

# Beechmont State School

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## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

### **Beechmont State School 2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda**

- Writing
- Reading

### **Beechmont Expectations in a Nutshell**

- Be a Learner
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

### **Welcome Back to School**

On behalf of our staff, we hope you had a wonderful holiday and are all geared up for an action packed term – full of learning and fun! We would also like to welcome new Beechmont Possums and their families to our school – Keenan, Maddi and Hudson. We hope you love Beechmont as much as we all do and look forward to seeing you in and about in our school!

### **School Newsletter**

We are currently reviewing our **school newsletter**.

The school newsletter contains important information regarding what is happening in our school, in your child's classes and wider community. At the moment the newsletter is:

- sent home every Tuesday
- put up on the school website
- emailed to some families
- also left at Mountain Mates, Providence Farm, General Store, and the school office
- regularly put onto the school facebook page.

Please complete the quick survey and return to school by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Classroom stationery**

As it is now half way through the year, please ensure you take the time to check your children's class supplies. Our teachers are ready to teach, however it is difficult if the students do not have the resources required to complete classroom work. Double check with your child's teacher if you have any queries around material required.

### **General Reminders**

#### **Car Park**

Please remember our children's safety is paramount – ensure you are driving safely in the school car park. If you are walking children to your car, ensure that you are supervising them appropriately. Please drive with care and consideration within the school carpark and be aware that *our children and their safety is of utmost importance. It is also important to remind your child about road safety.*

*The staff designated carpark is for staff, mail drop off, P&C on official duty and disabled parking. Please do not park in this area.*

Principal's comments continued next page

*A caring family school...*

## School Contacts

### **Principal**

Belinda Coulahan

### **Admin. Officer**

Douglas Broughton

### **Phone Fax**

5545 9100 5545 9199

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admin@  
beechmontss.eq.edu.au

### **Outside School Hours Care**

Kim Sami  
5545 9100 (8am - 3pm)  
5545 9124 (after 3pm)  
0417 775 741

### **Tuckshop Convener**

5545 9100

### **Parents & Citizens Association**

#### **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.

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS CONTINUED

Great state. Great opportunity.



**School Uniform**

Beechmont State School are proud of their uniform and it is a requirement that children dress accordingly. Our P&C run a fabulous second hand and new Uniform Shop. Our NEW uniforms range in cost and are comparable to shopping at the big retailers. From time to time, P&C also have a clearance sale ☺ as well! Hats are the same as school shirts, shorts and dresses. They are expected to be worn each day. Please make sure your child has the appropriate uniform each day.

School Hats are a part of our School uniform policy approved by the P&C and Staff. All children are required to wear a school hat, not a 'street hat'. You can obtain a bottle green hat (no logo) from retailers such as Target, Big W and Kmart. Alternatively, logo hats are available as well at school. If children wear a non-school hat, then their play may be restricted to the Covered Area and not the outside areas.

A note will be sent home, if your child consistently wears the wrong uniform/hat.

**Home / School Communication Satchel**

Our Communication Satchel - if a child is bringing home a note from your child's teacher, the weekly school newsletter, a special note - please check your child's Communication Satchel or folder regularly. If you are returning notes to school from the School Newsletter, put them in the Communication Folder and the children can return them, without losing them.

**Raw Art**

This term in Week 2 - we will be having 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 \$8.75 payment should be made by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**Student Council**

Starting in WEEK 2 - Thursday morning – we will be having our Pancake Breaky. 50cents will get your child a pancake. If you would like to donate items such as maple syrup, eggs that would be appreciated. Thank you

Have a wonderful week - Belinda

**COMING EVENTS**

12 July	<b>Instrumental Music –Strings</b> <i>Free Dress Day – State of Origin Colours</i>
<b>14 July</b>	<b>Parade &amp; Tuckshop</b>
17-31 July	Energex working in the Area
19 July	Instrumental Music –Strings P&C meeting – 6pm Mountain Mates
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Raw Art, Parade & Tuckshop
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Instrumental Music –Strings Enrichment NSH Yr6
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Instrumental Music –Strings School Photos
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Athletics Carnival
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Instrumental Music –Strings Enrichment NSH Yr6
16 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Instrumental Music –Strings</b> Brisbane Show

**NEWS FROM THE OFFICE****Student Banking**

Student Banking operates every Wednesday. Please send your banking in on Wednesday.

**Information from DET****Travel safely on buses**

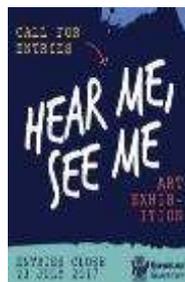
Ensuring the safety of our children is of paramount importance.

The Queensland Bus Industry Council has released a video about safe bus travel to make children aware of the dangers and encourage them to be respectful and safety conscious when travelling on buses. Whether they are travelling to school on a daily basis, on local bus services or to an excursion, there are lots of things children can do to ensure the safety of themselves and those around them.

We encourage all students to view the video, travel safely on buses, and be respectful of their peers, the driver and community members.

**Hear Me, See Me children's art exhibition**

Entries are open for the Queensland Family and Child Commission's Hear Me, See Me art exhibition, encouraging children aged 5–18 years to share their voices and vision about the kind of world they want to live in. Young artists are invited to submit an original artwork on the theme: *What does safety, love, joy, hope, trust and family look like to you?* Artists can focus on one or two words, or all of them, and all types of artistic expressions are welcome. Entries close 23 July. Shortlisted artists will be showcased in an exhibition held in Brisbane on 1 September.

**HIRING OF GRACELEIGH HALL**

Every now and again, we get inquiries about hiring Graceleigh Hall. The Hall is available to our community. It is an easy process and can be booked for use over the holiday break. Just make sure you get your bookings organised before the end of each term! A summarised version of the process is below. Forms and hiring procedures will be on the school website over the next few weeks.

1. All enquiries for hiring the Graceleigh Hall are to go through the Principal.

[GraceleighHall@beechmontss.eq.edu.au](mailto:GraceleighHall@beechmontss.eq.edu.au)  
(07) 55459100

2. Applications to hire the hall are to be submitted to the Principal – allowing 3 working days' notice



The National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS is a new way to help people under 65 with disability to get CARE and SUPPORT to have the life they want. The NDIS also helps families and carers with information about services to support people with disability. The support services will be tailored to help meet your goals, whether you want to become more involved in the community through volunteering, sports clubs or local theatre, live more independently, get a job or change your employment or improve your wellbeing.

**Katie Prince SEP [kmill360@eq.edu.au](mailto:kmill360@eq.edu.au)**

## PREP CLASS

Hello everyone, welcome to Term 3. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and it was nice and relaxing for you all. This week we are revising our sounds as well as learning some new ones. The new sounds for this week are 'er' as in mixer and 'ar' as in star. These are our last two Jolly Phonics sounds. This term we will be starting the Words Their Way program. The children will start at their appropriate level and each week in class complete a sort around spelling or sounds.

This week in Maths we are looking at how heavy or light an object is. Yesterday in Science we began our unit on 'The Weather'. We have started a daily timetable to observe what the weather is like every day. We looked at which senses we use to observe the weather as well.

This week our home readers have begun again. Please try and read with your child every night. This is the term that a lot of gain is made with the children with their reading and sight words.

I hope you all have a wonderful week

**Warm Regards, Tania Evans [tevan27@eq.edu.au](mailto:tevan27@eq.edu.au)**

## YEAR 1/2 CLASS

Welcome back to Term 3, I hope everyone was able to enjoy the glorious weather that we had over the holidays. We are all very excited to have a new Year 1 classmate, Maddison, to welcome this week. In Literacy, we are comparing narrative and informative text structures and their language features. In Math we are exploring the use of doubles and near doubles as an addition strategy. This term we return to History. The Year 1's will explore how family structures and roles have changed over time and identify differences and similarities between their daily lives and the childhoods of their parents, grandparents and significant older people. The Year 2's will investigate 'What aspects of the past can we see today?', and 'What remains of the past are important to the local community?'

Don't forget that we are practising for the athletics carnival in Friday sport and that the children need to wear their sports uniforms. Homework resumes tomorrow and library borrowing resumes on Thursday.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or [kpryo8@eq.edu.au](mailto:kpryo8@eq.edu.au)

**Wishing you all a good week, Kerry Pryor**

## YEAR 2/3 CLASS

I hope all the students had an enjoyable holiday and are feeling ready to start Term Three of the school year. I'd also like to give a huge, warm welcome to our new student, Hudson! We hope you enjoy Beechmont S.S and settle in easily.

Students won't be bringing home their homework books this week, but some students will have English homework to complete, depending on what stage they are at with their assessment task. Students are to take their first draft of their procedural text and turn it into a multimodal text (poster). In order to be a multimodal text their poster will need to include both pictures and text. The pictures could be of the ingredients/ materials or the Method/Steps to assist the reader in understanding each step(s) in the procedure. Students are to complete this work independently and are not to have parent assistance as it is part of their assessment task. All students are expected to read daily as part of their homework.

As it is the beginning of the term, students are starting new units in all subjects. We will be studying History this term, as we alternate each term between History and Geography. This new History unit is titled: My local community. In this unit, students will investigate the following key inquiry questions:

- *What aspects of the past can you see today? What do they tell us?*
- *What remains of the past are important to the local community? Why?*

Students will also start a new unit in Science. This unit is called **Toy factory**. In this unit, students will understand how a push or pull affects how an object moves or changes shape. They will pose questions and make predictions about changes that can affect how an object moves, and investigate and explain how pushes and pulls cause movement in objects.

Have a fantastic week,

**Demelza Atherton [dathe1@eq.edu.au](mailto:dathe1@eq.edu.au)**

## YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Welcome back to Term 3. The year is certainly moving along quickly. We have a very busy term ahead of us with lots of activities planned. We welcome Keenan to our class.

There will be no homework this week other than learning the spelling words that were handed out on Monday. Next week, we will start homework as usual with Number Facts or other Maths work, reading and spelling activities.

This term in English we are working on a "Quest Novel" where the children will investigate this form of

narrative. The novel we will be working with is Rowan of Rin. We have just completed our work with Limericks and the children will be reading these aloud to the class this week.

Camp is rapidly approaching as communicated in the newsletters last term. Camp will be held from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of September at Binna Burra. A note will be sent home this week regarding camp.

**Have a great week!**

**Regards, Dan Albright [dalbr1@eq.edu.au](mailto:dalbr1@eq.edu.au)**

### YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Welcome to Week 1 of Term 3.

I hope your holidays were wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable. We have a big term ahead of us with the athletics carnival, public speaking, school camp, and much more.

This week for homework students need to complete their Personal Goal Chart and have it signed by a parent/guardian. There will be no spelling test this Friday. The regular homework will resume next week.

In Maths we are looking at financial mathematics. In English we are exploring texts set in a difference place and time. In Science we defined what a natural disaster is and had a closer look at Earthquakes. This term in The Arts students will be engaging in a Drama unit, which we will be beginning this week.

I am looking forward to another fantastic term in 5/6 with the best class ever!

Have a great week!

**Kind regards, Courtenay Noakes**

**5545 9100 [cnoak3@eq.edu.au](mailto:cnoak3@eq.edu.au)**

### State of Origin Free Dress Day

We are having a rather different free dress day on **Wednesday the 12th of July.**

As it is State of Origin we would like everyone to come dressed in either maroon or blue to support their team.

Should be an interesting day ☺



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