SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year’s Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 13th March at the Nerang Pool commencing at 9:30 am. Please check the note attached regarding transport arrangements.

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.

GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE

We have submitted our application for the Great Results Guarantee. The funding of $27,720 will be used to purchase a teacher, for 1 day a week, to develop individual learning plans and to coach teachers in developing differentiated reading lessons. We will also be purchasing additional teacher aide hours which will provide additional support to students.

LEADERS’ PRESENTATION

Our annual Leaders’ Presentation Ceremony was held this morning in the undercover area. It was a very successful event and we look forward to seeing our Year 6/7 students carry out their new duties with pride.

EVERY DAY COUNTS - 96%

Congratulations to the students in Years 5, their attendance has been a fantastic 96.9%. The school total dropped slightly to 92.7%. The Year 6 attendance rate is disappointing. Can you please ensure that your child is attending school every day.....EVERY DAY COUNTS.

SCHOOL DISCO

Disco is on next Friday 21st March at the hall on Graceleigh starting 6.30pm and finishes at 8.30pm. Admission is $5. We still need volunteers to assist at the door and canteen and to cleanup at the end as there is a function Saturday. Could you please return the form indicating if you are able to assist on Friday night.

P & C MEETING

P & C meeting on tomorrow night at 7pm in the school Library. All parents are encouraged to attend.
COMING EVENTS

11 Mar  Leaders’ Presentation 9:30
12 Mar  P & C Meeting 7pm Library
13 Mar  Swimming Carnival Nerang Pool
21 Mar  School Disco 6:30-8:30
28 Mar  Interim Student Reports go home
02 Apr  Colour day – Blue Theme Autism month
04 Apr  Last day of Term 1
22 Apr  Commencement of Term 2
28 Mar  Interim Student Reports go home

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

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 12 Mar  Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 14 Mar  Elizabeth Bailey
Wed 19 Mar  Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 21 Mar  Jaimee Sola
Wed 26 Mar  Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 28 Mar  Kerry Murphy
Wed 02 Apr  Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 04 Apr  Jaimee Sola

ECOLOCATION

Last week William Kattajean-Blackwell attended a day long human echolocation workshop at Centenary High School, Jindalee. The workshop was run by world re-known expert, Daniel Kish who is on a 3 week Australian tour teaching children and adults this remarkable skill.

You might be wondering what echolocation is? Well, put simply it’s the location of objects by reflected sound. Daniel Kish has developed a method that is similar to that used by bats and dolphins and can be used by humans, in particular by those with a vision impairment.

Whilst William was at the training day he spent time with Daniel learning to click his tongue, click his fingers or clap his hands and then listen for the echo of the sounds bouncing of things such as trees, bins, seats and buildings. William joined in with the other children playing hide and seek using this method and on each occasion all 15 children were found in a park the size of a football oval full of trees and seats.

If any students would like to try echolocation you can Google the word or Daniel’s name to get more information or come and talk to William or Mrs O or Miss Jenny and have a go with them. Here is a link to a YouTube clip of a boy using echolocation to ride a bike and play WiiGames.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c49dS76KhGc
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1QaCeosUmw

Welcome to Week 7 Term 1.
I have returned from a very refreshing and lovely break. Thanks to the staff for taking on the extra work while I was away.
All of the children have been very busy while I was away with lots of activities being accomplished.
This week we will spend some time cooking Choc chip cookies – yummy.
It is lovely to hear the rain on the roof, but we hope it clears just for an hour so we get to play cricket on Tuesday afternoon.
It is great to have William back visiting us again. He serenaded Lucy, Lily and myself with his Xylophone skills this morning.
Have a great week.
From Kim, Janine, Clare and Christie. Your Mountain Mates Team.
NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP CLASS

Hello everyone hope you are enjoying your week. It is hard to believe we are in week 7 of the first term already. Last week a new book came home with sight words glued into the book. As the note mentioned the children may keep this book at home until you feel they know their sight words well and then when they bring it to school I will test them on their words and then they can have the next batch of words. This way they are learning these words at their own level and a rate to suit their needs.

Last week the sounds we learnt were ‘r’ and ‘m’. Yesterday we also learnt the sound for the letter ‘d’. Last week we finished reading a book called ‘Dougal and Bumble and the long walk home’. In the story there are lots of road signs and other signs. We have been searching for different signs around the school and in magazines and looking at what they mean. Mrs Barrett has been busy taking lots of photos of different sing in our community.

In maths we are continuing to look at number and place value concepts. We are looking at recognising numbers to 10 and which numbers have more or less. We are practising our counting to 20 and beyond as well as backwards from 10. We are also looking at recognising numbers at a glance to 5 which is called subtitising.

In science we have been looking at living things and to compliment this I brought in 3 baby chicks that are our pets at home. This was a great opportunity for the children to hold and see what animals need to survive.

I was also hoping to make grass heads with the children so was wanting anyone who can spare their old pantyhose to be sent in to class. Also if anyone knows how I can get a hold of sawdust for this activity that would be great.

Don’t forget Thursday is our swimming carnival. It would be good to see you all there. Even if your child needs assistance with swimming this is well catered for out our carnival.

Congratulations to our student of the week last week Isla Bailey for fantastic work in class at all times. Well done Isla. Also for week 6 well done Jarmin Gisttin for the student of the week.

Hope you have a great week.
Warm Regards, Tania Evans. tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Firstly my apologies for not getting the EdStudio passwords into the children’s homework books, I will try to get it done this week. In Science our class plant experiments are showing growth and the children are watering and recording changes daily. In Math we begin exploring the attributes of 3D objects and 2D shapes. You can support this at home with an investigation into the packaging that can be found in your pantry. On Thursday I look forward to seeing all of 1_2 at the swimming carnival. There is support for all levels of swimming ability and a real effort has been made to ensure that a Beechmont Swimming Carnival provides access for all children to participate at a level suitable for their ability.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpryor8@eq.edu.au.

Wishing you all a good week, Kerry Pryor

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

This week for homework students have been given a sheet to practise the ‘double +1 strategy’. These mental maths facts are taught using a THINK OF DOUBLES strategy: once doubles are memorized, any double plus one fact is easily found by counting on one more. Children should not be using their fingers to solve these problems. Double plus one facts are recognised by the pairing of two numbers that are consecutive counting numbers, their sum equalling double the smaller number plus one more. It is expected that students can complete the worksheet in less than 10 minutes. Students can record their time on the sheet if they wish. They will be assessed on this strategy on Friday and will have only 10 minutes to complete the test.

In science students will be participating in a scientific investigation to answer the question: Is sand a solid? They will use a magnifying glass to observe the sand. They will pour the sand into a container and observe how it behaves. Students will also explore the question: Does sand take up all the space in a container? They will do this by filling a cup with sand, levelling the top of the cup of sand with a ruler and filling the cup of sand with water. Students will use their ongoing knowledge of the properties of solids and liquids to make predictions. They will also make and record observations and explain their results.

In geography we are learning: where are the Torres Strait Islands and what do they look like? Students will be given geographical information about the facts and location of the Torres Strait Islands. They will learn how the Torres Strait Islands were formed and learn facts on different islands that make up the Torres Strait Island group. Students will also watch a video to learn about the aspects of life of the people in the Torres Strait. In this geography lesson students will: understand how to use simple grid references to describe the location of places on a large-scale map of the Torres Strait Islands and understand how to use cardinal compass points to describe location of places in the Torres Strait Islands relative to Australia.
Camp...it’s in the early stages of planning, but our 2-3 class will be combining with the 4-5 class to attend Camp Goodenough in the early part of August. I’ll bring you more details as they come to light.

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

Homework for this week will be due on Friday due to the Swimming Carnival on Thursday. I told the children that their books might get a bit soggy if they bring them into the pool on Thursday. Please ensure the children are working daily on their spelling and number work.

In Science this week we will be conducting our Camouflage experiment if the weather cooperates and gives us a dry afternoon. This work relates to our work on the adaptations of animals to their environment.

In Maths this week we will be working with measurement concepts such as length, area and volume of liquids (capacity). The children will be conducting lots of hands-on experiments in our measurement activities.

Well done to Ayla Sola, our award winner last week.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

A huge congratulations to last week’s Star Student of the Week – Byron. Byron has started this year with terrific commitment to his learning and has been making fantastic personal improvements during the term across a number of curriculum areas. Well done Byron and keep up the good work!!

What an absolutely fabulous Leadership presentation we had today!! A big thank you to all of the parents, grand-parents, family and friends that attended to see the Year 6/7s be inducted into their leadership positions for 2014. I am sure that this year’s leaders will strive to uphold the expectations of the school community and fulfil their duties to the absolute best of their ability.

Now that the students have their orange leadership hats, it is expected that they will wear these every day at school. Likewise, with the weather on Beechmont starting to turn a little cooler, it is a great time to remind everyone that all Year6/7 students MUST have a bottle green school jumper. I realise that there is an expense associated with this, and greatly appreciate parents’ co-operation in ensuring that their child is appropriately dressed for school every day.

On a personal note, I will be on leave to the last 2 weeks of this term. Courtenay Noakes will be taking the class and I am sure that the children will welcome her to our classroom, work especially hard and uphold our class rule of “100% effort and 100% respect for 100% of the people we work with 100% of the time” whilst I am away.

Have a great week. Happy trails.
Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Soccer Training starts this Tuesday (11th March, 2014) straight after school at Graceleigh Park. Please ensure children are collected between 4-4.15pm. Also recommend that you pack your children’s soccer boots & shin pads in their school bags ready for training.

Remember all online player registration through ‘My Football Club’ must be completed by 10th March 2014, please action ASAP if this has not been done.

For anyone that did not receive our email outlining how to complete the online player register, please contact Wendy at beechmontjuniorsoccer@gmail.com or call Renae on 0412 186619.

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!

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