Welcome back to the start of Term 3. I hope you all had a great holiday. There are many things planned for this term starting with NAIDOC Day activities on Wednesday. This is a special day which is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait cultures and recognition of the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields.
I would like to remind the children about some of the school rules.

- The handrails at the Tuckshop and around the school are not to be climbed or swung on
- Walk on the paths
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- No sharing food or purchasing food for friends at the Tuckshop

There will be a Working Bee during this term to assist Mark get on top of the gardens. We will confirm a date and let you know.

As the Woolworth’s Earn & Learn program has now finished so please get your stickers into the office by this Friday 12 July, so we can put our order in before the deadline.

The trip to Sydney and Canberra is less than 8 weeks away. A number of parents have already paid. It is imperative that all money is collected by Wednesday 24 July as the school has to pay the total cost by Friday 27 July.
We have to put in special diet requirements details by tomorrow Wednesday 10th July, so if your child requires vegetarian, Gluten free, Lactose intolerance, diabetic, nut allergy etc. Please contact the office urgently with your details.

Hi everyone just a quick note that once again the Junior Choir will be singing at Binnaburra on Friday the 19th July. This is next Friday. I would really appreciate the attendance of all choir members as we are a small group. A note will be going home today with more information. -Thanks Tania
COMING EVENTS

May
08 July  Term 3 starts
10 July  NAIDOC Day
10 July  Colour Day
10 July  P & C Meeting
17 July  Narangba Valley SHS Band Performance

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 10th July  Volunteer needed
Fri 12th July  Kerry Murphy
Wed 17th July  Vicki Bouwer
Fri 19th July  Michelle Moyce
Wed 24th July  Volunteer needed
Fri 26th July  Volunteer needed
Wed 31st July  Vicki Bouwer
Fri 02 Aug  Janine Van B

Starting Fri 12th July we will have 2 new items on the menu. Not available on Wed 10th July
Nachos  $3.00
Chicken Noodle Cup  $2.50

REMINDERS

• 2 Ice blocks per student each tuckshop day.

• Any combination of Ice Mony, Jelly Stick or Ice-cream tub.

• Includes combination of pre order and over the counter sales.

• Children must make themselves perfectly clear when buying for siblings. Best to have sibling with them.

• All tuckshop bags to be handed over when collecting pre ordered items

Mountains Mates Mutterings

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Welcome to a Beautiful Winter Term 3.
First up a massive thank you to our Mountain Mates Team for the fabulous effort at Zest Fest. We managed to raise $1400.00 on the day which is going towards resources, equipment and training.

Many thanks to Amanda & Ruby and their “to die for” cakes and treats which sold like hotcakes. Also to Michael, Julie and Rachel for your delicious donations (which also sold like hotcakes). Sue & Paul for your homemade relishes and pickles to add a Zest to our burgers. Clare for her donation of the sausages. Mario for his restocking and of course everyone who bought something from us on the day. I must CONGRATULATE & THANK our volunteers on the day – Samantha, Christie, Amy, Emma, Jorja, Jasper, Kara and Janine for your super human efforts. Thanks and congratulations also go to BBEN’s Zest Fest for a wonderful day and the opportunity for our fundraising.

It’s Term 3 and we have an exciting Program attached to this newsletter to keep the children active, creative, happy and entertained. If you haven’t been to Mountain Mates before, drop in and have a chat about what great things we have on offer.

A huge thanks to the Vacation Care children who didn’t let a little rain dampen their spirits. They managed to have a wonderful time and got to do some amazing things. Their behaviour was excellent and they were a pleasure to be around ☺

Another couple of thank you’s go out to Justine and Masters who gave us some more plants to keep our building and surrounds bright and colourful. Thank you to Renae for the tubes. They will come in very useful.

We have quite a few outstanding accounts which need to be finalised as soon as possible. We have several options for payment so please do so as soon as possible.

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

Uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.15 until 8.45.

Thanks Janine
NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

BOOK CLUB NEWS
Book club flyers are attached to this week’s newsletter and need to be back at school by next Thursday 18th July.

PREP NEWS
Hi everyone I hope you enjoyed the holidays and the children had a nice relaxing break. It is hard to believe we are already half way through the year. It was lovely to see the children all back and ready to go yesterday too.

This week we have NAIDOC Day on Wednesday. The children go around to different activities in a small mixed age group. They are making a paper bag with all their goodies inside so as not to lose any on their trip around the school.

The readers have started again this term. I cannot stress enough the need to have your children read every night. It also helps for them to read through their sight words as well. These two activities do not generally take very long and really do help your child make good progress with their learning.

I hope you all have a great week. Warm regards
Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope all the children had a relaxing break. Spelling sorts and readers went home yesterday please just concentrate on those this week and on Friday homework books will be sent home with the children as per usual. A new component in the homework will be a speaking task to help the children prepare for Public Speaking later in the term. These tasks and their dates will be found on a sheet separate from the homework grid.

In Math the Year 1’s are using number tracks and hundred charts to build on the Count On strategy starting with any two digit number and counting on 1 or 2, then 10 or 20. The Year 2’s are exploring the concept of multiplication beginning with equal groups, arrays and the x symbol.

In Science the children will be investigating physical changes to natural materials such as playdough and popcorn ☺

Congratulations to last term’s award winners: Daisy Bowler for super-fast word sorting, Samuel Hashim-Jones for achieving 100% on all his spelling tests, Arianna Musumeci for effort in writing and Caitlin Hoey for the highest score on the weekly 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
dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS
I hope everyone enjoyed their 2 week break and are now ready for term three.

Homework went out yesterday and children are expected to learn their weekly spelling words, read their reader each night and they also have a maths sheet on symmetry to complete. In maths this week children are learning about symmetry. They will be identifying symmetry by folding and cutting shapes. Also they will describe shapes that are symmetrical and non-symmetrical. Finally students will identify symmetry in everyday objects and find symmetry in the built environment made by people (for example, classrooms, school grounds, homes, cities) and the natural environment found in nature (for example, forests, beach). They will demonstrate their knowledge by making a slideshow featuring photographs of symmetrical shapes and objects.

Report cards were distributed at the end of last term. If you have any issues or concerns about how your child is going please feel free to email me to organise an interview.

Have a great week. Demelza Atherton
kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS
Welcome back to term 4. We hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday. As previously mentioned, homework will be changing for this semester. Your child should have bought home a note regarding this yesterday. Compulsory homework will consist of reading on a nightly basis and recording it on a log and practicing spelling words for the end of week spelling test. This part of the homework began yesterday. Some children may find they have the same words as they have previously had. If this is the case with your child, it means they had not mastered the spelling strategies relating to the groups of words. The individualised homework will begin as of next week.

Tomorrow is NAIDOC day and we are all looking forward to participating in the immersion of indigenous culture through a variety of activities.

Please ensure your child has their own headphone to use. Many activities on computers need sound and without headphones, they become very noisy and distracting.

Have a great week, Regards.
Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au jbour96@eq.edu.au
A very warm welcome back to Term 3. Everyone has returned with a smile and a positive attitude towards learning which is just wonderful. I did miss the happy faces of 6/7 whilst I was away on Long Service leave and would like to thank Elizabeth Perkins for the wonderful job she did with the class.

Homework has recommenced this week. It is vital that everyone is reading for at least 15 minutes per night as well as doing their daily sort and revising basic number facts. As we have a busy term ahead of us, students will need to be managing their time well and giving 100% towards their learning.

This term, the 6/7 students will have the opportunity be involved a lot of exciting events starting off with NAIDOC Day tomorrow, Canungra and District Athletics, Public Speaking Competition, Sydney/Canberra Trip, School photos – the list just goes on!!

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

Christmas in July
at Binna Burra Lodge
Friday 19th July 2013

Join us for our annual yuletide event, and enjoy Christmas Carols sung by the talented children from Beechmont State School on Friday the 19th of July.

The performance will commence at 6.30pm in the beautiful Clifftop Dining Room at Binna Burra Mountain Lodge. Drinks and nibbles are served by the fireplace in the library at 5.30pm prior to dinner.

Enjoy the festivities of a winter Christmas atop the mountain.

Performing children will receive complimentary pizza and a spotlight walk, so there will be plenty of time for mum and dad to sit back and relax.

All parents and locals will receive a 25% discount on dinner in the dining room. $33 adults, $16 kids (5 – 12 years). Spaces are limited so be quick to book in.

Binna Burra Lodge
Phone 1300 246 622
**Beechmont Netball Club News**

Netball is this Friday night the 12th July. Games are as follows:
- Beechmont Tigers V Supremes Diamonds 5pm
- Beechmont Bandicoots V Supremes Guardians 6pm
- Beechmont Eagles V Regal Roses 6pm
- Beechmont Saints V St Hilda’s Gems 7pm

Sunday the 14th is the Mount of Origin at Mt Tambourine beginning at 9.30am. The courts are at 400 Long Road.

I would like to thank all the people who so generously cooked and donated cakes and slices etc for our cake stall we raised about $300.

Greg 0405206076.

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Hello parents! Are you interested in helping researchers at the University of Queensland to develop and improve Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)? We are currently seeking parents (both Mums and Dads) of babies under 2 years old to complete a survey regarding their experiences as parents, their satisfaction with the quality of support and information they receive, as well as other standard parenting constructs. Additionally, we are also seeking this information from individuals who are currently expecting their first child. Participation involves completing a questionnaire that will take approximately 30mins. If you have a baby under 2 years old, you or your partner are expecting your first child (at least 20 weeks pregnant), or know anyone who fits these criteria, your participation and/or sharing of the links below will be greatly appreciated.

Have an infant who is under two years old -  
https://exp psy.uq.edu.au/parentalexperiences

Currently expecting your first child -  
https://exp psy.uq.edu.au/transitiontoparenthood

If you have any questions please feel free to email kate.myersbiggs@student.uq.edu.au or courtney.bowd@uqconnect.edu.au

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**CONGRADULATIONS TANE & SCOTT**

Both boys competed for three weeks against some very elite players to get into the under 11’s Pathway Program. They were up against 130 children and were selected. The boys now go on to complete an eight week professional training program with the opportunity of being selected for a regional team. The recruiting scouts are watching them like hawks. Well done boys and good luck.

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

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**CELEBRATE A TRADITIONAL WINTER CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

**FRIDAY 19TH JULY**

**AL BINNA BURRA LODGE**

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5.30 PM // NIBBLES

6.30 PM // DINNER

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