Congratulations to all those children who took part in the Cross Country event on Friday. It was an extremely successful day with Whipbirds taking out the trophy. We were fortunate to get through all the events, except the senior boys, without getting wet. We would like to thank those parents who helped out in the tuckshop.

This special event is on tomorrow and I would like to thank those parents who are coming in to read to the children. The reading rotations start at 9:30 am and those parents who are reading will need to be at school by 9:15am. Morning tea will be provided and the day should be completed by midday.

The Senior Band will be travelling down to Canungra to take part in the combined band day this Thursday 22nd May. The children need to be at Canungra by 8:45am. A letter will be going home today with transport arrangements.

The attendance this term continues to improve, well done to all those students who have maintained 100%. Years 4 and 7 have 97% attendance and are closely followed by the Year 3s on 94%.

We would like to thank Kathleen for the hours that she spent last week cleaning out the kitchen at the Hall. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much to everyone who supported our Mother’s Day Stall by donating or buying gifts. Your support is really appreciated and we have raised some valuable funds to help our children at school. Sincere thanks must go to everyone who organised and helped including Wendy Blunt, Sherylee Muir, Renae Knowles, Mark Ayers and Carla Blunt. See you at the Father’s Day Stall in September!

The new catalogues for this month’s Book Club are attached to today’s newsletter. Scholastic provides a wide range of quality literature at discounted prices. As a school, we receive points for every purchase which go towards purchasing resources for your children. All orders should be back at school by next Wednesday, 28th May. Thank you for supporting our school.
COMING EVENTS

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
18 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

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.
For those that caught the media presentation on Student Banking, I wish to advise that the schools Student Banking Program is through the Commonwealth Bank. They have been providing a reward, loyalty system and good student interest for over 15 years to our students.

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 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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Again this week we get to welcome a new Year 1 student to our class. I hope Leila enjoys being part of our class. Congratulations to all 1_2 on their efforts at the Cross Country Carnival on Friday. Despite coughs and flu they ran with all their might and did a fantastic job for their houses. Homework was not sent out on Friday due to the carnival, so this week there will only be their nightly readers. Please remember that Friday is our day for library borrowing and send children to school with a library bag and their book. There are already overdue notices coming home in folders today!
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

dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

In history we are continuing with our unit on celebrations and commemorations. This week we are looking at the origins and significance of Easter celebrations in Australia and around the world.
In mathematics students are continuing to learn about written and mental subtraction strategies. Year 2s will be subtracting 2 digit numbers, whereas the year 3s will be subtracting 3 digit numbers.
In today’s English lesson we read the eBook, Charlie Pasta, Cook Master. Using this story students then explored how noun groups and verbs can show what a character is like. In the following days we will be reading Chapters 4–7 of Charlie Pasta, Cook Master. Then students will review and use the Question–Answer Relationship (QAR) reading comprehension strategies to answer some questions about the story.

Have a great week, Demelza Atherton

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Despite the wet finish to the Cross Country Carnival on Friday, it was a terrific day. A huge congratulations to everyone who participated and earned points for their house. A special congratulations to Whipbirds who have made it 3 from 3 in this year’s Interhouse Competition. I am sure that the other houses will be out to change that at the Athletics Carnival in a few weeks.
The Band is off to Fanfare today so our class is considerably smaller for part of the day. We wish the Band all the very best and are sure that they will represent Beechmont well.
Tomorrow is Carnival of Words. The Year 6/7 students will once again be putting their leadership skills to the test as they lead small groups in this whole school event. The students need to bring their Leadership shirts to change into for this part of the day. I am positive they will do a wonderful job especially if their efforts on Friday are anything to go by.

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

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**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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**Beechmont Netball Club News**

Hope everyone enjoyed the sleepover on Saturday night and have caught up on their sleep. Our games this week are as follow:

- Beechmont Bandicoots 9:30 court 3
- Beechmont Tigers 9:30 court 12
- Beechmont Saints 10:30 court 7

Tigers players please be at the courts for training at 8:30 and Bandicoots and Saints half an hour before their games.

We are running the Bunnings BBQ on June 7. It is the Queen’s Birthday long weekend and there are no games that Saturday, but it would be great if you could spare an hour to help raise funds for the Netball Club. Please let me know if you can help ASAP, on 0419726781 or sanamyem@bigpond.com.

Have a great week Janine. Thanks

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Yoga class
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Old School Site (back demountable)
Mixed level class – all welcome
$12/person
Contact Lara: 55333644
lara.pearce@bigpond.com

BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB
Newsletter
It was another great Saturday morning home game, which made for some great soccer and active children.
Thank you to all our helpers on the weekend, especially Michelle & her BBQ apprentice. Everyone’s assistance at our home games is greatly appreciated.
Tuesday Training is planned to go ahead even if it is raining, as we will train in the Hall.
We are playing away this weekend, so please remember to check your teams draw online.
- Go to footballgc.com.au home page
- Top right of the page is ‘fixtures and results’, select Juniors
- On left side of the page you will see a list of teams, scroll down until you find your child’s team.
U6 ‘Real Madrid’
U7 ‘Red Devils’
U8 ‘Beckham’
U10 ‘Victory’
- Once selected choose ‘fixtures’ and the full draw will come up with the game times & locations.
If you have any questions please feel free to your coach/coaches or Wendy at beechmontjuniorsoccer@gmail.com, or call Renae on 0412 186619.

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