Welcome to Week 7

P&C
P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 11th March at 6pm. All welcome 😊

P&C are also fundraising with an EASTER RAFFLE. Please remember to send any donations of Easter items in to school as soon as you can – it is already looking like an amazing raffle. Thank you to the families and staff that have already donated many goodies.

Thank you to the great families who have spared a few hours to help out in tuckshop. This is another reason why our school is so great!

Swimming Carnival

Notes and information have been sent home to families. The final transport information letter was sent home to families on Friday. We look forward to seeing you all at the carnival on This year’s Swimming Carnival is on Tuesday 10th March at the Nerang Pool commencing at 9:30 am.
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.

Leadership Parade

On Friday of Week 8, we will be holding our annual Leadership Presentation Parade. Please keep your eye out for information regarding this event. I am sure it will be a lovely ceremony and we invite you all to attend to support our students in this important occasion.

Student Reporting

In Term 1 and 3, schools in Queensland provide face-to-face, oral reporting to families regarding student progress. In Term 2 and 4, schools provide written reporting to families and either the teacher or yourself, can request face-to-face meetings to follow up on reports.

Our Term 1 reporting will be taking place in Week 10, Tuesday 31st March from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Staff will have a Parent-Teacher Meeting sheet out the front of their classrooms. Please fill in a timeslot that you will be attending. If there are any concerns, regarding meeting times, please discuss this with your child’s teacher and organise a mutually convenient time.
Interesting Facts about our Classes
Year 2/3

Ms Atherton and her class are settling in to learning. Ms Atherton has been teaching for around 12 years. She is very artistic and creative – this is shows through in the art exposure to her students. Allira is her daughter!

The children are engaging in Music (Miss Klupfel), Health and PE (Mrs Findlay) and LOTE, learning Japanese (Ms Iwasaki). We are lucky to have LOTE provided from P- 6.

Take care and enjoy your week.
Belinda

COMING EVENTS

09 Mar School Bus Mtg 7pm at Hall on Graceleigh
10 Mar Swimming Carnival Nerang
19 Mar Scenic Rim Library
20 Mar Yr 6 Leaders Presentation
24 Mar Regional Netball U12
29 Mar Mudgeeraba Street Party 10am-2pm
31 Mar Parent Teacher Interviews

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.

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

WELCOME TO SENSATIONAL WEEK 7 at Mountain Mates.

We had a great week last week with the warmer weather. We designed and sailed boats in the water trough. Lots of outdoor play on the fort, homework and lots of fun and laughter playing 5 second rule. The science experiment was making Fizzy Limeade. Great teamwork in this activity working together to gather as much lime juice as we could to make our fizzy drinks. Our feature game at the moment is UNO and we have been having some fantastic battles with all children being able to participate.

This week we have more wonderful things planned:
Wednesday:- Lucy’s choice – something SWEET.
Thursday:- Science – Chromatography butterflies.
Friday:- Free Play fun for everyone.
Monday:- Building and Construction
Tuesday:- Let’s get physical

**LATEST MOUNTAIN MATES NEWS**
Community Support Funding has been extended until the end of 2015. We are working on resubmitting our Special Consideration application to try and retain some funding in 2016. Thank you to Michael for your continuous push to keep Mountain Mates going.

Have a fantastic week.
From Kim, Janine, Christie, Kerry and Di.
Your Mountain Mates Team.

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

Wed 11 March Naomi Wyllie
Fri 13 March Amy Macaskill
Wed 18 March Matt Luthi
Fri 20 March Tara Kwan
Wed 25 March Janine van Boeschoten
Fri 27 March Liz Bailey
Wed 01 April Matt Luthi

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

Glenn Sainty from Sanity’s bus service have forwarded the school a letter from Dept Transport re bus run to Farm Grove. A copy of the letter is available but in essence students residing in the Doncaster, Windabout Rd area are not eligible and as there are only 4 children at Farm Grove that are eligible for assistance at this time the request to extend to route is on economic grounds denied.

GENERAL INFO

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

PREP CLASS

Hello everyone I hope you are all having a lovely week so far. This week is an exciting week with the swimming carnival on tomorrow. The children always have a lot of fun and enjoy themselves.

This week in Jolly Phonics we are looking at Gg for girl and Oo as in octopus. We were on the computers using the reading eggs program which was very exciting. We started to read a book with lots of signs in it. We went on a sign walk looking for signs around the school. Then we looked at a slideshow of different signs in our community.

In science last week we drew a scientific drawing of a living thing and labelled our picture. I must say a huge well done to the children who are learning their sight words for homework and who are practising their sounds. Remember to have your children tell us when they are ready to have their sight words checked and we will endeavour to check them that day. A reading eggs note came home last week too if you are interested in your child using this program at home.

On Thursday the children were able to cool down and have lots of fun with the water play trough. We made monkeys for a craft activity and as part of our Mm phonics work. They look really great. On Friday we also started creating a pop art handprint piece. I am very keen to see how these will turn out as they are already looking great.

Well done too to our award winners for last week; Banjo Gaardsted for his wonderful helping in keeping our outside and inside the classroom neat and tidy and to Isabel Luthi for working well independently on task.

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

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

In Science we have been exploring healthy and unhealthy habitats and during their field investigations last week some groups were lucky to spot a baby bush turkey! In Literacy we have read the book ‘Hey Little Ant’ as an introduction to persuasive texts and we have written sentences stating our opinions, a sample of which should be on the class website page.

Due to some hiccups with technology we were not able to borrow last week, however generally speaking our library day will be Wednesday afternoons. Please remember to return library books in bags on this day.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Jarmin Gistitin for his wonderful work in Science, Billy Gaardsted for his special efforts with his bookwork and Kiara Small for first place on the Literacy Planet leaderboard.

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 award winner, Leila Shieles. Leila received her award for outstanding work in all subject areas, but particularly for her fantastic poetry writing.

Children were given the option today to take more than one reader home, since we will be at the swimming carnival tomorrow and unable to change readers. In homework, this week, the mental maths focus is on learning to add 10 and 0 to numbers. There is an associated worksheet in their homework books.

Tuesday will normally be our library borrowing day, but for this week it will be Wednesday. All children did borrow last week and chose to keep their book in their desk for silent reading time or they took it home. Please encourage your child to return their book on Wednesday and to bring a library borrowing bag.
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

I look forward to seeing all of the children at the Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. Please see the notes that were sent home regarding transport and details for the day.

This week in Geography Year 3-4 will be investigating animal habitats throughout the world. We will be looking at factors that place animals in danger of extinction and place them on the endangered list. How habitats suit the needs of certain animals will also be investigated.

In Health, we will continue to work with nutrition and how to lead a healthy lifestyle. We have been investigating the five food groups and the recommendations put forward in the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating which is put out by the Australian Federal Government. We will now be working on recommended portion sizes and constructing a balanced diet for a day.

Have a great week.
Regards, Dan Albright dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Welcome to week 7.

We have an exciting week ahead with the Swimming Carnival on tomorrow at Nerang Pool. Please remind students to pack sunscreen, water, some lunch and to wear their house shirt.

This week in English we are continuing our analysis of short stories. We will be reading the text Gladys by Jackie French and adding our analysis of the text to the Analysing Short Stories booklet that the students have created.

In Maths we are interpreting timetables and continuing with NAPLAN-style question preparation.

The following information is for parents of students in Year Six; last week on Friday students received their Application for a Leadership Position. Students are encouraged to complete these independently at home and return them to school before this Friday the 13th of March. These booklets must be returned in order for students to be considered for leadership positions in 2015. The sooner students return their application to school, the better. Students also received a booklet explaining the responsibilities and expectations of each of the leadership positions. I am looking forward to reading the applications.

I hope you all have a wonderful week and as always please contact me at the school on 5545 9100 or via email at cnoak3@eq.edu.au.

Kind regards, Courtenay Noakes
COMMUNITY NEWS

SPECIAL RACQUETS AFTERNOON/EVENING

The Beechmont Tennis Club is pleased to announce a Social Racquets Afternoon/Evening on Sunday March 12th beginning at 3pm and ending at 7:30pm (approx.) at Graceleigh Park.

JOIN IN THE FUN OF RACQUETS
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY

The Social Racquets Afternoon/Evening will include:
- TENNIS,
- BADMINTON, and
- TABLE TENNIS
- BYO BBQ.

Racquets, balls etc. are provided for Tennis, Badminton and Table Tennis. The Badminton and Table Tennis will be located inside the Hall on Graceleigh.

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

ALL WELCOME

for more information
Contact the Beechmont Tennis Club
0409 301 465
email: beechmonttennisclub@gmail.com

BEECHMONT TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR COACHING

Mondays from 3:15PM
STUDENTS FROM LOWER BEECHMONT ARE ABLE TO CATCH
THE 4:30PM BIJS HOME

COACHING BY BRETT DAY, EXPERIENCED TENNIS AUSTRALIA
REGISTERED COACH
Cost - $15 per session

BEECHMONT TENNIS CLUB - GRACELEIGH PARK
For further information, phone the Beechmont Tennis Club.
ph 0437 577 716

BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

ALL PLAYERS NEED TO BE REGISTERED BY WEDNESDAY 11th March

To all soccer families please make sure that you have completed your child's online player registration on MyFootballClub.com by no later than Wednesday 11th March, 2015. We need to activate all players & teams with Gold Coast Football this week.

Also a reminder that training has been moved to Wednesday afternoon this week only - due to the Beechmont State School Swimming Carnival scheduled for Tuesday. Tuesday training will be back to normal after this week.

If you have any questions please email us beechmontjuniorsoccer@gmail.com or call Renee on 0412 186619.