CARNIVAL OF WORDS

Carnival of Words 2013 is on tomorrow starting at 9:30 am. It is always an enjoyable day and a great opportunity for the families to be involved with the children in the school environment. Those parents who are reading to the children are most welcome to join us for a coffee before the day starts. Please remember to bring your book, we have a selection of books for those people who requested them.

CROSS COUNTRY

Last week’s Cross Country was a great success thanks to all our volunteers. Well done to Lorikeets for winning the House competition. The staff was very proud of the efforts of all those children who participated and cheered on their classmates. Congratulations to House Captains for encouraging their teams to perform so well. Special mention should be made of the new record set by Kanoa in the 2005 Girls event. Well done Kanoa.

Good luck to all those students representing the school at the Gold Coast North District Cross Country at Runaway Bay on Friday. We are very proud of you all.

DENTAL SERVICE

All students should have brought home the Oral Health pack. If your child has not shown the pack to you then please contact the Oral Health Call Centre 1300 300 850. Monday to Friday 8.00 am – 4.30 pm excluding Public Holidays URGENTLY as bookings close 24th May 2013. So ring now if you have not made a booking so your child does not miss out on this free oral check.

If your child requires disability access please identify this requirement with the Call Centre Operator.

UNIFORM NEWS

With the colder weather upon us winter uniforms are in stock. Please note black stockings or leggings are not a part of our uniform,

I do have a large selection of green tights selling out for $1.00 a pair.

Also multi coloured school jumpers are not allowed. If you are unable to afford a new uniform we have good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase also.

Uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.15 until 8.45.

Thanks Janine

WELCOME

A warm Beechmont welcome to Lele Clelland, Destinee-Grace Cresswell-Fisher, Xzavier Cresswell-Fisher, Arianna Musumeci, Kadison Musumeci, Tahlia Musumeci, our latest possums. We hope you have a wonderful time at Beechmont School.
COMING EVENTS

May
22 May Carnival of Words 9:30am-12:00pm
24 May District Cross Country
27 May Eduquest Tamborine Year 7 Students
28 May Enrichment Nerang Year 6 Visual Arts
28 May Mountain to Mouth Year 7 students
29 May Senior Band 07:45am
30 May Combined Band Day Canungra
31 May Parade on Fridays @ 8:50am
05 June Colour Day Maroon theme
07 June School Cleaner’s Day
10 June Queens Birthday Public Holiday

We understand that there will be times you may be unavailable. Please either swap your shift or contact the School. Thank you.

Wed 22 May Vicki Bouwer
Fri 24 May Kikumi Bennett & Janine Van B
Wed 29 May Volunteer Needed
Fri 31 May Michelle Moyce

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS
Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 55333340
e-mail-mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to Term 2 - Week 6
Things were a little brisk this morning – but inside the Mountain Mates house it is warm and cozy. So if you need to drop your children off early to school in the morning, book them into Before School Care. They get a cooked breakfast, activities and are cozy and warm, all for as little as $3 - $14 (depending on your childcare benefit entitlements). For more information please see Janine or Kim.

Our After School Care activities have been interesting, with children skipping, getting crafty, discovering their origins and learning self defence. Last week during our Active After School Care session with Tom from Arakan Martial Arts we learnt how to defend ourselves if we are grabbed by the wrist, or hair or shoulder. Tom presented Amy with the $125 voucher for her great intensity and focus. Well done Amy.

Our warm soups and milo’s are being well received during these cool afternoons/evenings. The children enjoy sitting together and having a “supper” and chat between about 5.00pm and 5.30pm.

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Have a great week and keep reading. Trish O’Connell pocon7@eq.edu.au

“Our hardworking Mountain Mates Gardeners”
Hoping you all have a wonderful week.
From Kim, Janine, Kerry, Clare, Kara & Christie. Your Mountain Mates Team.

P + C FUNDRAISER

P & C are having a second hand book sale at Zest Fest. All proceeds will go to the benefit of our children at the school. We are looking for donations of good condition, secondhand books. Box is in the office waiting to be filled. Very much appreciated.

Thank you
A big thankyou to George Ranking for treating our trees with frost protector.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

LIBRARY NEWS

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PREP NEWS

Hi there everyone hope you are all enjoying your week.
What a lovely day we had last Friday for the cross country carnival. The weather was fine and the children did a wonderful job participating in their running event. All that training paid off and they knew where to run and all had a go which is the most important thing.

This week we are continuing to look at length in maths. We have learnt two new sounds this week which are Y as in Yak and X as in fox. In science we have been continuing to look at materials. We have
been deciding if objects are made of plastic or not. We have investigated what hats are made of and why we wear certain types of hats for protection.

Tomorrow it is carnival of words when some of the parents will come in and read to the children. It should be a fun day.

Have a great week, Warm regards,

Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

I’d like to congratulate 1_2 on their efforts in the cross country carnival last Friday. They gave their best efforts and put all their training to good use. Thank you parents for sending them in running shoes for the last month and now that we have finished training they can resume wearing their uniform black shoes.

The only homework this week is to do their spelling sorts and home readers as we missed handing out homework on Friday. It will resume this Friday. In Math this week we are learning about pattern, both repeating patterns and growing patterns which will also reflect well in our art activities this week.

There were no award winners last week due to the cross country but I would like to say well done to Scarlett Wood who has just achieved another of her goals and now has three leaves on her sunflower 🌻.

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

Homework went out yesterday. Just a reminder, the children are expected to read each afternoon and practise their spelling words. Two maths sheets also went out as extra, optional homework and I was pleased with the amount of children requesting the extra work.

This week children will be undertaking a few assessments, particularly in mathematics. It is reporting time again, so the students can expect a few tests and assessment tasks across the subjects. For example in history they will be creating a board game about the history of bicycles and they will be constructing stories in English.

Have a great week.

Demelza Atherton dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Congratulations to our class award winners for last week: Cameron Ayers, Taura Burton, Chloe White and Emma Mckay DeGreef. Well done! Congratulations to all of the children in the class for participating so enthusiastically and energetically in the Cross Country last week. Your effort was great to see. Well done to William Johnson for qualifying for the District Cross Country and Kanoa Carter-Stampton for breaking the school record for her age group. Great work!

This week we are finishing off a number of assessment tasks in the classroom and it is therefore very important for all children to be present at school. It is very difficult to catch children up on these tasks.

There will be no normal homework grid for the next fortnight as the children are doing a range of assessment tasks at school and possibly completing some of these tasks at home. Spelling practice should continue as usual.

In History, the children are working on their research project about a European explorer. This will need to be completed by early next week. Children will need to take this home and work on it at home if necessary. They will have a summary sheet of this project as of today.

Have a great week.

Regards, Dan Albright dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Congratulations to all the boys and girls for putting in a whole hearted effort last week on the Naplan tests.

Our goal for this term was to continue to focus on becoming better at times tables. It is very important to have an instant recall of all of them seeing as we use it in just about every aspect of maths. There are some fantastic free mathematical Apps that can be downloaded and can be another way to practice math skills.

Tomorrow is Carnival of Words. We are all looking forward to enjoying a day of being immersed in literature. As well as practicing the times tables, it is also vital to keep reading.

Next week I will be off on Thursday as I will be attending the Positive Schools Mental Health Conference up in Brisbane. There will be a replacement teacher and homework will be due as usual.

Award winners for week 5 were all of our year 5 children for making a great effort during the Naplan Tests.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Welcome to week 6. You may have noticed that your child had a week off homework last week, well this week we are all back to normal homework. Each student needs to hand in their dictionary meanings and 8 well written sentences every Wednesday. They need to do their spelling sort, learn their spelling words and read each night. Mr. Roberts will correct the English and Maths sheet each Friday.
I’d like to give a big congratulation to all those Yr. 6/7 students who attended the Cross Country Day. Well done to those students who trained and ran an excellent race placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. But I’d like to give special congratulations to those Yr. 6/7 students who pushed themselves to participate in and complete the race even though it was extremely difficult for them.

Enjoy the rest of your week. Regards,
Elizabeth Perkins perk17@eq.edu.au &
Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au

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**STUDENT REPORTERS**

**Persuasive Texts Yr. 6/7**

The children have recently completed a persuasive text about a school issue. Each week I will try to publish some of these in the school newsletter. Here are the first 2 published pieces.

**Let’s Get Fit!!**

Are you a couch potato? If so, then you really need to make a trip to your local gym. It can’t be that fun watching your kids running around and knowing that you can’t join in. Don’t you want to be part of their lives? It’s worth the effort. Trust me!

Exercise isn’t only good for you, but it can also be extremely fun. You can exercise in the gym with your friends or you could race around the local park. If you’re too busy for those things then you could just walk your child to school or walk to work.

There are many different ways to exercise. From riding a bike on a bike track, to going for a run in the morning. From going to a pool and doing laps, to playing in a team sport. Why don’t you try it once in a while?

If you exercise you will not only get fit, but you will also open up more doors for your future. For example, instead of only having the ability to be a teacher or lawyer you could be athlete or a dancer or even a model, for all you know! You could be anything in the world!

If you think you need to get fit, whether you’re a man or a woman, a boy or a girl you probably do. There is no need to be ashamed or afraid. Everyone will support you through it. No matter what age, you can do it. I know you CAN do it and so should you!!

*Written by Gillian Clarke*

**No More Homework!**

Do you see your child come home after a hard day at school say “hi,” sit down take out their homework and do it looking bored and tired? I think students shouldn’t have to do homework in the afternoons. If you ask anybody or even yourself if they like or liked homework the majority will say they didn’t like it.

When your child or children come home they generally want to go outside and hangout with their friends. We all know very well that riding a scooter or bike in the afternoons with friends is an extremely good way of exercising and all parents out there are always hassling your kids to go outside and play. This is where homework steps in and goes “Have you done your homework today?”

A lot of kids have after school sports. These activities often take up the whole afternoon and there is no time for the dreaded homework. If your child can’t hand in their homework on time they have to stay in during lunch time. When a child stays in to do their homework they miss out on playing with their friends at break. If this happens and they still have homework for that afternoon they miss out on playing with their friends completely for that day.

If we are sent to school for five to six hours to work and learn why do we still have to come home and still do work? I just don’t get it. If there is still work left that we have to do at home then change the school time table.

I say work is for school not home. Doctors have proven that exercise is one of the best things for you, and when you sit down doing math sums that is no where near exercise. We all hate having to stay in at break finishing our homework when it was impossible for us to do it unless we stayed up really late because of after school activities. I strongly believe homework is a colossal waste of time.

*Written by Kuepper Pittman*
COMMUNITY NEWS

Beechmont Netball Club News

It was a tough round of netball on the weekend. Although there were no wins the girls fought hard and showed a lot of spirit by not giving in to the final whistle. Training as usual on Friday, rain, hail or shine. Merchandise available if required, caps, bag, and jacket. Next weeks games as follows 9am Eagles 10am Saints and 11am Bandicoots & Tigers.

Greg 0405206076

Beechmont Social Club

This week Friday the 24th we will be playing volleyball, starting at 6.30pm at the Hall on Graceleigh. Drinks are available. All Welcome. For any Enquiries call Greg on 0405 206 076.

Trouble parenting your 2-9 year old child?

Parenting now comes with a brief online instruction manual!

Researchers from the University of Queensland are offering FREE access to a brief online parenting program for 200 families as part of a research study. The newly developed program is based on the Triple P - Positive Parenting Program and offers simple solutions to common parenting problems like disobedience and aggression. If you are concerned about the behaviour of your 2-9 year old go to https://exp.psv.uq.edu.au/solutions for more information, email TriplePSolutions@psv.uq.edu.au or contact the project coordinator on (07) 3365 8870.

GOLD COAST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH SERVICES – ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Did you know that Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services in both the community and school dental clinics accept Teen Dental Vouchers? Good oral health care is important for young people. The government has provided Teen Dental Vouchers to help enable and maintain good oral health and preventative care. These vouchers can be presented to private dentists or Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services, including a community or school dental clinic.

Children attending schools up to the end of Year 10 who present a Teen Dental Voucher with Gold Coast Oral Health Services will receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care. Children in Years 11 and 12 in receipt of a voucher can only be seen by Gold Coast Oral Health Services if the eligibility criteria is met. They will then be placed on a waiting list to receive a comprehensive examination, x-rays, scale, clean and a full course of care.

If the Teen Dental Voucher has been used at a private dental practice, completion of the private dentist’s treatment plan will need to be undertaken privately at own cost. Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services will only be able to provide Emergency Care for these children, not a full course of care as prescribed by the private dentist.

Gold Coast Hospital and Health Services – Oral Health Services have qualified and experienced dentists, oral health therapists, dental therapists and dental assistants who work together to provide a range of oral healthcare services to meet your child’s specific oral health needs in a caring environment.

As the Teen Dental Voucher expires by 31.12.13, it is important that you arrange your appointment as soon as possible by telephoning the Gold Coast Oral Health Services Call Centre on 1300 300 850. Oral health services are also provided during all school holiday periods.

For more information on the nearest community or school dental clinic, the Oral Health Call Centre will be able to assist you with your enquiry.