I would like to remind all students of our school motto “At All Times Consider Others”. The majority of children follow this motto beautifully. Occasionally some children forget this important skill and they are saying and doing things to their peers which are not appropriate. We are a small school and we all need to get along. I would appreciate parents ensuring that their children understand the importance of being kind and caring with their fellow students.

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.

On Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th August the following students competed at the Gold Coast North District Athletics Trials. These students were selected because they met the qualifying distances/heights/times.

Bella Innis – Shot-put,
Desi Johnson – Shot-put, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, 100m and 200m
William Johnson – High Jump, Long Jump, 100m and 200m
Tane Brand – High Jump and Long Jump
Byron Roney – High Jump and Long Jump

Bella achieved a personal best (PB) in Shot-put – 6.70m at Canungra & District – 7.41 at GCN District.
Tane achieved a PB in High Jump with 1.18m at C & D – 1.25m at GCN District which is a massive improvement.
William made the finals for the 100m and came 7th.
Desi qualified for South Coast Regionals in Shot-put, High Jump and Long Jump. In the track events, she not only qualified for 100m and 200m but ran a PB of 12.85 in the 100m and a PB of 27.95 in the 200m. She was “on fire” that day!!
Well done Desi and good luck for the next step.

All of these students should be extremely proud of their achievements. Their good behaviour and sportsmanship was on display all day. They were a credit to our school. Well done to all.

Leandra Thomson, PE Teacher
COMING EVENTS

AUGUST
14 Aug  P & C meeting 7pm
14 Aug  Band before school
14 Aug  No Senior Band lessons, Junior Band extra lessons due to Eisteddfod
15 Aug  No string lessons due to Canungra workshop.
15 Aug  Combined Band Workshop Canungra
19 Aug  Gold Coast Eisteddfod Jnr/Snr Band
20 Aug  Public Speaking Competition
23 Aug  Parade 8.50am
24 Aug  Canungra Show Performance Snr Band
26 Aug  Canberra Camp begins
29 Aug  Tuckshop Open
30 Aug  Gold Coast Show
1 Sep  Fathers Day
10 Sep  School Photographs

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Due to Gold Coast Show Day 30 August Tuckshop will operate on the Thursday 29th August for that week

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Wed 14th Aug  Vicki Bouwer
Fri 16th Aug  Michelle Moyce
Wed 21st Aug  Volunteer needed
Fri 23rd Aug  Janine Van B

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, toilettries, 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

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Welcome to week 5 of a sunny Term 3.
What a sensational weekend Kim, Janine, Clare & Kara had at the State QCAN Conference. We all gathered loads of inspiration and knowledge to implement into Mountain Mates. We attended workshops and enjoyed Keynote speakers like Amanda Gore and Michael Grose. We covered areas from Educational Leadership, Collaborating with your Community and Fierce Conversations to Engaging Boys in a Female dominated Industry. We also had a few exciting WINS for the service with a $270.00 screen printing kit from Speedy School Supplies for our fabulous photomontage titled “Free to Be Me”. We were picked in the lucky spot to win a $80 book pack by Niki Burton. These books are a great resource exploring difficult areas like grief, separation and death. If you would like to borrow any of our resources, please ask.

As well as all of that we also won a raffle prize of a huge Pattern Board from Edsco worth $375.00. Kim & Clare both bowled a strike on the Wii competition and won an Edsco Teddy Bear too.

Last week we had some major improvement in our Badminton technique. Casta set a record of 20 hits in a row. Well done Casta – let’s see how we go this week.

Lili our little garden fairy has been busily ensuring our beautiful plants are watered and cared for. Thank you Lili for your time and patience with our colourful garden.

I must extend a huge thank you to the staff at Mountain Mates for sacrificing your valuable weekend to attend the conference. Your dedication to the service and the children in your care is is valued and appreciated.

Have a fantastic week everyone ☺

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

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

MUSIC NEWS

Dear Parents,

A note has gone home last week for every member of the choir. The Canungra Show is fast approaching (24th August) and the choir are ready to perform their songs to the community! Could you please ensure that if you wish for your child to receive their free entry ticket to the show and to perform on stage, that the tear-off section of the note is returned to the office no later than Friday the 16th of August. If you have any queries please contact Mr Brown at either Canungra or Beechmont SS.

David Brown  dbrow378@eq.edu.au

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Attached to today’s newsletter are this month’s Book Club flyers. There are some fantastic books available including some of this year’s shortlisted Book Week books. Please ensure all orders are back at school by NEXT THURSDAY (22/8) so that they can be placed prior to the Sydney/Canberra Trip the following week.

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

In Maths this week we are using the language of chance and predicting the likelihood of events. At home you can support this by talking about the likelihood of something happening using words such as ‘possible/impossible, likely/unlikely, certain, less likely and more likely’. The Math worksheet that was sent home this week is not designed to be finished in one go, there are usually 3-4 boxes and it is aimed at giving 3-4 days of number fact practice with students gaining speed and accuracy over the course of a few days (similar to the idea behind their word sorts). Completing the worksheet in one sitting is not as beneficial as doing it over a few days.

In Raw Art on Friday the children created landscapes that reflect seasonal change. You are more than welcome to pop into the classroom and have a peek at their creations. They tie in well with our new science unit the Earth and Us.

On another note if you have time can we try accessing the Ed Studio again? This time try entering directly through The Learning Place and follow the links. I’ll try again in class to show the children how to do this. If you get an ‘access denied’ message just try ignoring and closing it as we have been able to do this at school.

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

On Fridays during science, our class has been learning about the solar system. In term four, week 3, we will be joining Mr Albright’s class for an excursion to the Brisbane Planetarium. Even if your child has recently visited the planetarium, it would benefit them to attend with the class as assignments and class discussions will be based around the excursion. Details of travel and cost will be sent home well in advance.

The Rube Goldberg machines are looking really good. You can see some of the machines in action by visiting our class Ed Studio.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

A very big congratulations to our class members Tane, Desi, and Bella who all competed in the Gold Coast North District Athletic trials last week. They all produced PBs on the day and we are very proud of their achievements. (You can read a full wrap of the results in the body of this newsletter.) An extra congratulations to Desi who is going on to compete at Regionals later this term - we wish her all the very best!!

The class is very busy putting the final touches on their persuasive motivational speeches in preparation for next week’s Public Speaking competition. This speech also forms part of the English assessment for this term so it is very important that they have the structure of the text correct and that they have utilised a variety of persuasive devices in an attempt to convince the audience of their point of view.

Instant recall of number facts continues to hamper progress in Maths for many students. It is vital that this skill is being actively practised each night. Having instant recall not only improves computation speed but also improves overall mathematical confidence as the children feel empowered and are more likely to tackle the trickier problems with confidence.

Have a great week!! Regards
Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &
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Beechmont Netball Club News

It was a very successful weekend for Beechmont Netball with 3 out of 4 teams having fantastic wins over their opposition. The Tiger had a comprehensive victory over Supremes Pivot winning 7-1. The Eagles domination of the 2013 season continued, winning 27-3 against Trinity Tornadoes. The Bandicoots played out a very hard fought game to come away with the win and narrowly defeat Chargers Crystals 12-10. Despite their best efforts, a game ending injury in the first minute and only 5 players, the Saints gave 100% for the duration of the match. Unfortunately they were beaten Magic Stars who were just too strong for our depleted team on the day.

This Sunday is the SCNA carnival. The games start at 8:30am sharp so all girls playing will need to be at the courts by 8am at the latest. Please ensure your child has plenty of water, food and sunscreen for the day as well as a t-shirt to go over their netball top to hopefully prevent sunburn as this gorgeous weather looks set to continue. The SCNA canteen will be operating and we are all looking forward to a very fun (and hopefully successful) day out.

Please contact Greg if you have any queries.

Games for Saturday are as normal. Games times below:
9am Crt 1 Beechmont Bandicoots v Technix Troopers
10am Crt 1 Beechmont Saints v Chargers Chocolates
11am Crt 7 Beechmont Eagles v St Hilda’s Emeralds
11am Crt 13 Beechmont Tigers v Chargers Cherubs

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