THANK YOU

As this is the final newsletter for the year I would like to thank all the staff, students, parents and carers for their wonderful support given to me over the last 2 years. I have really enjoyed my time here at Beechmont State School. This school is blessed with talented and caring teachers and teacher aides who provide great opportunities for all the children. I would like to thank Douglas for his commitment and hard work which has made my job as Principal so much easier. He is the first to arrive and usually the last to leave.

I hope everyone has a very happy and safe holiday. Thank you.

STAFF 2015

Principal: Belinda Coulahan
Admin: Douglas Broughton
Prep: Tania Evans
Year 1/2: Kerry Pryor
Year 2/3: Demelza Atherton
Year 3/4: Dan Albright
Year 5/6: Courtenay Noakes (Terms 1 & 2)
SWD: Anna Foran
Teacher Aides: Sue Barrett, Suzanna Callan, Jenny Slingsby, Janita Johnson and Sue Flynn

At the moment our Specialist Teachers have not yet been finalised.

END OF YEAR CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

Don’t forget our very important night, the End of Year Concert and Awards Night on this Friday 5th December. Some details you need to know are:

- Starts 6.15pm finishes not long after 8.30pm
- Each class presents a dance, every child is involved in the dance
- Each class has awards, two outstanding students, school motto award and reading competition award
- After the Year 6/7 dance and awards, we present some whole school awards. Every child is eligible for these awards. Please don’t assume you child won’t receive an award. Everyone is eligible.
- The Band plays
- Our Choir sings
- Our special awards are presented

Please make every effort to stay for the entire night as all children are eligible for the whole school awards in the 2nd half of the night.

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COMING EVENTS

5 Dec  End of Year Concert 6.15pm
8 Dec  BAPA General meeting at Centre
9 Dec  Yr 6&7 Graduation
10 Dec  Yr 6&7 Wet & Wild 2015
22 Jan  Book, Uniform and school fees
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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 11th 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 12th 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.

BOOK ORDERS FOR 2014 CLOSE FRIDAY

If you wish to order through Symonds Book Store from the book lists that were sent home recently, these orders close this Friday 5th December. Symonds cannot extend the closing date as they have to order in the materials from suppliers, who close down over the Christmas / New Year period.

Please return your orders or drop in tomorrow to ensure your child has everything they need for the 2014 School year and do not suffer academically because they do not have all of the equipment they need to fully access the curriculum.

NERANG STATE HIGH UNIFORMS

Our Uniform Shop at Nerang State High School will be open on Saturday, 6th December 2014 from 9am till 12 noon.

TUCKSHOP UPDATE

The last student banking day for the year will be Tuesday 2nd December. Thankyou to all our student bankers.

As we approach the end of the School year all stock in the Tuckshop needs to be run down. We need you to please give us a second option just in case we have run out of the stock for your child’s first choice.

ONLY OPTIONS LEFT IN TUCKSHOP
13 x Chicken Burgers 12 x Cheese Triangle
24 x Garlic Bread 10 x Chicken Chip Wrap
23 x Sausage Roll 40 x Party Pie
07 x Beef Traveller 20 x Hot Dog
03 x Noodle Cup

Sandwiches:
Cheese and Tomato Sandwich
Cheese, Vegemite
Egg and Lettuce

Drinks:
Chocolate Breaka  Orange Popper
Water

There are no Tomato sauce sachets or Quench drinks.

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

School tuckshop is open Wednesday & Friday

The Tuckshop menu is advertised on the School website or a copy can be found in the foyer.

All orders need to be placed in the children’s classroom tuckshop boxes no later than 9am. Lunch is at 10.45am only; there is no tuckshop available at second break. (The cost of a bag is 10c)

If we are unable to get the help we need to run the School Tuckshop, the P&C may be forced to reconsider the viability of this service.

Kathleen Callister  Ph: 0409 642 743
admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 03 Dec  Volunteer Needed
Fri 05 Dec  Liz Bailey
Wed 10 Dec  Volunteer Needed
Fri 12 Dec  No Tuckshop

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

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Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 0417775741
email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to Mountain Mates offering quality and affordable Before School, After School and Vacation Care.

Welcome to the Week 9 of Term 4 at Mountain Mates.

Attached to this weeks newsletter is our exciting Vacation Care Program. The program will also be available on the School website.

We will also be sending out November Statements this week so please keep your eye out for these.

UNO has been a very popular activity over the last week with the children. We
have started some serious UNO challenges – so watch out.
The children have also been enjoying construction activities. Most of the children are quite content at this time of the year to chill out and relax at Mountain Mates during the afternoons. It is fantastic seeing them form friendships and fun across differing ages.

Tye turned 10 and now has the privilege and responsibility of using the upstairs room.

For those of you who are interested in the ongoing future of Mountain Mates – We are applying for Special Consideration regarding our changed zoning. If any present, past or future families would be able to write a letter or send an email of support to the service advising of their concerns if the Service were to close it’s doors, that would be very beneficial to the application.

If you require any more information, please contact us here at Mountain Mates or the P&C President Michael Kenyon.

Have a fantastic week.

From Kim, Janine, Christie, Kerry and Di.

Your Mountain Mates Team.

**UNIFORM NEWS**

The Uniform shop will be open from 8.30am to 9am every Tuesday. If you require assistance on other days please contact Patricia on 0429191514 to arrange a time.

PLEASE CHECK the lost property box in the Office for your child’s missing items before Monday December 8th as it will be emptied and cleaned after this date.

Cheers Patricia Burchell.

**WILL YOUR CHILD BE ATTENDING PRE-PREP IN 2015?**

Try these free and low-cost apps to help your pre-writers practise fine motor control and experience the correct formations for handwriting at school.

**Happy holidays! Anna Foran**

**rED writing** (Free, available on iTunes only) is an Australian app which allows you to select your state’s cursive font when signing in. Your child can practise tracing straight and curved lines, numerals 0-9 and upper and lower-case alphabet letters using their finger or a stylus. The monster guide will tutor them through where to start and stop when writing, and success is rewarded with stickers.

**Letter School** ($3.87 on Google Play, $4.99 on iTunes) is another app which has a similar tutorial style. It also covers the initial sound of letters with an example, e.g. a is for apple. This app has lots of cool ‘pen’ styles to choose from – you can write a racetrack, a daisy chain etc. There is also a free version (reduced content) if you want to try before you buy!

**NEWS FROM THE**

**PREP CLASS**

Hi everyone and welcome to our last newsletter for the year. I hope you are all having a lovely week and are looking forward to the ever approaching school holidays at the end of next week.

Just a reminder that the end of year concert is this Friday night. The children have been working hard on their dance routine and they will be very keen to show you this on the night. The costumes for the night were sent home last week but if you didn’t get the note they need denim jeans or skirt or shorts, a white t shirt plain and some boots if they have some (like a cowgirl or boy) also if you have a bandanna that they could wear around their neck or in their hair that would top off the outfit.

We have stopped home reading and sight words as of last week. Sue Barrett does a stock take on the home readers so if you still have any in a folder or at home it would be great if it comes back ASAP.

Next Thursday is party day which we will be having in the middle session with Mrs Pryor’s class. I don’t mind what everyone brings but a variety is good so that we don’t have all of one item. I will send home a slip of paper with their ideas on them this week but feel free to let me know otherwise. I will be sending the children’s books home over the course of the next week just so it isn’t too much of a load at the end.

Thank you all for a lovely year with your children. We have had lots of laughs and they have worked hard and made some great achievements. I wish them all the best for next year and will miss them terribly. Have a great holiday.

Warm regards,

Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

Well, the last newsletter of the year. Firstly a big thank you to everyone for the support you have given to home reading and homework throughout the course of a very long year. I don’t need to tell you how vital your support at home is to your child’s
progress. I would also like to thank Eliza’s mum, Lara, for her assistance on Wednesday mornings. Her volunteer efforts meant that on Wednesdays every literacy group had an adult to support them. The End of Year Concert is this Friday and children need to arrive in costume. Also a note will be sent home later this week detailing requirements for party day on the last Thursday of Term. In the past we have had an over-abundance of food and drink so whatever your child offers to bring please remember that a small plate or one bottle is all that is required.

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

Best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, Kerry Pryor

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

Our class will celebrate our last day together with an End of Year party on Thursday 11th December. The children have all assigned themselves a category in terms of what items to bring to the party. The following children nominated to bring sweet foods: Sophia, Tilly, Amber, Ryan, Hayden, Destinee, Caitlin, Isabella and Blake. These children offered to bring savoury foods; Maryam, Ryan, Zoe, Sammy, Hayden, Miranda, Jela and Lucy. Finally, these children nominated to bring drinks: Jethro, Isabella, Jela, Blake and Destinee. If you are unable to bring something from the category your child suggested, that is completely fine and whatever you can bring will be sufficient.

All the children’s exercise books will be sent home over this Thursday and Friday. I’ve encouraged the children to bring a plastic bag if they know their school bag isn't a sufficient size to carry home their belongings. Also any children who brought in toys for the rainforest display will also take these items home on Thursday and Friday.

Remember the End of Year Concert dance is this Friday. Children are to come dressed as ninjas in a black and red colour scheme. They can wear any footwear or just dance in socks. Can’t wait to see you there.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me, dathe1@eq.edu.au

Have a great week, Demelza Atherton

YEAR 4/5 CLASS

The last newsletter for 2014! It’s hard to believe we are here already, at the end of what has been a challenging and interesting year to say the least. Well done to all of the children for surviving the hard work and assessment tasks that are a big part of Term 4 each year.

On Breakup Day, next Thursday, we will be having a class party. Each child has organised to bring a food item to contribute to our party. Please ask your child what they have decided to bring. It is fine to bring a different item as long as each child contributes something.

On Breakup Day, we will also be having a Secret Santa activity. Each child who wishes to take part in the game needs to bring a present (wrapped but not named) to the value of $5.00. We will then play a game with the presents and each child who is playing will end up with a present. This is not a compulsory activity.

Please make sure all dance shirts are returned by tomorrow (Wednesday) as we will be decorating them.

Have a great holiday with your children.

Regards, Dan Albright. dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I just wanted to say thank you parents and caregivers for what has been a fabulous year with your children. The class has been exceptional, showing in most cases a great deal of maturity and diligence towards their work. They have been a lovely group of people to work with & I wish them well in their future years of education. I cannot believe that in just 2 weeks they will all be high schoolers!

Everything is certainly gearing up this week towards Friday night. Everyone has their jobs to complete, some have more than one job, and we will be practising these this week as we rehearse in the Hall. Hopefully all children have the correct costume, as I don’t want to stop children from performing if they aren’t dressed correctly. I have included it again in case you haven't seen it in the newsletters before.

Children need a white long sleeve business shirt, boxer shorts and white sports socks that cover the ankle and go up the leg. Please use the Op Shops for your child’s costume as we don’t expect you to buy these costumes brand new unless you see value for your child beyond our special night.

Graduation is next Tuesday night commencing at 7pm. If children could be here at 6.45pm so we can start promptly at 7pm that would be great. Children need to be in full school uniform, including Leadership shirt and black shoes. We will be holding the ceremony in the classroom and all families are asked to bring something to share for supper following the Graduation ceremony.

Hopefully, everyone returned their permission note (and payment if necessary) for Wet ‘n’ Wild yesterday. If this has not been returned yet please do so ASAP.

A note will be sent home later this week about our Party Day next Thursday. Each child will be asked to bring either something sweet or something savoury. Drinks will be supplied for the children. The students can bring a shirt on the last Thursday (Party Day) for classmates to sign. These shirts cannot be worn, but must be brought as a separate item. This is certainly a lovely activity for the children to write a message to their classmates on a shirt, and these become a special item for the children.
Thank you for a fantastic year. I feel very privileged to have taught your children this year. My very best wishes go with each and every one of the children for their High School years. I know they will all do their very best and rise to meet the challenges of the future with positivity and confidence.

As always, please contact me at school if you have any concerns or queries. Have a great week

Happy trails Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au

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Drawn Anzac Day 2015 at Graceleigh Park

Created by the Crafters of Beechmont

This quilt is hand embroidered and hand quilted.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MUSICAL MINDS' PRE-PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Mondays at 12.15pm (Beechmont Primary School)
Starting in Term 4 (October 13th)

This musical learning program is set up for children who will be
attending the Prep year level in 2015.
It presents an opportunity to participate in a structured and
improvisatory musical environment - and reap the many benefits the
music learning itself entails; musical enjoyment, increased vocal and
instrumental skills, co-ordination, social and listening skills, self-
esteeem, as well as improved learning ability in other areas, etc.

This program offers a gradual and gentle introduction to the
school setting and environment, and peers.
A variety of activities will be introduced by the school principal
each week following the music session.

A commitment is required for the duration of the term (9weeks).

For any further information or to book in please call
Patricia on 55333868, or 0429191514.

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