Thank you to everyone who attended our Beginning Year Assembly and Open Evening. It was a really good night, with the rain holding off. Special thanks to our P&C, Mountain Mates, our super staff and our community speakers – Renae (Soccer), Arnee (Cricket) and Peter (Tennis).

On behalf of our school staff, I would like to welcome our new ‘Beechmont Possums’ – all of our Preps and our new students across the school. We hope you really gain from your time at Beechmont.

**School Hats** are a part of our School uniform policy approved by the P&C and Staff. All children are required to wear a **school hat, not a ‘street hat’.** If children wear a non-school hat, then their play may be restricted to the Covered Area and not the outside areas. Hats are the same as school shirts, shorts and dresses. They are expected to be worn each day. Please make sure your child has the appropriate uniform each day.

**Children have a Home / School Communication Folder** - If a child is bringing home a note from your child’s teacher, the weekly school newsletter, a special note, then please check your child’s Communication Folder. If you are returning notes to School from the School Newsletter, put them in the Communication Folder and the children can return them.

**Attendance** – our school is going great with our attendance. This term we are already reaching our target of 95%. Well done to all our children and families. This is roughly 3% up from this time last year! Wonderful effort by all!

**Adopt a Cop** – Last Friday, we welcomed Constable Lindsay to our Beechmont family. We are looking forward to working with him and doing our best to make our school even greater! Thank you to Canungra Police for their support of our school community!

**Enrichment Day** for Year 5/6 students - Nerang State High School are offering the opportunity for selected students to be a part of our enrichment program. Primary Schools in the Nerang Alliance are invited to nominate four students to attend each Enrichment Day. Through the year, all students in Year 5/6 will be given an opportunity to attend at least 1 of these sessions. Please contact Miss Noakes, if you have any queries.

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

This year’s **Swimming Carnival** is on Tuesday 10th March at the Nerang Pool commencing at 9:30 am.

Notes were sent home with the eldest child in each family on Monday 2nd March. Please return the forms by Wednesday 4th March so we can organise the swimming events.

Please complete your child’s ability to swim widths assisted or unassisted or lengths for each child and the transport section.

Entry to the pool costs $3.00 for a child & $2.50 for an adult paid on the day at the gate individually & you can purchase from the canteen at the pool or bring your own lunch.

*A caring family school...*
PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS Continued

Take care and have a lovely week – some pictures of our children ‘Cleaning Up BSS’.
Belinda

COMING EVENTS

04 Mar Colour Day – Yellow
05 Mar Scenic Rim Library
09 Mar School Bus Mtg 7pm at Hall on Graceleigh
International Womens Day
10 Mar Swimming Carnival Nerang
19 Mar Scenic Rim Library
20 Mar Yr6 Leaders Presentation
24 Mar Regional Netball U12

BOOKFAIR

Thankyou for the wonderful support at our Annual Bookfair. This support raised $797 commission which has enabled our Library to purchase additional resources for our children.
Also a big thankyou to the grade 5 & 6 children that helped over the week, also Janita Johnson and Suzanne Noakes for volunteering to assist on open night. Plus, Jenny Slingsby for pulling Book Fair together.

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 9th March starting at 7.00pm.
There is generally only 1 bus meeting a year unless issues arise which 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.

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WELCOME TO SUPER WEEK 6 at
Mountain Mates.
We have all survived Cyclone Marcia and the weather has been very kind to us. We have managed to get outdoors most days last week and enjoy running, jumping and playing.
The children were creative in the kitchen on Monday and decorated some cute arrowroot biscuits. Tuesday was the Beginning Year Assembly at the school and it was great to see the older children taking pride in their responsibilities for the evening. Our Monopoly and Garlic Bread afternoon was a hit and the children are developing new friendships whilst at Mountain Mates. Our mad keen scientists on Thursday were put to the taste test. We removed sight and smell from their senses and gave them a piece of potato and a piece of apple. The results were interesting. Ruby brought in her PREP DVD on Friday and everyone thoroughly enjoyed seeing how much the children have grown in 6 years.
This week’s sensational activities are:
WEDNESDAY – Lily’s Pick (Party games)
THURSDAY – Science experiment (Fizzy Limeade)
FRIDAY – Freestyle Friday
MONDAY – Sand creations!
TUESDAY – LET’s GET PHYSICAL—outdoor games.

Great news for Mountain Mates with our Community Support Funding being extended until December 2015. We are still working with the departments in an attempt to overturn the “Major City” ruling but we have a little breathing space for the time being. Thank you for continually supporting our Service. If you are interested in finding out a little more about our Outside School Hours Service – please drop in, call or email. We are happy to give you a quote based on your annual income or your CCB percentage.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Dean Cording for donating the pop up tent and tunnel.
Sam Sami for helping me mow and whipper snip around the Mountain Mates building on Thursday afternoon.

From Kim, Janine, Christie, Kerry and Di. Your Mountain Mates Team.

IMPORTANT OFFICE NEWS

Student banking through CBA is now available for existing student bankers. For new students who wish to start contact the office to obtain the student banking pack.
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

**SCHOOL TUCKSHOP**

*School tuckshop is open Wednesday & Friday*

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)*

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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**GENERAL INFO**

This week, the oval at Graceleigh Park will be receiving a much-needed face lift – with some new soil happening. This means, we can’t access the oval for the next few weeks.

Easter is around the corner - our P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle. Donations of Easter items can be placed in the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home with a newsletter, in Week 8. Keep your eyes out and thank you for any donations to this fundraising venture.

Please share with family and community members in Beechmont.

**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.*

**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**AWARD WINNERS**

Award winners for week 5 were: **Blade Mead, Auroa Smith, Julian Bible, Isla Bailey, Reilly Clarke, Mikayla Wyllie, Cameron Ayers, Tia Macaskill.**

**PREP CLASS**

Hello everyone I hope you are all having a lovely week.

This week in Prep we are learning the sounds Mm and Dd. We made monsters by blobbing paint on one side and then pressing the page together to create our monsters. Then we thought of some adjectives to describe our monsters. They look fantastic. We are continuing with sound and letter recognition as well as learning our sight words.

In maths we have been continuing with patterns and used pool noodles cut up to thread onto cord to make huge patterns. We are practising writing numbers to ten correctly and are continuing to work on making and recognising these numbers.

In science we are looking at living things. We watched a video on a sugar glider and used our senses while we went on a field walk to find and photograph living things.

The children are doing a great job remembering to bring in their folders every day and they just need to let me know when they are ready for their next strip of sight words.

Have a great week, **Warm regards, Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au**

**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

This week in Literacy we will be making presentations about a chosen character selected from the books we have read. We have been practicing speaking clearly and looking at the audience. In Math we are exploring the concept of Chance, what will/ won’t or might happen for Year 1’s and what is certain/ possible and impossible for Year 2’s.

It is important that your child’s homework and spelling sort are handed in on Mondays please. Thank you to the parents who are regularly doing so. On Mondays the children glue in their old sorts, make new ones, do their spelling tests and have their Sight Words tested. It is difficult to accomplish this when the homework books do not come in on time. New Sight Words sheets are only issued when your child can fluently demonstrate instant recognition of their words which we test weekly.
On Thursday afternoons one of our Science activities involves gardening. We do supply the children with Wellington boots and gloves but you may also wish to dress them in their older uniforms on gardening day.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Isla Bailey for her effort in Literacy and Julian Bible for his beautiful bookwork.

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

This week for homework the focus is on children learning their rainbow facts. Rainbow Facts (Sums to 10) are taught using a pairs to ten strategy: the sum of each pair of terms is 10. Students can be shown a rainbow graphic to illustrate the fact that these pairs are equidistant from the number five. Children can use the rainbow fact poster to help them with their rainbow fact worksheet. Children also have to read each night and practise their weekly spelling words.

In English this week, children are going to start their assessment task. They will choose a suitable poem to reconstruct and then change the words in the poem to make a new poem by:
- keeping the rhythm the same
- keeping the rhyme the same
- keeping patterns of sounds and words.

Finally, they will present your poem in a way that is interesting and enjoyable for our year 2-3 audience.

Congratulations to last week’s Student of the Week, Reilly Clarke. Reilly received his award for showing a clear improvement in all subject areas since last year. Well done, Reilly!

Have a great week, if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me, dathe1@eq.edu.au  
Demelza Atherton

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

This week our homework has returned to normal with spelling words, reading and Maths included. Children should be working each night on spelling and Number Facts. Learning times tables is much more efficient if children are practising for a short time each night, rather than once in the week for a longer time. Please ensure that parents or children write in the reading time completed for the week on the Homework Summary sheet. This should be filled in on Thursday night.

In Maths this week we have begun working with measurement concepts such as measuring length with standard units such as mm, cm, m and Km. The children will be measuring, estimating and converting between the different units. We are also working on a variety of different problem-solving strategies such as Draw a Picture and Guess and Check to solve problems.

Next Tuesday is our annual Swimming Carnival at Nerang pool. Please return the note sent home yesterday so we can finalise our program for the day. It would be great to see all children attend this day to support their house. All swimming abilities are catered for.

Have a great week

Regards, Dan dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Welcome to week six.

Last week we had the Beginning Year Assembly, hosted by some of our Year Six students. All students in 5/6 did a wonderful job! Whether they were presenting, playing an instrument or setting an example by sitting and listening attentively, all students who attended made me very proud.

Thank you to the parents who took the time to visit our classroom after the assembly.

We also had Raw Art last week. Students created Screen Printed Banners, which look amazing! Please feel free to drop by the classroom and check them out.

Please contact me via email at cnoak3@eq.edu.au or by phoning the school on 5545 9100. if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards, Courtenay Noakes
BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Soccer Training Has Started

Training starts this week on Tuesday (3rd March, 2015) after school till 4pm approx. on Graceleigh Park.

Please ensure that you child has an extra water bottle, as it is very thirsty work! They also need their shin pads & soccer boots (if they do not have them yet, their school shoes are fine for training at this stage but shin pads are highly recommended). They will need soccer boots & shin pads to play Saturday morning games, & will not be allowed to take the field without them.

Online Players Registrations need to be completed ASAP. We have emailed a 'How to Sheet' to every player's family, but if you have misplaced this please email us to resend. For those families that have completed this online registration, we thank you. There is a lot of administration involved in setting up players & teams each year, & the club has timeframes that we are governed by.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact Renee (0412 186619) or email us beechmontjuniorsoccer@gmail.com. Renee will also be available at training on Tuesday if you need to discuss any matters.
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