PREP ORIENTATION DAY

Next Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} November starting at 9:00am we will be holding this special information session for parents and all the new students starting in Prep in 2014. If you have any friends or neighbours who have not received an invitation please let them know or get them to contact the office. The children spend some time in the classroom whilst the parents have a chat and some morning tea.

FORMAL DISCO

The Formal Disco was a great success with 100 students attending. I would like to thank David Murphy for once again putting on a great night. To all those parents who assisted on the door, the tuckshop and with people control thank you!

BUDDING BARDs

This annual event between Canungra and Beechmont State Schools was once again very successful. The standard was high and the judges were very impressed. Taylah Dunkerton was declared the winner, we are very proud of her. Well done Taylah.

BAND NEWS

Next Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} 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.

BOOKLISTS 2014

Attached to the newsletter is the booklists for 2014. This year the school is again using Symons. There are several methods of paying for your child's bookpack from Symons. You can order online details on list sheet, pay by cash, cheque made payable to Symons of credit card, NO EFTPOS. These packs will be available for collection prior to school starting on the 23\textsuperscript{rd} & 24\textsuperscript{th} January 2014. \textit{If you would prefer you can use the booklist and purchase your requirements else where}. Parents if the list recommends a Calculator and your child has one from a previous year you will not need to purchase a new one. All Symons book pack orders for 2014 need to be placed online or returned with payment to the school by the 6\textsuperscript{th} December 2013.
COMING EVENTS

November
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
17 Nov  Beechmont Markets
19 Nov  Prep Orientation
21 Nov  Combined Band Day at Beechmont
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  Yr 7 Graduation

2014
23 Jan  Book, Uniform and school fees
24 Jan  Book, Uniform and school fees

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.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Attached to this week's newsletter is the final Book Club for the year. This is your last opportunity to save time and money and take advantage of the fantastic Christmas gifts contained within the catalogues. Books make a fantastic stocking-stuffer and are the perfect gift for anyone and everyone. We are very happy to hold your orders here at school for collection – just let us know J

A huge thanks to everyone for supporting Book Club once again this year. The commission we receive from your purchases allows us to keep our library stocked with the latest titles and makes a big difference to the resources your child has access to.

Thanks everyone and we look forward to your continued support in 2014.
Welcome to Week 6 – Term 4 at Mountain Mates.

GET BETTER SOON Nigel. We send our best wishes out to Nigel (Mikayla’s Dad) who took a tumble during Active After School Care session last Thursday and fractured his arm.

Besides that event the tennis lessons are coming along really well. The children have developed into great little players and this week we will set up the nets and have some mini games.

You will notice some changes occurring around our programming and service over the coming weeks. We are implementing a new process regarding our programming. We will be phasing out our Term program and introducing a more flexible, and child input based daily program. We will still have our Vacation Care Programs and our Active After School Care Day but our Term program will involve the children’s ideas, likes and interests. A more spontaneous approach. We would like your feedback on what you think about this approach.

LESSON 3 - NQF
Q. What is the National Quality Standard (NQS)?
A. The National Quality Standard sets a new national benchmark for the quality of education and care services. The NQS is divided into seven Quality Areas:
1. Educational program and practice
2. Children’s health and safety
3. Physical environment
4. Staffing arrangements
5. Relationships with children
6. Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
7. Leadership and service management.

The National Quality Standard aims to promote:
- the safety, health and wellbeing of children
- a focus on achieving outcomes for children through high-quality educational programs
- families’ understanding of what distinguishes a quality service.

Mountain Mates send our CONGRATULATIONS out to all of the Nerang State High School students who are attending their Year 12 formal on Tuesday night, especially to Samantha who has been working here at Mountain Mates for the past 3 years. Good Luck for your future.

Have a wonderful week everyone.
From Kim, Janine, Clare & Christie.
Your Mountain Mates Team.

OFFICE NEWS

IMPORTANT UPDATE

With the end of the year fast approaching I need to start close off procedures in preparation for end of year reports. This requires that the school will not be able to receipt money for the last 2 weeks of the school year.

I would like to ask all parents of 5/6 class students if they have not already paid for the Woolworths excursion to make payment as soon as possible.

For all parents that have outstanding school fees for this year could make payment by November the 27th. Thankyou

STUDENT BANKING

The last student banking day for the year will be Tuesday 3rd December. Thankyou to all our student bankers and I hope you have redeemed your rewards.

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.

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Over the past few weeks we have been working on the robots to gradually add more capabilities. We started off by adding a simple light which was controlled by the robots processor. The children got to write their first piece of computer code to switch the light on and off. Next we connected a speaker and wrote some code to make different kinds of beeping and buzzing sounds.

Last week we mounted the Arduino processors onto the robot chassis and added batteries and electric motors to drive the wheels. Once this was done, the robots were able to independently move around the room. To celebrate this milestone, we
combined everything we had done and taught the robots how to dance with their own music and flashing lights.

We have also had the opportunity to look at the insides of some technology such as a laptop computer and a tablet. By looking at the insides of these everyday items we saw that the technology that they use is very similar to what we are using in our robots.

Over the coming weeks we will add some sensors to the robots so that they can sense their surroundings and start finding their way around the room.

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Technology Club Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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Wed 13th Nov Volunteer needed
Fri 15th Nov Michelle Moyce
Wed 20th Nov Viki Bouver
Fri 22nd Nov Janine Van B
Wed 27th Nov Volunteer needed
Fri 29th Nov Michelle Moyce
Wed 4th Dec Viki Bouver
Fri 6th Dec Kerry Murphy
Wed 11th Dec Volunteer needed
Fri 13th Dec Janine Van B

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.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

This week in Literacy the children are examining the words and images used to represent characters and comparing two different representations of the same character. They will then have to express a preference for one and justify their choice in a persuasive essay. In Science we are exploring everyday sounds and experimenting with volume, pitch and sound effects. Mr Clyde, our instrumental music teacher, will visit and show us a variety of musical instruments and explain how they make sound. In Maths we are finishing fractions but at home you can continue to reinforce fractions in the kitchen by allowing children to cut and divide sandwiches, fruit etc. into halves, quarters and eighths, always remembering that fractions are equal-sized shares.

The costume requirements for the EOYC dance were sent home in a letter last week. If you haven’t seen it please ask your child for it (it should be in their communication folder).

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 5/6 CLASS

As previously mentioned, on the Tuesday of week 9, our class will be going on an excursion to the Nerang Woolworths. If you have not yet seen the note regarding this, please ask your child to bring another one home, or you could email me and I will forward the relevant notes to you.

In SOSE we have been investigating needs, wants and how they are related to goods and services provided by our community. In Technology, children are using Google Sketch to plan and design their own community. Google Sketch is a free program that can easily be downloaded at home, and I have encouraged our class to work on creating their communities at home, with parental permission, as well as during class time.

Homework will continue till week 8 of this term.

Warm regards Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au  jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

I was very proud of the way in which the Year 7s conducted the Remembrance Day service at Graceleigh Park yesterday. It was a very moving service and the children performed their jobs admirably. Well done to all involved.
A huge congratulations to all of our bush poets who competed in the Budding Bards competition over the last 2 weeks. All students did an outstanding job and represented our school to the highest standard. An extra special mention and congratulations to Taylah who was declared the overall winner for this year with her rendition of the C.J Dennis classic, “The Triantiwontongolope”.

As part of our Art this term we will be redesigning the cover of a new release book. This is to coincide with a competition being run by Scholastic Book Clubs. First prize is a set of books for the whole class with the winning cover as well as a $50 book voucher. If you do not wish for your child’s submission to be sent in, please let me know before Wednesday this week.

Have a great week, Regards
Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &
Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY

Wednesday December 4th 2013
9:00am – 2:30pm
Nerang State High School will be holding a Transition Day for all students who will be commencing Yr8 in the year 2014. The day will be an invaluable opportunity for your child to experience the Jnr Secondary school and meet the Yr8 teaching team and support staff for 2014. It is a day that is designed to ease you or your child’s anxiety and ensure that everyone is ready to go from day 1 next year! All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend as we will also be holding a Parent Information Session from 9:30am until 10:30am, followed by some light refreshments.
A formal invitation will be sent home with your child closer to the date.
For all enquiries please contact Nerang State High School on (07) 5503 7888 or email Aaron Woolnough, the Jnr Secondary Head of Department on awool42@eq.edu.au.

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

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.
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