The school enrolment numbers for next year indicate there is a possibility of us losing a staff member. If this does occur the classes we are looking at establishing will be:

Prep/1, Year 1/2, Year 3/4, Year 4/5 and Year 6/7

At present we have not been unable to finalise teachers and class make-up. This is always a challenge when student numbers are close to the figure where a class can be maintained or lost.

I can confirm that I will be continuing on as Acting Principal for the first term. We would like to congratulate Joyce Boura on gaining a permanent teaching position at Springbrook State School and we wish her all the best in her new school. Joyce has been an extremely valuable part of the staff at Beechmont and she will be greatly missed.

If you wish to use Symons, your order must be placed online or returned to the school by next Friday, 6th December 2013 in order to be available for collection at the start of the new year.

At this stage of the year we are running down all Tuckshop Stock. Below is a list as of last Friday of all items that are left. Please give us a second option when ordering. Thank you.

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Once again head lice have entered our school. We would ask all parents to be diligent in checking their children’s hair on a regular basis over the coming weeks. Should your child be affected we would ask that you treat your child before sending them to school. Thankyou for your assistance in ensuring that this latest outbreak can be quickly stopped.

The P & C are holding a Christmas Raffle to be drawn at the End of Year Concert. We ask for your donations of non-perishable items (food, Christmas goodies etc) to contribute to a hamper as one of the prizes. Tickets will be on sale at the End of Year Concert 6th December. Thank you for your help to raise valuable funds for the children.
**COMING EVENTS**

November
29 Nov  Last Year 2 Swimming Lesson
29 Nov  P & C Christmas Picnic
04 Dec  Year 7 Orientation Nerang SHS
05 Dec  Year 7 Orientation Tamborine SHS
06 Dec  End of year Concert
10 Dec  Yr 7 Graduation
11 Dec  Yr 7 Wet & Wild

**BREAK UP DAY + CLEAN UP DAY**

The last two days of the year are called Break Up Day and Clean Up Day. Details of these two days are as follows:

**BREAK UP DAY** – This day, Thursday 12th December is the last day of the year for most students. On this day each class has a class party where children bring food / drink to share and each class has a party for the day.

**CLEAN UP DAY** – Friday 13th December. If students come on this day, they must be prepared to work for the day. They should come to School in older clothes and have gloves as much cleaning will take place on this day. This is not a play day but a work day as our cleaners are not given time over the holidays to do all the tasks required to have classrooms ready for the 2014 school year, so we use this day to have everything ready for the new year. Children must if they come to School on this day be prepared to work for the entire day.

**THANKYOU**

A bigthankyou to Nicole Hoareau for her donation of books to the Library. It’s much appreciated.

**PAST STUDENT NEWS**

Congratulations to Waimarie Brand representing Silkwood High School in the Yugambeh Museum ‘Yugambeh Language Haiku Competition’. Out of 400 entries, Waimarie came 1st. A great achievement. Well done Waimarie.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

A huge congratulations to Desi Johnson who competed in the National Athletics titles on the weekend. Desi was a finalist in both the 100m and 200m, running a personal best of 12.91 sec in the 100m and a personal best of 26.55 sec in the 200m. She was also part of the gold medal winning 4x100m relay team. This is an amazing achievement and even though we say goodbye to Desi in a few weeks as she heads off to high school, I am sure that everyone from Beechmont is looking forward to seeing her challenge Sally Pearson in the 2018 Commonwealth Games!

**MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS**

your Beechmont State School P&C Assn.
Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 0417775741
email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to Week 8 – Term 4 at Mountain Mates.

Our Active After School Care Regional Coordinators (Rob & Brooke) came for a visit last Thursday giving us a lovely new sign and some special prizes for the children.

They also are very keen to help us get funding for Term 1 2014 for Swim Safety as our Active After School Care Activity. We are hoping to travel to Canungra Pool for an hour of learning safe swimming. Fingers crossed we can make it happen. If you are keen for your child to attend an opportunity like this one, please let us know.

The Australian Sports Commission must be thanked for giving us some fabulous resources and wonderful coaches which have given the children of Mountain Mates some great opportunities to give something a go.

The children have been colouring in to win. Woolworths are offering some great prizes for the children for their efforts.

We have created some handy tennis players over the last few weeks. Well done and congratulations for doing so well.

Look out Josh (Hamish’s dad). The challenge has been set – Handball show down at Mountain Mates…. at dusk 😊

The children are enjoying Christies Ipad she generously brings in to work with her. They are able to play some very educational games without even realising that they are learning. We do have a strict policy with screen time and the children are very good with understanding this.

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Lochlan D’s Mum & Dad who are now married. We are looking forward to seeing the beautiful photos.

Our December/January Vacation Care program is attached to this newsletter. Please book in advance, if you can, so we have enough resources available for your children to participate in all of the activities. Thanks.

Have a great week.

From Kim, Janine, Clare & Christie.
Your Mountain Mates Team.
IMPORTANT UPDATE

With the end of the year fast approaching I need to start close off procedures in preparation for end of year reports. This requires that the school will not be able to receipt money for the last 2 weeks of the school year.

For all parents that have outstanding school fees for this year could make payment by November the 27th.-Thankyou

STUDENT BANKING

The last student banking day for the year will be Tuesday 3rd December. Thankyou to all our student bankers and I hope you have redeemed your rewards.

Important notice Commonwealth Bank is changing next year. Student saving tokens need to be redeemed by the end of November. Below are the reward options these will all be new rewards by

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

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The next sensor we installed was a distance sensor. These sensors work by sending out pulses of very high frequency ultrasonic sound and then listening for the echoes reflecting from other surfaces. By counting the time it takes for the echo to return, the sensor can calculate the distance of the surface very accurately. Unlike the proximity detectors which only detect surfaces a few centimetres away, the distance sensor can detect an object a few metres away. The children conducted a few experiments with the sonar sensor to determine how accurate it was and what type of surfaces worked best. By connecting the sonar sensor to the buzzer, we were able to make a sonar that made a higher pitched sound as it got closer to anything. The children then used to sonar to see if they could walk around the room with their eyes closed and not bump into anything.

This week will be the last session for the Technology Club this year. The children have shown great interest in the club and hopefully gained some insight into what is inside many of the pieces of technology that are common in our lives today. Next year we will continue with the Technology Club and look at making it available to a greater range of children.

Dean Cording
Technology Club Convenor

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

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Christmas Picnic

Join us for a family get-together and end of year celebration.

Carols sing-along
Bar (proceeds to P&G)
Christmas novelties for sale
Shhh!! Santa might even visit

WHEN: Friday 29 November
5 – 8pm
WHERE: School undercover area
BRING: Your own picnic
(bbg available for use)
plus chairs or a rug

Free entry

2014. So please redeem your rewards and if you are a couple short please make frequent deposits.

IT'S TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR DOLLARNITES TOKENS FOR A REWARD.

If you have been saving this year with School banking and collecting your shelf Dollarnites tokens, then now is the time to redeem them for a reward before you miss out. You need to use your tokens before the end of Term 4 as you will not be able to use them next year.

Once you have chosen the reward item(s) you would like to receive, complete the coupons on your rewards card and take it along with your 10 tokens per reward, to school with your next School Banking deposit.

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Fri 06 Dec Michelle Moyce
Wed 11 Dec Last Day for Tuckshop orders
Volunteer Needed
Fri 13 Dec Cleaning Day

We desperately need volunteer helpers for clean-up day in the Tuckshop. Everything in the Tuckshop including Fridges, Freezers, Cupboards, Floors, Walls etc are supposed to be cleaned from top to bottom, an impossible task for 1 person to achieve in a 5 hour shift.

If you are able to assist in any way with this task your help would be greatly appreciated.

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.

UNIFORM NEWS

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

LIBRARY NEWS

All library books should now be returned as stocktake needs to take place and this cannot begin until all resources are back. Notes regarding replacement fees for lost items will be sent on Friday and can be paid via Douglas in the office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PREP NEWS

Hi everyone hope you are all having a great week. I cannot believe that we now have less than 3 weeks left of school. Just a reminder for the girls still to pay the $6 for the skirts Mrs Barrett is making for each of them that it would be appreciated as soon as possible.

On the subject of end of year concert, the rest of the girls outfits are to be plain white t-shirt, little white socks and sneakers. The boys will then have black jeans/pants and black plain t-shirt and white socks and black sneakers if you can. Please let me know if you are having any trouble getting any items.

This last week has been spent finishing off many projects and activities. The children will continue with their readers until the end of next week. In class they will continue with most of their set routines until then also.

Hope you all have a wonderful week,
Warm regards
Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Not long to go! We will finish home readers and spelling sorts this Thursday however the children will still need to bring their folders on a daily basis. Please let me know if you are not going to be attending the End Of Year Concert Dance as our lines are set and will need to be rearranged to cover absences.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners:
Ethan Critchlow and Landon Kafoa for their high scores on Literacy Planet, Kobi Marshall for effort in learning his Sight Words, Caitlin Hoey for her excellent artwork, Tilly Miller for wonderful writing and Miranda Cording for her significant improvement in Reading.

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

I would appreciate it if everyone please check at home to make sure they don’t have any of the daily readers. We are no longer continuing with the daily readers for the remainder of the year as it is time to start stocktaking the books.

Just a reminder that for the End Of Year concert dance next week students are required to wear black and white. The boys are encouraged to wear either a tie, bow tie or suspenders and generally are encouraged to look smart. The boys could wear black shorts, a white shirt and a black tie for example. The girls can wear anything as long as the only colours they are wearing are black and white.

Have a great week. Demelza Atherton dathe1@eq.edu.au
**YEAR 5/6 CLASS**

Next week on Tuesday, our class will be going on an excursion to the Nerang Woolworths. If you have not yet returned the note regarding this, please ensure it is done so by this Friday the latest. Children who are not attending will be working on revision activities in alternate classes.

Although this will be the last week for homework, I strongly advise that the reading element continues. There are also many children in the class who would benefit with revising their times tables as they still have gaps in their recall. Please spend some time asking your child to recite or practice their times tables with you.

We sincerely wish Mrs Katie Alini our student teacher from Griffith University our very best for her future career as a teacher. Katie successfully completed her final practicum last week.

For our end of year concert we will be dancing to the song Walking On Sunshine by Katrina and the Waves. The outfits for the concert will consist of any item of clothing that is either the colour or a shade of red, yellow and orange. The clothing of these colours may be worn as tops, bottoms or a dress (for girls). If your child does not own bottoms of these colours/shades, they are welcome to wear black jeans, leggings or pants. Any type of closed in footwear may be worn.

Warm regards, Katie and Joyce
kmann38@eq.edu.au | jbour96@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

Even though the end of the year is fast approaching, there are many things still happening in the Year 6/7 classroom. We are busy finishing up assessment and outstanding projects as well as practising hard on our end of year concert item. The Year 7s are preparing for graduation as they look beyond 2013 and towards next year and the challenges high school will bring.

Just a reminder that our costume for the dance this year is “Angus” style i.e. knee length shorts (grey school style if possible), long socks, a white button up shirt, striped tie. Braces and/or blazer style jacket are optional. The kids will need closed-in shoes on their feet preferably leather lace up style. We really do appreciate the efforts you go to in dressing your child for the night – Thank you so much!!

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

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**Binna Burra Lodge**

You are invited to attend the 80th Anniversary Celebrations of Binna Burra Lodge

**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2013**

1933–2013

**Back to Binna Burra**

10.30am Traditional morning tea with scones (on the site of the first Christmas Camp – on the approach to the Lodge)
11.30am Commemorative tree planting
12.30pm Anniversary Lunch in the Clifftop Dining Room (complimentary for invitees plus one guest)

RSVP by 29th November 2013 to marketing@binnaburralodge.com.au or 1300 246 622
NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSITION DAY

Wednesday December 4th 2013
9:00am – 2:30pm
Nerang State High School will be holding a Transition Day for all students who will be commencing Yr8 in the year 2014. The day will be an invaluable opportunity for your child to experience the Jnr Secondary school and meet the Yr8 teaching team and support staff for 2014. It is a day that is designed to ease you or your child’s anxiety and ensure that everyone is ready to go from day 1 next year! All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend as we will also be holding a Parent Information Session from 9:30am until 10:30am, followed by some light refreshments.
A formal invitation will be sent home with your child closer to the date.
For all enquiries please contact Nerang State High School on (07) 5503 7888 or email Aaron Woolnough, the Jnr Secondary Head of Department on awool42@eq.edu.au.

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

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