2014 CLASSES

Thank you to all the parents and students for their patience in the first week of school. It appears that our student numbers have stabilised and we will be losing a staff member which is extremely unfortunate but unavoidable. At the moment we have 122 students enrolled, this is 6 students short of the number needed to maintain our current classes.

As a result the makeup of the classes will be Prep, Year 1/2, Year 2/3, Year 4/5 and Year 6/7. I cannot advise parents which teachers will be remaining at Beechmont as we have to wait until Thursday when our Day 8 figures will be submitted to Head Office. The new classes will commence on Monday.

This time has been extremely stressful for all in our school community and I would ask for your support and consideration to everyone involved. We have a wonderful staff and it is going to be difficult to say goodbye to whoever is moving on.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss anything regarding the changes.

WORKING BEE

We will be holding a working bee on Saturday 22nd February between 8:00-12:00. The gardens need weeding so we can get the beds ready to mulch. If you are free for even an hour it would be greatly appreciated. Bring buckets, gloves and a hat.

Could you please let Douglas know if you can come and help tidy up the school grounds.

Thank you.

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.

RAW ART

This year we will have 2 Raw Art performances one in each Terms 1 & 3. The cost of these performances is $9.70 per performance per student. There will also be 2 Artlink performances one in Term 2 & 4 the costs of each performance is $6.30.

These 4 performances are all included in the Art & Technology or Stationary Levy of $60 per student. If you have paid your school fees Thankyou.

For those that have not please send $9.70 by 14th February so your child can be part of the Raw Art performance which is a great hands on performance.
COMING EVENTS

04 Feb  Soccer AGM 6.30pm Hall on Graceleigh
05 Feb  Colour Day – Red Theme
06 Feb  Band Starts
12 Feb  P&C AGM @ 7pm in school library
21 Feb  RAW Art
22 Feb  Working Bee 8:00-12:00
24 Feb  Book Fair starts
25 Feb  Beginning Year Assembly/Open Night
26 Feb  School Bus Mtg 7pm at Hall on Graceleigh

IS YOUR CHILD ON THE BUS?

If your child travels on any of the School buses then it is really important that you come to the Bus Meeting at the ‘Hall on Graceleigh’ on Wednesday 26th February starting at 7.00pm.
There is generally only 1 bus meeting a year unless issues arise that need all parents’ input.
So please make the effort to come along to the bus meeting so that any issues you might have can be openly discussed.

P + C AGM

Our Parents and Citizen’s Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February, 7pm at the School. Please make sure that you look at the coloured pieces of paper attached to our newsletter, especially the blue page and return by Friday 7th February. Thank You.

UNIFORM NEWS

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

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

School tuckshop is open Wednesday & Fridays

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. Menu attached to last week’s newsletter.

Our school tuckshop would not run without the assistance of our wonderful parents & grandparents who volunteer their time to help in our tuckshop.

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

Urgent tuckshop assistance required

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, temporary assistance is required in the tuckshop on Wednesdays and Fridays for the next couple of weeks. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.
If you can assist please contact Kathleen Callister 0409 642 743.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 05 Feb Volunteer Needed
Fri 07 Feb Jaimee Sola
Wed 12 Feb Volunteer Needed
Wed 14 Feb Volunteer Needed

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking will resume on Wednesday 05 Feb 2014. Wednesday will be the new student banking day for this year.
There is a great new student banking program available with fantastic rewards. I will keep you posted with updates in the coming weeks.

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

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

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

Welcome to Week 2 Term 1.
We had some sensational ideas for our Weekly program from the children attending Mountain Mates. Of course it is not possible to do some of them – like horseriding, or parachuting but many of the other ideas are being implemented into our weekly program.
This week we will be cooking cakes on Thursday until we hear of the outcome of our Active After School Care grant for Swimming.
Tuesday’s are getting out and about playing cricket.
We would love parents/carers imput as well. So if there is something your children would like to do at Mountain Mates that they have expressed to you at home, drop us a note.
All accounts will be going out this week so if you haven’t received them via email or in your children’s bags let us know and we will get one to you.
We have a new enrolment form which we have been handing out as families use our service.
Please take the time to fill it in to ensure we have all of the right, current information.

PERMANENT BOOKINGS

If you wish to book your child in on a permanent basis for Before School Care or After School Care, please advise us either by telephone (55459124), email (mountainmates@bigpond.com) or in person as to the days you will be requiring.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP CLASS

Hello everyone hope you had a good week last week and your children enjoyed their first week at school. The preps are settling in nicely and are beginning to adjust to the rules and routines that are part of school life.

Last week we introduced the sounds for the letter’s’ and this week we will learn the sounds for the letters ‘a’ and ‘t’. We have made a swirling snake for the letter ‘s’ and made some prints of the children’s hands and feet.

The children are welcome to leave their hats in their boxes in the classroom rather than taking it home every day. This ensures that they are not forgotten and have them every day to play outside.

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

YEAR 1 CLASS

Welcome to Week2. This week in English we are looking at authors’ deliberate use of verbs to help show a character’s emotion. Try asking your child about all the different ways they can open a door and how that is linked to what they are feeling. In grammar we are writing simple sentences. Pre-assessments have taken place and Reading and Spelling groups have been established.

In Math some of the children are revisiting sequencing the days of the week and the months of the year whilst others, who have already mastered this, are using Clever Calendar to construct calendars and record important dates. To help with the concept of duration of time parents can talk with their children about how long/often everyday family activities take e.g. we grocery shop weekly, watch T.V. daily, it takes an hour to wash the car etc.

I very much appreciate the efforts that have gone into the nightly reading program. Keep up the good work, it is invaluable. Due to the uncertainties of the week ahead I have decided to postpone homework for another week until we the staffing and class arrangements have been settled.

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 homework this week I am just sending home their daily readers. The proper homework program will start next week, which will involve children learning 20 weekly spelling words and they will also have a worksheet to complete. The worksheet will tie in with what we have been learning in either English or Maths.

In maths this week children are learning to read both analogue and digital times. They will be introduced to quarter past the hour times, as well as to the hour times. We have already made our own analogue clocks on paper plates to help us with our time lessons this week. I encourage you to get your children trying to read both digital and analogue clocks at home.

In geography this week children are learning that all places have characteristics which are either made by humans or are natural. They will be given photographs of various famous places around Australia and will define these places as having human and/or natural features. Later in the week they will be learning the states and capital cities of Australia.

In history this week we will be looking at what are celebrations and commemorations and how have they changed over time? Students will look at what makes special events significant to individuals, families and communities. They will compare celebrations with commemorations to learn how the two types of events are different.

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

Have a great week, Demelza Atherton

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Well done to all of the children in the class for making a positive start to the 2014 school year. The children have been working hard as we have completed some of our pre-testing. This enables us to determine exactly where children are in their academic work and where they need to go.

We have discussed our classroom rights and responsibilities for the year and have come up with our classroom rules and expectations. All of these rules come down to being respectful of others, keeping ourselves and others safe, and trying our hardest in the classroom.

Homework will be sent home on Friday of this week. It will be due next Thursday. We will begin the term with weekly homework and possibly change to fortnightly homework next semester. Please look at the children’s homework books for details on what is expected each week. Weekly homework will always
include spelling, reading and some Maths. Additional tasks will be added each week such as a Geography task or a History activity.

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

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### YEAR 4/5 CLASS

Last week children sat several pre tests. One of these tests was to see how well they knew their times tables. Your child should have brought home a list of the tables they still need to learn and practice. Their success in maths really depends on their thorough and instant knowledge of these.

Another test was the Words Their Way spelling inventory. This test is to see where children sit with their spelling skills and strategies. If your child ends up with the same or similar words they have had in a previous year it will be because the inventory has identified that they still need practice with words of those particular spelling rules.

The first homework was handed out yesterday. This included the maths and English worksheet and the spelling words. Please also ensure your child is reading a minimum of 15 minutes a day and recording it in their log at the back of their homework book. If your child has any problems at all with their homework, please ask them to see me as soon as possible – don’t leave it til Friday when the homework is due.

Below is a brief outline of our weekly timetable and the class rules that children came up with last week.

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### Classroom rules for Year 4/5

- Pass objects safely
- Use appropriate language
- Obey adults
- Listen to others
- Work your hardest-do your best
- Walk in the classroom
- Raise your hand to speak
- Keep shoes clean-keep shoes on

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### YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Wow!! What an amazing start to 2014. All students have come back to school eager to learn and ready to work which is just fantastic. There is a big jump from year 5/6 into Year 6/7 and the students are rising to the challenge which is just fantastic to see. Our class rules of “100% EFFORT and 100% RESPECT for 100% of the PEOPLE we work with, 100% of the TIME” and “If you don’t know something, ASK!!” are being followed really well and making a difference to the way in which the students are taking ownership of their learning. WELL DONE 6/7!!

Timetables and nightly reading continue to be the focus for homework this week with spelling groups and a homework sheet to be added from next week. It is absolutely vital that students get into the habit now of completing tasks each night, as this is quite often the expectation in high school.

A note will be coming home today about sizes for our leadership shirts. It is absolutely vital that this note is returned tomorrow to ensure that they are ordered and ready for our leadership ceremony.

Have a great week.

**Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au**
COMMUNITY NEWS

Single Bed & Mattress

Single bed base with 2 large storage drawers underneath. Happy to give this away. Also, single mattress in great condition - make an offer. Please call Julie on 55333226.

CRICKET TRAINING IN THE NETS

With the rectification of the old cricket nets complete, there will be training and a bit of fun in the nets after school on Thursdays for the next two weeks (6th and 13th Feb) from 3-4pm.

This is a chance to get a bit of batting and bowling practice in before the end of the season. Watch this space for further dates and information or call Dan Blunt on 0407757319.

AGM
OF THE BEECHMONT NETBALL CLUB
TO BE HELD
FRIDAY THE 7th FEBRUARY 2014
AT 6.30PM
AT THE NETBALL COURTS/TENNIS COURTS
GRACELEIGH PARK
BEECHMONT

All positions will become vacant and nominations will be called from the floor.

AGENDA:
OPENING.
PRESENT
APOLOGIES
MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS AGM
PRESIDENTS REPORT
TREASURERS REPORT
ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS