This Friday, 19 September, the last day of term is Beechmont Day. There will be no staff present at the school. Please read the information sheet sent home today regarding the organisation of the day.

This year we are holding this great day at Paradise Point Parklands on The Esplanade at Paradise Point.

On Beechmont Day, the children experience a range of activities. We will spend some time near the water but there will be no swimming.

As part of Beechmont Day we also have the judging of the sickest joke on Beechmont competition, so children need to be practising an appropriate joke / riddle to say on the day.

Children must wear a green School shirt and a School Hat. We are in a Public place and must be able to quickly recognize children because of their School Shirt and School hat. School hats are available for purchase from the Office.

The bus leaves the school at 8:15 am sharp. Those children who live at Beechmont need to be at the school by 8:10 so that the bus leaves on time. The bus will stop at the normal stops on the way down to Nerang.

School resumes on Tuesday 7th October. Please have a safe and restful holiday. Term 4 is always a busy term. The Year 7 and Year 6 students will finish their time at Beechmont, the band compete at IONA, Remembrance Day, Behaviour Audit, Prep Orientation Day, End of Year Concert and reports are sent home.

The pre-Prep program will commence on 13 October in Term 4. This is an excellent opportunity to prepare next year Prep students for school. The children will participate in the “Musical Minds” program. Contact the office if you are interested in having your child in this program. It will be held on Mondays starting at 12:15 pm.

I have been notified that my contract as Acting Principal has been extended to the end of the year.

I would like to congratulate all those children who participated in the Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. This event is a wonderful learning experience for the children. It takes a great deal of confidence to stand in front of an audience and deliver a speech to a room full of adults. All children should be very proud of their achievements. The winners of the Years 4-7 competitions were Ruby C, Chloe, Lachlan Mc and Kuepper. These children will represent the school at the Nerang Competition which is being held on 15 October 2014.

The P&C would like to thank all those that supported our very successful Trivia Night fundraiser. By all accounts a fantastic and fun-filled evening was enjoyed by the 80+ attendees. A big thank you to Quiz Master - Kim Sami, MC - David Murphy, to all the sponsors who generously donated raffle prizes and to those parents that generously volunteered their time to help with the event. We can't wait for the next one!

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COMING EVENTS

17 Sept Australian Citizenship Day
17 Sept ANZAC Meeting 7pm at school
19 Sep Beechmont Day
19 Sept Last day Term 3
21 Sept Beechmont Markets
07 Oct Term 4 starts
13 Oct Preschool program minds starts
27 Oct Iona Senior Band
13 Oct BAPA Meeting 7pm
31 Oct World Teachers Day

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

School tuckshop is open Wednesday & Friday

Tuckshop bag orders must be placed on the Mornings of Tuckshop by 9am.

The Tuckshop menu is advertised on the School website or a copy can be found in the foyer.

All orders need to be placed in the children’s classroom tuckshop boxes no later than 9am. Lunch is at 10.45am only; there is no tuckshop available at second break. (The cost of a bag is 10c)

Mainly due to changing work commitments your Tuckshop volunteers do change. (At the moment we are down to 3 volunteers in total.)

We need (or would like) some more help. If you could spare some time from 9am to 11.30am on a Wednesday or Friday to help please contact the School Office, P&C or our Tuckshop Convenor. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Children love to see their parent helping out at the School and they share with their piers that they have a parent helping at School.

Kathleen Callister Ph: 0409 642 743
admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Wed 17 Sep Volunteer needed
Fri 19 Sep Jaimee Sola

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
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Welcome to the last week of Term 3 at Mountain Mates
As the Term finishes up we are getting ready for our exciting Vacation Care Program!! Please make sure you have booked in so we have all of the resources we need to allow everyone to have FUN!!

If you have lost or haven’t received your program either email us on mountainmates@bigpond.com and we will send you one OR go to the school website OR give us a call.

We have enjoyed and encouraged the child initiated activities over the last few weeks, with the children very aware of what they enjoy and how it makes them feel.

We have purchased a weather station recently and the children have been recording the results. We hope to put together the data for some interesting results in the next few weeks.

It is lovely to have Spring back in the air with the children thoroughly enjoying outdoor play in the afternoons.

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday and if we don’t see you over the break we will see you all next Term.

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 it on a Tuesday 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. Encourage your child to save and plan for the things they would like to have with their own money from savings.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP CLASS

Hello everyone,

I hope you are enjoying your last week of term. It’s hard to believe we are at the end of term three already. Only one more term and the children will be heading towards year one! They have all grown and developed so much over this last term. Next term will also be a very busy term. We have the end of year concert and a possible sleepover with the Year 1/2 class as well. Don’t forget that this Friday is Beechmont Day at Paradise Point. The children need to bring a school hat and wear a school shirt so that they are easily recognisable. It will be a fun day and hopefully we will have some lovely weather for it. I hope you enjoy your holidays and that you all have a
relaxing break and stay safe. Take care and see you all next term.

Warm regards,
Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

This week 1/2 is busy with a variety of assessments. The Year 1’s are enjoying making dioramas of their chosen landscapes and the year 2’s have expressed the wish that they were back in Year 1 so that they could do dioramas again😊. Thank you for returning their library books and if there are any still at home please send them back tomorrow. I hope 1/2 enjoys their well-earned holiday.

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

For the end of year concert dance we are performing to the song, ‘Kung Fu Fighting’. All the children need to stick to a colour scheme of black and red, with the exception of Ryan who will need to wear all white with black accents. The children need to look like ninjas. The girls could wear black tights and a black t-shirt and use a band of red material to make a belt. We also looked at using red ribbon and wearing it on their arms or legs by winding it around in a cross pattern. Boys can wear black long pants and a black t-shirt and also add a red belt and other red accessories, like a headband or sweat bands. All the children need to wear black shoes. I’ll send out a sheet that has visuals/pictures of ideas for their outfit for the night.

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

Have a fun and safe holidays and I’ll see you again in term four, Demelza Atherton

YEAR 6/7 CLASS

A very big congratulations to Taylah, Taije, Zoe and Alisha who were our Star Students of the week for the last 2 weeks. All girls have shown pleasing improvement in their efforts across the curriculum- Well done girls!! Keep up the good work in Term 4 please.

This Friday is Beechmont Day at Paradise Point. For those students that are attending please wear a green school shirt (not your blue and yellow Year 6/7 one) and bring your orange hat so that you are easily identifiable. If this lovely weather continues, it is bound to be hot down the coast, so pack sunscreen and plenty of water.

I am in the process of finalising details for our camp next term from the 18-21 November at Numinbah Valley EEC. At this stage it is coming in between $140 and $150 without bus transport (which is about another $40). I am sincerely hoping that we will have enough parent volunteers to drop off/pick up so that we save on bus transport expenses. This is just early notice as I realise that is a lot of money. We are really hoping that everyone will be able to attend as it will be a fantastic way to finish their last year of primary school. There will be a lot more detail along with final costs out early next term.

It certainly has been a very busy, fun-filled term and everyone is ready for a break and to recharge the batteries. Term 4 is bound to be just as busy so it is vital that the students have some rest and relaxation over the holidays. Lots of sleep is also important so that the kids are ready for their last 10 weeks of Primary school!

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

I would like to wish all our families a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you next term! Happy trails Tanya Stanley tstan15@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

CRICKET SEASON BEGINS NEXT TERM

QLD Cricket will be sending a representative up to the school on Wednesday the 17th to speak to the kids about the fun associated with this great sport.

Cricket is for all ages and ability. For any new players it will cost $65 and for that you receive a bat, ball, hat, bag and drink bottle.

Also there is the possibility of a trip to play at the Gabba and watch a Test Match. Details of game times and training to be decided when we have definite numbers.

For all enquiries see Greg Slater, Bus Driver at the school morning or afternoons or

RESEARCH INTO TYPE 1 DIABETES

Researchers from the University of Queensland are conducting research into parenting of children with type 1 diabetes.

We are seeking parents of children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes to participate.

Participation in this project will involve completing a survey, and a telephone interview. The telephone interview includes questions on diabetes management tasks which parents of children with type 1 diabetes experience difficulty with, how parents think and feel about parenting a child with type 1 diabetes, and their preferences for assessing services to assist in dealing with these behaviours and tasks.

If you are interested in participating in this research or would like further information please email clin.roslyn.pay@uq.edu.au

BEECHMONT TENNIS

Are you looking for something to do over the School Holidays??

The Beechmont Tennis Club is pleased to announce a Social Racquets Day on Sunday September 28th beginning at 11am and ending at 4pm at the Tennis Courts at Gracemere Park.

The Social Racquets Day will include:
- TENNIS,
- BADMINTON and
- TABLE TENNIS

Racquets, balls etc. are provided for the Badminton and Table Tennis which will be located inside the Hall on Gracemere. Please bring your own tennis racquets.

The Social Racquets Day will be a BYO BBQ. The BBQ will be supplied by the Tennis Club. BYO Food and Drinks.

The fees for the day per person will be:
- Members of Tennis Club - $3
- Non-members of Tennis Club - $5
- Primary School Children - $2

EVERYONE WELCOME