I would like to congratulate Daniel Walters for the fine example he has set his school mates by volunteering his own time to weed the garden beds around the school. Daniel started this work and he now has a team of students assisting him at each break. Thank you Daniel, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Last week’s Students of the Week were: Prep Sarah Hashim-Jones, Year 1/2 Lucas Luthi, Year 2/3 Angel Tomlinson, Year 4/5 Coen Blunt, Year 6/7 Lachlan McIntyre

This special night will be held on Tuesday February 25 starting with a free BBQ put on by your P&C Association. The BBQ starts at 5.45pm and then the formal part of the Assembly starts at 6.20pm. All students new to our School this year are formally introduced to everyone. Your child is required to introduce you to their teacher. Children are to wear school uniform.

Following this the parents will move to the classrooms to spend some time with their child’s teacher. The evening should be concluded by 8:00pm. Food is free; drinks are for sale before and after the Assembly. Nothing at all is available during the actual Assembly, the tuckshop will be closed.

Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland

Each week I will let everyone know the attendance rate for each Year level. Our goal for the entire school is 96%. As of Friday the school's attendance percentage was 94.4%. There are 200 school days in 2014 so for your child to reach the school expectation they need to attend at least 192 days. The results for each Year level are:

- Prep 90%
- Year 1 95.9%
- Year 2 97.7%
- Year 3 94.6%
- Year 4 95.4%
- Year 5 96.8%
- Year 6 84.6% and Year 7 94.4%.

We will be holding a working bee this 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.

I would like to thank Bonnie, Luca and William who came in on Saturday and helped tidy up the entrance to Mountain Mates.

Could you please let Douglas know if you can come and help tidy up the school grounds on Saturday. Thank you.
COMING EVENTS

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
28 Feb Bookfair ends
05 Mar Colour Day
06 Mar Senior Combined Band at Canungra

RAW ART

Have you paid your school levy? For those that have not paid school levy please send $9.70 ASAP so your child can participate in the Raw Art activities on the 21st.

• Prep/1 African mud stamping Printmaking – this lesson is inspired by the wonderful simple patterns, and earthy colours of African Mud Cloths. Students will learn about mono-printing patterns, and also how to create a simple stamper out of clay. Students will then piece together their beautiful prints into a decorative tribal wall hanging.

• Year 1/2 Who is Ken Done? Printmaking – a fun, colourful printmaking lesson. Looking at the famous Australian artist Ken Done’s artwork, students will be creating their own fun Flora/Fauna collagraph printblock designs.

• Year 2/3 Clay Texture Masks Ceramics/sculpture – a great lesson in discovering texture. Students will love exploring the properties of clay, while making a simple mask, from a series of different shapes/forms that they then transform into a wild design of different textures and patterns.

• Year 4/5 Ships Ahoy Painting – using non-traditional painting media (no paint brushes!), students will create these wonderful layered and interesting ‘olde-worlde’ Ship paintings. A great ‘technique’ focused lesson.

• Year 6/7 Framed Fauve Faces Drawing – this lesson is inspired by the beautiful and bright Fauvism movement. These artists traditionally used blocked colour to create their vibrant portraits – which we will be using as inspiration for our own stylised faces. We will explore the colour wheel, learn some pastel techniques, and will also make a cool 3D frame to finish it all off!

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform will be operated by Patricia Burchell. -Thanks Patricia

IS YOUR CHILD IS 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 which 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.

BOOKFAIR

Book Fair is here next week with a fantastic assortment of books for purchase. There is a flyer attached to this week’s newsletter giving you just a taste of what there will be on offer. Book Fair will be open daily next week from 8 am -8:30am, both playtimes, and 3 pm-3:30pm. We will also be having our Book Fair Open Night next Tuesday to coincide with Beginning Year Assembly and Classroom Open Night. The children will have the opportunity this week to complete a “Wish” list, and to get a sneak peak at the books.

This is the Library’s major fundraiser for the year as we receive a percentage of all sales in the form of commission which is used to purchase new books and resources to support all areas of the curriculum. Please support this event by making a purchase. A book is a terrific gift and the perfect way to develop a love of reading in your child.

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

School tuckshop is open Wednesday & Friday’s

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 18 Feb Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 21 Feb Jaimee Sola
Wed 25 Feb Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 28 Feb Kerry Murphy
Wed 05 Mar Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 07 Mar Jaimee Sola
Wed 05 Mar Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 07 Mar Jaimee Sola
Wed 12 Mar Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 14 Mar Elizabeth Bailey
Wed 19 Mar Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 21 Mar Jaimee Sola
STUDENT BANKING

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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your Beechmont State School P&C Assn.
Outside School Hours Care Service
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email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

Welcome to Mountain Mates offering quality and affordable Before School, After School and Vacation Care
Welcome to Week 4 Term 1.
Firstly, a huge thanks to Bonnie, Luka, William, Daniel, Matthew, Steve & Melissa for cleaning up the area in front of Mountain Mates. We won’t be losing any handballs in there anymore!!

This week will again be filled with loads of great activities. On Wednesday it is going to be Kids Choice. See what wonderful, creative activities the children of Mountain Mates can come up with.

We are implementing some of our Active After School Care into the Thursday activity and will be playing some cool and active water based games.

Cricket is catching around the mountain with many of our Tuesday children enjoying the opportunity to play cricket style games.

Thank you to the parents who have paid their accounts that were issued last week. Please note that if you haven’t received them via email or in your children’s bags let us know and we will get one to you.

Last week the children played a fun game of sponge relay. They used several different techniques to fill a container up with water using a sponge. It was loads of fun with a great team spirit shining through.

Please be advised that we will be having a fee increase on the 1st of April. I will advise the new pricing structure closer to the date.

Congratulations to the latest group of children who have been given the privilege and responsibility to use the Upstairs Room.

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP CLASS

Hi everyone hope you are all having a lovely week.

Yesterday the Prep’s have brought home a sound booklet. This contains the first 6 sounds they have been learning so far this year. This is for them to practice and learn these sounds and they can show you the actions that we learn that match the sounds as well. If the book can stay in their folder and come every day to school that would be great. I will also start the children off on some sight words soon, beginning with 5 words.

This Friday is Raw Art and we are having ours in the first session and we are doing a printing activity which is always lots of fun.

In maths this week we are continuing to look at number and we are working on our counting as well. Congratulations to Sarah Hashim-Jones for Student of the Week for her wonderful work in class.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Homework went home last Friday and is due in on Thursday this week. Inside the children’s homework books are their log on details for Literacy Planet and Mathletics. The school license covers children for home use as well as school so feel free to let your children do activities on both those programs at home. On the home page of Literacy Planet is a tab called ‘My Tasks’ and when you open this you can see what tasks I have set for your child. All tasks that I set are differentiated to the level of Reading and Spelling at which your child has been assessed so they should not be using excuses such as ‘this is too hard’, which occasionally will pop up when I start setting Dictation. Although there is plenty of time allowed for children to complete their tasks in class some children do not make the most of their class time and I would ask you to check that they have finished their set tasks before allowing them free time.

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

Congratulations to last week’s Student of the Week, Angel Tomlinson. Angel received her award for her marked improvement in effort and participation in all subjects…well done, Angel!
Also, congratulations to all the students last week for their efforts to learn their weekly spelling words. There were 23 students present for Friday's spelling test and 21 of those students achieved over 15 out of 20. 10 students achieved full marks; well done to Amber, Caitlin, Kaja, Cameron, Samantha, Becky, Angel, Jela, Destinee and Isabella! I can't wait to see this Friday's results.

Demelza Atherton dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 4/5 CLASS

Well done to all of the children for a positive and productive first week in the 4-5 class. Homework was sent home on Friday. The children should be working each night on their spelling list sorts. It is important that this is completed each day in order to learn the words well by the end of the week. There will be two spelling lists sent home during the two week homework period.

Daily practice of Number Facts is also very important. Multiplication tables should be the first priority. Once children know these well, they can begin to work on Mental Maths strategies such as adding larger numbers in their head. These strategies are taught in the classroom and can be practised at home.

In Science, we have begun a unit of work on how animals adapt and are suited to the environment in which they live. The children will be choosing a particular animal and completing a project on this animal to show how its physical characteristics suit the environment around it.

Raw Art will be this Friday. Please ensure that the children have paid for this activity so they can take part. This is always a very worthwhile art activity.

Have a great week. I look forward to seeing you at Open Night next week.

Regards, Dan Albright. dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

A very big congratulations to last week's Star Student of the Week, Lachie Mc. Lachie has made a fantastic start to 2014 with by consistently demonstrating enthusiasm, hard work and diligence across all areas of the curriculum. Keep up the good work!

In Maths this week we have been looking at the division algorithm with both whole numbers, decimals and fractions. The lack of instant recall of times tables is severely hampering the progress of many students in Maths and this is one skill that significant time needs to be spend on to improve. We are focussing this week on the 3 times table and enjoy doing our morning “mathrobics” to our times table songs. Parents, please make memorising times tables to instant recall a priority with your child this term. It is a skill that impacts their mathematical confidence in such an enormous way and can really make a huge difference to their overall success in this subject area.

Overall, the first week of homework for the year was well done. A few students need to improve in their neatness and cursive writing, but a terrific start to the year by most students.

Raw Art is on this Friday and for our class will be in second session. We will be looking at Fauvism and creating some terrific portraits and 3D frames. Please ensure that you have paid for this event so that your child does not miss out.

Have a great week! Happy trails.

Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE TO GOOD HOME
Free to good homes. 2 Male kittens. Born Christmas day. Domestic short haired. 1 Black and 1 Tabby. Very playful and cute. Please phone Leigh-Ann on 0412964602

Ikin Dance Australia
Audition day Sat 15th Feb 11-2pm
Be a part of the Gold Coast Titans Entertainment Spectacular this year!
Kids of all ages! – call 55221863 to register!
Email contact@ikindance.com

CRICKET -End of Season
Thanks to everyone who have been coming down Saturday Cricket and to the nets for some practice in recent weeks. It has been a great introduction to playing in the new nets.
With the beginning of the soccer season upon us, the season will be concluding this weekend. Mount Tamborine have offered to play us in a junior match during a family fun day this weekend so this will be the last opportunity for a game for willing players. We require anyone interested to please contact Greg Slater (0405 206 076) by Wednesday 19th February. Once we have an idea of numbers Greg will let everyone know if it is going ahead. It is expected the games will take place between 9am-12pm on Sunday 23rd February at Mt Tamborine fields. The final local cricket day for all players will be this Saturday 22nd Feb, regardless of whether we have the numbers Sunday. There will be NO training in the nets on Thursday.
On behalf of the cricket committee, I would like to thank all players and parents for getting the kids to cricket this season. Beechmont cricket has been very popular this season and we are looking forward to bigger and better things next season. For any queries on using the nets and facilities during the off season, please contact myself or Greg.
Kind regards Dan Blunt, Beechmont Cricket Association

2nd Sign On for 2014 Season will be at the Beginning Year Assembly – on the night of Tuesday 25th February 2014
Information is available for all new & previous players. Please come see our wonderful committee members on the night for further information or call Renae on 0412 186619

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World Tennis Day
- Sunday 2 March
- 8am to 12 noon
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- Cardio Tennis
- Free day with BBQ, Ball machines a complete fun day
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MiniRoos Football

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