Once again the Carnival of Words was a great success. Thank you to those fathers, grandfathers and Teacher Aides who volunteered their time to read to the children. The love of reading is something we hope all children can develop and it is wonderful to see adults reading and sharing with children.

I would like to thank Wendy Blunt for organising the morning tea for our guests, it was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the spelling Bee. Well done to King Parrots for winning the House Competition.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that you are required to sign in at the front desk if you need to go to the classrooms to see a teacher. If you are collecting your child early we will call the classroom and the child will be sent down to the office. We are attempting to minimise the number of people moving about the school as this can cause distractions for the students.

I encourage all parents to keep in close contact with your child’s teacher or Mr Roberts if you have any concerns about the behaviour and attitudes of any students. It would be appreciated if you directed your concerns to the staff and allow us to sort it out. Please do not approach the students personally, this can cause stress and issues which are unnecessary.

We welcome all parents and carers to assist in the classrooms and please feel free to offer your services to the teachers.

The Senior Band had a very busy week. On Tuesday they competed at Fanfare at Upper Coomera College and received a Bronze Award. On Thursday they travelled to Canungra to take part in the combined band day last Thursday. The band performed down by the creek which was in a beautiful setting. Mr Clyde was very proud of the commitment of the students. Thank you to those parents who transported the children.

Just a reminder that all Book Club orders must be in by tomorrow, Wednesday 28th May. Thank you for your support.

The Gold Coast North District Cross Country Carnival was held last Friday 23rd May. The participating students all had trained hard and ran their best race on the day. The behaviour of the 12 students was exceptional. They can feel proud of their achievements. A special mention to the following students who were placed in the top 51 students: (Out of about 100 – 130 students)

Tane Brand 46th (70th last year) and Yolanda Pitman 51st. Well done to all competitors and thank you to all of the parents who transported them and helped me with the equipment at the end.
COMING EVENTS

27 May Year 6 Enrichment Day Nerang Visual Arts
04 June Colour Day Birds
09 June Queens Birthday
13 June Disco 6:30-8:30
13 June Artlink performance Marcus Music Makers
18 June Douglas Training One School
19 June Interhouse Field events
20 June Interhouse Track events
23-27 June Advanced Music Camp
27 June End of Term 2

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform shop will be open every Tuesday from 8.30am to 9am every week. There are now some discounted items (new) available:

Thanks Patricia Burchell

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

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 28 May Hayley & Cristlyn
Fri 30 May Liz Bailey
Wed 04 June Hayley & Cristlyn
Fri 06 June Jaimee Sola

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Welcome to Term 2 Week 6
We are half way through an exciting Term 2 and the children are thoroughly enjoying all of their activities at Mountain Mates.

This week the children have requested a UNO competition as they have all been getting right into UNO. I look forward to seeing the results from all of our UNO fans.

The ZOVA program is going well with the children stepping up to the intermediate level last week. We start the session with some warm up moves to the funky beats. (Ask your children to demonstrate the Crossover move) and then move into a fun game using our soccer skills. Last week we played Dribble Red Rover.

Our athletics sessions are now on a Wednesday and the children are developing their skills to bring to the school Athletics carnival.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sam & Jesse for finishing off the new wall in the extension and fixing the heaters for us.

Your time is appreciated. Hope you all have a great week. From Kim, Janine, Clare, Christie and Di. Your Mountain Mates Team.

STUDENT BANKING

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

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

Athletics

Training for 10 – 12 year olds will start for interested students for discus, shot-put and long jump on Thursday 2nd Break. Meet me at the gate to Graceleigh Park.

We will have training for high jump later.

Thanks Regards Leandra Thomson PE Teacher

PREP CLASS

Hi everyone I hope you are having a great week. Last week was our Carnival of words Day and the children had a lovely time hearing all of the parents read to them. I would like to say a big thank-you to those who were able to come and read on the day. For the spelling competition the children were asked 15 letters and sounds. It was great to see that all the hard work from class has paid off with many children getting near 15 correct. Well done to Isla Bailey who was our champion. Not only did she know all her letters and sounds she had to spell some year
This week in Science I would like to make a diorama of an animal and their needs, so if you have a spare shoe box at home or two could the children bring that in ASAP. I asked at a shoe shop on the weekend but to no avail. Also if you have any old stockings that we can use in class this week too.

This week in Maths we are still looking at 3D shapes and their features. We will also be looking at lines and the different ways we can make them. Yesterday we made 2D shape puzzles for a friend to solve.

This week our sounds are sh as in sheep and th/ th as in the and thimble.

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

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This week in Math we are exploring location and direction. The Year 1’s will explore and identify location, investigate position, direction and movement, and interpret directions. The Year 2’s will use and interpret simple maps of familiar locations, describe ‘bird’s eye view’, and use positional language to describe locations and give directions. In Science we will investigate how physical changes made to the shape of a material help it to contain objects. In English the children are enjoying learning how to use Microsoft PowerPoint to create a retell of a story they have read.

Thank you for sending all those library books back to school last week, we have very few overdue notices this week.

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

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Firstly, congratulations to last week’s Star Student of the Week, Kuepper. Kuepper consistently works well, produces pleasing results and makes insightful contributions to our learning right across the curriculum. Well Done Kuepper!

Looking back, what a crazy week we have had over the last 7 days in the Year 6/7 room, but what terrific achievements we made!! On Tuesday we lost our Band members to Fanfare at Upper Coomera State College however they arrived back triumphant and with a Bronze Medal. Well done band members and also to Mr Clyde.

On Wednesday, the Year 6/7 class lead small groups at our Carnival of Words day. The students did a wonderful job introducing their group to the readers and thanking them at the end of each session. It can be a daunting task having to speak to adults but our class performed this task beautifully and really did themselves proud. Well done to each and every student… You all gave me a “mother-hen “ moment…. Super proud! J

After this, Taije and Zoe were announced as the Year 6 and 7 Spelling Champions in the Spelling Bee. Congratulations girls – wonderful effort !! Congratulations also to Claire and Carlia who received highly commended certificates. Well done also to King Parrots who managed put a stop to Whipbirds’ winning run this year with victory in the overall house competition.

On Thursday, our band members were once again away, this time at Canungra SS for the Combined Band Day. These students put in a lot of hard-work and dedication rehearsing for the entire day and preparing themselves for the next big competition. Congratulations to all of those involved on the level of commitment shown towards our Band.

On Friday, the BSS Cross Country Superstars went to Runaway Bay to compete in the District Cross Country Trials. The students represented Beechmont with pride and performed to their best. It really is a great achievement when you line up at the starting line for a race which has more kids in it than our entire school population. Well done to Tane, Jake, Lachie Mc, Olivia, Maddie, Carlia, Byron and Ostin.

Have a great week. Happy trails. Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au
Hi everyone unfortunately at the time I needed to have this to Douglas for the newsletter the SCNA website was still down, so as soon as it’s up and running again I will inform you of the game times for Saturday. Raffle tickets are now due please drop them into me at Mountain Mates if you haven’t already handed them in.

We are running the Bunnings BBQ on June 7. It is the Queen’s Birthday long weekend and there are no games that Saturday, but it would be great if you could spare an hour to help raise funds for the Netball Club. Please let me know if you can help ASAP, on 0419726781 or samamyem@bigpond.com.

Have a great week Janine.