TEACHER AIDE DAY

This Friday we will be celebrating and recognising the wonderful Teacher Aides we have at Beechmont. The support and commitment of our aids is amazing. They work tirelessly to provide valuable assistance to the students and the staff. If you get the opportunity to pass on your thanks to this wonderful group it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to Sue B, Jenny, Suzanna, Janita, Sue F, Kim and Kerrie.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

I would like to congratulate the students on their level of attendance this term. Winter is always a challenging time and well done to those children who have maintained an attendance rate at or above 95%. If you would like to check how your attendance is going ask your teacher or Mr Roberts

Could parents please call or email Douglas when your child is absent and the reason for this absence. Thank you.

CANUNGRA NETBALL COMPETITION

On Friday 5th September Beechmont will be taking part in the Canungra Netball Competition. We have invited children from Years 4/5/6 and 7 to compete. The games commence at 10:00 am and conclude at 2:00 pm.

The children, who are participating in the carnival, will come to school at the usual time and will be travelling down to Canungra on a bus. The cost of the day will be $5 per student, the school will be subsidising the cost of the bus.

Can you please ensure the payment of $5 is made by tomorrow

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Our Public Speaking Day and Night competition is on next Tuesday 9th September. Details are:

Year 4, 5, 6 and 7: Heats for Year 4 and 5 start at 5pm and finish by 5.45pm. Year 6 and 7 heats start at 5.45pm and finish by 6.30pm at the latest.

Finals: These start at 6:30pm. There are no semi-finals. This year the night should be completed by 7:15 pm.

Please Note: It is important that all children in Year 4 to 7 attend the evening event so they gain valuable skills in Public Speaking. Our past pupils have regularly told us how important this activity is for High School, so please give your child a helping hand for High School by making sure they attend.

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COMING EVENTS

05 Sept  Canungra Netball Carnival
05 Sept  Teacher Aide Day
07 Sept  Fathers' Day
09 Sept  Public Speaking Competition
09 Sept  School Photos
10 Sept  Colour Day ‘Spots’ theme
11 Sept  Junior Combined Day Beechmont
12 Sept  P & C Trivia Night Hall 6.30pm
17 Sept  Australian Citizenship Day
19 Sep  Beechmont Day
19 Sept  Last day Term 3
13 Oct  BAPA Meeting 7pm
31 Oct  World Teachers Day

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

School tuckshop is open Wednesday & Friday

Tuckshop orders must be placed on the morning of tuckshop (no over the counter sales available) All children will place their orders into their class tuckshop boxes.

Potato Top Party Pies are no longer available. Party Pie has replaced this item. They won’t be back at any stage as supply no longer exists. The price for the Party Pie is $1.20.

If you can spare a couple of hours on either Wednesday or Friday mornings to help in tuckshop that would be greatly appreciated, as well as your children love to see you helping in tuckshop. Please contact your Kathleen Callister ph: 0409 642 743

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 03 Sep  Volunteer needed
Fri 05 Sep  Jaimee Sola
Wed 10 Sep  Volunteer needed
Fri 12 Sep  Liz Bailey
Wed 17 Sep  Volunteer needed
Fri 19 Sep  Jaimee Sola

FATHERS’ DAY STALL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Father’s Day Stall, either by donating or buying gifts. The children had fun choosing gifts for their dads (and granddads) and we have raised some valuable funds to help with resources for our students. Thank you to the wonderful helpers – Renae Knowles, Wendy & Carla Blunt, Cameron Ayers, Sue Denning and Marj Pholi. We wish all our fathers a lovely day on Sunday!
Thanks Julie

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Welcome to Week 8 of Term 3 at Mountain Mates.

We welcomed in the week on Monday with Mikayla’s Birthday. The children enjoyed some special cakes and became puppeteers, putting on a wonderful show.

The home decorated milk arrowroot biscuits were enjoyed by all with some extra to take home and share. Congratulations to Lily for taking on the responsibility for her homework here at Mountain Mates.

Wednesday was full of excitement for the children as they were enjoying their sport on Graceleigh Park. A couple of planes overhead were performing some different manouvres and leaving trails in the sky. A big thank you to Daniel and Jamie for the very organised job they did tidying up our pamphlet rack.

The cool, windy afternoon changed our plans slightly for netball so we took down the big, colourful parachute and played some child directed games. Lachlan had us all enjoying cat and mouse and the poor squeeky chickens were thrown around and squeezed all afternoon. After spending a couple of hours outdoors the children thoroughly enjoy coming into the house for a warm milo and toast.

Janine is enjoying a well deserved week off so you will be seeing a little more of Kerry & Kim.

Attached to this weeks newsletter we have our Vacation Care Program. (bright yellow form attached).

Also Statements have gone out this week to either your email account or your child’s bag. Please finalise these as soon as possible.

Have a great week. From Kim, Janine, Christie, Kerry and Di. Your Mountain Mates Team.

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform shop will be open every Tuesday from 8.30am to 9am every week. If unable to make Tuesday’s please contact Patricia on 0429191514.

Cheers Patricia Burchell.
**STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking is every Wednesday. There is a great new student banking program available with fantastic rewards.

**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**YEAR 4/5 CLASS**

This week for homework the children will be continuing to work on their speeches for the Public Speaking Competition. This will be held for all children in Years 4-7 next Tuesday night 09-09-2014. Please see the detailed note that was sent home today regarding the speech and homework for this week.

In Geography this week, we have been discussing the environmental aspects of land use in Australia. The children are looking at various uses of the land and comparing different viewpoints on this land use. Sustainable use of the land is part of this discussion.

This Friday, some of the children in the class will be travelling to Canungra on a bus to take part in the Inter-School Netball Competition. A note was sent home yesterday regarding this competition. Please return the permission form by tomorrow for all children who are in the team.

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

**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

A big congratulations to Jake and Tane who both received a classroom award last week. Both boys have been working very diligently on all tasks and should be commended for their efforts – Well done boys!!

This is another busy week in the Year 6/7 classroom as we are off to Canungra to compete in the Interschool Netball Challenge on Friday. The teams are looking great and have been practising hard so hopefully we can bring home the trophy!!

With only a week to go until the Public Speaking Competition, we have been very busy practising and refining our delivery techniques. We are really focusing on eye contact when speaking and not reading from our palm cards.

Homework will once again be due on Thursday this week, with the weekly spelling and number facts tests then too. Last week for homework the Year 6s had to write some rhyming couplet poetry retelling a fairy tale/nursery rhyme. The students produced some amazing responses which we will publish in the newsletter over the next couple of weeks. Here is Alisha’s poem for you to enjoy!!

**Jack and Jill**

Have you ever heard of Jack and Jill?
Do you know he never fell down the hill?
Jill kicked his foot so we would fall down,
But he actually hit the ground,
She ran away to the far away castle,
Jack stood there and said “she’s such a hassle!”
The water in the pale spilt everywhere,
Jill started to cry because it went in her hair,
Jack said “now you know what it feels like too”.
“I am glad Karma came and taught you!”

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

Have a great week. Happy trails Tanya Stanley
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Beechmont Netball Club News

Second week of Semi-finals
Beechmont Bandicoots 10:30 court 1
Beechmont Saints 10:30 court 7
Beechmont Tigers will be playing a round robin fixture from 8:30 until their presentation at 11:30. There will be tables set up with food provided by SCNA and the players are encouraged to walk around the tables and get a plate of food.
Also this Friday is our club presentation from 5:30 pm at Beechmont Tennis Club. Can you please let me know if you are coming so we can order the food.
See you all Friday night and have a great week.
Janine samamyem@bigpond.com or 0419726781.

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