Welcome to term 4, the last 10 weeks of the 2013 School year. Very soon we’ll be saying welcome to 2014! The time is flying by far too quickly. Our Year 7 students only have 10 weeks left of being Primary School students before they enter the world of High School. These next 10 weeks are exciting and emotional time for these students.

There is a lot happening this term, major events are

- Interhouse Reading Competition
- Bush Poetry Competition
- Auskick
- Brave hearts visit for Prep to Year 3
- Combined Junior and Senior Band Days
- Swimming lessons for Year 2
- Remembrance Day Service
- End of Year Concert and Awards Night

BEECHMONT AWARD

Attached to today’s newsletter is a blue sheet so you can nominate someone for the Beechmont School Award. This Award, presented at our End of Year Concert and Awards Night on Friday December 6th, recognizes a contribution made to our School by an individual, organization or group of people.

This award is decided by you, the parents. Please complete the form and return to School by Thursday 25th October. This is an important award in our community to recognize a valuable contribution to our School.

BEECHMONT DAY

What a fabulous day we had at Kurrawa Park on the last day of Term 3 for Beechmont Day. The weather was very kind to us and the children were beautifully behaved.

My thanks to the teachers who organised fun activities and those parents who were able to stay and assist during the day.

Congratulations to Monique Boura on winning the ‘Sickest Joke on Beechmont’ competition.

It is days like Beechmont Day that reinforces what a very special School we have. It would be fantastic to see more children attend next year. Thank you all for your support.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT YEAR?

Our staffing for 2014 is being decided right now. It is absolutely vital that you let us know if you are not planning to be here next year. At a school of our size, one or two children really do make a difference to our overall staffing mix, so please, if you are planning to be off the mountain or attend another school, please let us know ASAP, so we can accurately plan for 2014 so that your children can have a stable start to next year. Thank you so much for your help with this very important information.
COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
08 Oct  Welcome back first Day of Term 4
08 Oct  Nomination open for Beechmont Award
09 Oct  Colour Day Theme ‘Pink”
11 Oct  Parade
14 Oct  Interhouse Reading Competition starts
18 Oct  Auskick starts
25 Oct  Year 6/7 V8 Supercars
28 Oct  Senior Band Iona College Performance
30 Oct  Junior Band Iona College Performance
19 Nov  Prep Orientation.

NERANG ALLIANCE SPEAKING OUT COMPETITION

Best wishes to Cameron Ayers, Natasha Trikilis, Wishy Thirasantikamol and India-Rose Harper as they compete in the Nerang Alliance Speaking Out competition next Wednesday 16th October. We are very proud of you all, relax and enjoy the night.

CORRECTION NETBALL NEWS

A very big congratulations to Amy Bennett who was nominated for Sportsperson of the Year in her netball division at SCNA this year. We are very proud of her nomination J (Sorry Amy!!)

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. Thankyou for your assistance.

UNIFORM NEWS

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

CONGRATULATIONS

We are very pleased to announce that Bonnie Shearman (Music), Amy Bennett (Music), Emma Bennett (Music), India-Rose Harper (Music/Dance), Lachlan Ayers (Music/Academic) have all been accepted into Excellence programs at Nerang High for next year. Out of a group of only 17 children this is certainly an amazing achievement. Well Done to you all!!

PREP 2014 REMINDER

Our Prep Orientation morning will be held on Tuesday 19 November between 9am - 11am. Please spread the word to any of your neighbours who may have Prep aged children, as we would love to see them on that day.

To be eligible to enrol in Prep in 2014 a child must be born between 1st July 2008 and 30th June 2009. Please spread the word.

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 back from your holidays and welcome to Week 1 – Term 4 at Mountain Mates

Congratulations to all of the children who came and enjoyed Vacation Care with us. We had a terrific time.

Our Term Program is attached to this week’s newsletter with loads of wonderful things to do. If you haven’t been to Mountain Mates before, don’t worry, just call in and pick up an enrolment form. We can then give you a quote so you know the fee structure for the day.

We will begin our Program in Week 2 so our first week is getting settled back into the Term and enjoying the wonderful afternoons in the fabulous outdoors.

Over the holidays we received a few pieces of good news :-
Firstly we were successful in securing a $1000.00 grant with the Scenic Rim Community Grants Program.
Secondly Mountain Mates were awarded SunSmart Status, which means we adhere to Sunsmart Australian standards.

A big thanks to Jesse for hanging our Sunsmart sign for us.
Thanks to Mr Evans for dropping off the carpark key so we could have a successful Wheelie Day.
A HUGE thanks to all of the families who supported us during Vaction Care.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

BAND REPORT

Big thank you to everyone for putting in their valuable time to help assist and come together to make this day happen.

John Clyde jclyd3@eq.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Please ensure that your child has a library bag to bring their library book to school each week in. With the return of warmer weather, we are seeing an incidence of wet books from the condensation off poppers and water bottles. You can purchase a BSS library bag from Douglas or a plastic shopping bag is a great substitute. Thank you for your support in this matter.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The student councillors for the year are Jasper Marshall, Phoebe Burchell, Sidney Slater, Jake Mobbs, Wishy Thirasantikamol, Jade Mitchell, Ula Trulson, Ayla Sola and Abbey Trikillis. The councillors were busy last term surveying their peers, collating data and discussing ways in which to improve our school. Some of the ideas/issues that have been discussed and are being worked on are as follows:

- Besides having colour days, having an extra “Wacky” dress day
- Making signs for the forts so that children are clear on their play areas
- Starting a skipping club – better monitoring and distribution of skipping ropes
- Fundraising for a slide for the older children’s fort
- Doing something about the toilets to try to make them smell and look better. Perhaps signs to make sure everyone flushes, stools so that smaller kids can reach the buttons and perhaps a way of drying hands after washing them.

Feel free to approach and discuss any other thoughts or concerns you may have with one of your friendly student councillors.

PREP NEWS

Hi everyone and welcome back to term 4. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and your children had a good break. This term always feels like it flies by and there is a lot to do in this term. The children will be starting to learn the dance for the end of year concert soon and I will send more information home about costumes and dress.

In literacy this week the children will be making a poster of their favourite book they have read in Prep this year and they will be discussing why this is a good book to read.

Readers have started again today and are to be read every night if possible. Many children have made great progress with their sight words with some children even learning beyond number 20. If you can do these with your children at the pace they can cope with their reading will also show improvement. In the next few weeks I will be looking at moving some children’s reading level up so just let me know if it is too hard or easy for them. They not only should be able to read the book but have some comprehension about it too.

Hope you all have a wonderful week.

Warm regards

Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Welcome back everyone. It is with sadness that we said “Goodbye” to two of our classmates, Scarlett and Michael, last term. This term our daily exercise sessions will switch to dance practice as we begin to assemble the moves needed for our EOYC dance. Discussion will take place this week as to what costumes the children think would match our song “Hot’n’Cold” by Katy Perry (the cleaned up version) and I will let you all know by the end of next week so you can begin the hunt for costumes.

In Literacy we continue to explore poetry and in Math we will be exploring Money & financial mathematics. Year 1 aims to recognise, describe, order Australian coins according to their value, and Year 2 are to count collections of coins and notes, make and compare money amounts, and, read and write money amounts.
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**

For homework this week the spelling component is slightly different. Children are given a list of their spelling words and they need to write them into the first column of their spelling practice sheet. All the sheets in homework this week are related to this week’s spelling words. The spelling words are focused on Greek roots and Latin stems: ‘circ’, ‘oct’, ‘dec’, ‘cent’ and ‘re’.

Just a reminder to anyone who hasn’t paid the $7 for the umbrella for the End of Year Concert dance. If it could be paid over the next week the children could start dancing with their umbrellas as soon as possible.

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

**YEAR 5/6 CLASS**

Welcome back to term 4. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are ready for a busy finish to the year.

We have Katie Alini – student teacher from Griffith University - working with our class for the first six weeks of the term.

In week 3 the class will be going on an excursion to the Planetarium at Mt Coot-tha to consolidate the learning about the solar system. Notes regarding the excursion were sent home in the last week of term 3. If you have not received this, please ask your child to take home another one.

We are also hoping to organise an excursion to the Nerang Woolworths to consolidate learning this term about goods and services, producers and consumers being studied in our SOSE unit. More information regarding this excursion will be available later in the term.

As part of our speaking and listening assessment for this term, each child in the class will have two opportunities to present a 5 minute oral presentation about current news items. A timetable has been issued so that all children know when their assessment is due. The timetable has also been posted on our Ed Studio page.

Homework began today and will consist of the following for term 4; spelling words for each week, reading for a minimum of 15 minutes per day – this must be logged in the homework book, preparing for the oral presentation, a weekly problem solving sheet and any other incidental projects or tasks that need to be completed for class. The spelling word can also be located on our Ed studio page if your child happens to misplace their words.

Warm regards
Katie and Joyce

**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

A very warm welcome back to the Term 4, 2013. I do hope that you had a wonderful relaxing holiday and have recharged the batteries ready for a very busy final term. There is a lot going on this term and the time will certainly fly with events such as Budding Bards, End of Year Concert and Graduation. For the Year 7s, this marks the final 10 weeks of their Primary School years. This can be an emotional time in the Year 7s lives as they begin to reflect on many things which will be their last at Beechmont State School.

It is vital that all children are at school every day to maximise their learning and progress. Term 4 is a reporting term with a lot of final assessment taking place. Children need to be present to ensure that key concepts are learnt and that their true achievement levels can be demonstrated. It is also very important that the children are getting enough sleep every night. With all of the commitments in our busy lives, it is easy to forget the importance of sleep. Ideally, children should be getting between 10 and 12 hours a night to ensure that they are well-rested and ready for their busy days.

Instant recall of number facts continues to be a priority in the Year 6/7 classroom. Children MUST be practising every night as part of their homework routine. 20 minutes on the Matheletics Live is a great way to do this in a fun game-type situation. Other suggestions include quick questions in the car whilst driving to school and competition between siblings over dinner. There are also a variety of apps that can be downloaded to iPods, iPads, Android tablets etc. to practise these skills. Please support your child in learning these vital facts and developing instant recall.

Have a great first week back Regards
Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &
Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au
COMMMUNITY NEWS

BEECHMONT JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON
When: This Saturday 12th October
Where: Hall on Graceleigh
Time: 9am
All welcome, Cost $65. Cricket will run every Saturday onwards for the rest of this term and first term of 2014. For any further information contact Greg on 0405206076

NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C
Is again holding an Arts and Crafts Market in our school hall on Saturday 30th November from 8am to 12 noon.
We would like to showcase the talents of the local community, so if you sew, paint, arrange, hammer, paste, knit, crochet, bake, mix or scrap anything we would love to hear from you!
If anyone is interested in having a stall please contact me on 0412267263 or tspie16@eq.edu.au for details. Thank you, Tracey Spiers.

BEECHMONT MASSAGE
Take some time out to relax and be pampered with a full body massage using a blend of calming essential oils. Soothe away your aches and pains, and be left feeling blissfully relaxed, the perfect way to unwind.

$60 for 60 minutes / ph 0401 372 647 / mobile service available.

BEECHMONT SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session – Thursday 17th October
Time: 3:10pm-4:10pm
Venue: Beechmont SS School Oval
Address: Beechmont Rd
Cost: $60
For more information contact Adam Dunning on 5594 5722
Or visit www.aflbeechmont.com.au
Participants receive a benefit which includes: Hat, Water Bottle, Football, Back pack and much more.

TO REGISTER:
OPTION A – PREFERRED OPTION:
1. Register online at www.aflbeechmont.com.au
2. Print and return registration form
3. Hand in with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session.

OPTION B:
Complete a hand written registration form and give along with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session.

COME JOIN US AT THE BEAUREDDESERT RACES
BEECHMONT SOCIAL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR A DAY AT THE RACES
WHEN: DERBY DAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2013
WHERE: BEAUREDDESERT RACE TRACK
COST: $80 PER PERSON
COST INCLUDES: Transport by coach, Free Entry, Free Program, Complimentary Wine/Beer on arrival, Three Course Meal under our own Marquee, Prizes for Best Dressed. To secure your tickets contact Greg on 0405206076. Tickets are limited so be quick.
COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AND EXPERIENCE A DAY AT A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY RACE TRACK.

MENS CRICKET
19th October on Graceleigh Park 10.30am Beechmont Vs Lower beecehmont.
BYO food and drinks. BBQ’s provided. Any enquiries call Greg 0405206076