

Beechmont State School

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PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

Week 5 Newsletter Thank you



Thank you to Mr Greinke for working at Beechmont SS for the past 4 weeks. We hope he enjoyed his stay with us. Whilst I enjoyed Nerang SS, there is nothing like coming home to the beautiful, smiling faces at our school.

Thank you to all our families who donated and purchased from the P&C Annual Mothers' Day Stall. It was a huge success. On behalf of all our wonderful staff, we hope all our families enjoyed Mothers' Day with their loved ones.

Cross Country

Thank you to all who attended and staff, especially Mr Albright & Miss Noakes, for organising and running the cross country. Congratulations to all our students who gave it their best and enjoyed the day. *King Parrots* came out at the winners on the day.

Attendance Information

Remember, that Qld schools have implemented the Same Day Notification regarding student attendance. If your child is absent, you are required to notify the school that day. We will contact families, if we have any unexplained absences. From time to time, you may receive letters from the school about *unexplained absences*. Please complete and return as soon as possible. Class teachers and admin try their best to maintain daily attendance records. Remember, if your child is late, to sign them in through the office and if collect your child early, you must sign them out from the office ☺



Why must I send my child to school?

Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Illness, doing work experience or competing in a school sporting event are acceptable reasons for being absent from school. Avoid keeping your child away from school for birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check-ups or care such as haircuts. More information can be found at <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/>

Lollies, Fidget Spinners & Uniforms

Yesterday, all children were given a note about 'spray candy' being given out to students before school. At school, we do not encourage sharing of lollies. We do not know where these lollies come from or the ingredients they contain – and what individual family wishes are with certain foods. Generally, when parents wish to share food (usually birthdays) the teachers are aware of this occurring and are aware of student allergies. If you are unsure, speak to your child's teacher.

Fidget Spinners are all the rage at the moment – just like pokemon a few months ago, and the yo-yo, back in the day. These are **not** to be taken into class. If your child has a fidget spinner and it comes into class, it will be taken off them until the end of the day. Children, may only bring fidget spinners to school if they are clearly labelled with their name and kept in their bags until play time.

Uniforms are part of our school life – and our children look fabulous when they wear them. Uniforms can be purchased BRAND new or second hand from our P&C. As the weather gets colder, some of our children are NOT wearing appropriate jumpers. Bottle green jumpers are fine. Plus there are plenty of pre-loved winter woollies waiting to be purchased. IF your child is not wearing an appropriate uniform (hat included) you will receive a note in your child's communication folder.

Principal's Comments continued...

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Principal's Comments continued

School Expectations Reminder

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 staff endeavours to contact you in regards to major or ongoing behaviour issues and if there is a need, we implement Individual Support Plans and Crisis Plans. Our behaviour 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 an RTR, this form is sent home for you to sign and return to the school. This is a positive way of ensuring you are kept informed and can work with the school to proactively manage any future concerns. We appreciate your on-going support around managing behaviour, as we want the best for all of our children. *This year, we have only had 3 RTRs. We are doing exceptionally well with our learning and developing great social skills – keep it up Beechmont Possums!*

Report Cards

Over the next few weeks, staff will be finalising assessments and commencing written report cards. These are due twice a year, at the conclusion of the Semester (June and December). If all goes to plan, this Semester, report cards will be given out to families in Week 10 – on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the last week of school. *As per last year, you will need to call into see your class teacher to receive your child's report card. Any reports not collected will be available from the office.*

Until next week – take care
Belinda

COMING EVENTS

16 th May	Mrs Prince at SERSEN PD
17 th May	Instrumental Music
17 th May	Year 6 Students at Nerang SHS
18-19 May	Miss C at PD
19 th May	No Guitar or Ukulele lessons
19 th May	Borobi Parade & Tuckshop
24 th May	Cross Country Regional Trials
30 th May	Ros Bates MP visiting
02 June	Guitar and Ukulele lessons
9 th June	Netball Carnival Canungra
21 st June	Enrichment NSH Yr6
21-23 June	Report cards available from your child's teacher
23 rd June	Last day Term 2

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Student Banking

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

Borobi Parade

This Friday BSS is going to have a special guest attend our weekly parade. Borobi, the mascot for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Borobi will be conducting a learn to dance performance for our students. Please come along for this special parade.



GENERAL NEWS

Reminder to be safe when travelling on or near buses

With another school term underway, we'd like to remind all students and parents to please be safe when travelling on or near buses. A significant number of school students in Queensland travel on buses to attend school. All students have the right to a safe and enjoyable journey, and their safety is our number one priority. Ensuring students safe travel on or near buses is a shared responsibility which brings together the efforts of students, their parents/carers, schools, bus drivers and bus operators. When travelling on or near a bus, there are some safety tips you should follow to ensure a safe journey –

<http://translink.com.au/sites/default/files/assets/resources/travel-information/school-travel/safety-tips-for-students.pdf>.

A Code of Conduct for School Students Travelling on Buses is also available to provide students and parents/carers with information about how to travel safely on buses. To view the code and more information, visit <http://translink.com.au/travel-with-us/school-travel/getting-to-and-from-school>.

P+C NEWS

Welcome Back Miss C !!

We missed you & your Tra La La La La's !
We are so happy to see you back with us all!

Congratulations

To all our Cross Country participants - It was a great day even though we had a couple of times it rained on us . Well Done everyone.

In case you missed it

SPECIAL SHOUT OUT I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all our wonderful Volunteers, it is so fantastic to see you all putting your hand up to help out.

We can not thank you enough!



We appreciate all your effort in helping with our Mothers Day stall & keeping Tuckshop running so well. We hope you enjoy your experience & we know your little ones love seeing at School ☺ Thank You also goes to Aubrey Grove for his behind the scene cooking at school for Tuckshop Great Job everyone !! Thank you all again, Leanne & the P&C Team

School Disco

To celebrate the end of this term we will be holding our School Disco on the second last week of term !!

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

This week is Nachos \$4.50 or Vegetarian Nachos !

Thank you to everyone who is putting their drink & biscuits preferences on your lunch bags. It really does make it easier for our Volunteers.

*** PLEASE NOTE PRICE CHANGES ***

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

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

Nina Bishop 19th May
Helena Freiwaldova 26th May
Tim Murphy 2nd June
Jaimee Sola 9th June
Sara Browing 16th June

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

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

UNIFORM NEWS

The uniform shop will 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.

NEWS FROM THE TEACHERS

Japanese

Today, there will be some cooking lessons coming up in Japanese class. Year 3/4 will be making rice balls (rice, seaweeds, salt, seasoning including sour plum, sesame seeds, tuna and mayonnaise). Some of volunteer students in Year 4/5 will participate taste challenge with some Japanese ingredients including rice cake, sour plum, wasabi beans, tofu, miso soup, natto, chili rice cracker, cherry blossom tea, green tea and cookies. We will be using sandwich bags to make a rice ball, chopsticks and spoons to pick up foods.

Ayako Iwasai
Japanese Teacher

HPE NEWS

Well done to all students for a fantastic effort at last week's Cross Country Carnival and a huge thank you to all the staff and parent helpers for your efforts on the day, without you it would not have been possible.

Congratulations to King Parrots for winning the carnival.

Students who have progressed on to districts received a note with information and permission forms. These forms are due back tomorrow and any students who do not return these forms will be unable to attend. Thank you for your cooperation.

Courtenay Noakes
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PREP CLASS

Hello everyone I hope you are all having a wonderful week. I hope you all had a lovely Mother's Day on Sunday and that you liked the presents the children made for you.

This week in Literacy sessions we are looking at the sounds ng as in sing and v as in van. We are beginning to look at Recounts and will be using this in our writing over the term.

In Maths this week we are looking at shape. We are investigating 3D shapes.

Just a reminder that Tuesday's are our Library borrowing day. The children get to choose a new book each week to keep at home and read.

Well done to the children who are progressing well with their sight words and reading every night. Just by reading and practising these regularly at home makes a big difference to their learning. Some children now have around 40 sight words that they have learnt.

Hope you all have a wonderful week,
Warm Regards,
Tania Evans

YEAR 1/2 CLASS

I hope all our mums had a lovely Mother's Day. My mum and I were spoilt with a High Tea that has me thinking that even though cross country is over we might still need to go out for a run☺. I was very proud of the way the 1_2's competed last Friday. They all ran their best and participated with good sportsmanship. A special mention must be made of a new record set by Angus Bailey for the 7 years 400m. Angus shaved 0.9 seconds off the school record. Well done Angus.

This week in Literacy we are reading 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'When Henry Caught Imaginitis'. The children are then going to write a character description of their favourite character for assessment. In Math this week we are exploring addition strategies with the Year 1's applying Count on 1, 2 and 3, and the Year 2's learning to use place value to split then add tens and ones.

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

In geography, students will develop knowledge about divisions and areas in Australia (region/state, country). On a map students will identify and locate the states and territories. Students will learn that in Australia, there are:

- six states — Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia
- two territories — Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

In science, students will investigate materials. They will investigate the water resistance of common materials such as baking paper, sponge, aluminium foil, tissue, fabric, cling wrap, etc. Students will be supported to conduct the water resistance test for each material by carefully pouring a teaspoon of water onto each material. Students will record results as they test each material.

For homework, students have a maths sheet to complete on 3 digit numbers. The sheet arranges a 3 digit number in the centre of a cross formation. In the square above, students are to subtract 10, in the square below the centre point they need to add

10. Then, in the square to the left, students need to subtract one and then add one in the square to the right. Students additionally have spelling words to learn and daily reading to complete.

Have a great week,
Demelza dathe1@eq.edu.au

YEAR 3/4 CLASS

Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the Cross Country on Friday. It was a successful day despite the showers and the participants all made a fine effort in their respective races. Well done!

In History this week we will be investigating the lives of some of the convicts who arrived on the First Fleet. The children will be choosing one of these convicts and collecting as much information as possible on this person. They will then construct a Historical Narrative based on the life of this convict.

In Maths we are now working hard on the concept of division. The children have been working with hands-on materials to show the sharing and grouping models of division. We will now work with the written algorithm in division and then begin to apply division in problem solving activities. It is still important for children to continue working on their number facts for homework. When the children know all of their multiplication facts they can start to turn these around into division facts ($24 \div 3 = 8$).

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

YEAR 5/6 CLASS

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 2, we are already half way through the term!

This week in maths the Year 5 students are looking at factors and multiples and the Year 6 students are looking at order of operation (BODMAS). In Science we are creating simple circuits with lights, buzzers and switches. Students have thoroughly enjoyed being scientists and creating their circuits.

Well done to all students for assisting at the Cross Country carnival and for putting a tremendous effort in. Special mention to the year 6 students for carrying out their leadership roles on the day.

This Wednesday the Year 6 students have been invited to attend an excursion at Nerang High School to get a better understanding of what High School will be like. Please send your child to school as normal. NSHS is kindly sending a bus to pick us up and return us to school. During this time, the Year 5 students will be completing work in the other classes.

Homework is back to normal this week and the weekly spelling sort was handed out on Monday for the test on Friday. Thank you for supporting our students with their homework. Additional work is always available on Mathletics.com and LiteracyPlanet.com for your child.

I hope you have a wonderful week. Warm regards,
Courtenay Noakes
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COMMUNITY NEWS

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- Beechmont State School is inviting expression of interest for a temporary Teacher Aide position
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