**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS**

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. This term will be extremely busy. We will have the Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals, NAPLAN, ANZAC Day and getting organized for Opti-MINDS.

We would like to welcome back Elizabeth Perkins, who will be teaching in the Year 6/7 class and Patricia O’Connell who will be our teacher Librarian in Term 2.

I would like to let parents know that I will be away from school until next Monday. My father passed away on Saturday and my family will be travelling to Tasmania for the funeral. I will be available at all times by email. The school will be left in the capable hands of Dan Albright. Please feel free to contact him if you have any concerns.

**SCHOOL OPENING TIME**

I would like to remind all parents and carers that teaching commences at 8:45 am each morning. Could you please make every effort to ensure that your children are at school by 8:40 am. At the end of last term there were a large number of children arriving at school far too early.

This is a safety issue as there are no teachers on duty in the playground before school.

I fully understand there are the odd occasions where it may be necessary to get your children to school early but on these days you will need to access the service offered by Mountain Mates.

Any children that arrive early will be asked to go to the Office to let us know they are at school. They will be required to wait in the area outside the Office until 8:30 am when they can move down to their classroom. There will be no playing on the playground or wandering around the school.

If you need to discuss this please feel free to drop in and see me. I would like to stress that it is necessary, for your children’s safety, to follow this procedure as we do not have any teachers on playground duty before school.

**DENTAL CLINIC**

In the next 2-4 weeks, forms will be going home for students to see the School Dentist. I have been advised our students will be seen at the Dental van at Gilston State School.

**It is essential if you wish your child to be seen by this free service you must ring the 1300 number provided to make an appointment, even if you believe your child has no problems it’s a good idea to have a check up.**

This free service is only offered every 18 months to 2 years so please don’t miss out.

If you have sibling children then when you ring to make an appointment, make a sibling appointment so they are all seen at the same day and time.

**WELCOME**

A warm Beechmont welcome to Michael & Mia Taverna and Curtis Donald, our latest possums. We hope you have a wonderful time at Beechmont School.
COMING EVENTS

APRIL
17 April P&C Meeting 7pm Library
25 April Anzac Day
28 April Crichton to Nerang Alliance Retreat
29 April Crichton at Nerang Alliance Retreat

P + C FUNDRAISING

Hello it’s that time again, already. Next Thursday April 25th will be ANZAC DAY. It’s a very successful fundraiser for our school. It is also such a fun day so come along! We need volunteers, to help please fill in the form and we can make it easy to enjoy the day for all the community.

ANZAC Day P&C catering volunteer form

Name: ___________________________________
Email: ___________________________________
Phone: __________________________________

☐ I am available to assist
☐ before the ceremony
☐ cooking BBQ
☐ serving
☐ cleaning up

Please return by Friday 20th April to give us enough time to organize a roster.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Each year our P & C holds a Mothers Day Stall to raise funds for our children. It's a fun little opportunity for the children to choose a gift for their Mum for Mother's Day. We ask for your help with small gift donations. The gifts will be wrapped (in clear paper) and priced from $3 - $10. Suggestions for donations include: toiletries, small garden tools, soaps, coffee mugs, chocolates or anything you think a Mum would like to receive. There will be a box in the office for donations. Please no second hand or fragile items. If you would like more information or would like to help, please call Julie on 55333226.

STUDENT BANKING

A new competition begins this term. Great prizes to win.

Mountains Mates Mutterings

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

Welcome to Mountain Mates, your Before School, After School and Vacation Care specialists. Welcome back to Term 2.

What a fabulous Easter Vacation Care we had here at Mountain Mates. We went to the movies, ate pizza, rode bikes, shot arrows, threw boomerangs, tie dyed, set amazing world records & generally had a HUGE time. Thank you to all of the Mountain Mates children for making Vacation Care so much fun for us all.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated boxes and bits and pieces, the children had an amazing day constructing a box city. In fact the activity continued for 2 days.

We have a bike and 2 scooters which have been left at Mountain Mates after Wheelie Day.

Congratulations to our Colouring In Competition Winners:
Amy, Elly, Daniel, Lucy, Mikayla W, Jaimie & Lochlan D. They have all won a fabulous prize.

Attached to this weeks newsletter is our Term program, we hope you enjoy what we have in store for you each week.

We are trailing having no dinner on a Thursday evenings this term. Instead we are going to offer a light snack and a warm drink every
afternoon to the children who are still at the service after 5pm. Your feedback on this would be appreciated.

Mountain Mates are adopting a number of new and relevant policies & procedures to their Policies and Procedures Manual. These will be discussed and ratified at the P&C Meeting on Wednesday night. Please come along, your input is welcomed.

We are looking forward to spending another fun filled Term with your children. Have a great week.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Hi Welcome to term 2.

As you would know Tania Stanley is away this term so I the lucky one who gets to work in the library on Tuesday and Thursdays. I have previously worked in the library at Canungra State School and am in the process of completing my Teacher-Librarian degree.

The Year 6/7s will do their borrowing and have their library lesson on Tuesday for this term, with all other class times staying the same on Thursday.

I am looking forward to working with and getting to know your children throughout the term.

If I can assist you with anything please feel free to come and see me in the library on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Book club forms have been sent home today with the newsletter and are due back by Tuesday the 30th or April.

Have a great week.

Trish O’Connell pocon7@eq.edu.au

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. I’d like to welcome Michael Taverna, a new student who has joined our Year 2’s.

Term 2 is jam-packed with activities including the cross country and athletics carnivals. Starting tomorrow would you please send your child to school in their sports shoes every day as we will start practising for the cross country as part of our daily exercise and Friday sport will be centred around practising for the athletics field events. Black leather shoes can stay at home until after the cross country in week 5 unless they are needed to be worn for a special event such as ANZAC Day.

Homework will go out on Friday and just a reminder that it is due in on Thursdays. If your child hands their homework in late on a Friday there is no time for it to be marked before sending out the new homework.

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 kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

This week for homework students will be completing a maths sheet on graphing, they also need to read their daily reader each night, practise their weekly spelling words and complete their word sort. This is the first time this year children have taken their spelling words home to complete a word sort, however they have undertaken this activity all throughout first term. Therefore, students should be familiar with the process. The orange spelling group will be sorting their words into short vowel sounds and long vowel sounds and identifying any oddballs, the purple spelling group will sort their words based off the spr, scr and str sounds. The green group will sort their words into 4 categories: the long ‘ear and ‘eer sounds then the short ‘er sounds. The short sound can be spelt ‘er or ‘ear. The blue group will simply sort their words into two categories matching each present tense verb to its past tense partner. Children were reassessed on how they are processing with spelling on the Monday, accordingly next week some children, who showed significant progress, will change spelling groups and start learning more challenging words.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Welcome back to Term 2. Homework will resume at the end of this week. The children will receive their new fortnightly homework sheet on Friday.

We will be making some changes to our weekly spelling routine. Each Friday we will have a weekly spelling test to see how the children are coping with their current list. We may also introduce other words which are not part of the Words Their Way program in order to consolidate certain spelling skills. The children will write these words in their books but may not have them on cards to sort. Daily sorting and Look Cover Write Check of words is important for learning the weekly spelling list.

In Maths, we are now into a new unit of work. We will begin by extending our number concepts and investigating larger numbers to the ten thousands (Year 4). The children will do a range of activities using these numbers. Children who know these concepts well will be able to go on to a range of extension activities using larger numbers and problem-solving tasks.

Have a good week. Regards,

Dan dalbr1@eq.edu.au
**YEAR 5/6 CLASS**

Welcome back to term 2. We hope you had a relaxing holiday and are all refreshed for the busy term ahead.

Homework resumed this week and the homework and spelling sheets were handed out yesterday. After analysing the results of the end of term spelling test, it was really good to see that the majority of the class moved up to the next stage of spelling strategies. Some children have changed groups – this does not mean anything more than having to focus on a different strategy.

This term in history, we will be looking at the Discovery of Gold. We will be having an open book test as well as a homework project related to this topic. Whilst in science, investigation of adaptations, will continue.

Our goal for this term is to continue to focus on becoming better at times tables. It is very important to have an instant recall of all of them. If you have the chance to quiz your child, it would greatly benefit them. Each individual in our class has also set some new goals for the term. It was great to see that many of them were well on their way to achieving their goals from the beginning of the year.

**Have a great week, Regards**

Katie and Joyce
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**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

Hello everyone, I'm sure you're all aware that Tanya Stanley is on leave for this term and that I will be working in the classroom with Yr. 6/7 each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr Roberts will be in the classroom on Thursday and Friday as usual. It's going to be hard work following in the footsteps of Ms Stanley, she has set a high benchmark for me to aim towards.

Anyway I hope you all enjoyed Easter and your holidays and are now ready to get back into the school routine. It will be a busy term, as usual, with many activities and events planned. Make sure you read the newsletter each week to keep informed of these activities and events as the term goes on.

**Congratulations to Bonnie Shearman and Emma Bennett** for receiving awards before the holidays, I look forward to rewarding many more students this term.

**Have a great week! Regards,**

Elizabeth Perkins &
Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

HOUSE - Rent to Own

- $445.00/wk
- Small deposit
- 2 bed + 1 study + 2 bath
- 1200m² block
- Solar Water & Power
- School bus across road
- Avail mid April
  - 95 North Rd, Lower Beechmont
  - Call Angela 0433 329 620, Or 3415 3997

FAMILY HOME FOR RENT

- 5 x bedroom
- 3 x living areas-
- walking distance to school.
- $375/week
- garden maintenance included
- Phone 0412 313 310

KOOKABURRA KIDS PLAYGROUP

Kookaburra Kids Playgroup runs on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month (the same days as the Scenic Rim Library truck). It starts at 9am and continues through to 11am at Graceleigh Park. The playgroup runs regardless of weather - rain, hail, or shine. We do craft, ride bikes, and generally have fun. It is a great way for both children and parents to meet new people and a sure fire cure for cabin fever!

The cost is $2 to cover craft materials and room hire.
Please contact Felicity (Flick) Baker for more information. 55333235 or flickbaker@hotmail.com
The next dates for Kookaburra Kids is 18 April.

Beechmont Netball Club News

Netball is on this Friday 19th April. Could all players please get to the courts by 4.30pm

Please check the website www.scna.org.au for games times

THE BEECHMONT SOCIAL CLUB

Is on again next Friday 26th April from 7pm onwards. There will be a quick meeting to form a committee, this is so we can be represented at the Sports Association meetings. We will be playing bowls on the 26th and look forward to any suggestions for future get together.
All welcome for information contact Greg on 0405206076

SOCCER NEWS

First training session this Tuesday 28th March 3pm until 4pm on the oval. If wet will be in the hall. Uniforms will be issued to all new players and soccer boots can be purchased.

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