What a great start to the 2015 school year!

Thank you everyone for a great start to the school year. It has been humbling to be welcomed so wonderfully into the Beechmont school and community. We certainly are in a beautiful part of our country.

About me – I have been working for Education since 1994 and have had the pleasure of working in remote, rural and city locations. I wanted to be a teacher and principal from my early years, and have aimed for that goal and continue to work on providing quality education for all students and families.

In brief, I have been in Doomadgee and Yarrabah as a general teacher. From here, I went to Croydon as a teaching principal. I worked at an alternative school for students, principal of Wynnum Central and Macleay Island, Head of School in a P-12 College and in Central Office. After this, I was in North Qld, principal at Collinsville and Townsville West. I really enjoy my work and love watching children learn and grow.

Family is an important part of who I am. Over the next few weeks, you will meet my family. Please feel free to come and say hello to us.

Staffing 2015

Schools across Queensland submit enrolment numbers on Day 8. This is how our school is staffed – teacher, teacher aide and administration. This is when we finalise staffing for our school. Core staff for our school:

Prep – Mrs Tania Evans
Year ½ - Mrs Kerry Pryor
Year 2/3 – Ms Demelza Atherton
Year ¾ - Mr Dan Albright
Year 5/6 – Miss Courtenay Noakes for Semester 1, whilst Mrs Stanley is on leave.
Support staff – Mrs Jenny Slingsby, Mrs Sue Barrett and Mrs Susanna Callan
Principal – Ms Belinda Coulahan
Special Needs & Learning Support – Mrs Anna Forma
Guidance Officer – Mr Terry O’Donnell
Music – Miss Jessica Kupsel
Physical Education – Miss Jemima Findlay
Instrumental Music – to be confirmed
Japanese – Miss Vanessa Shimomura

FOOD ALLERGIES

Beechmont State school is a nut free environment. We ask parents not to send to school any nut products as we have several children that are highly sensitive to nuts resulting in severe reaction requiring immediate medical attention just from coming in contact with nuts. These children do not need to actually eat a nut to get the reaction just touching nuts is enough to bring on a reaction. Thankyou for your care and consideration.

A caring family school...

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School Contacts

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Outside School Hours Care
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5545 9124 (after 3pm)
0417 775 741

Tuckshop Convener
Kathleen Callister
0409 642 743

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.
COMING EVENTS

04 Feb  Colour Day Theme Red
05 Feb  Senic Rim Library
19 Feb  Senic Rim Library
20 Feb  Raw Art
       Beginning year Assemble
10 Mar  Swimming Carnival Nerang

PRINCIPALS NEWS CONTINUED

Beechmont State School Expectations
We have high, positive expectations and our students should remember that their dress and behaviour both in and out of school should be appropriate.
Our You Can Do It philosophy is based on students making choices both within and outside of the classroom. While we can support students to make the right choices, the final responsibility always lies with the student. The more self-control they develop and the greater self-responsibility they take, the better the choices they make, not just at school but also beyond school and in later life in the wider community.
Each time a child receives a planning room form to complete, you should be aware as well. This is a positive way of ensuring you are kept informed and can work with the school to proactively manage any future behaviour. Whilst, we take into account an individual’s situation and level of intervention being provided, all students need to be mindful of their behaviour and how it impacts on the learning of other students.

Attendance
Beechmont State School is committed to ensuring every day, in every classroom, every child is learning.
As you may already be aware, we celebrate great attendance at the end of the term and encourage all our students to participate to the fullest. Please make sure you notify your child’s teacher to advise them if you child is away or absent.
This means students are to attend school every day unless they have a parental note with the reason why they are away from the school. Please be aware that the school is obliged to act on truancy issues.

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

Take Care Belinda

ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

On pink paper is the Newsletter internet access, P & C Application for membership and tuckshop volunteer.
On the blue form Bus transport arrangement for your child/ren for this year, Custody arrangements and Permission to view PG rated Video’s and DVDs.
Could parents please return as soon as possible these forms so information can be updated especially your child’s transport requirement for this year.

IMPORTANT OFFICE NEWS

Due to the reduction in our student numbers Douglas will only be working Monday to Thursday. This means that the office will not be fully manned and no payment will be received. Douglas will also 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

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 will resume on Wednesday 28 January 2015 with full menu.
Kathleen Callister Ph: 0409 642 743
admin@beechmontss.eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
WELCOME TO A FABULOUS 2015.

Mountain Mates are open for business offering Before School Care (6.30am – 8.30am) and After School Care (3pm – 6.30pm).

For more information please come up and visit our friendly staff or drop us an email.

You may have seen our Facebook Page (Save Mountain Mates OSHC). If not please like our page as we are about to launch a petition to keep our funding so we are able to keep our doors open and continue providing an essential service to the Beechmont Community.

We also have a petition for signatures on the desk at Mountain Mates. PLEASE KNOW that we are still operating and offering quality Before and After School Care and Vacation care for as long as is viable.

Enough about that – a WARM welcome to all of our new Mountain Mates who have joined us over the Vacation Care period. It has been wonderful to met you all and learn all about you. A BIG Thank you to the children who attended Mountain Mates throughout Vacation Care. We have had a great time and you have all been wonderful. At the time of writing we are all getting ready to enjoy our last day of Vacation Care at White Water World.. YIPPEE.

Our first week will be spent getting to know all of our newer children and organising our weekly progam. We will provide you with our coming activities in the newsletter each week so watch this space.

If you would like any further information or just to come and have a look at our lovely house, please drop in, call or email and we will be happy to assist.

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

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.

WHAT IS COLOUR DAY?

Colour Day is Beechmont Speak for Non Uniform Day. Colour Day is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month and the last day of each term.

To come in ‘non uniform’ costs 50c each time or $5 for the year. An envelope is attached to today’s newsletter for you to put the $5 in & send back in the children’s Communication Folders.

Children must remember that sun safe clothes must be worn, no strappy tops and bare midriffs. Sports shoes must also be available so sport, if planned, can be safely played.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

PREP CLASS

Hi everyone

I hope you had a fabulous holiday break with your family and that you are all excited about your child entering Prep. I am looking forward to meeting you and your child and can’t wait to begin a new school year with your children. I am also very happy about our move back into the old prep room and I am sure it will be a good move for everyone.

Hope you have a great week,

Warm regards,

Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Welcome to 2015. This week we are setting up our books, getting acquainted with our new classmates, establishing class routines and formulating rules for a happy and productive classroom. In recognition of Australia Day we will also interpret some of our uniquely Australian activities in this week’s art.

We start work in all subject areas this week and need to be prepared for a busy and challenging year. The home reading program begins today and there is a note in your child’s folder with details in respect to home reading. I look forward to working in partnership with you as we strive to provide engaging and satisfying learning that is attuned to the individual needs of our students.

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

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a fun; memorable school holidays and you are now ready to get back into another school year.

Homework will commence in week 2, however this week children may opt to take home some of their title pages in their exercise books to complete as homework. If your child chooses to do this, then please ensure all exercise books are returned to school daily.

Today children organised their school books and affixed a title page in each book; we discussed and designed our classroom rules together and worked out the consequences for breaking these, we made robots for our class maths challenge ladder and also completed a sun and rainbow craft activity. For the rest of the week we will get straight into the subject unit plans, particularly this week we will focus on English, maths, geography and science.

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

Welcome to the 2015 school year! It is great to be back and I look forward to working with a new group of children in the Year 3-4 class. We are in the Tasmania Block in the Queenstown classroom. We currently have a class of 24 children with 10 Year 3s and 14 Year 4s in the class.

Homework will begin next week. Details about homework will be sent home on Monday in the children’s Communication Folder and in next week’s newsletter. The children received their Communication Folder today. Please ask your children to show you the homework details next Monday.

We will be discussing behaviour expectations for the classroom in the next few days. A note will be sent home once these are finalised later this week.

Feel free to ring or E-Mail me to discuss your child’s progress or any other matters throughout the year. Please let me know if you wish to come in and have a chat so we can organise a time. I am usually available at school from 7:30 and after school on any day other than Tuesday (Staff Meeting).

I look forward to a positive and rewarding year with the 3-4 class. Have a great week.

Regards, Dan Albright dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I will be with the year 5/6 class for the first two terms of this year.

I am very much looking forward to my time here.

If you need to contact me please call the school on 55459100 or send me an email on cnoak3@eq.edu.au

Have a good week Courtenay Noakes
SWEETEN YOUR VOTE! – Sat 31st January 2015

Beechmont Junior Soccer Club is holding a Cake & Coffee stall and Sausage Sizzle on the day of the State Election – Saturday 31st January 2015 at the Hall on Graceleigh.

Please come and support our little club as we raise much needed funds to kick start our 2015 Soccer Season. We will be selling delicious home baked cakes, slices & biscuits along with café style coffee and of course a good old sausage sizzle. Café opens at 8am, we would love see you.

We would love any assistance from our community in helping on the day or baking a few donations. If you are able to assist us please contact Renae on Ph: 0412 186619.