2015 P&C Team
This year, we welcome the following people to our P&C team.

Mr Michael Kenyon – President
Mrs Renae Knowles – Vice President
Mrs Leanne Mead – Secretary
Mrs Lara Pearce – Treasurer

This Tuesday, at our Beginning Year Assembly/Open Night, on Tuesday 24th February at 5.45 pm – our P&C will be hosting a complimentary Sausage Sizzle. Drinks will be on sale.

Our next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 11th March at 6pm.

Looking forward to seeing you there and working together for our school and children.

Student Details and Email Details
Please take the time to notify Douglas in the office if you have any change of details – such as contact details, medical information etc. A quick note or phone call will have all your information up to date.

Reminder to send in your child’s MEDIA CONSENT FORM. Thank you to our families, who have already done so.

Clean Up Australia Day
We will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day throughout the week. Classes will be given an opportunity to participate after second break for the week, rather than just a day.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN preparation is underway in Year 3 and 5.
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information and it is a point in time test. We are trying to alleviate any anxiety for our students. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

Please check our Facebook site for ongoing information regarding student learning and NAPLAN.

Beginning Year Assembly – TUESDAY 24th February
Unfortunately, we were not able to get programs out to you last Friday. Please find the program included in this newsletter. PLEASE NOTE: Times are estimated – the evening may run a bit longer. Evening will conclude around 7.30pm

The Beginning Year Assembly evening starts between 5pm – 6pm with families being able to purchase items at book fair, look around Mountain Mates and enjoy a complimentary Sausage Sizzle (put on by our P&C). Drinks are also available for purchase.

At 6pm, the official assembly commences. The Assembly is presented by students and is a wonderful way of promoting strong leaders and public speakers. It is also part of Beechmont State Schools unique family orientated culture.

Members from the School community, Community Groups and School Musicians also present on the evening.

From 6.30pm onwards, you have an opportunity to meet the teachers.

For a detailed run down of the evening, make sure you look at the Program.

We look forward to seeing your family tonight!

A caring family school...
Our Classes – interesting facts!
I have decided to jumble it up a bit and not stay in class order! I would like to introduce Miss Courtenay Noakes to you.
Miss Noakes, is a local Beechmont girl. She completed her primary schooling here, at Beechmont State School.
The children in Year 5/6 describe Miss Noakes as really nice and pretty. Miss Noakes is always smiling. She is working with us for the first Semester this year, while Mrs Stanley is on leave.

Take care and have a lovely week
Belinda

COMING EVENTS
24 Feb Book Fair and Beginning School Assembly
24-6 F Clean up Australia
27 Feb Raw Art
04 Mar Colour Day -Yellow
10 Mar Swimming Carnival Nerang
19 Mar Scenic Rim Library
24 Mar Regional Netball U12

BOOKFAIR

Book Fair is here this week with a fantastic assortment of books for purchase. There was a flyer attached to last 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 tonight 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.

RAW ART

Raw Art will be this Friday 27th as last Friday Raw Art was cancelled due to the weather.

WELCOME TO FABULOUS WEEK 5 at Mountain Mates.
What a wishy, washy wet week it was at Mountain Mates and it looks as though this wet weather may continue this week. The weather doesn’t have a huge impact on the our plans and the children have handled the adverse weather conditions admirably.
Kerry had the children investigating rubbings of all things on Monday and the children thoroughly enjoyed role play in the Mountain Mates Restaurant (serving some very interesting food). The children enjoy the outdoor games on Tuesdays with opportunities for all ages to become fully involved.
A HUGE thanks to the children for their maturity last Wednesday when our assistant was unable to get to work. The older children stepped up and helped with afternoon tea until help arrived. Thank you so much Mrs Slingsby for helping us out and being that extra set of eyes and ears at such short notice.
Thursday was a funny day with conversations among the children and staff on pronounciation of words. It was interesting how we all have a unique way of saying certain words and also very funny at times ☺.
Our science experiment was CO2 balloons. We created a chemical reaction to blow up balloons using bicard soda and vinegar. It was great to see the children extending themselves and trying different ways to make the experiment more successful. We LOVE our science!!
This week we have more super activities:
WEDNESDAY –Luke’s Pick (Cooking Garlic Bread)
THURSDAY – Scientific experiment (Senseless taste testing)
FRIDAY – Freplay Friday
MONDAY – Water, water everywhere!
TUESDAY –LET’s GET PHYSICAL–outdoor games
Welcome to Leanne Mead and Lara Pearce, 2 of the new executives on the P&C and thank you to Michael
Kenyon and Renae Knowles for retaining your positions. Looking forward to working with you all throughout 2015. We are still actively working towards our funding resolution with our current funding being extended until June 2015. We are hoping for a favourable outcome in the not too distant future. Your continued support is truly appreciated.

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.

**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

**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.

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

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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.

**MEDIA CONSENT FORMS** – were sent out last week. Please return as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

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**

**YEAR 2/3 CLASS**

As a result of school being closed last Friday, the children were unable to hand in their homework. Consequently, I was unable to mark the homework over the weekend before it went back out on Monday. I will mark both weeks’ homework this coming weekend. For homework, this week, children just need to continue with their daily reader and learn their weekly selling words. Last week, I was impressed with the students’ efforts in learning their words, as over half the class attained full marks on the test. Keep up the great work! Normally, there would be a maths sheet to complete as well, but with Open Night this week, I decided to reduce the amount of homework.

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**

In Maths this week we have been working hard on telling time. The children can continue to practise this important skill at home. The Year 3 children should be able to tell time in 5 minute intervals using the terms “Past” and “To”. They should be able to recognise Half Past and Quarter Past/To. Year 4 children should be starting to tell time to individual minutes in both analogue and digital time.

Homework for this week will simply involve reading and recording reading times as well as completing classroom work including Maths and Geography.
This is due to us being absent on Friday. We were not able to give the children new spelling words or have their books marked for this week. Next week we will resume homework as normal. Have a great week and I hope to see you on Tuesday night at our Open Night.

Regards, Dan dalbr1@eq.edu.au

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YEAR 5/6 CLASS

This is due to us being absent on Friday. We were not able to give the children new spelling words or have their books marked for this week. Next week we will resume homework as normal.

Have a great week and I hope to see you on Tuesday night at our Open Night.

Regards, Dan dalbr1@eq.edu.au

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WEEK FIVE

Week five already and halfway through Term One. Didn’t that go fast!

This week is the end of our English and Math units and we will be assessing both of these subjects. Please ensure students are getting lots of sleep each night and are having big servings of brain food for breakfast.

This evening is the BSS Beginning Year Assembly, which is commencing at 6pm sharp in the undercover area. The assembly will be run and presented by some of our Year Six students. Please come along and show your support for our school and students.

There will be performances from the Beechmont Band and the Strings Ensemble, both of which are filled with talented students from 5/6. I’m very excited to hear them play.

After the assembly I encourage you to visit the Book Fair in the Library then wander down to our classroom, which will be open from 7pm to 7:30pm.

Please ensure you drop by to hear all about what we get up to in 5/6 and have a look at our awesome classroom.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you tonight.

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

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GREEN ROOM NEWS

In 2015 our school’s main focus for intervention support will be the teaching of reading. Strong reading skills are the foundation blocks for literacy development.

Why is literacy important?

Literacy is vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and everyday life. Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual and spoken texts including books, newspapers, magazines, timetables, DVDs, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations and instructions.

Ways to support your child’s literacy development

Research has shown that children’s motivation and achievement improve when their parents or carers are involved in their education.

There are many everyday things you can do to encourage literacy learning. These include:

• valuing and encouraging your child’s efforts with literacy
• sharing your knowledge and explaining how you use literacy in your everyday life
• encouraging your child to read and view a variety of texts such as newspapers, novels, comics, magazines, websites, email, timetables, instructions and recipes
• encouraging your child to write and design for a variety of purposes using print and electronic resources — invitations, thank you notes, shopping lists, messages, journals and electronic slide shows
• encouraging your child to speak and listen for a variety of purposes — sharing a joke, giving instructions or asking for information
• sharing a love of language
• discussing how texts look different depending on the purpose and audience — for example, text messaging uses different spelling from school projects
• talking about things that you have read or viewed that were amusing, interesting or useful
• discussing favourite authors, producers, directors or illustrators and what you like about them
• discussing new and unusual words or phrases and exploring these through print and electronic dictionaries
• playing games that develop knowledge and enjoyment of words
• making use of community resources for information, local and school libraries, clubs, community groups and websites.

If you would like to discuss your child’s reading skills, please see their class teacher as your first port of call. I will also be working closely with all teachers to identify students with potential support needs in this area.

Have a great week, Anna afora5@eq.edu.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED FOR YOUR LOCAL AREA

Beechmont Recreation Art and Sports Association’s executive committee has released a comprehensive survey (please see link below), which it hopes will lead towards the creation of a strategic plan reflecting the wishes of the association’s membership. All interested members of the community are also invited to take part in the survey and new BRASA memberships are more than welcome.

Membership forms can be obtained from brasainc.com website. survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SV3N6TQ

As families on the mountain your opinion is highly valuable. It is about the future of the mountain for ourselves and our children. Please take the time to complete the online survey before this Friday 27/02/2015 and if you aren’t already, please become a member of BRASA. Once BRASA membership is complete please email gregslater08@gmail.com

BEECHMONT JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

Soccer Sign On @ Beginning Year Assembly Night (Tues 24th Feb)

Beechmont Junior Soccer Club offers soccer to boys & girls aged 5 through to 12 years. We train one afternoon a week straight after school till approx. 4pm. Children play their soccer games Saturday mornings and the season is from March through to August. Registration fees are $185.00 per player – it covers your child for all their games, player insurance, uniform for the season (returned at the end of the season) & much, much more.

Please come & see our committee at the Beginning Year Assembly in the undercover area for more information (we will be available from 5.30pm). This is your last chance to show your expression of interest for the 2015 season.

Soccer Training will commence Tuesday 3rd March, 2015 & the first game is scheduled for Saturday 21st March, 2015.

If you have any questions & you cannot make it to the Beginning Year Assembly, please contact us on beechmontjuniorsoccer@gmail.com or call Renae on 0412 186619