WELCOME TO BEECHMONT STATE SCHOOL

We would like to welcome our new students and families to Beechmont School and we hope your stay here at our beautiful school will be enjoyable and productive. Welcome back to all our returning students and families. This year will be exciting. There are plenty of activities planned that will be keeping us extremely busy.

As many of you would be aware student numbers determine the make-up of our classes and the start of each year is always challenging. We are running with 6 classes from Day 1. Our final figures on Day 8 will determine the final groupings. If our numbers drop there is the possibility that we will lose a teacher. Your patience will be appreciated and we will be keeping you informed of the progress.

Our staff for this year are
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- Katie Mann  Yr 4/5  kmann38@eq.edu.au
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- Tanya Stanley  Yr 6/7  tstan15@eq.edu.au
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- Sue Barrett  Teacher Aide  sbarr47@eq.edu.au
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- Marj Pholi  Cleaner
- Douglas Broughton  Admin  dbrou6@eq.edu.au
- Crichton Roberts  Principal  crobe60@eq.edu.au
or for both Douglas and Crichton
admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au

SUPPORT OUR MARKET BBQ

On the 3rd Sunday of every month Beechmont State School P&C runs the BBQ at the Beechmont Markets, from 8-12pm. Please come & support your school by buying a drink, sausage in bread or delicious burger. We would also appreciate any volunteers that can offer their time to help the wonderful team of Steve & Melissa Waters. Steve & Melissa do a wonderful job to run this BBQ each month but we do need your help. The Market BBQ assists in raising funds for the P&C so that essential items can be purchased to enhance the education experience for our students. Fund raising is becoming increasingly difficult and the number of volunteers that assist in fundraising activities is limited, so any assistance you can provide to the market BBQ would be appreciated.

If you are able to assist, please contact Douglas or Michael Kenyon on 0414 180 271.
**COMING EVENTS**

2014

- 28 Jan  School Term 1 starts
- 29 Jan  Tuckshop Open
- 31 Jan  Technology Club starts Year 5/6
- 05 Feb  Colour Day – Red Theme
- 12 Feb  P&C AGM @ 7pm in school library
- 21 Feb  RAW Art
- 24 Feb  Book Fair starts
- 25 Feb  Beginning Year Assembly/Open Night

**WHAT IS COLOUR DAY?**

Colour Day is Beechmont Speak for Non Uniform Day. Colour Day is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month and the last day of each term.

To come in ‘non uniform’ costs 50c each time or $5 for the year. An envelope is attached to today’s newsletter for you to put the $5 in & send back in the children’s Communication Folders.

Children must remember that sun safe clothes must be worn, no strappy tops and bare midriffs. **Sports shoes must also be available** so sport, if planned, can be safely played.

**IS 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’ on 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.

**P & C AGM**

Our Parents and Citizen’s Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February, 7pm at the School. Please make sure that you look at the coloured pieces of paper attached to our newsletter, especially the blue page and return by Friday 7th February. Thank You.

**WHAT ARE ALL THESE COLOURED PIECES OF PAPER ON THE NEWSLETTER?**

**YELLOW PAPER** – This is the enrolment for After School Care (Mountain Mates) & the Term 1 Program. **Return by Friday 7th February**

**GREEN PAPER** – General Permission Form covering a range of topics. **Return by Friday 7th February**

**BLUE PAPER** – P&C membership, Tuckshop Volunteer form, home email addresses so we can get hold of you other than phone and Rainbow Reading Assistance. **Return by Friday 7th February**

**PINK PAPER** – Tuckshop Menu, also available on the website under P&C

**SCHOOL TUCKSHOP**

School tuckshop is open Wednesday & Friday’s

Tuckshop starts tomorrow (Wednesday 29 January).

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. Please see attached 2014 tuckshop menu & also information on how to place an order.

Our school tuckshop would not run without the assistance of our wonderful parents & grandparents who volunteer their time to help in our tuckshop.

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**

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**STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking will resume on Wednesday 05 Feb 2014. Wednesday will be 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.

**MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS**

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

Welcome to your 2014 school year.

As we progress with the new National Quality Framework we have adopted a new approach to our Term programming.

your Beechmont State School P&C Assn.

Outside School Hours Care Service

Ph. 55459124 or a/h 0417775741

email-mountainmates@bigpond.com
Our 2014 program will be advertised weekly in the school newsletter, allowing us to cater to the children's changing interests. Of course our Active After School Care program will continue every Tuesday and Thursday in Term 1. We will be delivering Cricket to the children on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday's activity is to be advised. (Fingers crossed that our additional funding from the Australian Sports Commission is accepted so we can run a Water Safety Swim program at Canungra.) We will advise as soon as we know.

Our 1st week back will be spent getting to know all of our new comers and also reconnecting with the children after their break. We will then implement a weekly program in Week 2.

**VACATION CARE**

A huge thank you to all of the wonderful children who came and spent time with us during Vacation Care. It has been a long, hot 6 weeks and all of your children must be commended on their excellent behaviour and contagious enthusiasm. We had a sensational time and managed to do so many things. Thank you parents for supporting our service.

The Mountain Mates staff’s tireless devotion to each and every child and their commitment to ensuring the children are well cared for is truly appreciated. A huge thanks to Kara and Sam for stepping in and helping out for our White Water World excursion.

**ENROLMENTS**

We will be asking all families who use Mountain Mates to complete a new enrolment form (a whole new format). Please take the time to complete this form and return to us ASAP as we are upgrading our Childcare software and need to ensure all of your current details are up to date. Thank you for your time with this matter.

**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 & Christie.
Your Mountain Mates Team.

**UNIFORM NEWS**

The Uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.15am until 8.45am. - Thanks Janine

**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**PREP CLASS**

Hi everyone,
I hope you all had a great break and that you are all ready to start the New Year. Welcome to Prep and the first year of your child’s schooling. Please if you need to check on anything or have any questions do not hesitate to ask me either in person, by email or phone. The children will need all of their books and supplies as soon as you can provide them as we do use multiple scrapbooks at the same time for different subjects. It can be quite a rollercoaster of emotions for the preps these next weeks as they will get tired as the week progresses and as they realise they have to come every day and the newness wears off a little. I hope you have a good week and enjoy this time with them starting school.

Warm regards, Tania Evans.

**YEAR 1 CLASS**

Welcome to 2013. This week we are setting up our books, getting acquainted with our new classmates, establishing class routines and formulating rules for a happy and productive classroom. In recognition of Australia Day we will also interpret some of our favourite Australian activities in this week’s art.

We start work in all subject areas this week and need to be prepared for a busy and challenging year. The home reading program begins today and homework will start on Friday next week. Please read the note sent home in your child’s folder. I look forward to meeting you all at the Beginning Year assembly/Open Night and to sharing with you some of the curriculum challenges and expectations facing our children this year.

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**

Welcome back to another school year. Today children have come home with their daily readers. They have been placed on a reading level a few levels below the level they were reading at at the end of last year. Please be aware these readers should not be challenging for the children. They should be able to read them fairly fluently. The focus should be on reading for meaning. After the children have read the book, ask your child questions about what they have read. Some children focus too heavily on making sure their oral reading sounds good, but they really must ensure they understand the text. The rest of the homework will be going out in week 2.

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

Have a great week, Demelza Atherton

**YEAR 3/4 CLASS**

Welcome to the 2014 school year. This year our Year 3-4 class consists of 12 Year 3 students and 6 Year 4 students. We are situated in the Tasmania block in the Queenstown classroom.

Today the children will be sorting out all of their class books and equipment for the rest of the year. Please ensure children have all of their books as soon as possible.

We will also be discussing the classroom rules for the year and working out the classroom jobs for the children.

Please feel free to contact me this year if you wish to discuss any matter related to your child and their progress. I can be contacted by E-Mail or by phone. I am usually available at school from 7:15am.

Have a great week. Regards, Dan Albright.

dalbr1@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 4/5 CLASS**

Welcome back to 2014. I am very excited about teaching the year 4/5 class with Crichton. I will be teaching Monday to Thursday and Crichton will be taking the class on a Friday. The children in the class have been given a couple of notes for parents and caregivers to peruse. Please return these notes signed tomorrow.

This week we will be conducting several pre tests, one of which will be the times tables. Your child will get a note regarding the times tables they still need to learn and practice. It is vital that your child has instant recall of all times tables facts in order for them to have success with maths.

Below are copies of the notes.

Our aim as teachers is to provide children with the best opportunities to learn and develop in a safe and supportive environment. We also believe that with the assistance of parents and guardians - with homework and any other issues that may arise - that this aim is achievable.

Priority must be placed on consistent and regular attendance. Absences should be thoroughly thought through and be for legitimate reasons.

We are looking forward to a productive year. If you have any comments, questions or concerns please send us an email - our email address is kmann38@eq.edu.au / crobe60@eq.edu.au, call us on 55 459 100 or we can arrange a time to meet. We are happy to help wherever we can.

**HOMEWORK 2014**

Homework for 2014 will begin in week two of term 1. It will be handed out on Mondays and will be collected and marked on Fridays.

Homework will consist of a maths and english activity sheet, weekly spelling words, as well as reading for a minimum of 10-15 minutes per day. The reading will need to be logged at the back of their homework book.

If your child is having difficulty with any part of the homework they need to bring it to one of the teachers straight away for assistance.

**BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Negative Behaviour

Steps

Consists of four steps for unacceptable behaviour and the step a child receives is dependent on the behaviour.

Each day is a fresh start, so if a child received a warning on one day, this does not carry on to the next day.

- **Step 1 Warning**
- **Step 2 Time out in class**
- **Step 3 Time out in another class**
- **Step 4 Responsible thinking Room – missing out on play, having reflective discussion with teacher on duty and parent notification.**

(If necessary an Individual Behaviour Contract may be drawn up through negotiation between the student, the teacher, the principal and the parent(s)/caregivers.)

Positive Behaviour

Positive behaviour will be rewarded by intrinsic gratification as well as by spending time on particular activities negotiated by the teacher and student(s).

In our class, we all have a right to learn in a safe and happy environment where respect for ourselves and one another is fostered.

**YEAR 6/7 CLASS**

A very warm welcome to 2014!! For the year 6/7 class this year is the last year of primary schooling – a very daunting though for many I am sure. This year sees many changes in our school as we begin to prepare for Year 7 at high school from next year. There will be some changes to the way in which things have been done in the past whilst other things will remain the same. My main priority for the this year is to form positive partnerships between
home and school, and prepare your child for the challenges of high school next year.

If during the course of the year you have any concerns, please come and see me. I am more than happy to discuss any issues that may arise but cannot address problems if I don’t know about them. I am usually at school by 7am each morning and can always be contacted via email (tstan15@eq.edu.au).

I am looking forward to working with the amazing group of students that greeted me enthusiastically this morning, and am sure that there are many exciting events that lie before us in the year ahead.

Happy Trails J

Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au &

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