Thank everyone for their assistance and support over the term. The school community has made me feel welcome and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the students and parents at Beechmont State School.

This term was extremely busy and Term 2 looks much the same. We are extremely fortunate to have a wonderful staff and support team here at Beechmont which makes the day to day running of the school so successful.

Term 2 events include ANZAC Day Service, Opti-MINDS, Mother’s Day, NAPLAN, Interhouse Cross Country, Spelling Bee, Combined Band Day with Canungra, Disco and Athletics Carnival.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy break and we will see you back at school on Monday 15 April.

Thank you to those parents who have expressed their interest in sending their children on the Canberra trip in Term 3. There are 31 children which is sufficient for the trip to go ahead. I have submitted the preferred dates to the company and they will confirm the dates once flights and accommodation have been organised. Once this has occurred we will be given an exact price for the trip. We will be sending 3 teachers.

Congratulations to Desi for being selected in the South Coast School Sport 12 Years Netball team. Desi will be competing in the Queensland School Sport Championships in Townsville at the end of May. Well done Desi, the school community is very proud of you.

One of the triggers of anaphylaxis can be food. Peanuts are a food type which is commonly associated with anaphylaxis and we do have children at Beechmont who have an allergic reaction to peanuts. The school would appreciate if parents refrained from sending any peanut products to school in order to minimise the risk of an allergic reaction occurring.

Please feel free to contact Mr Roberts if you need any further information.

We are asking all children to stop using the sandpit in the area near the Green Room. The sandpit is covered at night but we have found animal droppings in a few spots in the pit. We will be looking into finding a more effective system to cover the sand which will allow the children to safely use the sandpit. The sandpit is out of bounds until further notice.
**COMING EVENTS**

**MARCH**
- 28 Mar  Easter Hat Parade 9:00 am
- 28 Mar  Last day of term
- 29 Mar  Good Friday

**APRIL**
- 15 April  Term 2 Starts

**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??

**STUDENT BANKING**

A new competition begins next term. Great prizes to win. All you need to do is make at least 3 deposit during the term. So get ready for term 2 banking every Tuesday.

**MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS**

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.

Please check out our great schedule for Vacation Care in today's newsletter.

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

**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**PREP NEWS**

Hi everyone hope you are all having a lovely week. The children have started to become quite tired now and will be looking forward to recharging their batteries over the Easter holidays. This week I have sent home a little sound booklet for the children to revise the sounds that we have been learning at home. The sight word books will continue to go home as well as this. Please remind your child to bring their folders to school every day now as we have the booklets going home.

We are learning the last three sounds in book 3 this week which is l, f and b. We have been reading a book called Queenie and the Bantam and looking at how characters have different feelings. Yesterday we did sound writing with Mrs Barrett to help us form the letters correctly when we write.

In History we have been looking at families. It would be great if the children could maybe bring in a photo of their family for us to display. Please don’t send any precious ones in. The children will also be bringing home 2 questions to ask a member of their family, if you could help them with this that would be great.

In science we have been looking at the needs of living things. A booklet all about one of the child’s pets will be coming home and if they can write about it and take some pictures that would be great. As they come in they will share it with the class.

Well I hope you all have a safe and relaxing holiday and that the children come back bright and refreshed for term two.

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

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

Well, Term1 is over in the blink of an eye. 1_2 have been working hard and I am sure are looking forward to their holidays. There will be no homework or readers sent home over the break but please keep the children reading, books from the library can make a welcome change in the home reading program or even the reading activities on Literacy Planet. This week we are doing running records on the Year 2’s so there may be some fine tuning of their take home reader level when you return from holidays. Please remember that the reading level your child is on is not simply their ability to read aloud and decode the words but is also a function of their ability to retell, analyse, predict and discuss the text.

I am also assessing the children in Maths this week so it is important that children are in attendance right up to the last day of term.

I’d also like to thank Tilly’s mum, Ellen, for bringing her kitten in last week. We were able to compare the appearance and needs of the kitten with the puppies as well as enjoy a very cute visitor.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Sophia Gistitin for excellent homework, Kobi Marshall for great writing, Caitlin Hoey for completing all her work on time and Luka Allen for improved handwriting.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpryo8@eq.edu.au

Have a wonderful holiday, Kerry Pryor

**YEAR 2/3 CLASS**

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Easter break. Term one has been a productive term and I have been extremely impressed with the children’s
hard work. The efforts that have gone into spelling, daily readers and homework this term has been outstanding, so I would like to thank parents for their input and their hard work as well. It is really paying off as the results are obvious. If anyone is concerned or just generally wants to know how their child has been performing in term 1 please feel free to contact me or to come in for a discussion.

Have a great week, Demelza
dathel1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

This week in Maths we have been working with the concepts of Area, Fractions and Temperature as well as revising a variety of Number concepts. In Area, the children have been learning about calculating the area of rectangles and other two dimensional shapes. The standard units of square centimetres, square metres and square km have been covered. We have been working hard on fractions, including decimals and common fractions.

In English, we have begun to work hard on grammar and punctuation in our writing. We have worked on interesting starts to our stories, planning a narrative, developing a complication. We have also worked on the structure of sentences including noun and verb groups and the use of conjunctions. As the children are now constructing a new chapter for our novel, we will be focussing on constructing correct sentences with accurate punctuation.

Have a great holiday with your children.
Regards, Dan Albright.
dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Wow! I can’t believe it’s already the last week of term 1. It has flown by so quickly.

There is no homework for the last week of the term and it will resume first week of term 2.

We have an Easter Bonnet Parade on this Thursday. As part of our art lessons, the children in our class have made their own origami hats which they have decorated with their own Easter designs.

If you and your child are making one at home as well, they are welcome to bring them in and then choose which they would like to wear for the parade.

Last week we revisited the goals set for term one. Each child had chosen two goals and it was lovely to see that many were well on their way to achieving their goals.

Award winners for week 8 were: Phoebe Wood, Kane Harrison, Charli Sawatzki, Eliana-Li Tari and Alisha Ure. Congratulations to all.

Hope you have a great and relaxing holiday.
Regards, Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au
lbour96@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

All students should have bought home a progress note last Friday indicating how they have begun the year both academically and behaviourally. Please, if you have any questions or concerns, contact us here at school and we can make a time to discuss them. Overall, the students have worked very hard this term and are making pleasing progress however instant recall of basic number facts and the spelling of many everyday words when writing, continues to hamper many students’ overall progress. whilst there is no formal homework set for the holidays, online programs such as Literacy Planet and Mathletics are a great way for the students to have fun but still be improving these vital skills. The students are also expected to be reading each day and we have set the a challenge to read two books over the 2 week break.

We do hope that everyone has a very safe and restful holiday, and gets to relax and have fun with their family and loved ones over the Easter break. Next term, Mrs Elizabeth Perkins will be taking the class with Mr Roberts whilst Ms Stanley is on her long service leave. We thank Elizabeth for stepping into this role and hope that she enjoys her “Beechmont Experience” in the Year 6/7 classroom.

Safe and Happy Holidays to all.
Regards
Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &
Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au

STUDENT REPORTERS

AWESOME AUTHORS OF THE 5/6 CLASS

Using the 7 Steps to Writing Program, our class has been busy trying to write in a manner that makes the reader want to read on. We have looked at 3 steps so far: Sizzling Starts, Tightening Tension and Planning for Success. Below are three pieces of writing that were based on these three steps.

Untitled

Ironman and Warmachine are circling around the city. Suddenly Ironman smells some smoke and looks down. He sees fire everywhere. Irondog starts barking and hears a car burst. They fly down and see the Joker robbing banks and setting buildings on fire. They fly lower. Suddenly Ironman feels something hit the back of his head and falls to the ground. Warmachine looks around for the Joker. When Ironman gets up he tastes blood in his mouth.

By Jake Mobbs

Untitled

Batman and Robin were walking in Gotham City. They saw a villain called Catwoman. She was stealing jewellery out of a shop and whipping every police that was going up to her. Batman and Robin were trying to catch Catwoman but it was hard. Batman could hear police
being whipped. Robin could smell cat fur from Cat Woman’s pet cats. Batman could see smoke and cats. Batman and Robin could feel cats’ tails brushing on their legs.

By Jade Mitchell

LIBRARY NEWS

With the holidays upon us at the end of this week, all library books are now overdue and must returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Beechmont Netball Club News

It was a mixed bag of results on Saturday for Beechmont Netball. The Bandicoots returned to their winning ways with a very dominant 11-0 win over Jesters Nippers. Unfortunately, the Eagles could not reproduce their great victory from last week going down to Technix Tiaras. Heat and height were the two contributing factors to the Saint’s loss to new club St Hildas on the weekend. These girls played in 30+ degree heat at 11 am (something we haven’t had for a while) and just couldn’t overcome St Hildas dominance through the midcourt.

We now have 2 weeks off for the Easter break with games resuming on the 13th APRIL. This is the Saturday before school starts back. Please check the website www.scna.org.au for games times for this day.

On Friday the 19th April, SCNA will host its first round of evening competition for the Juniors. There are a number of Friday night rounds held throughout the season with this one commemorating ANZAC Day. Games will be played either at 5pm or 6 pm with only one session of Netball Kids at 5pm. There will be more details to come but please put this date in your calendars for the first week back at school.

Finally, from our Netball family to yours, have a very happy and safe Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone on the courts on Saturday the 13th. ☺

See you on the court ☺
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

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 4 April, and 18 April.

Mudgeeraba Street Party 2013

Come & Celebrate the History & Heritage of Mudgeeraba

Free Kids Activities
- Jumping Castle
- Wildlife
- Face Painting
- Visit from GC Suns
- Sunny Day

Sunday 23rd April
10 - 3pm
Swan Lane

SOCcer NEWS

First training session this Tuesday 26th March 3pm until 4pm on the oval. If it wet will be in the hall. Uniforms will be issued to all new players and soccer boots can be purchased.

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

FAMILY HOME FOR RENT

- 5 x bedroom
- 3 x living areas-
- walking distance to school.
- $375/week
- garden maintenance included
- Phone 0412 313 310

BEECHMONT SOCIAL CLUB

| April 26th | Barefoot Bowls |
| May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st | Sport to be decided by members |
| June 7th, 14th, 21st | Sport to be decided by members |
| July 12th, 19th, 26th | Sport to be decided by members |
| August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd | Sport to be decided by members |
| September 6th, 13th | Sport to be decided by members |

These are the dates that the Beechmont Social Club has booked the Hall on Graceleigh. Sport options are cricket, soccer, volleyball, badminton, hockey, bowls, or netball. Any other ideas or suggestions most welcome. All dates in bold are approximately a month apart to possibly make it an extra special event.