SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and the representative sample of students are encouraged to take part in this year’s School Opinion Survey and share their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey have been sent home today with students—these are not linked to individuals, and you cannot be identified in the survey results that will be reported back to the school, or by the department.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available Thursday 24 August between 9:00am and 11:30 am. The survey will remain open until 3 August 2014.

CONJUNCTIVITUS

There have been 4 students who have contracted conjunctivitis. This is very contagious and any person who has been diagnosed must stay at home until the discharge from the eyes has ceased. Please encourage your children to wash their hands regularly and do not touch other children’s faces.

NAIDOC DAY

The NAIDOC Day celebration was extremely successful. I would like to thank all the school staff for their efforts in offering the children a great variety of activities. The children were entertained by Tjupurr who provided an amazing show using a digjeribone. This instrument is a combination of a didgeridoo and trombone. I have never seen a group of children so engaged in a performance, it was fantastic.

BINNA BURRA CHRISTMAS IN JULY

I would like to congratulate the choir on their performance at the Christmas in July evening at Binna Burra last Friday night. Almost 30 children participated which was a fantastic effort for such a cold night! Thank you to Tania Evans for the time she puts into the choir, it is really appreciated.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Well done to the Prep, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 7 children for having attendance level of greater than 95% in the first week. It would be pleasing to see the other years reaching this level next week.

eKindy 2015

eKindy is an ‘at home’ kindergarten program designed to be of equivalent quality to a centre-based kindergarten program based on the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline.

Kindergarten programs are not part of ‘schooling’. They are ‘prior to school’ programs.

To be eligible for eKindy each child must meet the following criteria:

1. The child turns 4 by June 30 2015 (a birth certificate is required at time of registration)
2. The child or a parent is an Australian citizen/permanent resident
3. The family/child fits one of the legislated eligibility categories – Distance, Medical or Travelling/itinerant (Refer to the eKindy overview on the eKindy web page for more information https://brisbanesde.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/eKindy/Pages/eKindy.aspx).

If you would like more information contact the office.
COMING EVENTS

23 July P & C meeting 6pm Library
24 July Nerang SHS Instrumental Selection
25 July National Tree planting Day
31 July Nerang Alliance INS Workshop
01 Aug Canungra and District Athletics Carnival
06 Aug Colour Day Stripes
06 Aug District Athletics
11 Aug BAPA Meeting
14 Aug Combined Band day Canungra
17 Aug Beechmont Market
18 Aug GC Eisteddfod junior 12.30 on stage
19 Aug GC Eisteddfod senior 11am on stage
23 Aug Canungra Show
02 Sept T & F U12 Regionals NEW DATE

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

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MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS
your Beechmont State School P&C Assn.
Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 0417775741
email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

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

Welcome to a chilly Week 2 of Term 3 at Mountain Mates

Kim is having one weeks leave this week but Janine, Kerry, Christie & Di will have everyone well cared for.

Tuesday afternoon we will be baking chocolate brownies. What a delicious treat for these cool afternoons.

Wednesdays we will keep the children warm and active by playing some fun games on Graceleigh Park.

Thursdays are our Active After School Care sessions and this term we are focussing on Netball. This is a great opportunity for your children to try a new sport without the expense of joining a club. We do a 7 week program introducing them to the fundamentals of the game in a fun and friendly environment.

Friday is always Free Play and the children have fun with their friends playing all kinds of games.

Mondays are Art and Craft with some outdoor play if the weather is warm enough. So make sure you have your creative cap on for this day.

We are all looking forward to a great week.

Stay warm. From Kim, Janine, Christie, Kerry and Di. Your Mountain Mates Team.

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform shop will be open every Tuesday from 8.30am to 9am every week. There is currently a lot od second-hand stock to take advantage of:

Cheers Patricia Burchell.

DENTAL CLINIC

Next week forms will go home with the newsletter for students to participate in the Department of Health oral health dental program. 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.

STUDENT BANKING

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

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Please ensure that all Book Club orders are back at school by THIS THURSDAY for processing. Thank you for your support.
NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

In Science for our unit on the ‘Earth and Us’ the children will be spending time on Wednesday afternoons in the sandpit and the veggie garden. Please use their oldest school uniforms on these days and, I am hunting for cheap Wellies, so if you spot any please let me know. The Science homework for year 1 is based on observing day and night and recording their observations in picture form. The main focus is learning about features in the landscape, including the sky, and changes that occur in the landscape and sky from day to night; what can be seen, what can't and why. Please take your child outside some evenings to observe the differences that appear in the landscape, e.g. darkness, lack of colour, nocturnal animals, artificial lighting, moon, stars. Also point out the changing shape of the moon over time. The main focus for the year 2 students is learning about Earth’s resources (water, air, soil and resources from the ground): how they are used and conserved and the importance of conserving them. Year 2 students will be particularly interested in knowing where your household water is sourced, how the soil is cared for, and the cleanliness of the air where you live and things that may impact upon that.

Library borrowing resumes on Friday so please send them to school with their library bags and check to make sure there are no overdue loans.

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

Students need to return their camp medical form by Thursday at the latest. Camp payments need to be finalised as soon as possible. Today students are bringing home a note outlining what to bring to camp and also the directions to camp for those parents who are driving.

In maths this week students are exploring position and pathways using simple grid maps. We have been exploring the language and tools for representing position and pathways through looking at a variety of maps and playing many computer and social games that use positional language.

In science this week we are starting the next unit, called Spinning Earth. In this unit students will demonstrate their knowledge of the Earth’s rotation on its axis in relation to the position of the Sun to suggest explanations for everyday observations. The everyday observations include shadows, day and night and length of days. Students will make predictions using their prior experiences and collect and present data to help answer questions. Students will examine uses of these everyday observations of the relationship between the Sun, Moon, Earth and time, in various cultures.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me, dathe1@eq.edu.au

Have a great week, Demelza Atherton

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

What a terrific start to Term 3. Everybody has come back motivated and is showing an excellent commitment to their learning. I really do hope this continues right through to the end of the year! I was super proud of the way in which the students lead their groups last week for NAIDOC Day. They are certainly showing pleasing development of excellent leadership skills. Well done 6/7!!!

Confirmation of our class camp to Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre has been made. This will occur in Term 4 from the 18th to the 21st November. The final cost is yet to be confirmed however we are expecting between $150 and $200. It will be a fantastic way to end the school year and I sincerely hope that all class members will attend. More details will be announced as the time gets closer.

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

FAMILY LOOKING FOR HOUSE TO RENT-
2 Adults, 2 children, large outside dog.
2 or 3 bedrooms around the $300 to $350pw mark.
Preferably long-term.
Ph. Josh on 0400 690 637
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE**
Seasoned Australian Hardwoods
Cut to size + delivered + stacked
PH: 0459 355300
Thank you for supporting our local Beechmont business

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**BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB**
Newsletter

Only 6 more games of soccer left for this season 😊

Reminder – Team Photos will be taken prior to your child’s game this weekend (Saturday 26th July). Please ensure that your child is at the game half an hour prior to their kick off time.

Home game times for this weekend are:
- U6’s, U8’s & U10’s @ 8.30am
- U7’s @ 9.10am

For those families who have applied for & received the recent ‘Get in the Game’ voucher, please sign your voucher & hand it to either Julie or Renee ASAP.

For those families that have still not applied for the ‘Get in the Game’ voucher, this round is still open. So go online now, as there are only limited vouchers available. If you do not apply within this round, then you will need to cover the full registration fees ($185.00) to our club. For more info please see the following link: http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/index.html

A reminder to all our coaches, that we have arranged a Coaches Training Course this Saturday after our home games. All coaches are asked to attend – commencement time is 10am.

If you have any questions, please contact your coach / coaches or any of the committee – Julie, Wendy, Ann or Renee.

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**Beechmont Netball Club News**

Hope everyone has recovered from the carnival yesterday. It was a great day and all the girls played some great games.

This week we are the duty team at SCNA. That means we run the canteen and in return we get to have a cake stall to raise some funds for the club. If you could spare half an hour before or after your child’s game it would be greatly appreciated to help out in the canteen and if you could bake some yummy treats we could sell on the day.

The SCNA carnival is on the 24th August, it will cost $20.00 per player, if you could please let us know your availability by the 10th August so I can register our teams. Games this week are as follows:
- Tigers 8:30 court 11
- Saints 9:30 court 6
- Bandicoots 10:30 court 6

Have a great week Janine.

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**Coomera Comets**

**Touch Football**

**Junior & Senior Touch Sign On**
5.30pm - 7pm Friday Night
8th & 15th August 2014

**Friday Night**
Summer Junior Competition
Boys and Girls Divisions
5 to 18 years old
Start Date: 16th Oct 2014

**Monday Night Adult Competition**
Mixed, Mens and Ladies Divisions
Start Date: 6th Oct 2014

**JOIN THE FUN**
All games are played at Coomera Sports Park
Individual and team nominations accepted
www.coomeracomets.net