**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

This year's Swimming Carnival is on Thursday 13th March at the Nerang Pool commencing at 9:30 am.

In order for the carnival to run smoothly we need the blue form returned as soon as possible but no later than Monday 3rd March.

Please complete your child's ability to swim widths assisted or unassisted or lengths for each child and the transport section. It is vital that we have these forms so that transport can be organized and also to make sure we have enough people to effectively run the carnival. Entry to the pool costs $3.80 for a child & $2.40 for an adult paid on the day at the gate individually & you can purchase from the canteen at the pool or bring your own lunch.

**IF 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’ Tomorrow night Wednesday 26th February starting at 7.00pm.

There is generally only 1 bus meeting a year unless issues arise that 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.

**BEGINNING YEAR ASSEMBLY and OPEN NIGHT**

This special night will be held on tonight 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.

**WORKING BEE**

I would like to thank all those families who helped out at the working bee on Saturday. The turn-out was fantastic. The grounds are looking tidier and the area around the Administration block is almost ready for landscaping. We hope to have another working bee in second term.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS - 96%**

There has been a pleasing improvement in the attendance level across the school. The following year levels percentage improved this week: Prep, 1, 3, 4 and 7. The school total dropped slightly to 93.7%. The Year 6 attendance is disappointing at 84.4%. I would like to ask the assistance of all parents to ensure their children are attending school every day.
COMING EVENTS

25 Feb  Beginning Year Assembly/Open Night
26 Feb  School Bus Mtg 7pm at Hall on Graceleigh
28 Feb  Bookfair ends
03 Mar  Year 6 Enrichment Nerang SHS
05 Mar  Colour Day –Blue theme
06 Mar  Senior Combined Band at Canungra
12 Mar  P & C Meeting 7pm Library
13 Mar  Swimming Carnival Nerang Pool

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform will be operated by Patricia Burchell.

Thanks Patricia

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

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.

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

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Welcome to Week 5 Term 1. We had a very industrious week here last week.

It is really great to see the children using their initiative and being pro-active in getting their homework done.

It is lovely to be able to see Mountain Mates from the carpark now. We are very grateful to all who helped clear out the snake hide outs. We assure you we will keep the weeds at bay, one of the children’s favourite activities.

Miss Kim has officially left the dock with her family on a lovely cruise for the next week. We wish her a fabulous time as she works so hard in and amongst the community and of course here at Mountain Mates.

There is STILL no word on our Swimming AASCP proposal - we will keep you informed.

We have a new enrolment form which we have been handing out as families use our service. Please take the time to fill it in to ensure we have all of the right, current information.

PERMANENT BOOKINGS

If you wish to book your child in on a permanent basis for Before School Care or After School Care, please advise us either by telephone (55459124), email (mountainmates@bigpond.com) or in person as to the days you will be requiring.

Have a great week.

From Kim, Janine, Clare and Christie.

Your Mountain Mates Team.
NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP CLASS

Hello everyone I hope you are all having a lovely week. This week we are looking at the new sounds, ‘e’ and ‘r’. Yesterday the children used dyed crushed egg shells to decorate an egg and have continued to work on our Night time art for the sound ‘n’. The new sounds will be added to the booklet and sent home for you to help your children practice throughout the week.

The children really enjoyed the Raw Art printing activity that they participated in on Friday and they look wonderful.

I look forward to seeing everyone who can make it to our open night tonight. You will have the chance to have a look at some of the work the children have done already this term as well as some of the art work we have displayed around the room.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Week 5 already, it’s hard to believe. We had a wonderful time in Raw Art on Friday with our Ken Done art. It is on display in the classroom if you wish to pop in for a look. This week in Science we begin our observations of animals and plants. We are learning about offspring that resemble the adult by examining their external features. Next week we will examine offspring that are different from the adult. In our plant study we are going to make cress caterpillars to observe the life stages of a plant.

Thank you for your efforts with our first homework of the year. Just a reminder that the Spelling activities are very necessary and that it is evident from last week’s Spelling test that some children did no work at all on their spelling.

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 who are in the red, orange and purple spelling groups need to complete a word sort with this week’s spelling words. Students need to glue their spelling words in under the assigned headings. Children in the blue spelling group need to put each of their 20 words into interesting sentences, which reflect they understand the meaning of the word.

This week in history students will investigate the historical origins and significance of Queensland Day by examining sources. They will sequence significant historical events and locate information about the symbols and emblems of Queensland.

In science this week students will be exploring liquids, in order to identify the common properties of liquids. First, students will learn how to make good observations in science using their sensing by observing a solid food and a liquid food. Next students will examine a selection of liquids by pouring and filling containers in order to identify common properties of liquids. Later in the week they will be involved in a scientific investigation to study the viscosity of liquids. Viscosity is how fast a liquid flows. They will be racing different liquids.

Despite there being no parade last week, we still handed out the Student of the Week award. Well done to Jethro Harris this week. He received his award for a huge improvement in his effort and participation in lessons. Jethro will be able to use our rainforest reading area during silent reading time all this week as a reward.

Demelza Atherton dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

Wow! We are in week 5 of Term 1 already… my how the time flies! Before we know it we will be saying good bye to this amazing group and sending them off to high school.

As there was no Parade, we do not have a Star Student of the Week, however big congratulations must go to Tane for his class award for consistently achieving outstanding Maths mental results last week. Well Done Tane!! Keep up the good work J

We had a thoroughly enjoyable session of Raw Art on Friday and have created some terrific Fauve-inspired portraits which are now hanging in the classroom and look fantastic.

Open Night is on tonight starting at 5:45 pm. The children need to come in full school uniform and will be required to assist during the early part of the evening. I will be here but up in the library with the Book Fair. Please drop in and say “Hi” (and maybe buy a book or 2 as well!!) The classroom will be open, so feel free to go down and inspect the TIDY trays (we cleaned them specially) and also check out our fantastic art works.

I look forward to seeing you tonight. Happy trails. Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

HINTERLAND TENNIS CLUB

World Tennis Day
- Sunday 2 March
- 8am to 12 noon
- Free Coaching Juniors & Adults
- Free Court Hire
- Cardio Tennis
- Free day with BBQ, Ball machines a complete fun day
- Call John 0411154353

NETBALL NEWS

Netball training this Friday at the netball court, sausage sizzle and drinks available.
- Grading starts this week at SCNA courts at Benowa, times are
  - Beechmont Tigers 9:30 court 11
  - Beechmont Eagles 9:30 court 3
  - Beechmont Bandicoots 10:30 court 1
  - Beechmont Saints 10:30 court 3
- Tigers are to be at the courts for an 8:30 training session and all other teams should be there half an hour before the game for warm up
- Thanks Janine

Yoga class
Starts March 4th
Tuesdays: 3.15-4.30pm
Old School Site (back demountable)
Mixed level class – all welcome
- $12/person
- Enquiries: Lara – 55333844
- lara.pearce@bigpond.com

BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

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

Also ask us about the 2014 fee assistance available with “Get in the Game” vouchers through the QLD Government
- www.nprsr.qld.gov.au