I would like to thank the parents and grandparents who made last week’s Carnival of Words such a great success. A total of twenty-three adults volunteered their time to participate in this valuable activity. The children really enjoy having their parents read to them. The P & C once again did a wonderful job providing morning tea for all our volunteers. Thank you once again, to all the parents, staff and senior students who assisted on the day.

Congratulations to those children who competed at the district last Friday. Ms Thompson was extremely proud of the efforts of all the students. Those children selected in the school Cross Country were Amy B, Phoebe B, Desi, Lochlan, Spencer, Carlia, Olivia, Tane, Byron, Phoebe W and William.

The Disco for this term will be held on Friday June 7 at the hall on Graceleigh starting 6.30pm and finishing at 8.30pm. Admission is $5. We will need volunteers to assist at the door and canteen and to clean-up at the end as there is a function Saturday. Could you please return the form indicating if you are able to assist on the night. Mr Murphy will be the DJ.

In order to get final cost we need to book our flight details to and from Sydney. Once these details are confirmed the final cost will be known. As this booking is a non refundable booking we will require a non refundable deposit of $200.00 per student by 19th June. A form will go home to those parents who have previously indicated there child was going. If you do not receive a form and would like your child to attend the Sydney/Canberra camp then please contact the office. The cost of the camp will be $640 which includes accommodation in Sydney and Canberra, 3 meals daily from dinner on day 1 until lunch on the last day and all tours and activities. We are still waiting on the cost of flights but I would assume the return flights to Sydney will be approximately $200. This brings the total cost of the trip up to $840.

Unfortunately due to numbers we will not be participating in Opti minds this year. Apologies for the confusion and disappointment for our students that wished to participate. We hope to be able to participate next year.

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.

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COMING EVENTS

May
28 May  Enrichment Nerang Year 6 Visual Arts
28 May  Mountain to Mouth Year 7 students
29 May  Senior Band 07:45am
30 May  Combined Band Day Canungra
31 May  Parade on Fridays @ 8:50am
05 June  Colour Day Maroon theme
07 June  School Cleaner’s Day
07 June  Disco at the Hall
10 June  Queens Birthday Public Holiday

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

We understand that there will be times you may be unavailable. Please either swap your shift or contact the School. Thank you.
Wed 29 May  Matilda Lewis
Fri 31 May  Michelle Moyce

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email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to Term 2 - Week 7
We are well into Term 2 now and it’s been as busy as ever here at Mountain Mates. We have some very capable Martial Arts students, really developing their self defence skills. Well done to Mikayla who received the $125 award from Arakan Martial Arts.
We have a great offer from Dreamworld for all people associated with Mountain Mates. $60 annual passes for Dreamworld, White Water World and Skydeck. See further information we have somewhere in this newsletter.

ZEST FEST is kicking off again on Sunday June 23rd and Mountain Mates are running the canteen. This is our major fundraiser for the year and would love any of our Mountain Mates families to donate a cake or slice we will be able to sell on the day. Thank you.

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

P & C FUNDRAISER

P & C are having a second hand book sale at Zest Fest. We are looking for donations of good condition, secondhand books. Please drop off to the Office by 19th June 2013. All proceeds will go to the benefit of our children at the school. Your donation is very much appreciated.

UNIFORM NEWS

With the colder weather upon us winter uniforms are in stock. Please note black stocking or leggings are not a part of our uniform.
Also multi coloured school jumpers are not allowed. If you are unable to afford a new uniform we have good quality second hand uniforms available for purchase also.
Uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.15 until 8.45.
Thanks Janine

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder that bookclub is due in by next Tuesday the 4th of Have a great week and keep reading.
Trish O’Connell pocon7@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

This week 1_2 are putting the finishing touches on Power Point presentations of their favourite character in a picture book. They will show their Power Points to the class while delivering a retell of the story. They have enjoyed experimenting with design, clip art, speech bubbles and audio files. It is amazing how quickly children become accustomed to technology.
In History we are learning about the place we live and its significant dates. The Year 2’s will choose a significant local site and learn about it in more detail.
Congratulations to last week’s award winners: Michael Taverna for creative writing, Caitlin Hoey for careful science observations and Kobi Marshall for the highest score on the Literacy Planet Leaderboard.
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 kpryo8@eq.edu.au
For homework this week students are to read their daily reader and practise their weekly spelling words. This week the spelling words have gone home on 2 loose sheets in their communication folders. Additionally students need to complete part 1 of their history assignment as part of homework this week. Students are to create 4 questions for a person from an older generation (for example, parent, grandparent or known adult). Students are encouraged to use a question starter (who, what, when, where, why and how) and ask about the following changes that have occurred in the telephone's history: changes to the use of the telephone, changes to the materials used, the telephone's design, reasons for changes and impact of changes on daily life. Students in a recent history lesson were directed to write their questions on Sheet 15 in their history book. Students really need to come up with these questions independently as this is what they are being assessed on. Now students need to interview a person from an older generation in their own time, using questions posed and record answers on Sheet 15. Parents or the interviewee can assist students by scribing responses if necessary. Later back in class students will be encouraged to share responses from the interview. The purpose of this activity is to assess if children can pose a range of effective questions relating to changes in technology over time in order to find out about telephones in the past and their impact on daily life.

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

Well done to all of the children for surviving the assessment tasks we have been working on over the past two weeks. Our History assignments are also now completed and I will be discussing these individually with the children in the next few days.

As part of the assessment process we will be developing individual goals for each child as we head into Semester 2. This will give the children a target or goal to head for in English and Maths for the remainder of the year. The children will be bringing these goals home so parents can see where their child needs to be heading and the skills they need to develop.

In Science we will be conducting a range of experiments that the children have come up with to prove that there is water in the gases that make up the air around us. Each child will need to organise their own materials and resources to conduct their experiment. We will carry these out next Monday.

Congratulations to our award winners last week: Grace Ackfield, Sebastian Cording, Abbey Trikilis and Ayla Sola. Well done!

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

Thank you to all the parents who gave their precious time to read for our children last week at Carnival of Words. It was a most enjoyable day and the children got a great deal out of it.

The history project is due this Thursday. Even though I will be away at a professional development conference, children need to make sure they hand their work in on time. They have had over a month to complete the project with opportunities to work on it during class time as well as during breaks.

Homework is still due on Fridays. Unfortunately completion of homework and return of homework on time has dropped. Children who consistently do not return homework or complete it on time may face consequences.

Award winners for week 6 were Ula Trulson, Kane Harrison, Charli Sawatzki, Phoebe Wood and Ashleigh Kurtev.

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

Welcome to week 7. In English and SOSE, we have been completing a number of written tasks lately and I have been extremely impressed with the quality of writing being produced. I will continue to publish some of those pieces of work each week. For the rest of the term we will look at a different form of written text. We will be focusing on the various forms of animated stories, eg. cartoon, comic strips and animations.

Congratulations to these children who earned awards this week: Zoe Hoareau for being a helpful and responsible group member for Carnival of Words, Taylah Dunkerton for consistently producing excellent writing, Kuepper Pitman and Grace Harrison for consistently being responsible, mature class members.

Enjoy the rest of your week. Regards,
Elizabeth Perkins perk17@eq.edu.au &
Crichton Roberts crobe60@eq.edu.au

Here are some more great pieces of writing from the Yr.6/7 students.

The Animals of Antarctica
The harsh but beautiful continent of Antarctica supports many unique types of penguins. These
wonderful animals are beautiful and they live in one of the harshest places on Earth.

The Adelie penguin is the shortest and most abundant of all the penguins. The Adelie penguin was named after a French explorers’ wife. Did you know that stealing pebbles from neighbouring nests is a favourite pass time for these flightless birds?

The Fjordland penguin is another interesting penguin. It is one of the most timid of all the crested penguins. The Fjordland is considered to be a vulnerable species due to the decline of its population in recent years. It is sometimes known as the thick billed penguin due to its thick bill.

Written by Jasper Marshall

The oceans of Antarctica are swarming with life. But the whale is the largest of them all. There are many species living in the waters of Antarctica, the Orca, Blue, sperm whale and Minke, just to name a few.

The whale, though it spends its entire life in the ocean is actually a mammal. The largest animal on earth is also a whale, the blue whale. The blue whale can create a moan that can be heard 250km away in deep waters.

Whales are amazing creatures, some slow moving and gentle, some fast, agile and dangerous. It’s hard to believe they are of the same species when you compare a Southern Right to an Orca (killer whale). How could there be an any more interesting animal living in Antarctica.

Written by Alax Sawatski

The harsh but magnificent continent of Antarctica is the home to many unique species of seals. One of them includes the fiercest of them all, the leopard seal. Did you know that there are approximately 250000 leopard seals each weighing up to 750 lbs. Another spectacular species is the elephant seal. The males can grow up to 20 feet long, while the female is only 10 feet.

Seals are vitally important to Antarctica because they keep the population of squid, krill and small fish under control. Also the poor toothed whales (who eat seals) would miss out on half their feed!

Every single individual seal plays such an important role in Antarctica.

Written by India-Rose Harper

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DISCO HELP FORM

Parent / Guardian Name: __________________

I am willing to help in

- [ ] Front Door
- [ ] One of the 4 internal doors
- [ ] Toilet Checker
- [ ] Canteen
- [ ] Clean Up after 8.30pm

From these times:

- [ ] 6.00pm – 7.00pm
- [ ] 7.00pm – 8.30pm
- [ ] ________other times

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Beechmont Netball Club News

The Eagles have certainly impressed us all this year, none more than their excited coach Janine cheering them on in a 30 to 2 win. The Bandicoots pleased Jamie with a very sound victory of 10 to zero. The Saints again tried hard against one of the leading teams and enjoyed the game. The club would like to welcome our newest recruit Yolanda Pitman who will be joining the Bandicoots. Please check notice board for game times next week. Greg 0405206076

Beechmont Social Club

Soccer is back on this Friday the 31st at the Hall on Graceleigh. Drinks are available. All Welcome.
For any Enquiries call Greg on 0405 206 076

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In home care for two children, 9 year old and 15 months. Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon/night. (2-10:30 pm) Must have own transport. $60 per night (firm) Dinner supplied.
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