The Inter-house Cross Country event will be held this Friday and we encourage all students to participate. It is an excellent opportunity to build team spirit. Those children who perform well may be selected to represent Beechmont at the District event.

**CROSS COUNTRY MENU 2014**

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Lunch will be at 11.30am. Orders will be taken first up so lunches can be ready for you at lunch time. Parents if you could also pre order in the morning that would be helpful.

We will be working out of the Hall Kitchen. All sales will be from there. Cut off time will be 1am.

If you are there and could volunteer some time then the day should be a success.

**CARNIVAL OF WORDS**

Yes, we do need you on Wednesday 21st May for our very special Carnival of Words. If you can volunteer to read and talk about reading to our children on this day, please return your form to register your interest.

This is a very special day where we target our boys and dads to encourage our boys to read. We do get Mums to read as well, so please let us know if you can volunteer on the day so we can make this day a meaningful day for our children and hopefully ignite the reading fire in all children.

**TECHNOLOGY CLUB**

This term the Year 4/5 children have the opportunity to work with Dean Cording. The club is intended to introduce the children to electronics and computers by giving them hands on experience in building and programming their own robots. The school has purchased five robot kits based on the Arduino micro-controller board. The kits include a variety of sensors that allow the robots to detect its world and other components to drive motors and display information. The club meet each Friday at the first break.
COMING EVENTS

13-15 May  NAPLAN
14 May  P & C Meeting 7pm Library
16 May  Interhouse Cross Country Carnival
20 May  Fanfare Upper Coomera
21 May  Carnival of Words
22 May  Combined Band Canungra
27 May  Year 6 Enrichment Day Nerang Visual Arts
04 June  Colour Day Birds
09 June  Queens Birthday
13 June  Artlink performance Marcus Music Makers
16 June  Douglas Training One School
19 June  Interhouse Field events
23-27 June  Advanced Music Camp
27 June  Interhouse Track events
27 June  End of Term 2

EVERY DAY COUNTS

The attendance rate for the beginning of Term 2 is very pleasing. The Year 6 students have made great improvements and for this term they are at 96.7%. Well done to the Year 6 students, keep up the great work. The top 3 year levels for Term 1 were: Year 7 96.8%, Year 2 94.1%, Year 5 93.8%. Congratulations to all those students who are at or above 95% for the entire year, there are 60 students in this group. There will be awards presented at the end of the year for those students whose attendance is at or above 95%. Those students who have 100% attendance will receive a special award.

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform shop will be open every Tuesday from 8.30am to 9am every week. There are now some discounted items (new) available: Cargo shorts are reduced from $28 to $18, Special occasion shirts are now $18.50, Socks are 3 pairs for $10.

There are currently a large number of second hand jumpers, available for $2 per item and skirts, and skorts for $1 each!

Thanks Patricia Burchell

STUDENT BANKING

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

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

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

Welcome to Term 2 Week 4
The dreaded cold hit me last week, so things were turned on their head a bit. We did get loads of lovely Mothers Day Crafts completed and plenty of outdoor play before the afternoons get too cool.
This week we will be doing our 2 days of Active After School Care (Wednesdays & Thursdays). The other days will be filled with craft, activities and outdoor fun.
Please ensure you have paid your accounts for last month.

Looking forward to a healthier week for myself and all of the teachers, children, Mum’s & Dad’s & staff.

From Kim, Janine, Clare, Christie and Di.
Your Mountain Mates Team.

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

Our Cross Country Carnival is this Friday 16th May. Tuckshop will be running from the Hall Kitchen. The menu for the day is attached to this newsletter.

Normal Tuckshop menu will not be available. We need volunteers helpers on the day for it to be a success. See you there.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 14 May  Haley & Cristlyn
Fri 16 May  Cross Country – Volunteers Needed
Fri 16 May  Kerry Murphy & Janine van B
Wed 21 May  Hayley & Cristlyn
Fri 23 May  Jaimee Sola
Wed 28 May  Hayley & Cristlyn
Fri 30 May  Liz Bailey
Wed 04 June  Hayley & Cristlyn
Fri 06 June  Jaimee Sola
NEWS FROM THE
TEACHERS

PREP CLASS

Hi everyone, hope you are all having a wonderful week. Let’s hope most of the colds and flu are now behind us. There has been a lot of sickness in the Prep room over the last two weeks, with lots of children missing school for extended time.

Children have been bringing readers home this term and most children are remembering to bring their folders in every day and are getting new books each night to read. Just a reminder that if the book hasn’t been signed by a parent it is often not changed as we want to make sure they are reading regularly. The only day that readers are not changed is Friday for the weekend.

It is good to see many children coming and seeing me to have their sight words tested regularly. Most afternoons the children are able to have their words checked if they bring their books to me. We now have a few children who are getting towards their number 10 list and we have one child who has worked very hard and is up to number 18. Well done!!!

In maths we have been looking at patterning, whether it is by colour, shape, number or sound. Yesterday we made pattern pasta necklaces using colour. We have begun to look at measurement and we have been measuring how tall everyone in the class is.

I hope that the prep mother’s had a fantastic day on Sunday and that you enjoyed the things that the children worked hard to make for you.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Firstly, I need to welcome two new students to our class, Ethan O’Grady in Year 2 and Jordan Puckeridge in Year 1. I hope they enjoy being members of our class. In Math this week we are exploring patterns both repeating and growing patterns. The year 1’s will revisit counting in 2’s as an example of a growing number pattern and aim to represent the tens number sequence. The Year 2’s are examining familiar number patterns to infer the pattern rule, identifying missing elements in counting patterns, and solving simple number pattern problems. In addition to the familiar number patterns (2’s, 5’s and 10’s) the Year 2’s will also explore counting in threes. Please remember that this Friday is the cross country carnival and ensure that your child has suitable sportswear. If it is a cold day provide them with layers that can be removed for their run and then put back on again afterwards.

Thank you for sending the children to school in their sports shoes daily as they have been wholeheartedly practising their running.

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 children just have to learn their spelling words and continue with their daily reader. There are a number of students who have fallen out of the routine of reading each night and returning their folder the next day, so I really encourage everyone to read EACH night. Daily reading is extremely valuable for your child.

This week in maths children are learning about subtraction. They will be learning different subtraction mental strategies and then they’ll learn how to calculate subtraction problems using the vertical written method.

In geography students will be locating and representing Queensland’s major human features on a map using a legend, symbols and simple grid references.

The year 3 students have finished the NAPLAN writing test and language conventions tests. Tomorrow they have reading and the following day is the numeracy test. I encourage all year 3 students to get lots of sleep this week and start the day with a healthy breakfast.

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

Today, Wednesday and Thursday the Year 5 children in the class will be involved in NAPLAN testing. Year 4 children will still be completing important work throughout this week during the Year 5 testing times. It will be a good opportunity for the Year 4 children to catch up on any work that is incomplete.

In Science this week the children will be researching the Polar Bear in order to understand the adaptations that animals have to extreme conditions. Research on the computers will be an important part of this task.

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held this Friday. Please ensure all children are present to run in this event and help their sporting house in the competition.

Have a great week.
Regards, Dan Albright. dalbr1@eq.edu.au
I do hope everyone had a lovely Mother’s Day on the weekend and enjoyed the artwork produced by the children.

A very big congratulation to Mikaela who was the Star Student of the Week for Week 2 and to Claire who was the Star Student for Week 3. Both girls have been producing outstanding work during class time and have made terrific starts to Term 2. Also well done to Jade, Lachie Mc and Locky K who were commended for their performance on ANZAC Day as well as to Tane who show outstanding work during Maths last week. All of these students received class awards for their efforts.

This week is NAPLAN for the Year 7s and we wish them good luck. I am positive that they will do their very best, think clearly and read the questions carefully!! Cross country is on Friday and all students are expected to attend. As leaders of the school, they need to be setting an example and leading their houses with good sportsmanship and participation regardless of whether they are house captains or not. Have a great week. Happy trails.

**STAYING SAFE AROUND BATS**

Children need to be aware that bats, including flying foxes, are protected species and pose minimal risk to humans provided they are left alone and not touched. However, children should not try to hurt or help sick or injured bats as they are putting themselves and the animal at risk. If you see a bat or flying fox that is hurt call:

- RSPCA—1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)
- Department of Environment and Heritage Protection—1300 130 372
- your local wildlife care group/rescuer/carer for assistance.

If a child is bitten or scratched by any bat, they should tell their parents, teacher or responsible adult straight away, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water and visit their local doctor immediately.
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lara.pearce@bigpond.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

BEECHMONT JUNIOR
SOCCER CLUB
Newsletter

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY to all wonderful soccer Mums, we hope you enjoyed your special day.

Another great weekend for soccer! All our teams did so well on Saturday. It is great to see the kids being so active & enjoying themselves with their team mates.

Soccer training is Tuesday afternoon straight from school. Remember to bring shin pads, soccer boots & extra water.

We are playing at Home this weekend (Sat 17th May) & games are scheduled as follows:
- Under 6, Under 8 & Under 10’s kick off @ 8.30am
- Under 7 kick off @ 9.10am

Don’t forget we have great coffee, bacon & egg burgers, & other goodies for sale at the ‘Beechmont Soccer Cafe’.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your coach/coaches or Wendy at beechmontjunior@soccer@gmail.com, or call Renae on 0412 186619.

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