WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had a wonderful break and you are prepared for a busy and enjoyable term. There are many special events scheduled with the first being Remembrance Day on 11th November. This is a very reverent day which provides our senior students with an opportunity to participate in a very important community event. Parents are most welcome to attend.

This term we will say farewell to the Year 7 and Year 6 students who be moving on to high school in 2015. This is always a memorable time where we can celebrate and recognise these students.

PRE-PREP PROGRAM

The pre-Prep program will commence next Monday the 13th October. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare next year Prep students for school. The children will participate in the “Musical Minds” program. Contact the office if you are interested in having your child in this program. It will be held on Mondays starting at 12:15 pm.

95% CLUB

As we near the end of the school year I would like to encourage all students to strive to make the 95% Club for this term. Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve to their full potential. Visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/fact-sheet.html for more information on student attendance requirements.

It is imperative that children make every effort to attend school every day. If your child is ill please keep them at home. We are trying to eliminate the large percentage of unexplained absences. Can you please notify Douglas on days your child is absent. Thank you.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL FROM KINDERGARTEN

Starting school is a major life transition for families and children. Managing this change is best done if information is shared between parents, carers, children, principals and early years' teachers in schools and kindergartens. By managing the transition to school in a supportive way, children’s continuity of learning is maintained.

A positive start to school means children and families have a greater and ongoing connection with the school community. Have a look at the Step up into education website (http://www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/stepup/) for more information and resources.

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Parents & Citizens Association
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
All parents are welcome.

School Motto
AT ALL TIMES
CONSIDER OTHERS

THE BEECHMONT EXPERIENCE...
Working together to empower our children to reach their potential in an inspiring, loving and homely environment that provides challenges and opportunities, values diversity and encourages lifelong learning.
COMING EVENTS

07 Oct Term 4 starts
08 Oct Colour Day ‘Pink’
13 Oct Preschool program minds starts
23 Oct Junior Combined Band Canungra
24 Oct Artlink Performance
27 Oct Iona Senior Band
13 Oct BAPA Meeting 7pm
31 Oct World Teachers Day
31 Oct Swimming Year 2 all students
18 Nov Prep Orientation Day 2015

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)

Mainly due to changing work commitments your Tuckshop volunteers do change. (At the moment we are down to 3 volunteers in total.)

We need (or would like) some more help. If you could spare some time from 9am to 11.30am on a Wednesday or Friday to help please contact the School Office, P&C or our Tuckshop Convenor. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Children love to see their parent helping out at the School and they share with their piers that they have a parent helping at School.

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

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

Welcome to the first week of Term 4 at Mountain Mates.
I cannot congratulate the Mountain Mate Vacation Care children enough on their enthusiasm, cooperation and overall great energy they projected over the holiday period. We all had a wonderful time exploring, inventing, building, cooking and creating.

A big thank you to Penni (Phoenix’s Mum) for giving us heaps of resources which all come in very useful.

Also we would like to thank Peter Clark (Beechmont Tennis Club President) for giving us his time and expertise during our tennis day. If you or your children are interested in getting into tennis, please give Peter a call (0403 949 245).

We have had a couple of reptiles visiting us throughout the break. Spike a bearded dragon and Pickles a blue tongue lizard. The children have formed a lovely bond with these reptiles and enjoy the experience of being able to touch and learn about them. Thanks Di, for bringing Spike in to Mountain Mates.

Week 1 of Term Four will be gathering ideas and offering options to the children for the Term. We will then develop a program for the term which everyone has has input towards. If you, as a parent/carer would like to offer some ideas, please let us know. We are always open to new and exciting ideas.

Over the holiday break Mountain Mates received an email that will impact greatly on our service. The email stated that Mountain Mates has been reclassified from inner regional Australia to Major City Australia. This will ultimately cut off essential funding we receive to keep our service operational.

Thanks to Michael (P&C President) we are working on overturning this decision and continuing to offer our service to the community.

If you would like to find out further information on how you can help towards keeping our doors open please contact either myself (Kim) or Michael Kenyon.

Besides this news we will be operating optimisticly and as normal to give all of your children the best care we possibly can.

Looking forward to a positive and fun filled Term.
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 it on a Tuesday 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. Encourage your child to save and plan for the things they would like to have with their own money from savings.

**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**PREP CLASS**

Hi everyone and welcome back to term 4. I hope you are all rested as this is always a very busy and fast last term. We will start up home readers again this week and you will notice that some of the children will have moved up a few levels to match where they are now. Please try to read with your children everyday, it makes a huge difference to their reading ability when reading in class groups. A reminder that the levels the children read at home are not supposed to be challenging, rather a chance to read fluently, gain confidence and use strategies. I hope you all have a great first week back.

Warm regards,
Tania Evans
tevan27@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

Welcome back to Term 4. Term 4 sees a return to History with the Year 1’s focusing on the inquiry questions ‘How has family life changed or remained the same over time?’ and ‘How can we show that the present is different from or similar to the past?’; the Year 2’s will focus on ‘How have changes in technology shaped our daily life? The major focus for daily exercise this term will be practising for the EOYC Dance. Dance planning is underway and I will send home a note regarding costume requirements in the next couple of weeks. If you know that your child will not be attending the End of Year Concert please let me know asap as this will help with the logistics of 29 children each getting an equal share of the dance floor! Homework will be distributed on Friday, however home readers begin today.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpyro8@eq.edu.au

Wishing you all a good week, Kerry Pryor

**YEAR 4/5 CLASS**

Welcome back to Term 4. It is hard to believe we are already in Term 4. We have an extremely busy term ahead of us with assessment tasks, completing all of the units that are required by the end of the term, learning our end-of-year dance etc. It is very important that children are present each day as it is very difficult to catch up work at this stage. If children are genuinely sick, it is of course best to keep them at home to recover. Please send a note or let Douglas know if children are away.

Homework is due this Thursday. This was handed out a week before the holidays. Please check that children have completed all of the set work and initial the boxes on the homework sheet.

We have chosen our song for our end-of-year dance and will begin practising this immediately. A note will be sent home regarding the required costume for the dance in the next two weeks.

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

**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

Welcome back to what I am sure will be a very busy Term 4. With only 10 weeks left of Primary School for the Year 6/7 class it is sure to be an emotional and exciting time. It is vital that students stay on top of their assignment tasks and work. This will quite often mean that they have finishing off to do each night in addition to regular homework expectations. This week for homework there is a Maths/Literacy sheet but no spelling words. Also, students are expected to have all of Term 3’s art work complete and hung up in the classroom by next Monday.

Throughout this term, we will be implementing the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum. The curriculum is based on principles of best practice in child safety education and centres around three key messages: Recognise, React and Report. Through a series of lessons, students will learn how to recognise, react and report when they are unsafe or find themselves in situations that can have a significant detrimental effect on their physical, psychological or emotional wellbeing. Information about the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum can be found at www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum. I encourage you, wherever possible, to talk with your child about safety to help them stay safe now and in the future.

As always, please contact me at school if you have any concerns or queries. Happy trails Tanya Stanley
tstan15@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

RESEARCH INTO TYPE 1 DIABETES

Researchers from the University of Queensland are conducting research into parenting of children with type 1 diabetes.

We are seeking parents of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes to participate.

Participation in this project will involve completing a survey, and a telephone interview. The telephone interview includes questions on diabetes management tasks which parents of children with type 1 diabetes experience difficulty with, how parents think and feel about parenting a child with type 1 diabetes, and their preferences for assessing services to assist in dealing with these behaviours and tasks.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information please email clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au

CRICKET SIGN ON
Saturday 18th October 2014 at the Hall on Gracleigh

‘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 that music learning itself entails: musical enjoyment, increased vocal and instrumental skills, co-ordination, social and listening skills, self-esteem, 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 (9 weeks).

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

*Bookings should be made before the commencement of Term 4