This year’s Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 13th March at the Nerang Pool commencing at 9:30 am.

As of this morning less than one third of the students have returned the blue form indicating their swimming ability. It is imperative these are returned so we can organise the swimming events. These forms need to be back to Douglas by tomorrow.

Please complete your child’s ability to swim widths assisted or unassisted or lengths for each child and the transport section. It is vital that we have these forms so that transport can be organized and also to make sure we have enough people to effectively run the carnival. Entry to the pool costs $3.80 for a child & $2.40 for an adult paid on the day at the gate individually & you can purchase from the canteen at the pool or bring your own lunch.

On Tuesday 11th March our annual Leaders’ Presentation Ceremony will be held in the undercover area commencing at 9.30am. All parents are welcome to attend but especially the parents and relatives of the Year 6 and 7 students. There will be a morning tea following the ceremony.

Congratulations to the students in Years 2, 5 and 7 for maintaining an attendance level above our school goal of 96%. The school total dropped slightly to 93%. Can you please ensure that your child is attending school every day……EVERY DAY COUNTS.

A very big thank you to all the families who supported our Book Fair Last Week. We raised over $1500 dollars which equates to more than $500 of free resources for our school.

I would like to remind all students involved with the Excellence Challenge that we meet on Wednesdays in the computer room next to Miss As class. Please arrive on time so we can work through the Ed Studio.

We have received 6 Alkaline Water Systems donated by the Water Ambassador Program. Each teaching block has its own system and we would encourage all children to fill up their drink bottle each morning. Thank you to zazen for their wonderful donation.
**COMING EVENTS**

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**UNIFORM NEWS**

The Uniform will now operate on Tuesday morning from 8.30am to 9am every week. For any further information please contact Patricia Burchell.

**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.

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

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Wednesday is 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. There are posters on the wall of the office.

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This week in English we are beginning a new unit on Persuasion, learning about how to effectively use language to persuade others to our point of view. Although from our lesson yesterday it seems we have a class full of children who are well-practiced in the art of persuasion. In Math we are returning to Number and exploring partitioning into tens and ones (Year 1) and hundreds, tens and ones (Year 2). Again there is the literacy requirement that children learn the word form of the numbers as well as their numerals. In Geography we are learning about scale: local, regional and national.

I have finally transferred the Year 1’s onto the EdStudio permissions. The 1_2 EdStudio can be accessed through the Learning Place http://education.qld.gov.au/learningplace/. The children will need to select student space (to the right of the page) and their username and password (which will come home on Friday in their homework books). The EdStudio has a variety of Learning Objects which support the curriculum and children, and parents, are welcome to access it from home.

**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

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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 4/5 CLASS**

Most of the children in the class made a pleasing start to their homework last week and completed the set activities. Some children still need to get into the habit of organising their time well throughout the fortnight in order to complete the set work. Having a set time and place each afternoon to work on homework helps to establish this routine. Spelling and Maths should be practised every afternoon for a short time rather than once or twice in the week. This is a much more effective way to consolidate number facts and spelling.

In Geography this week, our focus is on North America. The children will be investigating this continent, the countries within it and mapping conventions. We will also be comparing small and large scale maps.

Our History work continues to focus on the Secondary Colonies set up in various parts of Australia after the first colony in N.S.W. We are investigating the reasons that these colonies were established and what life was like in the early colonies.

In Maths this week we will be working with 3 dimensional shapes. The characteristics of these shapes, their uses in the environment and how they can be constructed and drawn will be part of this work.

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

**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

It really was lovely meeting with so many parents last Tuesday night. Thanks you all so much for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come in and have a chat. Open Night certainly is a wonderful, informal opportunity to touch base with parents and I sincerely appreciated speaking with those that were able to attend.

A huge congratulation goes to Locky K who was last week’s Star Student of the Week. Locky consistently works hard and always strived to do his best. Well Done!!

Liam, Kane, Kadison and Noah all off to Nerang SHS for an Industrial technology Enrichment Day today – I do hope they had a great time. Throughout the year, Nerang SHS offers enrichment days to the Year 6s. It is a fantastic day and a great opportunity. All Year 6s will have the opportunity of attending throughout the year (hopefully twice!!). The next one is not until May 13 – more details to follow.

In Health, we have been looking at emotions and the negative influence that it can have on our attitude. The class have been identifying “confidence busters” and coming up with “confidence boosters” to combat these thoughts. It has been fantastic to hear the children put these discussions into practise by really encouraging each other and trying to boost each other’s confidence with positive comments and supportive statements throughout the day. Well Done Year 6/7 – I love what I am hearing!!

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me either in person (I am usually here by 7am) or via email. Happy trails.

Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

Yoga class
Starts March 4th
Tuesdays: 3.15-4.30pm
Old School Site (back demountable)
Mixed level class – all welcome
$12/person
Enquiries: Lara – 55333644
lara.pearce@bigpond.com

FREE & FOR SALE ITEMS
• Trampoline, old style, large rectangle – free
• Large wire cage for small animals – chickens etc – free
• Painting canvases – many sizes, some used and some painted on - free
• Queen ensemble bed in good condition $20
• Large seed raising house with plastic cover, tall enough to walk into - $50
• Outdoor Spa – 1.8m diameter, needs new lid and heat pump - $200
• Zhu Zhu toys – assorted lot (about 8 sets and 6 animals) $20
• Please contact Bonnie 0411 622 448

BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB
Newsletter
An email has been sent to all 2014 soccer families on Friday 28th Feb. Please ensure that you read it & action the online player registration process by no later than the 10th March.
For anyone that did not receive this email, please contact Wendy at beechmontjuniorsoccer@gmail.com or call Renae on 0412 186619 & provide your current email address.
For any previous years players who are not participating in this 2014 soccer season, please ensure that you return your Beechmont Soccer uniform (shirt & shorts) to Douglas ASAP. These uniforms are required for all our new players, so please check your children’s wardrobes & under their beds!
We are having a pre-season working bee on Saturday 8th March from 8am. If anyone has a spare hour or two to lend a hand, your presence would be greatly appreciated.