Don’t forget, our final disco for the year is Friday 8th November. We need lots of help on the night, please, so our children can have a safe, fun activity.

We need adults on all of the inside doors so children stay inside the Hall during the night. We need people on the door collecting money, people working in the canteen and people to check the toilets during the night to make sure the toilets are being used appropriately.

Please complete the volunteer form that is part of today’s newsletter. Thank you in advance.

Yesterday the Senior Band performed extremely well at MusicFest. I have included the adjudicator’s comments below. The Junior Band compete tomorrow and we wish them all the best. Parents please be aware that the Junior Band will not be returning to school until 3:10 pm so your child will need to be collected from school.

Results MusicFest Overall Bronze Trophy

- Balance and Blend GOLD: You all produced a well balanced sound together, well done
- Repertoire selection GOLD: A great variety of pieces selected today
- Stage Presentation GOLD: Great Posture
- Phrasing SILVER: Continue to work on your breath support to help with your long notes and longer phrases.
- Dynamics & Control SILVER: Always tricky in a small ensemble but a good effort
- Musicianship BRONZE: Keep up the work on this
- Intonation BRONZE: This will continue to improve with greater breath control and support
- Precision BRONZE: A good start, keep working on your attention to rhythm and time signatures.
- Rhythm BRONZE: These are tricky too.

Well done Beechmont, you certainly prove that the size of the Orchestra doesn’t effect the sound you can make-Well Done!! Continue to work on your breathing notation and timing, you have some talented players in your ensemble.

**MEASLES**

The school has been advised that one of our students has contracted Measles. The recommended exclusion by Dept of Health is:

Exclude for at least 7 days from the appearance of the rash or until a medical certificate of recovery is produced.
COMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER
30 Oct  Junior Band Iona College Performance
01 Nov  Swimming lessons Yr 2
01 Nov  World Teachers day
01 Nov  Bush Poetry Competition Canungra
06 Nov  Colour Day-Multi colours
07 Nov  Bush poetry final Beechmont
08 Nov  Formal Disco
11 Nov  Rememberence Day Service
13 Nov  P & C Meeting 7pm Library
13 Nov  Recruitment Night for Band
19 Nov  Prep Orientation.
03 Dec  Year 7 Orientation Nerang SHS
05 Dec  Year 7 Orientation Tamborine SHS
06 Dec  End of year Concert
10 Dec  Yr7 Graduation

P&C NEWS

The P&C will be hosting a “Christmas Picnic” on Friday evening 29th November from 5 - 8pm. This will be an opportunity to get together to celebrate the festive season with other mountain families.

Bring a picnic plus chairs or a picnic blanket and set up on the grass next to the undercover area. There will be carols to sing along to and drinks available from the bar (along with some special festive drinks). Join us for this relaxed get-together to celebrate the end of the school year.

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 4 – Term 4 at Mountain Mates

A BIG THANK YOU to Chris, Bob, Renae & Tony for the fabulous cabinets you donated to the service. They look sensational and we have filled them up with loads of FUN!!!

Congratulations to Christie on signing up for her Certificate III in Children’s Services. Your qualification will be beneficial to you and Mountain Mates. Thank you.

This week for Trash to Treasure – Recycling we are throwing a touch of Halloween and creating some plastic bag ghosts...

On Tuesday’s we will have great fun playing games and sport on Graceleigh Park.

Wednesday’s are full of surprises with our “W” theme – what is in store this week???

Last Thursday saw 11 very keen young children brave the wet weather and enjoy our first tennis lesson. We learnt how to hit a forehand and all of the technical words for a tennis racquet. I was very impressed with ability of all of the children. (We must watch out this week for Mikayla’s Dad who sneaks in and tries to steal the balls…..) This Thursday we will be learning the backhand.

Each week we will enlighten you all on some of the new National Quality Framework Facts.

Q. Why did the National Quality Framework (NQF) get introduced?
A. In December 2009, all Australian governments, through the Council of Australian Governments, agreed to a partnership to establish a National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care for most long day care, preschool/kindergarten, family day care and outside school hours care services in Australia.

The Australian Government and State and Territory governments recognised the importance of increasing their focus on the early years to ensure the wellbeing of children throughout their lives and to lift the productivity of our nation as a whole. The drive for change is based on clear evidence that the early years of a child’s life are very important for their present and future health, development and wellbeing.

Have a wonderful week – we certainly will.

From Kim, Janine, Clare & Christie. Your Mountain Mates Team.
OFFICE NEWS

Due to changes in procedures newsletter articles will need to be in to the School Friday preceding Tuesdays issue or if emailing Sunday preceding issue. Thankyou for your assistance.

STUDENT BANKING

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

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

If you have been saving this year with Dollarimates and collecting your Dollarimates 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 so you will not be able to use them next year.

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

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Each Friday lunchtime over the rest of the term, the Year 7's will be assembling the robots and programming them to perform tasks such as navigating around the room.

Dean Cording
Technology Club Convenor

SWIMMING LESSONS YEAR 2 STUDENTS

Swimming will commence this Friday 1 November and go for 5 weeks. The cost is $32.50 which includes bus transport, pool admission and a 1 hour lesson per week. If you have not returned the permission form and payment please do so buy

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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

Thank you to all the students who participated in and supported our Wacky Dress Pyjama day. Through your generosity the student council managed to raise just over $130. Student council will now decide whether to have another event to add to this amount or just to spend it on a couple of additional sports equipment for each block.

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PREP NEWS

Hi everyone hope you are having a great week.

The Prep children have begun practicing for their end of year concert dance. As you may know we are performing our dance to Greased Lightning (a child friendly version). For our costumes the girls are having typical bright skirts for the era. To make this more effective, Mrs Barrett has purchased some material and tulle for each girl. This has come to a total cost of $6. The girls will get to keep their skirt at the end of the concert. They will also need a plain white short sleeved shirt and little white ‘bobby’ socks and white sneakers/ shoes. The boys will need to have black short sleeve or sleeveless shirts and black jeans or pants and black shoes if you can.

Please feel free to send me an email if you have any
questions regarding this. It would be appreciated if
the girls can send in their money in an envelope with
their name on it asap.

This week the children are making their wind
ornament using their knowledge on suitable
materials. We have finished our unit on weather and
are starting our next unit this week.

Thank you for sending your child’s toy in for the
week it is much appreciated. We are finishing off our
time unit and are now looking at collecting data as
well as some more number and counting work.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

In Math this week we are exploring division
(sharing for the year 1’s). The first step is sharing
amongst two and recognising that halving is the
opposite of doubling. There are still a few children
who do not have instant recall of their doubles
number facts which is the foundation for dividing by
2. It would be good to freshen up those doubles facts
with some quizzes at home.

In Literacy we are having great fun analysing
the characters in our tales and exploring the author’s
use of stereotypes to influence the way the reader
thinks and feels.

There was no parade last week so the award
winners were not 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

For the End of Year Concert this year children
in our class will need to wear black and white. The
boys could wear one of those fake tuxedo t-shirts, a
black t-shirt with a white tie or bowtie and shorts that
also fit with the black and white colour scheme. The
boys are to be comfortable but also look smart. The
girls are also to wear black and white and are
encouraged to really play up the colour scheme by
possibly wearing black and white long socks or tights,
the girls could also wear ties or even suspenders
attached to a skirt. They could go with black and
white striped materials or polka dots, etc. The girls
are encouraged to wear frilly skirts and dresses; they
can wear pants if they want but I’d like them to stand
apart from the boys. Basically the children can wear
anything as long as it’s black and white. Please don’t
add any other colours to your outfit and please avoid
a whole black outfit or alternatively a whole white
outfit.

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

In the second last week of this term our class
will be going on an excursion to the Nerang
Woolworths. Notices regarding the excursion were
issued yesterday. Please fill in the necessary forms
and return with payment by the due date.

Our class has been engaging in a number of
revision activities in order to prepare for the
upcoming tests, of which there will be several of, over
the coming weeks.

Return and completion of homework has been
rather poor in the last couple of weeks. There will be
homework up until week 8 of school. Please feel free
to ask your child how theirs is going and if they are
managing to hand it in on time. You could also
enquire about their spelling test results.

Planetarium Excursion

Last Friday, the 3/4 and 5/6 classes went to the
Planetarium in Brisbane at Mt Coot tha. We had a
fantastic trip. It was a great way to see how much we
already knew about our universe and we also found out
many interesting new things too! We enjoyed a
walk through the botanical gardens as well, looking at
some of the different types of plants and the

environments in which they thrive in.

There was so much to see and learn. It was a
great place to visit!

Well done to all the students that attended, you
represented yourselves and our school very well.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Ms Stanley is on leave this week and Elizabeth
Perkins is on class. Children have homework this
week so please encourage the children to have it
completed on time.

We had a fantastic time at the Gold Coast 600.
The weather was great and all the children enjoyed
the experience
Managing Asthma over the School Holidays

Although school holidays are a time to relax and unwind from the busy school term, it’s important to still remain vigilant to asthma management to ensure that your time off is enjoyable. Whether you’re planning a trip overseas, interstate or even just staying at home, here are a few tips to ensure your asthma, or your child’s asthma, is well managed during the school holidays:

- Continue to take preventer medication as prescribed on your Asthma Action Plan
- Carry blue reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin) and spacer with you at all times
- Visit your doctor for an asthma review prior to travelling and request an updated Asthma Action Plan
- Remember to take your Asthma Action Plan away with you, or keep in an easy to access location in your home
- Ensure you take enough medication to last your trip, and take repeat prescriptions with you in case you misplace or run out of medication whilst away
- Check that your travel insurance policy specifically includes asthma and that it offers the cover you need

For more information about asthma, please contact 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**COME JOIN US AT THE BEAUSDEERT RACES**

BEECHMONT SOCIAL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR A DAY AT THE RACES

**WHEN:** DERBY DAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2013

**WHERE:** BEAUSDEERT RACE TRACK

**COST:** $80 PER PERSON

**COST INCLUDES:**
- Transport by coach
- Free Entry
- Free Program
- Complimentary Wine/Beer on arrival
- Three Course Meal under our own Marquee, Prizes for Best Dressed. To secure your tickets contact Greg on 0405206076. Tickets are limited so be quick.

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AND EXPERIENCE A DAY AT A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY RACE TRACK.

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**BEECHMONT JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB SIGN ON**

NO CRICKET THIS SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER. For any Enquiries contact Greg on 0405206076

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**NERANG STATE HIGH SCHOOL P&C**

Is again holding an Arts and Crafts Market in our school hall on Saturday 30th November from 8am to 12 noon.

We would like to showcase the talents of the local community, so if you sew, paint, arrange, hammer, paste, knit, crochet, bake, mix or scrap anything we would love to hear from you!

If anyone is interested in having a stall please contact me on 0412267263 or tspie16@eq.edu.au for details. Thank you, Tracey Spiers.

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**BEECHMONT MASSAGE**

Take some time out to relax and be pampered with a full body massage using a blend of calming essential oils. Soothe away your aches and pains, and be left feeling blissfully relaxed, the perfect way to unwind.

$60 for 60 minutes / ph: 0401 372 647 / mobile service available

Ellen Miller is a qualified and experienced massage therapist. Offering relaxation, therapeutic, deep pressure, ayurvedic and hot stone massage.

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**Become an Intensive Foster Carer with UnitingCare Community.**

We are seeking motivated and committed individuals who are willing and have the time to become an Intensive Foster Carer who provides primary care or respite care for children between the ages of 0-18 years, with extreme to complex needs.

Intensive Foster Carer placements are required to meet the needs of young people who may exhibit challenging behaviours, a diagnosed disability and additional medical conditions or complications.

Intensive Carers play a vital role in the lives of young people by including them in their family, by providing a nurturing relationship and safe and stable home life.

An Intensive Foster Carer can be a full time 24/7 carer or provide respite care on weekends and holidays.

Please contact the UnitingCare Community Family Lives Program on 3363 2228 for further information.