The Swimming Carnival was once again a great success. The children had a wonderful time and I would like to congratulate all those children who participated on the day. We would like to thank all those parents who volunteered their time to enable the carnival to run smoothly.

Congratulations to Whipbirds for being the Champion team for 2014. Bowerbirds finished second and they were closely followed by King Parrots and Lorikeets. These are the Swimming Champions for 2014:


**Principal Award - Jack Small**

This week I am awarding Jack Small a Principal Award for his fine effort at the Swimming Carnival. Jack showed great determination to stay and compete at the carnival. He set a great example to all his peers at the way he participated during the day. Well done Jack!

**SCHOOL DISCO**

The disco is on this Friday 21st March at the Hall on Graceleigh starting 6.30pm and finishes at 8.30pm. Admission is $5. The P & C have decided not to give out prizes this year. We still need volunteers to assist at the door and canteen and to clean-up at the end as there is a function on Saturday. Could you please return the form indicating if you are able to assist on Friday night?

**Disco Menu**

Party pies 50c  Soft drinks $1.50  Chips $2.00
Ice Blocks TNT Sour $1.00  Mixed lolly bags 50c  Sour Rainbow Straps 4 for 50c

**P & C Meeting**

A special P & C meeting this Thursday night at 5.30pm at Mountain Mates. The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the new Model P&C Constitution, as provided by the education department.

All parents are encouraged to attend.

**Every Day Counts**

As the term draws to a close I would like to remind all parents and carers that every day does count and it would be fantastic to have all children at school over the final three weeks. There have been a few nasty bugs around and if your child is sick please keep them at home. The school attendance at present is 92% with the Year 5 class leading the way with a rate of 96.5%.

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COMING EVENTS

20 Mar  P&C Special Meeting 5.30pm Mountain Mates
21 Mar  School Disco 6:30-8:30
28 Mar  Interim Student Reports go home
02 Apr  Colour day – Blue Theme Autism month
03 Apr  Easter Hat Parade 9:00am
04 Apr  Last day of Term 1
22 Apr  Commencement of Term 2
25 Apr  Anzac Day

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!
Thanks 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 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

DISCO HELP FORM

Parent / Guardian Name: __________________

I am willing to help in
☐ Front Door
☐ One of the 4 internal doors
☐ Toilet Checker
☐ Canteen
☐ Clean Up after 8.30pm

From these times: ☐ 6.00pm – 7.00pm
☐ 7.00pm – 8.30pm
☐ _________ other times

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Welcome to Week 8 Term 1.

Mountain Mates is looking refreshed with the clearing of the undergrowth around the building and a fresh coat of paint. Thank you to all concerned.

We have another creative, active and interesting week planned for everybody here at Mountain Mates.

Our cricket players on a Wednesday are performing very well and building up some great skills.

Last Thursday was very quiet with all of the children heading home after the swimming carnival (except Landon who had a marvellous day running Kim & Christie around the playground!), so this Thursday we will do a surprise activity – be prepared.

The Wednesday children are enjoying cooking, with Choc Chip cookies coming out of the kitchen last week and Pizza’s this week.

VACATION CARE

April Vacation Care is sneaking up on us fast. Mountain Mates will be operating from 7am to 6.30pm weekdays from Monday 7th April through until and including Thursday 17th April. A Vacation Care program will be available on next weeks newsletter.

FEE INCREASE

Please be advised that as of the 1st of April our fee structure will increase slightly.

Also please note that there will be a Casual charge for Vacation Care if the children are not booked in before 6pm on the day before care is required.

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

A big congratulations to Desi Johnson who was 6th in the 100m and 8th in the 200m finals at the Australian National Athletics Championships over the weekend. This is an outstanding achievement at the National level – Congratulations Desi!!

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP CLASS

Hello everyone I hope you are having a lovely week. This week the two new sounds we are looking at are ‘o’ as in orange and ‘u’ as in umbrella. On Friday the children completed their Dragon art pieces for the sound ‘d’. This week I will be sending home a little booklet that the children can make on how to look after a pet they have. I am aware that some may not have a pet and if this is the case I have spoken to them to see if they have a neighbour or relative’s pet that they can do their booklet on. When they have finished they can bring it in and share it with the class.

This week we will also be starting the story box. This is a box that goes to one child’s house for the night and they choose a few special things that fit in the box to bring to school the next day and talk about.

In maths we have continued to look at numbers and counting. We have been investigating missing numbers and how to arrange numbers in different ways.

In science yesterday we sorted a list into things that we need to survive and those that we do not. Last week they measured their hands and looked at how Mrs Evans’ hand is different to their hand. We are becoming real little scientists, investigating and observing the things around us using our 5 senses.

If anyone has any old stockings that they can send in we will get started on making our grass heads soon. Well done to our student of the week last week Remi Sola for fantastic work in class. Congratulations Remi.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Swimming Carnival last week. It was a beautiful day at the pool and a nice change from the classroom. I was only able to mark around half of the homework on Friday before sending their books back to you so if your child’s book was not marked don’t worry it will be looked at when it comes in again this Thursday. Similarly there was no time to test their Sight Words as we tried to catch up on Thursday’s work as well as Friday’s. The only homework for this week has been their spelling activities and daily reading. I am currently engaged in running records for the class so don’t be surprised if you notice a jump in the level of their take home reader as these are adjusted to match your child’s improved reading level.

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

Well done to all of the children who attended the swimming carnival last week. It was great to see so many children supporting their house at the carnival.

This week in History we will be exploring the convict colony of Moreton Bay. The reasons for the establishment of this colony, the location and the characteristics of this colony will be investigated. The children will also be writing a brief summary of this information for homework.

In Maths our focus will be collecting and representing data. This will involve collecting information in the form of a survey and representing this data in the form of tables and graphs. We will begin to look at circle graphs as a way of showing certain types of data. We will also be completing some assessment tasks in Maths this week.

In English, the children are now working on the assessment task for our first unit of work. It is important for all children to be present at school this week to complete these assessment tasks.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

A big congratulations to last week’s student of the week, Carlia. Carlia had a great week with 100% on her Maths mentals everyday as well as an age champion at the swimming carnival. Well Done Carlia. Congratulations to Kuepper and Tane who also were age champion at the swimming carnival.

A huge congratulations to all Whipbirds on winning the swimming carnival on Thursday. It was terrific to see our House Captains for 2014 in action for the first time and what a great job they did. Congratulations to everyone who came along and swam and cheered to support their team.

With the end of the term approaching there is plenty of assessment going on in the Year 6/7 classroom. It is vital that students are here every day to revise important concepts and complete testing. Our Year 6s still have the lowest attendance rates in the school and we really want to rectify this. I understand that some absences are unavoidable but
if at all possible please schedule appointments and other activities outside school time.

I am on leave from the end of this week so have a great Easter and I will see you all in Term 2.

Happy trails. Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au

NETBALL NEWS
For Netball games 22/3/14
Beechmont Saints 8.30 court 1
Beechmont Tigers 8.30 court 12
Beechmont Eagles 9.30 court 3
Beechmont Bandicoots 9.30 court 8
There will be a club meeting at 10.30 in the SCNA Boardroom Thanks Janine
**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

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**BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB**

It was a brilliant start to the Soccer season with a huge turn up for the first training last week. We look forward to another fun filled training this Tuesday 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.

As a fundraiser for our soccer club we have been able to secure a Bunnings BBQ for this Sunday (23rd March) between 9 – 4pm (thank you Kevin). We would love some helping hands to assist us. If you can help us for an hour or two on Sunday that would be great appreciated. Please contact Wendy at beechmontjunioroccer@gmail.com or call Renee on 0412 186619 to advise what time you can assist, & we can prepare our volunteer roster for the day.

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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**9:00am-12pm**

Putting zone, Chipping Zone, Driving Zone, Kids Zone, 9 hole challenge. Novelty prizes – followed by a FREE sausage sizzle

**Bring a friend or relative to Have a Go!**

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