I would like to thank all those people involved in our Swimming Carnival on Thursday. These days are only successful through the hard work of the staff and the parents who volunteered to help on the day. Thank you for the P & C for running the disco on Friday night. The children love the excitement of coming to school at night and dancing with their friends. I have taught at many schools and the P & C at Beechmont State School is one of the most organised and active groups I have had the pleasure of working with. Thank you again to all those people who assisted in making last week’s events so successful.

To follow is a list of children who have confirmed that they are definitely interested in participating in this year’s trip to Sydney and Canberra. I am aware that some families may not have tabled their interest this year as they indicated that they were interested late last year. If your child’s name is not included on this list and your child intends to participate on this trip could you please contact Douglas. I have received another quote which caters for group sizes from between 23-30. Here is the list of children:

- Natasha and Abbey Trickilis
- Sage and Noah Pearce
- Kailah Norris
- Daniel Walters
- Monique Boura
- Sebastian Cording
- Lachlan and Cameron Ayers
- Carlia Blunt
- Bryce Knowles
- Taylah Dunkerton
- Ayla Sola
- Wishy Thirasantikamol
- Gillian Bower
- Bonnie Shearman
- William Kattajan-Blackwell
- Tiah Palmer
- Emma McKayDeGreef
- Zoe Hoareau
- Amy Cleworth
- Sidney Slater

Once again we have reports of headlice in some classes last week. Please, check your children’s heads tonight and treat if you find any eggs or live creatures.

Unfortunately, all it takes is for one family not to check their child’s head and the plague can be passed on to every child. Please make sure you check and act tonight. Thank you for your co-operation.

They are unable to approve a bus run at this time. The complete letter of reply is available at the school counter for those parents interested or on the school website bottom right hand side, Quick links, Parent resources, forms and documents, documents, Queensland Transport reply high country.
COMING EVENTS

MARCH
28 Mar  Easter Hat Parade
28 Mar  Last day of term
29 Mar  Good Friday
APRIL
15 April  Term 2 Starts

NO LIBRARY BORROWING THIS WEEK

As we have the school holidays around the corner, there will be no Library borrowing this week. Please ensure all books are returned on Thursday.

EASTER COMPETITION

We are having an Easter Competition!! For just 20c a guess you can have a try at winning a large jar of Easter Eggs. Come to the undercover area play area each lunchtime to record your guess. Why not bring 40c and have two guesses??

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

your Beechmont State School P&C Assn.
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.

We are nearing the end of Term 1 and what a wet term it has been, but I must commend the children on their behavior.

Last week for MMM Cooking School we made pumpkin scones and all the children said yuk pumpkin but when it came to taste testing them they all liked them and wanted seconds.

In radicle recycling the children made their own paper.

Wednesday unfortunately the children missed out on yet another week of Archery, so heres hoping the weather stays fine this week.

This Thursday the children will be celebrating Harmony Day, which celebrates Australia’s Diversity “Everyone Belongs”. For dinner we will be having Chinese Honey Soy Chicken Wings with Rice and for dessert we will be having ice cream cones.

Attached to this week’s newsletter is or April Vacation Care Program.

Have a super week!

From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare & Kara, your Mountain Mates crew.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP NEWS

Hi everyone

I hope you are all having a fabulous week. It is hard to believe that we are nearly finished the first term already. The children have come such a long way already this term. We realised yesterday that we have already learnt 15 sounds with the jolly phonics program.

In literacy this week we are looking at the sound o and u. We are looking at two books “Queenie the Bantam” and “Dougal and Bumble and the long walk home”. We will be labelling items around the classroom and continuing to look at signs in our community.

In math we are continuing to look at numbers to ten. We are counting, sequencing and looking at different ways to represent these quantities.

Just a reminder that the sight words pencil people that I sent home is for the children to proceed with at their own pace. Once they are able to recognise the words without hesitating they can colour them in and bring the words in and I will test them to see if they are ready for the next one. Next term I will be sending readers home for the first time. More news will come home soon with them.

Warm Regards, Tania Evans
tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Firstly, I’d like to thank Mikah’s mum Sarah for bringing in her puppies yesterday afternoon. It was a lovely experience for the children and fit beautifully into our science lesson on animal life stages. We learnt that there were quite a few similarities between puppies and babies including the need to feed frequently!

Unfortunately last week I came down with the flu and missed handing out homework on Friday so for the remainder of this week just concentrate on their spelling activities (the sorts were sent home yesterday) and home readers. Homework will resume as normal this Friday. Also, I promised the children that they could take home their Raw Art clay sculptures at the end of term so if you are visiting the school before the holidays please pop up to the classroom and collect your child’s sculpture (I fear they won’t survive a trip home on the bus!)

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

This week students are learning about multiplication and division. On Friday they will be tested on their knowledge of their times tables, particularly $x1$, $x2$, $x5$ and $x10$ and also their matching division facts. Students have a times table sheet in their homework this week, but they should also be practising these times tables as part of homework as well. Students are encouraged to write out these times tables in their homework books or to get someone to orally test them.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

This week in Science we are beginning to investigate the lifecycle of plants. The children will be researching the parts of plants and how they reproduce. We will be dissecting flowers and identifying the parts. We will also be designing experiments to find out about the needs of plants and factors affecting their growth.

Homework has been reduced this fortnight as the children have a shorter time to complete it. The new sheet should be in the children's folders today.

In Maths we are completing our work on fractions. At this stage the children should be able to draw simple fractions, demonstrate fractions in different ways and identify fractions on a number line. We have begun to work with simple addition of fractions using materials.

Well done to the children for participating enthusiastically at Metricon Stadium for the Shine Carnival. The weather was great this year (compared to the pouring rain last year) and we had a good, energetic day.

Have a good week.
Regards, Dan dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

A big congratulations to Lorikeets on their win at the Swimming Carnival last Thursday. It was a fantastic day and I was very proud of the way which the students from 6/7 conducted themselves and the sportsmanship that they showed. We were certainly very lucky to have such lovely weather after all the rain we have been having.

With less than 2 weeks to go, we are at full steam ahead to finalise a number of tasks for the end of term. The students have been working very hard and need to ensure that they continue to put in 100% effort right to the end. Homework standards continue to improve, although there are some children who still need to remember to write their work each week using cursive rather than printing.

A progress note for this term will be sent home on Friday. This is not a formal reporting document but an indicative guide as to how your child is progressing this year. If you have any concerns, please contact either myself or Crichton and we can arrange a time to meet for a discussion.

Have a great week
Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &
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

QUEENSLAND TRANSPORT RESPONSE TO HIGH COUNTRY BUS RUN
They are unable to approve a bus run at this time. The complete letter of reply is available at the school counter for those parents interested or on the website in newsletter archive Queensland Transport reply

FAMILY HOME FOR RENT
- 5 x bedroom
- 3 x living areas-
- walking distance to school.
- $395/week
- garden maintenance included
- Phone 0412 313 310

Worlds Greatest Shave
Hi my name is Bonnie and my son William is in Grade 5 at BSS. William, myself and my Mum are being brave and doing the Worlds Greatest Shave this Sunday 17 March. We would like to invite you to be part of our team for this vital fundraising, by sponsoring us. The money you give will help to fund Australia's best blood cancer research. Please follow the link below to our fundraising webpage to make a donation online or see me in person around the school. Thanks so much for your support. Bonnie
http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/BonnieweeHeather

OPEN DAY
Sunday 24th March
10AM - 2PM

Guest Speakers Include -
Griffith University - Professor Clyde Wild
11:00AM - Climate Change and its local effects
Local Botanist - David Jinks
11:45AM - Threatened plants of our local area
Centre Principal - Jim Regetz
1:00PM - An overview of Numinbah Valley EEC educational programs

You Can Participate In -
- Canoeing
- Racing a solar boat
- Sensory walks and a Blindfold trail
- Climbing a pole (safety)

FREE ENTRY
Food & drinks available proceeds go towards Centre Improvements
Displays On -
- Native Bees
- Worm Farming
- Wildcare
- Centre Educational Programs
- Bushland Rehabilitation

Mudgeeraba Street Party 2013
Come & Celebrate the History & Heritage of Mudgeeraba

Hosted by Luke Hot Iron June FM
- Enjoy Local Restaurant Specials
- Afternoon Tea and Entertainment in Village
- Join in at the Seniors Spot quilting - workshops - fun
- Hearts of Family Fun
- Live music & entertainment
- Street performers
- Vintage Cars
- Local community Street Parade

NUMINBAH VALLEY ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

COMMUNITY NEWS
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 are 21 March, 4 April, and 18 April.

SOCCER NEWS

First training session this Tuesday 26th 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.

IKIN DANCE- Easter School Holiday Workshops!!!

ACRO, CHEER, DANCE, SPORTS AEROBICS & BREAKDANCE

Weds 3rd & Thurs 4th April - $15

10 - 2PM – REGISTER 9.30AM

5/17 CROWN COURT, VARSITY LAKES

To book in Call 55221863

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

Beechmont Netball Club News

Another glorious day at the SCNA courts on Saturday saw our Beechmont Beagles achieve the highest score ever by a Beechmont team. They put in a very dominant performance to defeat St Hilda’s Emeralds 36-7. What an amazing effort girls… Well done!!!

Despite going down 17-13 to a tall Magic team, the Saints played extremely well in very hot and trying conditions. They made their coach very proud with excellent passing and court play and just proved that “the better you train, the better you play”. Well Done girls!! Can’t wait for this Friday’s training 😊 The Bandicoots could not unfortunately repeat their winning form this week going down to Jets Blue. The girls put in a terrific performance but were just outplayed on the day.

Our newest team, the Beechmont Tigers, is now up and running and had a terrific first match on Saturday against a much more experienced Technix Teenies. This team is made up of 7 and 8 year olds, many who have never played a game of netball before. The girls were amazing and showed terrific sportsmanship. At this level, the focus is on skill development and sportsmanship so no scores are kept however I am very confident that the future of Beechmont Netball is looking good if Saturday’s game is anything to go by.

Please check the SCNA website www.scna.org.au for game times for this week as they were unavailable at the time of printing.

See you on the court 😊