Welcome to Week 8

P&C News
Thank you to all who attended our 2nd P&C meeting. It was great to discuss school matters and ways forward for our great school. This term, we are having 2 fundraising events-
1. Easter Raffle – tickets are $1. It will be drawn on the 2nd of April at the Easter Hat Parade. Booklets of 10 will be sent home with the newsletter this week. Please return any sold OR unsold tickets to the office by Wednesday 1st April.
2. Disco – this will be held on Friday, 27th of March, starting at 6.30 to 8.30pm. This will be held at the Hall on Graceleigh. More information will be in the newsletter in Week 9 and on facebook.

Remember, any Easter items can be still be sent in for the Easter Raffle! 😊

Swimming Carnival
Last week, we had our swimming carnival. Congratulations to all children who gave it a go and for our adult helpers. Special thank you to Mr Albright, Mr Shane, Mrs Findlay and our great staff for pulling the event together for our children. Any feedback of the carnival can be emailed through to admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au by cob Wednesday 18 March, 2015.

Leadership Parade
On Friday, we will be holding our annual Leadership Presentation Parade. I am sure it will be a lovely ceremony and we invite you all to attend to support our students in this important occasion. There will be no normal parade that morning.

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.

Easter Bonnet Parade
We are giving plenty of notice for all students to get involved in creating a spectacular Easter Bonnet for our magnificent Easter Bonnet Parade. Make something ‘eggscellent’ and ‘eggsciting’ – it needs to go on top of your head and dazzle us! More information regarding the Easter Bonnet Parade will be in the Week 9 newsletter and on facebook.

Take care and enjoy your week
Belinda

A caring family school...
COMING EVENTS

19 Mar  Scenic Rim Library
20 Mar  Yr 6 Leaders Presentation
24 Mar  Regional Netball U12
24 Mar  Yr 6 Enrichment Science
27 Mar  Disco
29 Mar  Mudgeeraba Street Party 10am-2pm
31 Mar  Parent Teacher Interviews
01 Apr  Colour Day Blue Autism month
02 Apr  Scenic Rim Library
02 Apr  Last day of Term
20 Apr  Term 2 Starts
25 Apr  ANZAC Day

MOUNTAINS MATES MUTTERINGS

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

WELCOME TO SENSATIONAL WEEK 8 at Mountain Mates.
As we are heading towards the end of our First Term of 2015 we have been noticing some tired and emotional little ones. We always take them into consideration when planning our afternoon activities and ensure they get some quiet down time to recharge after their days at school.

Last week was brimming with excitement. The children made a birthday card for our lovely Cleaner – Sue’s Birthday and also gave her a bunch of home picked flowers. The swimming carnival was a high point with much discussion about events of the day. Our budding young chefs baked some delicious choc chip cookies. Christie taught K’gari & Mia how to play UNO. Our science experiment proved quite interesting. We made chromatography butterflies from coffee filters and felt pens. The children (and myself) were amazed to see the different colours appearing from a black felt pen.

This week we have more wonderful opportunities available:

WEDNESDAY – Kids in the Kitchen
THURSDAY – Science - Chemical Reactions
FRIDAY – Freeplay fun for everyone.
MONDAY – Music & Dancing
TUESDAY - Let’s Get Physical

Keep your eyes on next weeks newsletter and the school FaceBook page to see our Vacation care Program for the April School Holidays.

**** ANNUAL FEE INCREASE *****

Our childcare fees will increase as per the table below on the 1st April 2015.

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Whilst the rate increase is higher than previous increases, the extent of this increase is required to ensure Mountain Mates is able to break even financially and remain viable. The fees proposed from 1 April 2015, are in line with the national average for Outside Hours School Care services and the charges levied by similar services on the Gold Coast. Parents who receive the Child Care Benefit (CCB) and/or Child Care Rebate (CCR) should not experience the full extent of the increase. Given last year’s financial result, a further review of utilisation and the fees charged will occur in September 2015 to ascertain how Mountain Mates is travelling financially.

Please contact the service if you would like to discuss this or any other concerns.

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 18 March  Matt Luthi
Fri 20 March  Janine van Boeschoten
            Tara Kwan
            Zenzille Tshabalala
Wed 25 March  Janine van Boeschoten
Fri 27 March  Liz Bailey
            Jennifer Krause
Wed 01 April  Matt Luthi
            Janine van Boeschoten
Wed 22 April  Naomi Wyllie
            Janine Van Boeschoten
Fri 24 April  Matt Luthi
Wed 29 April  Matt Luthi
Fri 01 May    Matt Luthi
Wed 06 May    Janine Van Boeschoten

Kathleen Callister Ph: 0409 642 743
admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au
GENERAL INFO

Bus Travel – please ensure your child knows which bus they are to get and where they are meant to get off at. If you change your child’s travel plans – please notify the school prior to 2pm that day.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding bus travel, please contact Saintys Bus Company on 55964495.

After School departures – please ensure you notify the school of any changes in regards how your child is getting home or going to After School Care by 2pm that day.

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 are all having a lovely week. I cannot believe we now have three weeks to go before the end of the term. This first term has flown. The Preps have come such a long way this term already. They have become used to the routines and expectations of our classroom and they have improved greatly in completing their work.

Well done to the children who are bringing in their folders every day and who are telling me when they need new sight words. It is important for them to read and practise these every night. In literacy groups this week we will be focussing on the sounds ‘u’ as in umbrella and ‘l’ as in lollipop. We finally finished our hand art yesterday and they look amazing.

In science we are continuing to investigate living things. We went on a search for a variety of different leaves to look at and then we will have a go at some leaf rubbings. We will be looking at what living things need to survive. This week the children will come home with a pet booklet to work on and complete at home and then as they bring it in we will share it with the class.

Well done to all the children who came and participated in the swimming carnival last Tuesday. It was so good to see them having a go in the water.

Congratulations to our award winners last week who were Ishra Shields for working well on class activities and Chanel Knibbs for trying hard on her writing task. Well done!

Hope you all have a lovely week,
Warm regards,
Tania Evans

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

In Maths this week we are exploring Data; how to collect, represent and analyse it. In History we have been exploring the symbols, objects and traditions involved in Beechmont’s commemoration of ANZAC Day. In Art this week we are creating a piece called ‘Autumn Leaves’ which has some tricky skills such as using leaves as a stamp to create a white effect on black paper. We will then surround our stampings with autumn colours. Please remember that library borrowing is on Wednesday.

Congratulations to last week’s award winners, Jack Hoey for his wonderful work in History, Noah Miller for his special effort with his homework and Isla Bailey 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, Kobi Marshall. Kobi received his award for the conscientious attitude he shows towards everything you do at school. Well done, Kobi.

This week for homework children will need to complete their daily reader and learn their spelling words. No maths work was set this week, because as children finish writing up their final copy of their poem on the computer, they will be required to take it home and prepare for their presentation. All year 2 children will present their poem on Friday 27 March. Children are to consider their volume, pace, expression and also consider gestures and any props they would like to use to bring their poem alive for the audience (our year 2-3 class). Year 3 students have a different poetry assessment that does not require an oral presentation.

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 in Science the Year 3-4 children will be investigating erosion in the local environment and discussing solutions to erosion. We will be recording instances of erosion on a small scale and on a larger scale. Part of this work will be looking at Natural Disasters and how erosion played a part in some of these world-wide events.

In English, the children are now well advanced in writing the first draft of their new chapter for the
novel *The Twits*. We will now be conferencing with these drafts and looking at ways of improving the writing to engage the audience. In spelling, the children are progressing well. They must make sure that they work with their words each night in order to fully understand the concept behind the sorts. (For example, they may need to find all of the words that contain a short vowel sound and group these together).

Congratulations on the great attendance at the Swimming Carnival last week. It was great to see so many children at the pool supporting their house. Well done!

Have a great week.

Regards, Dan Albright 
dalbr1@eq.edu.au

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**YEAR 5/6 CLASS**

Welcome to week 8!

Only 13 more days until holidays.

This is a big week for our Year Six students. This Friday the 20th is the Leadership Assembly where our leaders will be presented with their badges and leadership positions for the year. The assembly will be during our normal Friday Parade time, beginning at 8:50am and finishing at approximately 10:00am. I hope to see many of you there.

In the final few weeks of school we will be assessing students on the topics we have learnt in class this term. Please ensure students are at school in these final weeks and are having a big breakfast full of brain food.

It is wonderful to see the reading logs filling up and I have had a number of students ask for more log sheets. Keep up the fantastic reading!

Have a wonderful week and if you need to contact me please phone the school on 55459100 or email me at cnoak3@eq.edu.au.

Kind regards, Courtenay Noakes

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**GREEN ROOM NEWS**

This year’s gross motor program is underway, with the Prep and Year 1/2 classes participating in a weekly session of fun activities to help them develop their skills in balance & coordination, climbing, hopping, jumping, running, throwing and catching, to name a few!

What are the gross motor milestones for my child?

All children develop at different rates. Some children will exceed certain milestones, especially if they have had lots of practise through play. Some children are slower than others but catch up with time. Other children, however, may have an underlying problem that causes their delayed development, and they may not catch up. It is important for these children to get as much help (early intervention) as possible.

By 5 years old (Prep Year), the average student will be able to:

- Walk easily on a narrow line
- Run lightly on their toes
- Be active & skillful in climbing, sliding, swinging, etc.
- Skip on alternate feet
- Stand on either foot for 8-10 seconds
- Hop on either foot 10 times or more
- Catch a ball in their hands, throw and kick easily
- Ride a bike without training wheels

By 6-8 years old (Year 1 & 2), the average student will also be able to:

- Become skilled with hopscotch and rope skipping
- Running up and down stairs
- Enjoy participation in team games
- Become skilled with a small-sized ball & able to catch in one hand
- Be aware of their own body & movement
- Ride a two-wheeled bike (without training wheels by age 7)

Source:


As part of our school program, students will be taught to rate how they feel about their gross motor learning and regularly set achievable goals for themselves.

Teacher feedback about your child’s progress & goals will be available at the end of each term.

Have a great (and active) week,

Anna afora5@eq.edu.au

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**KOALAS IN CHAOS**

Australian Icon on the brink

Speaker: Dr Douglas Kerle

Chief Ecologist, Australian Koala Foundation

Dr Kaye New South Wales and the ACT were
listed as a Vulnerable species under the
Environmental Protection and Biodiversity
Conservation Act in May 2012, thus for the
first time has had little observable impact on koala protection.

Dr Douglas Kerle, Chief Ecologist at the AM, will discuss the AM’s work, including the Koala Habitat Atlas project, and current studies on the value of the Koala to tourism, and the evidence of historic Koala numbers.

7PM
25TH MARCH
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FREE EVENT
For the best seats in the house, book now!
COMMITTEE NEWS

ENRICHMENT, EDUCATION, EXCITEMENT - BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY!
STUDENTS AGES 15-17 YEARS

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2015. Our students from Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Italy, Belgium, the USA, and France are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

"Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family."

- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
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Online: http://www.wep.org.au

POSITION VACANT

Casual worker required irregularly by Mystery Mountain Farmstay - www.mysterymountain.com.au
Various indoor and outdoor work. $20 per hour. Email Resume to info@mysterymountain.com.au