Beechmont State School 2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda

- Writing
- Reading

Beechmont Expectations in a Nutshell

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

Fond Farewells and Warm Welcomes to 2017 P&C Executive Committee

Last week, we farewelled some exceptionally hard working P&C executive members and welcomed some new ones! We farewell Michael Kenyon and Lara Pearce – and welcome – Felicity Baker and Sheree Adkins to the P&C team. The 2017 P&C team includes these ladies, plus Duncan Middleton, Janine V and Leanne Mead. Thank you to everyone who works on our P&C and as volunteers within our school. It benefits our children and we are appreciative of your efforts.

Open Night & Book Fair

Unfortunately, our Open Night had to be cancelled due to no electricity. We had to make the call based on the information provided to us at the time and notify all families. We are rescheduling the night to WEDNESDAY 15th February 2016. We understand it is short notice, however, we hope you can make it.

Dear Families - You are cordially invited to attend our Beginning Year & Open Night Assembly. Students are to attend in their school uniform and will be sitting with their classes on the night. We look forward to seeing you at the evening!

From 5.30pm – 6pm Visit Book Fair

6pm-Beginning Year Assembly

- Introduction and Welcome – by Senior Students
- Activities for Beechmont Students
- Welcome to New Students and Families

Addresses by

- School Community
- Community groups

Meet the Teachers

- Prep – Year 6 Open Classrooms
- Mrs Evans, Mrs Pryor, Miss Nathalie, Mr Albright and Miss Noakes

7.30pm close

Rescheduled - WEDNESDAY 15th February 2016
Beginning Year Assembly - 2017

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Tuckshop Convener
5545 9100
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.
Car Park Concerns
We have had concerns expressed from staff, about cars driving unsafely in the school (staff designated) car park. Please drive with care and consideration within the school carpark and be aware that our children and their safety is of upmost 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.

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.

Children have a Home / School Communication Satchel
Reminder about our Communication Satchel - if a child is bringing home a note from your childs teacher, the weekly school newsletter, a special note, then please check your children Communication Satchel or folder. 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.

Swimming Carnival is on Friday 24th of February at the Nerang Pool.
Notes will be sent home TODAY with the eldest child in each family and should have been returned by Monday 20th.
• You are required to transport your child to the pool.
• Entry to the pool costs $4.00 for a child and $2.70 for an adult. This is to be paid on the day at the gate by you. In addition to this, you can purchase from the canteen at the pool or bring your own lunch.
• Children must have a sleeved shirt to wear (rashie) while participating in swimming activities as this is an Education Queensland requirement and plenty of water for the day.
• Please note the following:

  a) children born in 2009 and younger will be in the small pool
  b) children born 2008 and older will be in the large pool.

• Upon arriving children are to assemble with their class teacher, so the class roll can be marked. They will then go and sit in their house teams.
• Last year, we had children and parents wanting their children to play in the pool after the events. Safety of all our children is paramount. Please be aware, that whilst competing in the events, children are in the care of the staff of Beechmont SS staff and are to be in allocated positions. They are not to be in any pools unless under staff direction. Once finished, if you are present at the pool, children can go into your care – however, you must sign them out from a designated staff member.
• All children’s swimming ability will be catered for in both pools. In the big pool, children have the option of swimming with a flotation device (kickboard/noodle). In the small pool, children can use flotation devices or have adult assistance to cross the pool if needed.

Take care and have a lovely week
Belinda

COMING EVENTS
14 Feb Bookfair 8am – 8.30 am then 3pm -3.30
15 Feb Rescheduled Open Night/Book Fair
17 Feb Leadership Assembly & Tuckshop
21 Feb Bookfair Closes
22-23 Feb Douglas away
24 Feb Swimming Carnival – Nerang Pool
28 Feb Red Balloon Day
01 Mar Colour Day Blue
2-3 Mar The Didjerbone Show
03 Mar The Didjerbone Show

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE
Student Banking
Student banking is on again operating this year on Wednesday.

School Fees
Your prompt payment of the school fees would be appreciated. The cost of the performances and Raw Art is included in these fees.

Performance
The performance, The Didjerbone Show, will be on 3 March. For parents who have not paid the school fee the cost is $8 per student
BOOK FAIR

Book Fair has come to Beechmont State School. Available 14th Feb – 21st Feb
8.00-8.30am and again 3.00-3.30pm

P&C NEWS

P&C AGM & Meeting was held on Wednesday 8th Feb and we thank those of you who attended.

I am happy to advise we formed a new P&C committee on the night.

President Leanne Mead
Vice Pres. Sharee Adkins
Treasurer Felicity Baker
Secretary Duncan Middleton

I wish to congratulate everyone on your appointment, well done. I look forward working with everyone for a fun filled year ahead.

I would like to personally thank Michael Kenyon for his steadfast commitment & hard work over his 5 years with the P&C, with his list of achievements a long one! We wish him well on his new found freedom!

I would also like to personally thank Lara Pearce for her tremendous efforts in being treasurer over the last 2 years. Everyone will remember the massive success of our Trivia nights that Lara pulled together so wonderfully. All the best with your studies ahead!

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It must also be noted that behind these two great people are their partners/families & I thank them for also supporting us behind the scenes. A Big Big Thank You to you.

All the best to you all & Thank You again! Leeanne ☺

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

*** PLEASE NOTE PRICE CHANGES ***

This Friday is Sausage Rolls Meal Deal - $4.50
Or Spinach & Fetta Triangles
(Meal Deals always includes a Drink & Cookie)

Meal Only $2.50 – eg 1 Pizza
Large Meal Only $3.50 - eg: 2 Pizzas
Large Meal Deal $5.50 – eg 2 Pizzas + D C

Please note your drink & biscuits preferences on your lunch bags, It make it easier for our Volunteers.

All Drinks - $1.50
99% Fruit Juice - Apple, Orange, Tropical
Apple & Blackcurrant

Milks - Chocolate or Strawberry

Bottled Water

COOKIES - 50c
Choc Chip Cookie - Tuckshop baked
- with wholemeal flour
Or Wholemeal Choc Top

ICE POPS - 60c
Lemonade, Raspberry, Cola

99% Fruit Juice ice blocks - 80c
Apple, Tropical, Orange, Mango, Apple & Blackcurrant,

Chocolate Coated Ice Cream – 80c
Real Milk Ice Cream

Frozen YOGHURTS - $1.00
Strawberry, Mango, Wildberry

VOLUNTEERS

17th Feb Tim Murphy
24th Feb Sarah Browning
3rd Mar Helena Freiwaldova
10th Mar Jaimee & Branco Sola

If you are available on Friday Mornings until 11:00 am to help out at Tuckshop we would love to see you there! Please contact Leanne on 0418115687 if you are interested ☺

I would like to give a massive thank you to ALL our wonderful Volunteers, without you, our tuckshop would just not be possible.

MOUNTAIN MATES NEWS

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

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It was lovely to have a slightly cooler change heading into the end of last week. We all seem to get a little more active. The children had a very busy week with baking scrolls, construction play, experimenting, painting hands & feet as well as just hanging out with their friends. Of course we have more in store this week including:

Wednesday – STEAM Craft– embossed foil patterns
Thursday – ANYTHING GOES – an afternoon guided by the children.
Friday – Free play Friday
Monday – Cooking – cupcakes
Tuesday – Creating a giant mat for the reading zone.

Also don’t forget, our weekly colouring competition to display all of the children's drawings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michael, Lara, Duncan & Leanne (our 2016 P&C) for their support throughout 2016 and look forward to working with our new 2017 P&C – Leanne, Duncan & Sheree throughout 2017.

I would also like to extend a BIG THANK YOU to Debbie (Jordan’s Mum) for the resources she donated, to
Leanne (Blade’s Mum) for the delicious Calippo iceblocks the children enjoyed so much on Thursday and Kerry A for her “Star Wars” colouring book. Have a wonderful week.

From your Mountan Mates Team
Kim, Janine, Kerry, Ryley, Jorja, Amy and Di

**UNIFORM NEWS**

The uniform shop will again operate on Thursday’s 8.30am to 9am or call to make a different time 0429191514. Cheers Patricia Burchell

**GRACELEIGH HALL – BOOKING PROCEDURES**

Procedures for booking the hall can be found on the schools website: https://beechmontss.eq.edu.au Go to the tab Facilities then select sporting grounds. All details and application forms are there.

**Gardening Information**

**KID’S FOOD GARDEN CLUB**
Joining the Kid’s Garden Club, you will learn about growing your own food. You’ll be part of growing plants from seeds or seedlings, planting them out, maintaining garden beds e.g. weeding, watering, and harvesting (and eating) veggies, herbs and fruit that you have helped grow yourself!

The garden club will meet on Wednesday lunchtimes, at 1pm.
There will also be some gardening in class-time following lunch.

So if you are interested, fill out this form and hand it to Patricia or Miss C.
See you in the garden!!

Name: ________________________________
Grade: _________
Parent Signature: _____________________
Date ______________

**Stik Bots Club**

No spelling mistake here® Stik Bots - Stik Bots Club has arrived at Beechmont State School. Do you love Stik Bots? Do you like to make videos using your Stik Bots?
If you are interested – first break on Thursdays – in with Miss C © in NSW.

Bring you Stik Bots (make sure they are stored in the zip locks or a container with your name on it) and we can have some fun.

**Information from DET**

**Triple P** has lots of different ways parents and carers of kids and teenagers can get free support. All families are different, so if you’re looking for a little bit of help or a lot, or something in between, you can register for seminars and groups or arrange one-on-one support.

**Search for a Safety Star competition**
Seqwater is encouraging and celebrating safety at local dams, lakes and parks this summer, with their Search for a Safety Star competition.

Entry is easy — simply take a #safety — a photo of yourself playing it safe in the great outdoors.

The #safety photo can be with family, friends, a sporting team or community group. But remember, you must be having fun and playing it safe for your entry to count!

The more your #safety relates to the safety tips on Seqwater’s website (http://www.seqwater.com.au), the greater chance you have of winning a $5000 BCF gift card or a GoPro.

Enter online (www.safety.com.au)/

**NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS**

Introducing Mr Allan Hall – our NEW Instrumental Music teacher

I have been asked to provide some information about myself. So here goes:

1. I have been playing cello for 40 years. I started learning cello at school, sharing one instrument with another student. He practised during the week, I practised over the weekend.

2. I have been Teaching and performing for over 25 years, hold several music and pedagogy qualifications and have studied overseas.

3. I have performed with various orchestras and other community groups. I am a member of Enharmonie
Chamber Ensemble – we have a flute, piano, and cello concert next Sunday at the Performance room of 4MBS radio station (FM103.7), 384 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo, 3-4pm with refreshments afterwards.

Thank you – Mr Hall

Next Friday the 24th of February is the Swimming Carnival at the Nerang Pool. You will receive the newsletter is a note with important information and a form that needs to be returned to school by Monday the 20th of February. Please complete the form and return to the office.

Thank you, Courtenay Noakes 5545 9100 cnoak3@eq.edu.au

Hello everyone and welcome to week 4. I hope you are all having a lovely week and hopefully a cooler one!

This week we are learning the sounds c, k, and e. These sounds will be updated in their sounds book for them to practice at home as we learn them.

A reminder - that no toys or special items should be brought into school unless your child has been given the story box. If there is something they would like to share for a special occasion they can come and see me.

The children will be bringing sight word books home this week. In this is the first batch of magic sight words for your child to start learning. This is self-paced and it is not expected that all children will learn these words at the same pace. Once you feel your child has learnt the words well we will check these at school and then give them the next set of words. As your child completes the level they are on they will earn a certificate.

Yesterday, we finished our terrific turtles the children drew for the letter T. We put a blue dye wash over them and added some rock salt for an extra effect. They turned out great!

Have a good week, Warm regards, Tania Evans tevan27@eq.edu.au

It was a shame that we lost power yesterday and the Beginning Year Assembly had to be postponed. I was looking forward to meeting all the parents and the children were looking forward to showing you around their classroom. Keep an eye out for the rescheduled date. Now that the children have had time to get back in the swing of daily reading and bringing their folders we are ready to commence homework. Homework will go out on Wednesdays (that’s right, tomorrow) and is due back in on the following Monday.

Homework will comprise Reading, Sight Words and Spelling activities. The Year 2’s who have mastered the Fry 300 will replace Sight Words with Number Facts for homework. The homework grid is designed to recognise that children already do many things at home, all of which are important to their overall development. Please sign each box in the grid when a task is complete.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpryr8@eq.edu.au

Wishing you all a good week,
Kerry Pryor

Welcome to week 4 of Term 4.

Congratulations to Amelia, Joey and Isabel who got class awards in week 2, also to Aurora and Billy, they got last week’s class awards. Harvie and Nico were the first students to receive a Mathletics certificate. Well done everyone!!

For homework this week please refer to the week 4 homework sheet. Each day students are required to do a few questions so the work is spread out over four days.

On Fridays we will be practising towards our Ball Games day. Please remind your child to wear their house shirt.

The Beginning of Year Assembly has been postponed to tomorrow. I look forward seeing you then. If you need to contact me please phone the school on 5541 9100 or send me an email on nvand70@eq.edu.au Kind Regards Nathalie Vandenbranden

Congratulations to our award winners last week: Jaimie Bennett and Kyle Harper. Well done!

In Science this week we will begin looking at the needs of plants. We will be setting up experiments to determine what seeds need to grow and if a plant is a living thing. The children will be investigating how plants spread their seeds and grouping plants according to this method of dispersal.

In Maths we have been working with the addition algorithm and mental strategies for adding numbers. We are also investigating numbers to the ten thousands place and looking at ways of renaming numbers. This week we will move on to subtraction and investigate mental and written strategies for these problems.

For homework the children will always bring home their spelling words on Monday. Please ensure they cut up and sort these words on Monday night in preparation for their spelling lesson on Tuesday. We
always discuss the words and how to sort them on Monday at school.

Have a great week.
Regards, Dan Albright  dalbr1@eq.edu.au

YEARS 5/6 CLASS

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 1!

This week we are beginning our English Assessment during class time and we are looking at data representations in Maths.

This Friday is the Leadership Assembly at 8:50 am in the undercover area. This is where our Year 6 students will officially receive their Leadership roles for the year. Some Year 5 students will be conducting and presenting these Leadership roles to the Year 6 students. You are welcome to come along and support our students at this exciting assembly. Students, please ensure you are wearing the everyday green school shirt with the school logo. Girls are to wear the school pleated skirts and boys are to wear the school shorts. Please ensure you are tidy and well presented.

Well done to Landon, Tilly and Becky for receiving awards on parade last week.

DONATIONS WANTED

Our class commenced selling ice-blocks today to raise money for the Year 6 Graduation. Any donations (e.g. zooper doopers) would be highly appreciated.

I hope you have a wonderful week. Warm regards, Courtenay Noakes 5545 9100 cnoak3@eq.edu.au.

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Netball 2017

Beechmont Netball club are looking for players aged 7-14 to participate in the competition at SCNA courts at Benowa. We play most Saturday mornings at either 8.00, 9.00 or 10.00am. The season starts soon on the 10th of March for our first grading match. For children aged 5-6yrs old they are able to do Net Set Go in the mornings on a Saturday as well. If you would like to sign up or would like more information see Tania Evans at school or text on 0400527708.
WANTED

Boys and girls aged 5-12 years who want to have fun playing soccer.

No previous experience necessary.

The 2017 Soccer season starts soon and we are currently calling on all children and their families to join our teams this year.

Soccer training will be on Tuesdays, starting March 7th, at Graceleigh Park from 3-4.15pm. Matches are played on Saturday mornings during term time and start on March 18th.

More information is available by contacting Penni, Lisa or lain at beechmontjuniorsoccer@gmail.com via our website https://sites.google.com/site/beechmontjuniorsoccercurl or search for ‘Beechmont Junior Soccer Club’ on Facebook.

There will also be a Junior Club Sign-on and Fun Day on Saturday February 11th, at Graceleigh Park from 10am to 1pm. We will be there, along with Beecroft Tennis, Netball and Milo in CRICKET clubs. Bring along kid’s footy boots and pick up secondhand boots for a gold coin donation. Play some kids vs grown-ups games, and fill up with a sausage sizzle and soft drink afterwards.

Soccer teams will need to be finalised shortly after the Sign-on Day so please get in touch soon.

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR SIGN ON DAY

Saturday 18th February, 2017

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm
Venue: Nerang RSL - 49 Nerang Street, Nerang.

We invite all junior players from 7 years to 13 years (born 2002 up to and including 2010) to play Saturday mornings at the Southport Carrara Netball Association.

all teams train Wednesday afternoons at
Glenmore Park Netball Courts Recreation Drive, Nerang.

Whether your child is a first time player or returning we look forward to welcoming your family to Nerang RSL Netball Club.

For more information regarding 2017 fees and membership please contact:
Club President, Maree, on 0414 741 853 or netball@nerangrsl.com