Parade
This Friday, we commence our normal whole school parades. You are invited to join us at 8.50am in the under covered area. We would love to see you there and so would your children.

Going Home from School
After school, it is important for us to know who is picking up your children and how they are getting home. When students are in Prep, they are allocated a Bus Buddy from the senior class. When students reach Years 1-6, there are no more bus buddies. It is expected that children know the correct procedures for going home.

Children who travel on the bus should know their bus line. Children who are “Walkers and Riders” are those students who are collected by parents. It is expected that children know this routine as well. Parents who collect their children should do so from the Walkers and Riders gate as this allows staff to check them off the roll and assures us of safe handover.

From time to time, children go home with other students for play or sleepovers. For the safety of our children, please ensure you send a note or notify your child’s teacher or the office.

Thank you for your assistance with this and ensuring all our children are safe.

Specialist Teachers
Each week, we have specialist teachers visit our schools. They focus on physical education, music and LOTE. For students in the early years, Mrs Foran will be running a gross motor program.

Homework and Class Information
Homework will commence this week. If you have any questions regarding homework, please talk to your child’s teacher. A term newsletter will be sent home at the beginning of each term, to give you a snap shot of upcoming class information.

Another great way of keeping up to date with what is happening at our school is via Facebook – Beechmont State School and P&C. Have a look and like our page!

New to our school? Stay in touch with the QSchools app
Families can keep up-to-date with the latest information from our school through the QSchools app. It’s an easy way to find vital school information including events and newsletters.
The QSchools app now allows for push notifications to deliver essential information directly to a device including emergency alerts and important updates.
Find out more on the DETE apps page http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html

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Smoking banned 5 metres around school grounds
Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays. On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school. Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.


Take care and have a lovely week, Belinda

COMING EVENTS

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IMPORTANT OFFICE NEWS

Due to the reduction in our student numbers, Douglas will only be working Monday to Thursday. This means that the office will not be fully manned on Fridays, so no payment will be received. Douglas will also be away from 3rd February to the 11th February.

SCHOOL FEES/LEVIES/PAYMENTS

One of the most important things that our School levies cover is your child’s attendance to four cultural activities throughout the year. This saves you constantly putting your hand in your pocket to pay for things throughout the year.
The levies also cover internet access, printing and art supplies throughout the year. Your prompt payment of these levies really assists us (especially Douglas) to finalise a range of functions that we need to do for audit.

The levies are:
- $60 School Fund
- $50 Library Fund (Tax deductible)
- $20 P&C Fundraising Levy – second child $15, 3rd or more $10 (so we’re not constantly sending raffle tickets, Chocolate drives etc home).

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

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)*

If we are unable to get the help we need to run the School Tuckshop, the P&C may be forced to reconsider the viability of this service.
Kathleen Callister Ph: 0409 642 743 admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

WELCOME TO WONDERFUL WEEK 2 at Mountain Mates.

Our first week back was fantastic with some very eager children ready to get involved in all of the fun activities we have planned.
Tuesday’s will be outdoor ball games, getting everyone up and active and learning new and polishing up some old skills.
Wednesday’s activities are still to be confirmed as we are being guided by the children and what they are keen to do.
Thursday’s are going to be packed with explosive fun as we become scientific genious’s. We will embark on a new experiment each week.
This week we will form crystals from a few household items.
Freeplay Fridays are a great opportunity to create your own fun and adventures.
We are all eagerly awaiting the sunflowers to open up their beautiful flowers. It shouldn’t be long.
Check out the awesome cubby houses our enterprising young builders created on one of our rainy days. A massive thank you to Steve & Janine for the new supersized TV for the “quiet room”. 
Also thank you Penni for your constant donation of useful items for Mountain Mates. Thanks also to Christie for donating some new games – the 5 second game is a real hit. A thank you also to Leanne for the wadding and material.

At the time of writing I believe our Special Consideration Application has been forwarded to the Federal Government now and we are yet to receive any formal notification of any outcome. Today we have launched an on-line petition so we can spark a trend and get everyone on board to overturn the decision to cut funding due to Mountain Mates being classified as being situated in a “major city”. To get on board with our petition please copy and paste this link into your browser:-


Your support is truly appreciated.
From Kim, Janine, Christie, Kerry and Di. Your Mountain Mates Team.

**UNIFORM NEWS**

The Uniform shop will be open from 8.30am to 9am every Tuesday. If you require assistance on other days please contact Patricia on 0429191514 to arrange a time.

Cheers Patricia Burchell.

**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.

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.

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**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**PREP CLASS**

Hello everyone I hope you have had a lovely week. The children have settled in nicely and are already getting used to the classroom routines and rules.

We have just started doing literacy rotations in the mornings and they are all coping well with how this works. We always do a combination of play based learning as well as other formal learning, to cater for all needs within the room. So far we have learnt the s,a and t sounds and will look at ‘p’ later in the week.

Next week we will start library borrowing, so it would be good if the children could bring in a library bag for Tuesday. When this begins they will be able to keep the book for a week and just return it the next Tuesday.

In maths, we have started looking at numbers and counting. We will also be looking at sorting a classifying into groups. Yesterday we used our Go Maths text for the first time which they were very excited about. If you have yet to buy this text or any other books could you please do this as soon as possible.

I hope you have a great week. Warm Regards,
Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

Welcome to Week2. 1-2 is off to an excellent start with almost all children remembering to bring their home folders daily. Congratulations also on your commitment to the program of daily home reading. Your help at home is invaluable to your child’s reading development. So well done everybody!

This week in English, we are looking at authors’ deliberate use of verbs to help show a character’s emotion. In grammar the Year 1’s are writing simple sentences and the Year 2’s are learning about conjunctions. Pre-assessments have taken place and Reading and Spelling groups have been established.

In Math, some of the children are revisiting sequencing the days of the week and the months of the year whilst others, who have already mastered this, are reading calendars and recording important dates. To help with the concept of duration of time parents can talk with their children about how long/often everyday family activities take e.g. we grocery shop weekly, watch T.V. daily, it takes an hour to wash the car etc.
YEAR 2/3 CLASS

This week in maths we are learning about time concepts. We have looked at the number of days in each month on Monday and today we used the computers to create our own calendars with personalized special events. We will also be learning about the seasons in the year and matching the months to the seasons.

For homework this week children are to read their readers each evening. Some children, who are reading in beyond level 20, may need to keep the same reader for more than just one night due to the length of the text. Spelling work will be added to the weekly homework next week.

On Monday, we started our history unit. In this unit, students will explore how changes in technology have affected people’s lives. Think about objects that they might use at home, such as a telephone, a computer, a television and a toaster. They will explore the changes in technologies over time and how they have impacted on people’s lives.

Last week in class we awarded our first Student of the Week. This award will normally be handed out at our Friday parades. Congratulations to Ethan O’Grady, our first recipient, who achieved his award for listening well and constantly answering questions in all subject areas. Well done, Ethan!

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

Year 3-4 Class News

The children have settled in well to our 3-4 class and have worked very well throughout the first week. Homework will begin in earnest next week with the proper homework cover sheet and activities. Homework will include reading, spelling and Maths. Please check homework books for details next week. We have delayed homework for a week so our spelling groups are organised and are up and running. Homework this week will simply be to finish off Maths work that we have been working on in class.

We have begun our new Science unit investigating erosion and weathering. The children will be investigating different rock and soil types and looking at how these are impacted by erosion and weathering.

In Geography, we are working on mapping skills such as using an atlas, reading a key or legend, using a scale on a map and using coordinates to locate features.

I look forward to a positive and rewarding year with the 3-4 class. Have a great week.

Regards, Dan Albright dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Week 2 already!

Last week we explored short stories and their structure and we will continue to further investigate them this week. We read some very entertaining stories by Australian authors Paul Jennings and Morris Gleitzman.

In maths, we began exploring collecting and recording data, which we will go deeper into this week. We have already discovered that netball is the most popular sport in 5/6 and that the sporting house with the highest number of students from our class is King Parrots.

This Friday is the first school assembly, which will be run by students in 5/6. Please come along to show your support for our school leaders.

If you need to contact me please call the school on 55459100 or send me an email on cnoak3@eq.edu.au

Have a good week - Courtenay Noakes
COMMUNITY NEWS

BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

WHO WANTS TO PLAY SOCCER?

Beechmont Junior Soccer Club offers soccer to boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years. We train one afternoon a week, straight after school till approx. 4pm. The children play their soccer games Saturday mornings and the season starts in early April with training to begin in early March.

Our small club tries to make it as affordable as possible for children to play sport. We also encourage any families that are eligible for the "Get Started Vouchers" ($150 towards their children’s registration fees) to get online NOW as the grant is now open, for more information and to apply please visit www.nprs.qld.gov.au

Expressions of interest are now open for any new and returning families that would like their children to play soccer in 2015. Please contact us before the end of February to advise of your child's interest or intent to play. Just drop us an email on beechmontjuniorsoccer@gmail.com or call Renae Knowles on 0411 186619 if you have any questions.

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Tennis Coaching

"Tennis Fun for kids" starting from Thursday 26th February at Beechmont tennis courts next to the school. Group tennis coaching at $15 per child for the hour. Run on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:30 - 4:30, days and times could be pending on interest. For more info call Robert on 0433162251 or email at robcam76@gmail.com, it's about kids having fun on the tennis court and learning to play.

Social Racquets

The Beechmont Tennis Club is pleased to announce a Social Racquets Afternoon/Evening on Sunday February 22nd beginning at 3pm and ending at 7:30pm (approx.) at Graceleigh Park. Events will include Tennis, Badminton and Table Tennis. For more information Contact the Beechmont Tennis Club, ph 0403 949 245, email: beechmonttennisclub@gmail.com. Everyone is Welcome.

Yoga classes

Tues: 4.45 – 5.45pm (from Feb 10)
Thurs: 9.15 - 10.15am
School terms only
Old School Site (back demountable)
Mixed level classes all welcome.
$12/person
Enquiries: Lara – 55333644/0434022407
lara.pearce@bigpond.com

BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Fundraising Success & AGM Date

We had an amazing fundraising success at the clubs Cake Stall & Sausage Sizzle held on Saturday at the State Election. We raised over $550.00 in valuable funds, which will help kick start the 2015 soccer season. On behalf of the club I would like to thank our wonderful helpers & bakers. Chris & Bob Gill, Cassandra & Dylan Hashim-Jones, Penni Conlan, Eleanor Haynes, Karen Cording, Flick Baker, Renee Carlaw, Melissa Stephens, Wendy Blunt, Christine & Matt Keenan, Julie Ayers, & Tony Knowles. Without all these people this day would not have been such a success — THANK YOU.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) date has been set for 9am, Saturday 7th February, 2015 at the Hall on Graceleigh.

All committee positions will be vacant & positions will open for nomination on the day. We would love to see you there.