PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

P&C Meeting Reminder
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!

Beginning School Assembly/Open Night
Every year, our school opens its door in a unique way to introduce our school to our families. You are then welcomed into your children’s classrooms. During the evening, you can also make purchases from the Book Fair. We look forward to sharing this evening with you.

You are invited to this on Tuesday 24th February at 6pm.

Going Home from School - Car parking and Change of Plans
Please ensure you are parking in the correct designated areas. The staff car park is for staff and service delivery to our school. The general car park is accessible for our families. Our aim is to keep our children and school community safe.

From time to time, you may need to change your child’s going home arrangement. Please give the school a courtesy call to advise us of any changes. If Mountain Mates will be picking up your children, make sure you also contact them and advise the ladies.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

Media Consent Form
Please check your child’s bag for a Media Consent Form. At the moment, we are not putting up photos of students, until we have our information updated. Complete the form and return it to school by Monday 23rd February.

Interesting Facts about our Classes
Year 1/2
Mrs Pryor and her class are settling in to learning. Mrs Pryor was a secondary teacher, who is now teaching in the Early Years. Her class is very good at showing the younger children ball games, lunchtime routines and school expectations. There are some really dynamic learners in Year ½! We can’t wait to see how their reading develops over the year!

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

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Tuckshop Convener
Kathleen Callister
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Parents & Citizens
Association
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
All parents are welcome.

School Motto
AT ALL TIMES
CONSIDER OTHERS

THE BEECHMONT
EXPERIENCE...
Working together to empower our children to reach their potential in an inspiring, loving and homely environment that provides challenges and opportunities, values diversity and encourages lifelong learning.
RINCIPAL’S COMMENTS Continued

Uniform
It is so pleasing to see 100% of students in their core school uniform. It promotes school and community pride. This is a beautiful sight to see – every day at our school. Thank you parents/families and Patricia (who, comes in every Tuesday to sell uniforms) for making this happen!

Take care and stay dry over the next few days,
Belinda

COMING EVENTS

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BOOKFAIR

Book Fair is here next week with a fantastic assortment of books for purchase. There is a flyer attached to this week’s newsletter giving you just a taste of what there will be on offer. Book Fair will be open daily next week from 8 am -8:30am, both playtimes, and 3 pm-4pm. We will also be having our Book Fair Open Night next Tuesday to coincide with Beginning Year Assembly and Classroom Open Night from 5pm until parade then after parade until 7:30pm.

This is the Library’s major fundraiser for the year as we receive a percentage of all sales in the form of commission which is used to purchase new books and resources to support all areas of the curriculum. Please support this event by making a purchase. A book is a terrific gift and the perfect way to develop a love of reading in your child.

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

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)

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
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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.

Reminder
NEW LEGISLATION - SMOKING
Please take note of this legislation - you must not smoke within 5 metres of the school boundaries.

FACEBOOK - Another great way of keeping up to date with what is happening at our school is via Facebook – Beechmont State School and P&C. There are currently some tips for promoting literacy and numeracy from early to teen years.

Please share with family and community members in Beechmont.

IMPORTANT OFFICE NEWS

Douglas has returned. We missed him and are all happy to see him back! Any time you would like to make payments etc, feel free to drop in.
RAW ART

This week, Friday 20th February, students will participate in raw art. This is a great hands-on interactive activity. If you have already paid the $60 Stationary/Art levy then you have already paid for your child to attend. If not and you would like your child to attend the cost is $9.10 payment should be made by Thursday 19th as the office will not be attended on Friday.

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

Hi everyone I hope you have been having a lovely week.
This week, we will be looking at the sounds c/k and e as in egg. We have been making caterpillars out of egg cartons as well as cutting out kites with lovely streamers attached.
Last week, we started bringing home the story box. Each child will get a turn with this. We have had some interesting items brought in to show us so far and I can't wait to see what else everyone will bring in.
In maths, we are still looking at numbers to 10 and recognising these numbers in different forms. Yesterday we went fishing and collected fish with some fishing rods. We used playdoh mats to make different things to match the amounts given.
Homework sound books came home last week and as we do each sound these will be added to the booklet. These books need to come in regularly for us to add the new sounds in. There is space next to the sound and the children can practise writing the letters or draw pictures to match the sound. It is really up to you. Sight words will come home as well soon and these will go in the back of the books.
Well done to last week's award winners, Nellie Browning and Nico Bennett. Congratulations.
Hope you have a wonderful week, Warm regards, Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Last week there was great excitement around the Year 1-2 vegie patch when an enormous watermelon was discovered. After much discussion and research, as to how to know when a watermelon is ready, Mrs Barrett ventured to knock on it and it was hollow. She then checked the underside and it was yellow and rough. So she bravely harvested the giant and we all watched as she cut into it and kept cutting until we had filled three platters with fresh, ripe watermelon. A platter was sent to Prep, another to the staffroom and Year 1-2 kept the last platter so they could all enjoy a slice for morning tea. There should be some photos to see on the website soon.
In Math this week, we are exploring addition and subtraction. In Friday afternoon sport with Prep we are polishing our ball game skills and this Friday we have Raw Art to look forward to as well!
If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpyo8@eq.edu.au

Wishing you all a good week, Kerry Pryor

YEAR 2/3 CLASS

For homework, this week, children were given their weekly spelling words to learn. They were also given 4 laminated cards, one for each homework night, to use to cover their words while they’re practising. They can keep these cards and store them in their daily reader folder. Students are also to learn their double facts up to double 12. The sheet in their homework book will help them practise these mental maths facts. This sheet is designed to be completed in 10 minutes. I have encouraged the children in class to record the time taken to complete this sheet and write the time somewhere up the top of the worksheet. Children will be assessed on both their spelling words and double facts this Friday.
Have a fantastic week - if you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me, dathe1@eq.edu.au
Demelza Atherton

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Well done to most of the children in the class for making a fine effort on homework last week. Most children learned their spelling words and their Number Facts well last week. Check the summary sheet for your children's spelling results each week. Please ensure that the children are keeping track of their reading times in the back of their homework book and then writing the total time for the week on the summary sheet at the front of their book on Thursday night.
In Science, this week we are moving on to Weathering and Erosion. We have worked with a variety of rocks and soils and are now investigating how these particles weather and erode through natural and human processes.
Please ensure all of the forms that were sent home are returned as soon as possible (E.g. the Instrumental music form for hire of instruments). Have a great week.
Regards, Dan dalbr1@eq.edu.au
Week four already!
Last week was yet another successful parade hosted by our wonderful leaders. Congratulations to all of the award winners and thank you to Mr Albright for presenting the awards.
We are very busy in 5/6, each week we have certain specialist lessons and activities. Below is a list of the activities and the days we have them on:
- Monday - Japanese
- Tuesday - Music, PE, Library
- Thursday - Instrumental music
- Friday - Parade, afternoon sport, homework
due.
It is the responsibility of the students to be organised for each day. However, a friendly reminder of the events we have on will assist them in being well prepared for the week ahead.
This week I will be assessing students reading during our literacy rotation time, as such there will be no guided reading until everyone has been assessed. Please encourage your child to read every night and record it in their Reading Log (a minimum of 15 minutes each night, but aim to read more). Every 5 entries in the log wins a ticket in the ticket jar, which goes towards the prize draw on a Friday afternoon. You’ve gotta be in it to win it! 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

During Term One in Health and Physical Education students will be exploring the following:
In Prep, students have opportunities to demonstrate the manipulative skills such as underarm throwing, catching, bouncing and rolling. Students apply these skills during simple games and activities. They also demonstrate loco-motor skills such as gallop, hop, jump, side step, skip and run.

In Year 2/3 and 1/2, students have opportunities to demonstrate the fundamental skills required for T-ball such as underarm/overarm throwing, catching and striking. Students apply these skills in modified games and activities.

In Year 3/4 and 5/6, students have opportunities to demonstrate the skills required for Kanga Cricket such as overarm throwing, catching, batting, wicket keeping and bowling. They apply these skills in modified games. Students have opportunities to demonstrate the skills needed in League Tag such as passing, catching, kicking and scoring as well as working together as a team.
Mrs Findlay (HPE Teacher)
Beechmont Junior Netball Club

Fun, Fitness and Friendship Beechmont Junior Netball Club sign on will be held this Saturday 21st February 2015 at Beechmont Tennis Club from 10 am – 12 pm.

Registrations are open to players turning 8-14 this year. We train every Friday night and play every Saturday at Southport Carrara Netball courts, Benowa Rd Ashmore. For eligible families we encourage you to apply for ‘Get Started Vouchers’ to help go towards the cost of your fees.

To apply for the voucher go to www.nprsr.qld.gov.au and bring this with you on Saturday. This year we have kept the fees the same as last year $200 which includes player insurance and 26 weeks of netball games. There will be an additional hire charge of our new uniforms of $20 which is refundable at the end of the season when the uniform is returned.

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