P&C Meeting
You are invited to the first P&C meeting for Beechmont State School P&C will be held on Wednesday 18th February at 6pm, in the school staff room. There will be a General Meeting followed by our AGM. We’d love to see you all there!

Parade
Please remember you are invited to attend our weekly parade. This is a parade to celebrate the successes of our children. It is run for our school community by the children in the senior years. They would love your support. It is held every Friday 8.50am – in the undercover area.

Going Home from School on the Bus
Bus Behaviour – from time to time, students need to be reminded of appropriate behaviour when travelling on the bus. Please make sure you discuss your bus behaviour on public transport – what is acceptable and what is not.

- Any issues arising from the bus run, we will look into and discuss with the bus service (on your behalf, if you would like).
- Transport forms can also be obtained from the bus driver/company.
- It is important your child knows which bus to get onto and which bus stop to get off at.
- Teachers mark the afternoon rolls. Bus buddies will assist Prep children get onto the right bus or to walkers & riders.

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

Website and Social Media
Our website has commenced an upgrade. Check it out regularly for new and upcoming news.

Another great way of keeping up to date with what is happening at our school is via Facebook – Beechmont State School and P&C. This is updated consistently throughout the week. Please share with family and community members in Beechmont.

Interesting Facts about our Classes
Each week, I will focus on an individual class and give you some fun facts. If you also look on our Facebook site, you may find some more information or pictures about your child’s class.

Prep
Currently, we have a full prep class of 25 children. We have Mrs Tania Evans (see picture) Prep teacher. The class is assisted with full time teacher aide assistance. We have shared this amongst Mrs Slingsby, Mrs Callan and Mrs Johnson.

The children are engaging in a Gross Motor program (run by our very own, Mrs Foran), Music (Miss Klupfel), Health and PE (Mrs Findley) and LOTE, learning Japanese (Ms Iwasaki).

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Great state. Great opportunity.
PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS Continued

Attendance
I have been super impressed with student attendance. Every day of learning is important for social growth, academic growth and becoming active citizens in our community.

If your child is absent (sickness, family or other reasons) – it is important that you advise the school to ensure records are current. Our focus is to have great attendance with no unexplained absences.

Take care and enjoy this week, Belinda

COMING EVENTS

15 Feb Markets Community Centre
18 Feb P&C AGM and General Meeting BSS 6pm
19 Feb Scenic Rim Library
20 Feb Raw Art
22 Feb Social Racquet Day Tennis Club
24 Feb Book Fair and Beginning School Assembly
10 Mar Swimming Carnival Nerang

IMPORTANT OFFICE NEWS

Douglas will be back at work this Thursday. We hope he has enjoyed his leave, but we have missed him and will be glad to have him return.

His days will remain the same with every second Friday off. When Douglas is away – no payments will be processed.

Douglas will 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

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or a/h 0417775741
email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

WELCOME TO AMAZING WEEK 3 at Mountain Mates.

What an amazing week we have had. The children are exploring all of the wonderful experiences Mountain Mates have to offer. The sandpit always offers creativity and imagination with the children pretending they had a vegetable patch.

Even a little bit of rain didn’t dampen the spirits of our outdoor games with a few vigorous games of “dodge ball” and “fish in the net” being enjoyed in the undercover area.
A big thanks to Blade’s Mum, Leanne for giving us some extra resources for the children to enjoy. They are loving the play tube.

We managed to get some cooking done on Wednesday with “Daniel’s choice” this week being Choc Chip biscuits. Everyone enjoyed making these tasty treats and loved eating them even more.

Our scientists had success with their first experiment on Thursday - creating crystal snowflakes. They were very impressed with their discovery of molecules and chemical reactions.

This week we have even more instore for everyone.

**Wednesday** - Jaimie’s Choice - cooking Banana Bread, **Thursday** - Science alert - make your own Quicksand; **Friday** - Freestyle fun for everyone

**Monday** - Art and Craft - Rubbings using different mediums and textures.

**Tuesday** - Outdoor Games and Activity.

Thank you for all of the wonderful support we have received from the community in our bid to retain funding for our lovely little service. We are still waiting for some sort of response and will keep you all posted.

Your support is truly appreciated.

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

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**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.

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**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

**PREP CLASS**

Hello everyone,

I hope this week finds you happy and healthy. We have had a very busy few weeks getting settled in Prep and we are starting to understand the rules and routines within the school and classroom. We had our first parade on Friday and the children did a great job listening and participating.

In literacy, our sounds for the week are p and n. We are practising our cutting skills regularly as well as how to write our names. While some of the children know how to do this it is good practice for using the correct pencil grip as well as direction of letters.

In maths, we are continuing our work on number as well as sorting various materials by size, shape and colour.

Just a quick reminder, that children need a hat at school every day to allow them to play outside. They are allowed to leave their hats inside the classroom in their box so to avoid the hats being left at home.

This week, the children will begin to bring home a sound booklet with the sound we have been learning to practise with you at home. Also in this booklet will be their Sight words.

Please return the children’s folders everyday so that notes or other work can be put in these.

Well done to our award winners last week. Mabheki, Sabrina and Aidan received awards for working well and having a fantastic week helping out.

I hope you have a great week.

Warm Regards

Tania Evans
tevan27@eq.edu.au

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**YEAR 1/2 CLASS**

Red and Green Spellers had their first spelling tests yesterday and performed very well. They had obviously been doing their spelling activities for homework.

Homework was due in yesterday, in case you have forgotten, and it is important that the children’s spellings bag is handed in on Monday along with their homework.

On Monday afternoons the children glue in their old spelling sort and prepare a new one to take home on Tuesday.

In Math, the Year 1’s have been investigating the teen numbers and the Year 2’s have been looking at how place value can help when adding and subtracting ten with two digit numbers.

Our first goals for the term will revolve around how to be better writers. By the end of this week each child will have their own personal writing goal on which to concentrate so that they can work towards putting their first leaf on their sunflower.

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

Congratulations to last week’s Student of the Week, James Smith. James received his award for giving 100% effort and for always being eager with his hand up. Well done, James!

Homework went out yesterday and will be due back at school on Friday. Children are expected to learn their spelling words each night by using the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method. Children are also expected to complete their daily reader each night. There will be times when there will be extra work in the homework, like sometimes maths or history work may be added. This will only happen when there are concepts covered in class that need further consolidating at home. I don’t want to add homework just for the sake of it. Also, I don’t want homework to be a stressful task for children or their families, so if your child is having trouble getting through the work please let me know and we can discuss this further. 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

Congratulations to the whole class for working so well in the first two weeks of school. We have made pleasing progress so far. All of the latest information regarding homework was sent home yesterday in the children’s homework books. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding homework.

In Geography, the children have been immersed in maps and learning about the world. We have been learning about the seven continents, countries within the continents, the major oceans of the world and skills related to reading and constructing maps. This week we will begin our investigation of Africa and South America.

In Science, the children have been investigating a variety of rocks and soil types. We are looking at the three main forms of rock (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic) and investigating the origins of these rock types. Children have been bringing some local rock samples to school so we can try to identify them.

Have a great week,

Regards, Dan Albright dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Welcome to week three! Last week, we had our first parade of 2015. I would like to say huge congratulations to all students involved in the preparation, setting up and packing up of the morning. Many people have mentioned how wonderful the parade was and what a great job the students did. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support our school and the students. I’m looking forward to many more parades conducted by our 5/6 leaders.

In our English, unit we have been exploring short stories by Australian authors. This week we are focusing on The Loaded Dog by Henry Lawson. Students are encouraged to read this story at home. They should record their reading in the Reading Log in the homework folders. Please encourage students to read for a minimum of 15 minutes every night, the more the better!

We have nearly completed our first art pieces; so far they are looking great! Keep an eye out on the BSS Facebook page for some pictures of the work completed by our amazing artists.

I hope you all have a wonderful week and as always please contact me at the school on 55459100 or via email on cnoak3@eq.edu.au if you have any questions or queries.

Kind regards,

Courtenay Noakes

Green Room News

Hello and welcome to the new look Green Room in 2015!

My name is Anna Foran and I’m the Special Education teacher and Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy at Beechmont SS. The Green Room is now located in the Northern Territory block, next to the Year 1/2 class. I will be here on Tuesdays & Wednesdays every week, and also on alternate Mondays.

I have been enjoying getting to know the new students in the school. In a couple of weeks, I will be working with Mrs Evans to identify any Prep students with potential support needs. We will be using the Early Start and Brigance screeners, which assess skills such as early letter/ sound and number awareness, fine motor skills, body awareness, speech and oral language.

We do this because we believe that early intervention helps us achieve the best outcomes for students’ future learning success. If you have any questions about our screening program please feel free to contact me or Ms Coulahan.
**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB**

**URGENT: WANTED - JUNIOR SOCCER PLAYERS**

Beechmont Junior Soccer Club needs boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years who want to have fun playing soccer.

Special call for boys & girls aged 10 to 12 years for our under 11’s team. This team is very close to having a full team but we just need a couple more players. If you are thinking of playing sport why not give soccer a go! No experience required, just kids that love to have fun.

All teams train on Tuesday straight after school till approx. 4pm. The children play their soccer games Saturday mornings and the season starts on 21st March, 2015 with training to begin late February, 2015.

As the season begins soon, expressions of interest are open for any new and returning families that would like their children to play soccer in 2015. Please contact us ASAP as teams will be allocated by 20th February, 2015. Please contact us via email on beechmontjuniorsoccer@gmail.com or call Renae Knowles on 0412 186619 if you have any questions.

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**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.

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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.

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**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

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For further information, please call Lance on (07) 5440 6111 or email: lance.elderworkshop.qld.gov.au