BEGINNING YEAR ASSEMBLY and OPEN NIGHT

I would like to thank all those parents who braved the weather last Tuesday and attended the Beginning Year Assembly and Open Night. It was a great evening. A big thank you to the P and C for providing the sausages. The Year 7 children did an excellent job speaking for the first time in front of a large audience.

YEAR 4/5/6/7 SYDNEY/CANBERRA TRIP 2013

Unfortunately at this stage the indications do not look good for a year 4, 5, 6 & 7 camp to Sydney/Canberra occurring as we need approximately 30 students to qualify for group discounts in order to keep the costs and we are well short of this number.

P + C NEWS

The P and C Annual General Meeting is being held this Wednesday at 7:00pm. Please come along and help Beechmont State School continue to thrive. It is so pleasing to see the support given to the executive committee over recent years. I feel sure they will welcome any new faces to assist and share the work load in 2013.

IF YOUR CHILD IS ON THE BUS?

Thank you to the parents who attended last weeks bus conveyance meeting. The committee is looking into the possibility of re-introducing bus run in Flemington Road. The Committee members are G Slater, M Wood and D Cording

BOOK FAIR

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week by purchasing items. We raised over $800 in commission for the school which has allowed us to buy a significant amount of new resources. This was the library’s major fundraiser for the year and your support is very greatly appreciated. On a personal note, a very big thank you and my sincerest gratitude go to Janita Johnson and Jenny Slingsby who both gave up their Tuesday night to be at Book Fair Open Night allowing me to leave and play in a netball grand final. Thank you ladies – I owe you both big time!!!

PAST PUPIL NEWS

Congratulations to Elizabeth Abbey who was named as School Captain for Nerang High this year at their Leaders’ Investiture Ceremony on the 14th February. A big congratulations also to Dannica Llewellyn who was awarded the position of Prefect, and to Samantha Bennett and Louis Robinson who were named as House Captains. We are very proud of their achievements and to be able to say that they are past Beechmont SS students. We are sure that they will lead Nerang High with pride and wish them all the very best for the year ahead.
COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY
Feb 27 P & C Annual General Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb 28 Crichton at Principals Conference
01 Mar Crichton at Principals Conference
06 Mar Colour Day
08 Mar Leaders Presentation
15 Mar School Disco

THANK YOU

J A big thank you to Mikaela Jones for the donation of the books to the library.

SCHOOL BANKING

Student Banking is every Tuesday, just send your child’s deposit book and money to the office and we will do the rest.

Thankyou to those parents who have opened up new accounts for their children

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.

Rain rain go away Mountaine Mates children want to go out and play.
Welcome to week 5. Half way through term 1 already. The children are enjoying our weekly activities we have been doing.
Unfortunately due to the weather AASCP was postponed last week due to the weather and I cant see it happening this week either much to the childrens dissapointment as they are thourghly enjoying archery.
For dinner this week the children are having Hot Diggity Dogs and for dessert Fresh Fruit Kebabs.
Have a great week.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

We had a great time at Raw Art on Friday making clay dragonflies. At the moment they are drying in the computer room but you are welcome to pop in and see them if you wish. This week in English we are comparing and contrasting characters from the books we have read. We are also learning to share our opinions with others and how to disagree in an appropriate manner. Literacy Planet is up and running and the children have differentiated tasks set for them twice a week. These tasks support their spelling, reading and grammar. The licence purchased by the school also allows children to log on at home so if you wish to provide your child with extra literacy activities just use the log on details that will be attached to the cover of their homework books this week.

The children have been very conscientious in monitoring the progress of their bean experiments and can report that over the weekend, while no one was looking, one of the beans germinated causing all round excitement.
If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me.

Wishing you all a good week,
Kerry Pryor kpryo8@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Thank you to all parents who were able to make it to Open Night. It is always good to meet new parents (and old ones) and discuss some of our goals for the year.

In Maths this week we are working on Mental Strategies for addition and subtraction. We are also beginning a unit of work on measurement and length. The children will be measuring using standard units such as centimetres and metres. We will be investigating various measuring tools and units used around the world.

In English the children have been working hard on Sizzling Starts (interesting starts to a story). We will now be moving on to “Planning” an effective story. In punctuation, we are working on quotation marks and apostrophes for contractions.
Have a great week.
Regards, Dan dalbr1@eq.edu.au
YEAR 6/7 CLASS

It has been another busy week in the Year 6/7 classroom with many students volunteering during the week to help out with Book Fair. It provided a great opportunity to develop some customer service and money handling skill and those that were involved did a terrific job. We also enjoyed using clay to make an animal head tile in Raw Art on Friday and produced some very creative pieces. Our tiles do need a few days to dry (and this incredibly wet weather is not helping) but we will be sending them home in a week or two.

A big congratulations to those students who got up and spoke at Open Night last Tuesday night. Public speaking in front of such a large crowd is always very challenging and the students performed terrifically well and showed great confidence. Well done!!

A big congratulations also to the Parade award winners from the last couple of weeks – Tane, Taylah, Wishy, Kuepper and Grace have had a terrific start to the year whilst Amy B and Gillian have produced homework of an extremely high standard. Jasper has shown excellent application to task during our C.A.R.S sessions and Bil showed pleasing improvement in his mental maths results.

Most students are doing a terrific job completing and bringing their homework each week, however there are some students who do need to remember to write using cursive and create sentences that are at a grade appropriate level. Most importantly, students MUST be sorting their words and recording their times EVERY night as well as reading for at least 20 mins a day. Diaries, reading sheets and sort time records do need to be signed on a weekly basis and we thank parents for their cooperation with this matter. I am a little concerned with some student’s knowledge of their times tables.

By Year 6, students should have instant recall of all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and their division counterparts. Some students are really struggling in this area and should be doing additional revision each night to improve this vital skill.

If there are any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at school or via email.

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

WANT A CHILD FREE NIGHT?

BABY SITTING
If you have a function to attend or just simply need some child free time
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
I can also help with homework
I COME TO YOU!
LOWER BEECHMONT AREA

PRICE NEGOCIALBE

Hi, my name is Audrey. I am 17 and a Lower Beechmont resident.

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY PET CARE
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CRICKET NEWS
We will be playing our first ever game this Saturday against the Carrara Bushman. Usual time at 9am should be a lot of fun. That will end our season but we will commence the new season in the last term of school. us at our usual time 9am on 2nd March. Canteen facilities will be available. All Welcome

HOUSE FOR RENT – LOWER BEECHMONT
3Bed, 2 Bath, 2 large living areas
Breathtaking views over hinze dam,
Quiet Street - walking distance to shop. $380 pw
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NETBALL NEWS
Training will be this Friday as usual for all teams. We will be playing this Saturday the 2nd at the SCNA Courts for grading purposes. A big thankyou to Michelle Trikilis for helping out at the Masters BBQ we raised $220.

FAMILY HOME FOR RENT
• 5 x bedroom
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• walking distance to school.
• $395/week
• garden maintenance included
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HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOL KIDS BONUS?
Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefited from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?
If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.
The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.
Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

THE BEECHMONT SPORTS ASSOCIATION
Are starting a Social Club starting this Friday 1st March at the Hall on Graceleigh at 5.30pm. Food and drinks are available. There will be various games played from week to week depending on the number of attendance. This week will be a game of indoor cricket.
ALL WELCOME