkins perk17@eq.edu.au &
Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au

Some budding Authors!

A Healthy Breakfast is Important!

Are you one of those people who always feel exhausted and starving well before your next meal? Well you absolutely need to have the best breakfast possible to start off your day and keep you on your feet until your next meal. I strongly believe that you need to have the healthiest breakfast possible to keep you awake all day long.

Everyone knows that scoffing down too much sugar in your meal only gives you a short supply of energy. If I have an unhealthy breakfast I soon start to feel sluggish and exhausted, it is the WORST feeling in the WORLD. To have enough energy to last the day you need to and absolutely have to eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast every morning. Scientists, nutritionists and doctors have proven that when you have a complete and healthy breakfast you can get through your day without having a rumbling stomach or an exhausted body.

By Taylah Dunkerton Yr. 6

Everlasting Energy!

Are you one of those people who always feel exhausted and starved by 9.30 in the morning? Do you feel like collapsing and doing nothing? Maybe you should try something different and eat a healthy, nutritious breakfast instead of something sweet and sugary. I strongly believe it is vitally important to eat a healthy breakfast each and every day of the year to keep you going.

Eating sugar only gives you a short lasting energy which is well known to everyone. Scientists, doctors and nutritionists have all proven that eating a healthy breakfast with high nutritional value will give you a boost that lasts a long time. When you have eaten sugar, you feel hyped up and energetic, but don’t be fooled! The boost that sugar gives you is only short, not nearly enough to last you the whole day!

By Carlia Blunt Yr. 6

PARENTS & GUARDIANS,

On Tuesday, the 21st May, Nerang SHS will be holding their annual Parent Information Evening. It will be an opportunity for you to learn more about the exciting and unique programs that Nerang State High School can offer your child as they progress to the next phase of their educational journey.

Programs such as:

- The COMETS Academic Excellence Program
- Our specialty Signature Programs offered in Culinary, Dance/Drama, Music and Industrial Design.
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- Support Services & so much more.

It will be conducted in Nerang State High School’s hall and commence at 5:30pm for a 7:00pm finish. If you require further information, you can visit us on our website www.nerangshs.eq.edu.au or please feel free to email me at awool42@eq.edu.au.

Thank you and I hope to see you there,

Aaron Woolnough
HOD Of Jnr Secondary
Nerang State High School

GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES – ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Beechmont Netball Club News**

It was a perfect round of Netball as all four teams were winners. Branko Sola did a great job with the Tiger’s filling in for Kim. They showed lots of improvement and had lots of fun. The Bandicoots had a nail biter hanging in there for a 6 to 5 win. The Eagles were brilliant showing a lot of flair winning 18 to 7. The surprise visit of Tania Stanley lifted the Saints to another level winning 18 to 10. Well done to all players, coaches and parents and friends cheering on from the side lines. Remember if anyone would like a jacket or one our awesome backpacks please let me know. Greg 0405206076

**THE BEECHMONT SOCIAL CLUB**

Our Club is looking for anyone in the Community who would like to play Indoor Soccer at the Hall on Graceleigh this Friday 10th May 2013.

All welcome for information contact Greg on 0405 206 076

**SOCCER NEWS**

A fantastic Saturday morning for soccer. Under 11’s took home a win from Runaway Bay and the under 7’s had a very challenging run against Coomera. No results from the other teams at this stage. This Saturday are away games again, so check on line for times and clubs.

**REMINDER**

CONSENT FORM MUST BE EMAILED TO US ASAP

For further information contact Rich 5530127 or Anita at info@manakithomes.com.au

Free treatment for children (aged 8 to 12 years) who WORRY a lot @ GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

Parents, is your child a worrier or a “worry wart”? Does your child worry a lot about everything like school, family, friends, their health and saying the wrong thing? At Griffith University we are offering a free treatment program for children aged 8 to 12 years who worry a lot. 

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