FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would like to remind parents that it is imperative that Douglas is informed of any changes to bus/walkers arrangements which occur at the end of the day. Recently there have been occasions where parents have picked up their children without letting us know that this has occurred. This makes it difficult for those teachers on duty as they need to confirm if the child is absent or if they have already left. Could all parents please make an effort to follow the correct procedure.

There have been a few children passing notes to each other saying inappropriate things about their classmates. Could you please talk to your own children letting them know it is not a nice thing to do and if it continues there will be a visit to Mr Roberts’ office. It is extremely important that all children understand the impact note writing can have on the victim’s self-esteem. If your child has had a note writing event against them please encourage them to either let their teacher know or come and see me.

Please understand that we take this matter extremely seriously and we will do everything in our power to ensure that children refrain from this activity.

CAMP UPDATE

This Friday we have to submit the names of all students who are attending the camp. There are still a couple of people who have not paid any money off their invoice. We need the money by Wednesday, please come in and talk if there are any issues regarding this payment.

JUNIOR CHOIR AT BINNA BURRA

The Junior Choir performed beautifully at the Christmas in July dinner on Friday night. We were very proud of the children who represented the school at this special event. Tania Evans does an amazing job with these young children and the school community should value her work. On Monday morning I received an email from a guest who was at the function, I have included it in today’s newsletter:

“We’ve just returned from a few days at Binna Burra lodge, and whilst there on Friday night, as a part of their “Christmas in July” celebration, it was our privilege to hear your choir perform superbly. Full marks to both the choir and their music teacher. What great ambassadors they are for your school. Keep up the good work!”

SCHOOL WORKING BEE

We are looking for volunteers to help at a Working Bee which will be held on Sunday 28 July 2013 between 9:00 and midday. Mark Evans has done an amazing job getting the school grounds tidied up but we need a concerted effort to really get on top of the gardens.

Steve Walters has organised a mulcher to dispose of all the green waste, we will use this around the gardens. We will need wheel barrows, shovels and great attitudes to get through a mountain of work!

It would be greatly appreciated if as many people as possible could help out. If you are free next Sunday could you let Douglas know as soon as possible. We will have sausages for lunch.
COMING EVENTS

JULY
26 July     Canungra and District Athletics Carnival
28 July     School Working Bee

AUGUST
07 Aug Colour day Theme Stripes
09 Aug Raw Art
14 Aug P & C meeting 7pm

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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Wed 24th July  Volunteer needed
Fri 26th July  Volunteer needed
Wed 31st July  Vicki Bouwer
Fri 02 Aug  Janine Van B
Wed 07 Aug  Volunteer needed
Fri 09 Aug  Kerry Murphy

PAST STUDENT NEWS

Congratulation to our the following past students who received Principals Awards at the recent Nerang High School Awards night.
Year 10 Silver  Monique Cook
              Ryley Sami
              Bethany Boland
Year 11 Gold  Angel Nikijuluw
              Jade Ure
Year 11 Silver  Harrison Piggott
Year 12 Gold  Jake Hashim Jones
              Elizabeth Abbey
Year 12 Silver  Samantha Bennett
              Dannica Llewellyn

UNIFORM NEWS

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

I’d like to thank Rowena, one of our local firewood suppliers, for dropping in her personal collection of maps some of which we can use in activities and some which are for display only (an early 1940's map of Europe showing the camel routes!).

In Literacy we begin our new unit comparing narrative and informative texts. Please help the children develop awareness in this area by discussing the type of text they are reading in their home readers.

In Maths and SOSE we continue to look at maps, location and directions.

There was no parade last week and so no awards were announced.

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

Today students started a new history unit. In today’s lesson students examined the historical inquiry process in relation to research. They examined provided sources to locate information about significant aspects of Queensland from the past and present. They looked at old black and white photographs of Rockhampton and sequenced significant historical aspects of Rockhampton on a timeline. In their history books students then identified examples of continuity and change shown in the photographs over time. In the next lesson students will find out who lived in Queensland first? In this lesson they will be exploring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language groups in Queensland and understanding the importance of Country and Place to Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait peoples.

In maths this week we are looking at money concepts. Students will select appropriate coins and notes to match shopping situations. They will identify the most appropriate single coin or note to make a purchase and select the minimum number of coins and notes to match a purchase price. On Thursday the maths lesson will involve interpreting shopping situations involving change and learning different strategies to calculate change.

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

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

In English, we have begun a unit of work on Historical Recounts. As part of this work we are reading a text called My Story: Who am I? This text is in the form of a diary and recounts the life of a girl in 1937 who was part of the Stolen Generation. The children will be writing a text in the style of a Historical Recount at the end of this unit. We have also begun to construct our speeches for the speaking competition which is rapidly approaching.

In Maths, our focus for this week is decimals and common fractions. Year 3 children will be working with common fractions and comparing and ordering these fractions. Year 4 children will be working with decimals. We are also developing our problem-solving skills through use of a variety of strategies.

In SOSE this week, we are working on various aspects of Geography. The children will be using
maps and atlases to further investigate the world's continents, countries and other features.

Homework is due this Thursday. The children should have been practising spelling and Number Facts each night of this week.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

I would love some feedback regarding the individualised homework that we began last week. If time permits, a short email or note would be appreciated. I was most impressed with the first week's spelling results in which the majority of the class got their words correct.

As part of our 30 minute mandatory daily exercise, we have begun practicing for our end of year concert dance. As well as practicing for the dance, our class will also be doing a variety of other physical exercises to keep their bodies fit and healthy. If your child is not able to participate in any physical activity, a note will be required.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Wow!! I can't believe we are already in Week 3… how the term is flying by!! This week we have started working on our speeches for the Public Speaking competition to be held on the 20th August (Week 7). We will be writing a speech to persuade our listeners to take action or consider a point of view on a topic, and have been examining famous speeches and looking at different persuasive techniques to help us. Our speeches will be completed during school time so everyone needs to be working hard to ensure that they are ready for our big night.

Good luck to everyone competing the Friday at the Canungra and District Athletics. I am sure that you will do your absolute best and compete with great sportsmanship.

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

Beechmont Netball Club News

What an amazing 2 days of netball we had on the weekend!! Firstly, the rain managed to hold off allowing for an exciting round of Saturday fixtures to take place. It was great to see everyone back in the (almost) sunshine after recommencing the season with a Friday night game the week before.

Sunday saw the netballers enjoying an absolutely gorgeous day at Boonah competing in the inaugural Scenic Rim Netball Carnival against teams from Boonah, Beaudesert, Tamborine and Fassifern. It was a fantastic day with our girls showing great skills and wonderful sportsmanship. It was a tough day out for some of our juniors competing against girls up to 4 years older than them however the Beechmont girls kept their heads held high, and put in the hard work to perform admirably.

With such a big event, there are a few thank-yous that we would like to make:

Firstly, a huge thank you to Addie for donating her time on the day to drive bus. Without her, we could not have taken the bus and many of our girls may not have made the trip to Boonah.

Secondly, a very special thank you to Victoria and her band of helpers for the amazing hot lunch that they prepared. The soup and garlic bread was absolutely wonderful and your efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

Thirdly, big thanks to Greg for his amazing organisational skills. Without his tireless behind-the-scenes efforts the day would not have been possible.

And lastly but certainly not least, a big thank-you to all the parents, grandparents, and friends for supporting our club’s participation in this carnival. Without your support, either behind the scenes preparing your children for the event or on the day with your loud cheers of encouragement and applause, our teams would not have enjoyed the day as much as they did, so thank you everyone!!

Game times for this week are as follows:

10 am Tigers, Bandicoots, Eagles
11 am Saints

HAVE YOUR SAY AS PART OF THE WORKING PARENTS RESEARCH PROJECT

Researchers from the University of Queensland are looking for working parents to take part in a survey looking at the effects of working life on Queensland children and families. We are particularly interested in Fly-in/Fly-out (FIFO) and Drive-in/Drive-out (DIDO) workers but value and encourage input from all kinds of working parents. The survey will only take around 30-45 minutes to complete. Your involvement will help the field to learn more about the effects of different work circumstances and settings on children and families. Your participation will also assist in developing ways to properly support working parents in the future.

- Are you a working parent?
- Do you have a child aged between 2 and 12 years?
- Are you willing to provide 30-45 minutes of your time?

For further information and to take part in the survey, please visit: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/workingparents

All participating parents will be eligible to enter a draw to win 1 of 10 $100 Coles/Myer gift cards!

BEECHMONT FITNESS CLASSES NOW ON

Circuit/Boxercise Combo Classes have started at Beechmont!

If you’d like to get fitter, leaner, stronger and have fun – all in time for the return of Spring and Summer – then come along to your local fitness classes at the Hall on Graceleigh:

- Mondays 3pm (men and women)
- Wednesdays 3pm (women)
- Wednesdays 4.15pm (men and women)

Kids are welcome too! $15 adults for a great 1 hour workout; $5 for kids (must be supervised by parents)

Bookings or more information call Sally on 0412 682 008 or email: salmackinnon@bigpond.com

These classes are run by the local health and fitness service Your Fitness Friend (Sally MacKinnon), a fully qualified and experienced fitness instructor and personal trainer: http://yourfitnessfriendgc.blogspot.com.au

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