BEECHMONT AWARD

I have received some nominations for this special award, a decision needs to be made in the next couple weeks. This Award, presented at our End of Year Concert and Awards Night on Friday December 6th, recognizes a contribution made to our School by an individual, organization or group of people.

This award is decided by you, the parents. Please complete the blue form that was attached to the newsletter 2 weeks ago and return to School by this Thursday 25th October. This is an important award in our community to recognize a valuable contribution to our School.

SWIMMING LESSONS YEAR 2 STUDENTS

Swimming will commence on Friday 1 November and go for 5 weeks. The cost is $32.50 which includes bus transport, pool admission and a 1 hour lesson per week without school assistance the cost would have been $90.75. This is an extremely valuable program and it is expected all Year 2 children will attend. The information was sent home last week and the permission form needs to be returned by this Wednesday 23rd October with payment.

CONGRATULATIONS

A very big congratulations to Desi Johnson who came 2nd in the 100m (12.96 sec) and 3rd in the 200m (26.99 sec). Considering that first place in the 100m ran 12.95 sec (just 0.01 sec faster) and that she dead-heated with 2nd only to be relegated to 3rd on a photo finish, this is an amazing achievement. She is now off to Nationals in Brisbane on the 22nd of November. We wish her speedy legs and all the very best!!

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Did you know that the typical modern car has four or five computers in it that control everything from running the engine to playing music on the stereo? With the advent of smartphones, we now have an amazing amount of technology in our pocket. It seems like almost everything these days includes a mysterious ‘black box’ that controls how it works.

To help the children gain an understanding of this technology and how it can be used, the school has started a Technology Club. The club is intended to introduce the children to electronics and computers by giving them hands on experience in building and programming their own robots. The school has purchased five robot kits based on the Arduino microcontroller board. The kits include a variety of sensors that allow the robots to detect its world and other components to drive motors and display information.

The Arduino is designed as a simple and cheap way to get involved in micro-controller electronics. It can be used to develop interactive objects, taking inputs from a variety of switches or sensors, and controlling a variety of lights, motors, and other physical outputs. More information on the Arduino can be found at http://www.arduino.cc

Each Friday lunchtime over the rest of the term, the Year 7’s will be assembling the robots and programming them to perform tasks such as navigating around the room.

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Technology Club Convenor

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COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
23 Oct  Wacky Dress day
23 Oct  Band & String lessons
24 Oct  No Strings
25 Oct  Year 6/7 V8 Supercars
28 Oct  Senior Band Iona College Performance
30 Oct  Junior Band Iona College Performance
01 Nov  Swimming lessons Yr 2
01 Nov  World Teachers day
01 Nov  Bush Poetry Competition Canungra
06 Nov  Colour Day-Multi colours
13 Nov  P & C Meeting 7pm Library
19 Nov  Prep Orientation.
06 Dec  End of year Concert

NERANG ALLIANCE SPEAKING OUT COMPETITION

Congratulations to Cameron Ayers, Natasha Trikilis, Wishy Thirasantikamol and India-Rose Harper on their efforts in representing the school in the Nerang Alliance Speaking Out competition last week. They spoke confidently and we are very proud of them. Well done!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEXT YEAR?

Our staffing for 2014 is being decided right now. It is absolutely vital that you let us know if you are not planning to be here next year. At a school of our size, one or two children really do make a difference to our overall staffing mix, so please, if you are planning to be off the mountain or attend another school, please let us know ASAP, so we can accurately plan for 2014 so that your children can have a stable start to next year. Thank you so much for your help with this very important information.

UNIFORM NEWS

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

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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Wed 23rd Oct  Viki Bouver
Fri 25th Oct  Janine Van B
Wed 30th Oct  Volunteer needed
Fri 1 Nov  Volunteer needed
Wed 6th Nov  Viki Bouver
Fri 8th Nov  Kerry Murphy
Wed 13th Nov  Volunteer needed

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.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

WACKY DRESS DAY

Just a reminder that tomorrow is WACKY DRESS day and the theme is pyjamas. This day is separate from colour day and it is run by the student council in order to raise funds to purchase extra sports equipment that can be used by all children at playtime. If your child is dressed in their pyjamas, a gold coin payment will need to be made.

Support for the cause will be much appreciated.
YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Thank you to all those parents who supplied a toy for the class to examine as part of their science investigation. The children will be examining them this afternoon as well as conducting a Ramp Race to explore how movement can be changed.

Our new English Unit begins this week as we reconnect with fairy-tales. In this unit the children will look at the differences and similarities of characters and settings in three versions of a story ‘Red Riding Hood’, the fairy-tale, ‘Lon PoPo’, a folktale from China, and ‘Red Riding Hood was Rotten’, a fractured fairy-tale. They will then write a persuasive response as to which version is the best.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Corbin O’Toole for significant improvement in Math and Destinee-Grace Cresswell-Fisher for her excellent addition and subtraction facts.

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

For an up and coming science investigation we need a fair amount of bubble wrap and corrugated cardboard. We are using these materials as well as a variety of others to test their insulating properties. The children will be wrapping the materials around bottles of cold water and will measure the water’s temperature at regular intervals to see how effective these materials are as insulators. Hence, if anyone can donate any bubble wrap or corrugated cardboard you may have at home that would be greatly appreciated.

For homework this week children will be going through past spelling tests and their writing books to find words they spell incorrectly to order to make their own personal list. They will be tested individually on their words on Friday.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Thank you to Elizabeth Perkins for taking the class while I was away.

This week we will be continuing with the planning and building of our Rowan of Rin shelters for our Technology assignment. Please ensure that children are bringing in the necessary materials to build their miniature shelters.

In English we will continue to read the novel Rowan of Rin and investigate the techniques used by the author to develop the characters and plot. In the near future the children will be planning and writing their own “event” for the story as a writing task.

Please ensure all forms are returned by tomorrow for the excursion to the planetarium. The excursion is this Friday. Children need to be at school by 8:30am in order to catch the bus. We will return by 3:00pm for the normal school buses.

Regards, Dan Albright dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Just a reminder that our class will be going on an excursion to the Planetarium at Mt Coot-tha this Friday the 25th of October. It is vital that all forms and monies are handed in before this date. Children who are not attending the excursion will remain at school and work on set tasks in alternate classes.

Hello parents! My name is Katie Alini and I am completing my final teaching practicum in Class 5/6 until the middle of week six. Each day is a big learning curve but I am thoroughly enjoying the challenge. So far I have been teaching Maths, Art and Technology, next week I’ll include HPE and Science. I am fortunate to be learning the tricks of the trade from Katie and Joyce – aren’t they neat teachers?! I look forward to meeting more of you as the term progresses. Best Regards, Katie Alini.

Warm regards
Katie Alini
kmann38@eq.edu.au  jbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

It is a short week for the Year 6/7 this week with yesterday’s Pupil Free Day and Friday’s excursion to the GC600 impacting on our regular schedule. As a result there will be no homework other than nightly reading for the Reading Competition and daily maths facts practise.

Students are performing their bush poem in class this week as part of their assessment for English. This performance will also form the basis for our selections for the Budding Bards Competition this year with those selected performing in Round One next week at Canungra SS.

This Friday is GC600 Day. Children need to be at Nerang station by 7:40am ready to catch the train then the bus into Main Beach. This is a totally free day for the students and a great opportunity to get trackside at one of the Gold Coast’s biggest events of the year. Children need to be in full school uniform for the day including green school shirt (Year 7s can wear their 2013 leaders shirt if they wish), green school shorts and covered-in shoes. Students MUST have a school hat and bring sunscreen and a water bottle as it is predicted to be a hot day. The children can purchase food and drink at the track or bring a packed lunch however we do suggest plenty of snacks. This is a very exciting day and a fantastic opportunity and I am sure the children will enjoy it.

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

BEECHMONT MASSAGE
Take some time out to relax and be pampered with a full body massage using a blend of calming essential oils. Soothe away your aches and pains, and be left feeling blissfully relaxed, the perfect way to unwind.

$60 for 60 minutes / ph 0401 372 647 / mobile service available

Ellen Miller is a qualified and experienced massage therapist. Offering relaxation, therapeutic, deep pressure, ayurvedic and hot stone massage.

BEECHMONT JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON
Every Saturday at 9am Hall on Graceleigh come and join in the fun. For any Enquiries contact Greg on 0405206076

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.

COME JOIN US AT THE BEAUXDESERT RACES
BEECHMONT SOCIAL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR A DAY AT THE RACES
WHEN: DERBY DAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2013
WHERE: BEAUXDESERT RACE TRACK
COST: $80 PER PERSON
COST INCLUDES: Transport by coach
Free Entry
Free Program
Complimentary Wine/Beer on arrival
Three Course Meal under our own Marquee, Prizes for Best Dressed. To secure your tickets contact Greg on 0405206076. Tickets are limited so be quick
COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AND EXPERIENCE A DAY AT A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY RACE TRACK.

Become an Intensive Foster Carer with UnitingCare Community.
We are seeking motivated and committed individuals who are willing and have the time to become an Intensive Foster Carer who provides primary care or respite care for children between the ages of 0 -18 years, with extreme to complex needs.

Intensive Foster Carer placements are required to meet the needs of young people who may exhibit challenging behaviours, a diagnosed disability and additional medical conditions or complications.

Intensive Carers play a vital role in the lives of young people by including them in their family, by providing a nurturing relationship and safe and stable home life.

An Intensive Foster Carer can be a full time 24/7 carer or provide respite care on weekends and holidays.

Please contact the UnitingCare Community Family Lives Program on 3363 2228 for further information.