The Year 3/5/7 students brought home their NAPLAN reports today. We are extremely proud of every student who participated in the assessment. Their attitude and application was commendable. It was pleasing to see them approach this task in such a calm and confident manner. The results for Beechmont State School were fantastic. The improvement across all year levels needs to be noted. NAPLAN is a valuable tool in tracking the improvement in Literacy and Numeracy and comparing our achievement with the nation. I would like to congratulate the teachers and teacher aides on their wonderful efforts and commitment to the children.

It is important to understand that NAPLAN is a “one off test” and it provides us with data to determine the success of the approaches we are using at Beechmont. The benefit of this assessment is that it enables us to provide targeted support and ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their potential.

Here are just a few of the highlights of our NAPLAN results:

- 100% of our students reached the National Minimum Standard (NMS) in Reading and Numeracy.
- 97% of our students reached the NMS in Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation.
- Our mean scores in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy were higher than the National mean score in all Year levels.
- Across the nation Writing results were down compared to 2013. Beechmont scores improved in each Year level. Year 3 and 7 recorded Beechmont’s highest mean scale score since NAPLAN was introduced.
- Students in the Upper 2 Bands in Year 5 in Reading, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy were above the National Cohort.

These results are extremely pleasing but an important consideration parents can make is to look at where your child is now and where they will be in two years. There are children who have made amazing improvements from Year 3 to Year 5 and from Year 5 to Year 7. The relative gain students make over time is the most important thing to consider.

If you would like to discuss your child’s progress and see the data please make an appointment with their teacher or Mr Roberts.

This year our Senior and Junior band members combined with Canungra to compete in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. It is an extremely valuable experience for all students to perform on the big stage. Congratulations to Mr Clyde and all band members for their dedication and hard work in preparing for this performance.

The Senior band gained third place in the B Grade competition, well done!

On Friday 5th September Beechmont will be taking part in the Canungra Netball Competition. We will be inviting children from Years 4/5/6 and 7 to compete. The games commence at 10:00 am and conclude at 2:00 pm.

The children, who are participating in the carnival, will come to school at the usual time and will be travelling down to Canungra on a bus. The cost of the day will be $5 per student, the school will be subsidising the cost of the bus.

We will be sending out permission forms and more information later this week.
COMING EVENTS

29 Aug  Gold Coast Show
02 Sept  T & F U12 Regionals NEW DATE
05 Sept  Canungra Netball Carnival
07 Sept  Fathers’ Day
09 Sept  Public Speaking Competition
09 Sept  School Photos
10 Sept  Colour Day ‘Spots’ theme
11 Sept  Junior Combined Day Beechmont
12 Sept  P & C Trivia Night Hall 6.30pm
19 Sept  Beechmont Day
19 Sept  Last day Term 3
10 Sept  School Photos
13 Oct  BAPA Meeting 7pm

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.

Potato Top Party Pies are no longer available.
Party Pie has replaced this item. They won’t be back at any stage as supply no longer exists. The price for the Party Pie is $1.20.

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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FATHERS’ DAY STALL UPDATE

Don’t forget the Father’s Day Stall will be held before school this Thursday 28th August. Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated gifts but we still need more donations so the children have plenty to choose from. Please bring in your gifts no later than Wednesday afternoon, so they may be wrapped in time. The gifts will be priced from $3 - $10. No large, fragile or second-hand items, thank you. If you would like more information, please call Julie on 55333226

GOLD COAST SHOW PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Our School has the Gold Coast Show holiday this Friday 29th August. No School on this day.

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REMINDER that this FRIDAY the 29th August is a Public Holiday and Mountain Mates will NOT be open. Have a great day ☺.

Last week we FINALLY got to play Bocce Ball at Graceleigh Park. We have a few clever Bocce players among us.

Scroll were a welcome treat on Tuesday with the children helping and enjoying the final product plus we all had some on Thursday afternoon as well.

We are quietly working on our Fathers Day surprise which should be finished this week.

Netball on Thursday was a little breezy but we managed to get the new Netball goal posts out and operating. We must thank the Active After School Care Community for supplying us with this equipment. Unfortunatenetly after a bit of a head clash between 2 of our players and the rain coming down we had to head back indoors.

September/October holidays are just around the corner and the exciting Vacation Care Program will be on next weeks newsletter. So look out for the yellow form next week or in your email inbox. Please be aware that all school age children can come to Vacation Care as long as they are enrolled in a school. So let your neighbours or friends know about MOUNTAIN MATES Vacation Care.

As part of the National Quality Framework we have identified an area we will be focussing on in the coming weeks. Quality Area 6 looks at Collaborative Partnerships with families and communities. In particular QA 6.3.2 “Continuity of learning and transition for each child are supported by sharing relevant information and clarifying responsibilities.” Although we do have great relationships with our families through conversations at pick up and drop off, we are going to establish individual child profiles so you are able to visually see how your child is going here at Mountain Mates and what they have done during their time with
us. We hope this will give you all some insight into all the wonderful and exciting things we get up to here at Mountain Mates. Please know that your input is always welcome.

Have a great week. 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. If unable to make Tuesday’s please contact Patricia on 0429191514.

Cheers Patricia Burchell.

STUDENT BANKING

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

YEAR 1 CLASS

This week we have a public holiday on Friday (yippee!) so the homework will be sent home early on Thursday afternoon. I will do my best to mark them all sometime on Thursday but if it proves impossible to get them all marked then I will catch up next time around. The homework for the next week will include rehearsing a poem that they have selected to perform on Public Speaking Day. The children will select a poem from set samples that we are doing in class. They must stick to their poem and memorize it as much as possible. We will make palm cards here at school which will stay at school but there will also be a copy of their poem in their homework book. I would appreciate it if you could help them memorize it as much as possible.

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

In maths this week students will recall addition facts. They will use a range of thinking strategies to recall addition number facts to $9 + 9$. Students will also identify and solve related subtraction facts. In the next mathematics lesson, students will add and subtract 2-digit and 3-digit numbers and describe and record personal methods for adding and subtracting. Students will be taught to use a Compensate strategy to add and subtract eight and nine to 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. In our English unit students have been comprehending and comparing traditional stories from around the world. In this week’s lesson students will understand how to use comprehension strategies to infer meaning and evaluate a narrative. We will also be looking at how settings, characters and events shape narratives through the use of specific language features. Later in the week, students will explore and examine a rhyming picture book with an environmental focus, Dr Seuss’ The Lorax. We will be examining how rhyme and how the author’s point of view can shape a narrative.

In science students will be investigating Earth’s movement in relation to the Sun. Students will record observations of the Sun through the course of the day on the worksheet — Observations of the Sun. The worksheet will make students describe what they see and feel of the Sun's light and heat during the day and if they can suggest reasons to explain the changes.

During the lesson it is hoped that students will confirm that the Sun appears to move, they will make accurate observations of Earth's rotation during the day, investigate Earth's rotation as the cause of sunrise and sunset and explain how knowing about sunrise/sunset can helps us.

In the second science lesson this week students will be investigating the effects of the Earth’s movement on day and night. Students will be provided with a torch and the classroom will be darkened. Students will take a stationary position at a small distance from the globe and shine the light of their torch on the globe. Next they will explain that the torch represents the sun. They will rotate the globe slowly and be encouraged to talk about what they observe. It is hoped students will be able to explain that as the Earth (globe) rotates, different amounts of light shine on different parts of its surface. There is less light shining on the marked part of the globe at ‘morning’, and at the spot that is moving into the direct light of the torch, more light shines on it at ‘midday’ and then less light shines as it moves away in the ‘afternoon’ until no light is shining at ‘night’.

Have a great week, Demelza Atherton dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

A big congratulations to the Star Student award winners from the last couple of weeks: Maddie, Noah and Ash. All three have been trying hard to apply themselves to their learning and should be commended for their efforts. I certainly hope it continues through until the end of the year!

This week is only a short week with the Gold Coast Show Public Holiday on Friday. As a result, all homework will be due on Thursday. The weekly spelling and number facts tests will also be held on Thursday instead of Friday.

We have been very busy writing and typing up our speeches ready for the Public Speaking Competition in Week 9. I have been super impressed with the commitment shown by most
students to this task. The writing of the speech is to be completed at school. The students should have a speech on palm cards ready to go home on Thursday so that they can start practising over the long weekend. We are viewing some motivational speeches on YouTube and from other sources and are aiming to deliver our speech with passion and conviction.

As always, please contact me if you have any concerns or queries.

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

Yoga
Thursday mornings 9.15-10.30am (in term time)
Mixed level class - focus on building strength and stability
$12/person – all levels welcome
Old School Site (back demountable)
Enq: Lara - 55333644 lara.pearce@bigpond.com
(class subject to change, newcomers please contact to confirm)

COMMUNITY NEWS

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CURRUMBIN VALLEY ~

SPRING FESTIVAL

Sunday 14th September, 9.30am – 2.00pm
Live Music, Market Stalls, Rock Climbing,
Farmyard Feeding, Jumping Castle, Games,
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BEECHMONT TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday 12th September

Win a night for two with dinner and breakfast at Binna Burra Lodge

BEECHMONT STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION PRESENTS...

SOCIAL RACQUETS DAY CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST. THE GENERAL MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT 10AM AND THE SOCIAL RACQUETS DAY WILL COMMENCE AT 11AM.

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