WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders.

World Teachers' Day, is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities.

This year, we will celebrate World Teacher’s day in Queensland on Friday 31 October.

BEECHMONT AWARD

Attached to today’s newsletter is a blue sheet so you can nominate someone for the Beechmont School Award. This Award, presented at our End of Year Concert and Awards Night on Friday December 5th, recognizes a contribution made to our School by an individual, organization or group of people.

This award is decided by you, the parents. Please complete the form and return to School by Friday 31st October. This is an important award in our community to recognize a valuable contribution to our School.

INTERHOUSE READING COMPETITION

Our Reading competition is back for 2014. The basic aim is that each child, reads, or is read to, for as many minutes as possible each night.

- Reading record sheets must be returned each Friday or this year, a child’s time will not be recorded for your house.
- There has been a target set this year (based on the last 3 years reading totals) of 110,000 minutes read.

BAND NEWS

We require the assistance of parents to transport our Junior Band members to and from Canungra this Thursday. The day starts at 8:45am and concludes at 2:15 pm. Could you please contact the Office if you are available to help out.

The Senior Band will be competing at IONA on Monday 27th October. They will be travelling by bus from Canungra. We will need to transport children to and from Canungra. They leave at 12:00 midday and return at approximately 3:30 pm. Mr Roberts will be travelling with the children. We will need drivers to get 4 children to Canungra and back to Beechmont. Please contact the Office if you can assist.

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Great state. Great opportunity.
COMING EVENTS

- 22 Oct: Book Club order close
- 23 Oct: Junior Combined Band Canungra
- 24 Oct: Year 6/7 to Gold Coast 600
- 27 Oct: Iona Senior Band
- 28 Oct: New Date Artlink Performance
- 31 Oct: World Teachers’ Day
- 31 Oct: Swimming Year 2 all students
- 12 Nov 2015: Yr8 Transition Nerang SHS
- 14 Nov: Formal Disco 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 26 Nov 2015: Yr 7 Transition Nerang SHS

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

School tuckshop is open Wednesday & Friday

The Tuckshop menu is advertised on the School website or a copy can be found in the foyer.

All orders need to be placed in the children’s classroom tuckshop boxes no later than 9am. Lunch is at 10.45am only; there is no tuckshop available at second break. (The cost of a bag is 10c)

If we are unable to get the help we need to run the School Tuckshop, the P&C may be forced to reconsider the viability of this service.

Kathleen Callister  Ph: 0409 642 743
admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 22 Oct  Volunteer Needed
Fri 23 Oct  Janine Van B
Wed 29 Oct  Volunteer Needed
Fri 31 Oct  Volunteer Needed
Wed 05 Nov  Volunteer Needed
Fri 07 Nov  Janine Van B
Wed 12 Nov  Volunteer Needed
Fri 14 Nov  Liz Bailey
Wed 19 Nov  Volunteer Needed
Fri 21 Nov  Volunteer Needed
Wed 26 Nov  Volunteer Needed
Fri 28 Nov  Volunteer Needed
Wed 03 Dec  Volunteer Needed
Fri 05 Dec  Liz Bailey
Wed 10 Dec  Volunteer Needed
Fri 12 Dec  No Tuckshop

Artlink Performance Changed Date

Our last Performance for the year will be Artlinks: The Crazy Scientist Strikes Back now changed to Tuesday 28th October 2014, at 1.45pm.

URGENT TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your school P&C desperately require assistance in the Tuckshop. This term we have lost some of our wonderful volunteers to personal & work commitments and we now need to ask for new helpers. If you could please spare some time between 9-11am on Wednesday or Friday each week, fortnight or even month please contact Kathleen Callister on 0409 642 743 or email the school office on admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au

DENTAL CLINIC/VAN

In July notice in the newsletter advised parents on how to make a FREE dental appointment for their child. I have been advised that parents should make an appointment as soon as possible to ensure their child is seen before the Christmas. Please ring the 1300 300 850 to arrange an appointment for your child. This year again students will be seen in the Dental Van at Gilston State School.

When making an appointment, if you have siblings, please advise the Health officers of your need for a sibling appointment so all of children can be seen on the one visit.

This is a free service by Oral Health and a great way to have a free check-up even if you feel there are no problems to ensure your child’s oral hygiene is good.

Congratulations William

"William Kattajan- Blackwell participated in the Qld Braille literacy competition last Friday. He took part in a reading section and a writing section. William received 1st place in his division for reading. A wonderful result. Congratulations William.

William also entertained the crowds when he and another student performed a piano"

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform shop will be open every Tuesday from 8.30am to 9am every week. If unable to make it on a Tuesday please contact Patricia on 0429191514.

Cheers Patricia Burchell.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

Please ensure that any orders are returned to school by TOMMORROW 22 October. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.
YEAR 1/2 CLASS

This week in History we are examining family structures and roles in the various decades (60’s, 70’s, 80’s etc.). The children will be examining a variety of pictures, noting distinguishing features of the decades. I am sure they would also love to view family photographs and try to guess the decade to which they belong.

Please try to keep any school time appointments to an absolute minimum in the coming weeks as there are many assessments that need to be carried out before reports are due.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpyro8@eq.edu.au

Wishing you all a good week, Kerry Pryor

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

For homework this week children have the usual spelling and daily reading to complete but they also have a science task to complete. This term, our class is studying how living things can be grouped on the basis of observable features and can be distinguished from non-living things. Students are asked to explore their home, garden and/or surrounds and choose:

- Something that is non-living (e.g. stone, toy car)
- Something that is living (e.g. caterpillar, bird)

Students are asked to write a journal entry for each one on the provided Home explorer’s journal sheet in their science books.

Each entry should include:
- Their name
- The date
- Where they found it (location)
- A labelled diagram of the specimen
- Whether it is living or non-living and why they think that.

Students are also invited to take a photo and/or, if appropriate, bring the specimen in to school to share with the class.

This science work is due on Friday with the rest of the homework. We will be having a science lesson on Friday that incorporates this work, so it must be completed and brought back to school on Friday.

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

We have begun the task of preparing our dance for the end-of-year concert. In the next week we will be finalising our decision on the costumes for the dance. A note will be sent home with the details of what the children will need. I will be ordering the shirts together through the school so we all end up with the same style and colours of T-Shirt. The cost should be about $5.00 for the T-Shirts.

In Science this week, the children have been asked to bring to school their shoe box experiment and the booklet that they received last week. We will be working on these through the week to complete the written and practical tasks.

Congratulations Ruby and Chloe for participating in the Public Speaking Competition at Nerang last week. Well done to Emma for receiving the Student of the Week award this week.

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

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Firstly a big congratulations to Ash, Claire and Tane who were last week’s Star Students and have been consistently working well on all set tasks. Well done kids – what a fantastic way to start Term 4!! Also a huge congratulations to Macca and Kuepper who represented Year 6 and 7 at the Nerang Alliance Public Speaking last week. Although I was unable to attend, I was told by a number of people that both boys did an amazing job so well done!!

Help stop the “Summer Slide” by encouraging your child to read every day during the school holidays! Children who read for at least 10 minutes a day over the summer school holidays have a better start to the new school year than children who spend little or no time reading. Reading over the holidays helps children maintain or improve the reading level they developed throughout the school year. Children who don’t read over the break can lose core reading skills and slide backwards, potentially falling behind when they return to school.

Scholastic Book Club is currently running a competition where the students can win their “Summer Holidays Reading Wish List” (to the value of $100) from the Issue 7 catalogues. This competition ties in nicely with our Maths work on budgeting and value for money. All children will be required to complete the task, however if you do not wish for your child’s entry to be sent in to Scholastic, please contact me here at school. Entries will be sent on November 7.

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control, there will be no Bush Poetry Competition this year. However, on Friday 31st October, from 9:30am, our class will be performing the bush poems that they have been practising for the whole school. You are most welcome to come up and watch the poets. All students are required to participate as their performance forms part of formal English assessment.

As always, please contact me at school if you have any concerns or queries. Have a great week

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

POSITION VACANT

As the year comes to a close I would like to encourage anyone whom may be interested in helping out the P and C in 2015. I will be stepping down as Treasurer after 2 years service, and am keen to teach the ropes of this position before I finish up. I spend approx an hour a week doing the basic bookwork on Excel spread sheet, pay bills online and take the money to the bank once a week.

Give me a call if you would like to volunteer for your P and C 2015
Wendi Trulson 0414 721473 or

CRICKET SIGN ON
THIS SATURDAY
18TH OCTOBER
AT 9AM
AT THE HALL ON GRACELEIGH
Contact Greg: 0405206076

MUSICAL MINDS' PRE-PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Mondays at 12.15pm (Beechmont Primary School)
Starting in Term 4 (October 13th)

This musical learning program is set up for children who will be attending the Prep year level in 2015. It presents an opportunity to participate in a structured and improvisatory musical environment - and reap the many benefits the music learning itself entails; musical enjoyment, increased vocal and instrumental skills, co-ordination, social and listening skills, self-esteem, as well as improved learning ability in other areas, etc.

This program offers a gradual and gentle introduction to the school setting and environment, and peers.
A variety of activities will be introduced by the school principal each week following the music session.

A commitment is required for the duration of the term (9weeks).

For any further information or to book in please call
Patricia on 5533868, or 0429191514.

*Bookings should be made before the commencement of Term 4