

Beechmont State School

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Beechmont State School 2019 Explicit Improvement Agenda

- Writing
- Reading
- Attendance

Beechmont Expectations in a Nutshell

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

Coming Events

Week 8 Term 3

- 03 Sept Jap/Music Choir
New sletter
- 04 Sept Student Banking Gardening Club
Colour Day - BLUE
- 05 Sept HPE
Speech & Drama w ith Claudine
- 06 Sept Tuckshop – Free Sausage Sizzle for all Parade
Guitar w ith Patricia
Ball Game Carnival

Week 9 Term 3

- 09 Sept Monday ☺
Gardening Club
P-3 Public speaking
- 10 Sept Jap/Music Choir
4-6 Public Speaking
- 11 Sept Student Banking Gardening Club
Nerang SHS
Enrichment
- 12 Sept HPE
Speech & Drama w ith Claudine
- 13 Sept Tuckshop Nachos Parade

Week 10 Term 3

- 16 Sept Monday ☺
Gardening Club

Prep Vision Screening

Good vision is important for a child's educational, physical and social development. Vision screening is therefore vital in early childhood, particularly for conditions such as 'lazy eye', which, if not detected early, can lead to blindness.

A Registered Nurse will be visiting the school in 2019 to commence vision screening for all Prep Year children. If you wish to have your child participate in this free vision screening program, please complete and sign the consent form sent home with your child and return this to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. You will be advised in writing of the outcome of your child's screening.

Please note that if your child has had a vision assessment in the past 12 months, it is not necessary for him/her to participate in this screening program. If this is the case, please complete the consent form and indicate that you do not wish for your child to participate and ensure that you follow the schedule of reviews recommended by your eye health professional.

Primary School Nurse Health Readiness Program
Child and Youth Community Health Services
Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service

Speech Pathology

This week is Speech Pathology Week and we recognise the contribution of the 66 speech-language pathologists working in South East Region schools. SLPs work with students to provide them with the **confidence to communicate**.

Communication disability is largely invisible, unseen and out of sight. Speech Pathology Week seeks to raise awareness of the 1.2 million people in Australia who have a communication disability. Ensuring communication accessibility for these Australians means they are treated with dignity and respect.

Being able to communicate with confidence enables students to connect with learning and develop social connections that will support them in their future educational, health, social and emotional outcomes.



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Outside School Hours Care

5545 9100 (8am - 3pm)
5545 9124 (after 3pm)

Tuckshop Convener

5545 9100

Parents & Citizens Association

Meets on the 3rd & 8th
Wednesday of each term.
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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Great state. Great opportunity.



SLPs support school teams to empower students to communicate with confidence through adjustments to the way information is presented and how knowledge is demonstrated, enabling students to participate fully in learning and school life. Students with communication difficulties can communicate with confidence when they feel heard, regardless of the means by which they communicate - including word-based or picture-based communication boards or books, sign and gesture and assistive technology devices.

Department of Education Updates:

Even if you don't live near bushland, you might be affected by bushfires while away or travelling. Check your postcode to see the potential for bushfires to take hold in your neighbourhood or areas you frequently visit.

Everyone who lives near the bush, including those on city fringes, should prepare themselves, their families and their properties including preparing a Bushfire Survival Plan.

These days, we're getting better at recognising and treating post-natal depression in mothers. But did you know that babies whose dads are depressed are more likely to develop behavioural problems? Doing a free Triple P — Positive Parenting Program can help everyone be happier. Find out more and support each other: www.triplep-parenting.net

Prep 2020 Orientation Program

Like last year, we are offering a full prep orientation program for our pre-prep children. We want our children to feel safe and welcomed into their new school environment – where they know their surroundings and their teachers.

When: 4 weeks time

29th October 5th November
12th November 19th November
Time: 9 – 10am with Beechmont SS Prep teacher Mrs Evans

Parents to stay at school and go through an introduction to Beechmont State School.

For families that can't attend these sessions - please contact administration for an enrolment pack. Please spread the word ☺

Take care and have a lovely fortnight Belinda

P+C NEWS

P&C meeting is this Wednesday from 2:00pm to 2:55pm in our Mountain Mates facility and it is our last meeting for this term.

With only 2 more meetings for 2019, it is a good time to remind you all that myself & Duncan Middleton will

not be standing for any positions next year. It is time for new faces & ideas to keep the P&C moving to provide enhancement of our children's school experience. I can say without a doubt that it has been an extremely rewarding time for me over the last 5 years and I look forward to seeing the next generation of parents & carers coming through. We hope to see you at our meeting!

Thank you to those of you who generously donated to our Fabulous Father's Day Stall. You know who you are and without you our stall would not be possible. We hope our dads & carers had a wonderful day filled lots of love & pressies !

Coming up....
Tea Towel orders in Term 4
Trivia Night – 25th October

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

Meal Deal

6th Sep - FREE Sausage Sizzle for all
13th Sep - Nacho
20th Sep - No Tuckshop Term end. YAY !

Volunteers Needed

6th Sep – Dave Groom
13th Sep – Volunteer needed
20th Sep - No Tuckshop Term End – PLEASE NOTE that Tuckshop will resume in week 2 Term 4



Les is in every week

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to add to our roster rotation. 8:40 – 11:00am for some Friday morning fun! Please text Leanne on 0418115687 or call the office on 5545 9100 ☺ Thank You!

UNIFORM NEWS

The uniform shop will be open **Thursday** mornings between 8.30am and 8.45am. If you can't make it at this time, or have any questions, feel free to contact Patricia Burchell on 0429191514.

Orders can also be placed by sending them into the office and they will be filled as soon as is practicable. Payment to come with the form or by calling the office.

Lost Property

Our lost property is located outside the office in a big white tub. There are jumpers galore and lunchboxes. Please make time to check the box this week. Unclaimed or leftover items will either be washed or reused by the community.

In addition to this, our P&C have set up a free box - in the office foyer. Please come and take some uniforms that need a bit of love ☺

OFFICE NEWS

Student Banking

Student Banking operates every Wednesday. Please have your child drop their bankbooks and money to the office.

CLASS CATCH-UP

PREP /1

Hello everyone. I hope you are all having a lovely week. I can't believe we are now in week 8. I hope all the Dads had a great Father's Day and loved what the children made for them.

This week we are continuing to prepare for Public Speaking and Drama. We are performing our poems in class and I would like the children to continue learning these as part of their homework. The Year Ones read their poems in front of the Preps today and they did a great job. The Prep children will be learning a Nursery Rhyme to perform and will bring it home to practise this week. They have been doing many of these in class already so are familiar with them.

In Drama, the Year Ones have been practising their roles, painting backdrops and getting ready for their performances in Week 10. This week they will bring home a list of costumes and props. If you have anything on the list that you are willing for us to borrow, please send it in to school in a plastic bag. Please remember that the last Wednesday of term, the 18th September, is the day we will be performing our plays. It is vital that all children come to school on this day as an absence would let down an entire group who will be unable to perform their play.

At this point in the year, it would be great if we could have the children read most nights as well as practise their sight words at home. While we are doing these activities every week in class the added practice at home really does make a difference. By the end of Prep it is a goal to have the children learn around 80 sight words and be at a reading level of at least a 5. For the Year Ones their reading level is around a 16.

On Friday it is the Ball Games Carnival. This will be the last week for homework. As well as a note regarding costumes, the children will also bring home a permission letter this week for the Prep, 1 and 2 Sleepover which will occur on the first Friday night of Term 4. Please look for these items in your child's communication folder.

Hope you have a great week

Warm regards, Tania Evans - tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2

Welcome to Week 8. I hope all our dads had a wonderful Father's Day. This week we continue to prepare for Public Speaking and Drama. We are performing our poems in class and these will continue

to be a focus for homework this week. Thank you for your support in helping the children learn their poems. Many of them know their poems by heart already. In Drama they have been practising their roles, painting backdrops and getting ready for their performances in Week 10.

This week they will bring home a list of costumes and props. If you have anything on the list that you are willing for us to borrow please send it in to school in a plastic bag. Please remember that the last Wednesday of term, the 18th September is the day we will be performing our plays. It is vital that all children come to school on this day as an absence would let down an entire group who will be unable to perform their play. In Math, we are exploring equal groups which forms the basis of multiplication. On Friday it is the Ball Games Carnival. The end of term is approaching and so there will be assessments occurring in every subject area. Please keep absences to a minimum wherever possible. This will be the last week for homework. As well as a note regarding costumes, the children will also bring home a permission letter this week for the Prep, 1 and 2 Sleepover which will occur on the first Friday night of Term 4. Please look for these items in your child's communication folder.

If there is anything you wish to discuss you are welcome to contact me on 55459100 or kpryo8@eq.edu.au

**Have a great week,
Kerry Pryor**

YEAR 2/3

This week, students are getting ready for next week's P-3 Public Speaking Day. Students will be presenting a poem they found on the website, www.poetry4kids.com and they will also be writing a poem adaptation based on Libby Hathorn's poem, 'Supermarket'. The students will be changing the setting of the poem from the supermarket to the classroom.

Year Three History students will understand how selected aspects of working life for people in Queensland communities have changed over time by examining photo and information sources. They will develop a historical narrative about changes in Queensland communities over time.

Today students will trade the points they have earned on ClassDojo for raffle tickets. For every ten points they have earned, they will receive one raffle ticket. There will be five winners who will get to choose items out of the prize box.

Students will use their Science understanding that evaporation causes a transfer of heat resulting in a reduction in temperature to design a drink bottle cooler. We will need a range of recyclable materials to help students construct their drink bottle coolers. If you could save your recyclable materials and send them to school it would be greatly appreciated. We need any hard or soft plastic (plastic bags, empty drink bottles), bubble wrap, cardboard, etc.

This week, the Year 2's will bring home a permission letter for the Prep, 1 and 2 Sleepover, which will occur on the first Friday night of Term 4. Please look for this in your child's communication folder.

If you need to contact me, you can email me at dathe1@eg.edu.au, use the ClassDojo app. to message me or phone the school.
Have a fantastic week, Demelza

YEAR 4/5

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend. It is back to normal with homework for this week. The children will be bringing home their new spelling list and an extension sheet for Maths if they know all of their Number Facts.

In Maths, we are beginning to work on our Problem-Solving strategies. The children will be using a variety of strategies to solve problems in all areas of Maths. This application of strategies is a very important part of the Maths that we cover each Term. This week we will be working with the strategies of "Make an Organised List" and "Making a Table or Graph".

This Friday is our Ball Games Carnival. All children will be involved in fun ball games throughout the day. We will also be having a parade at the start of the day to hand out the Jump Rope for Heart awards. It is important for children to be present on this day so the sporting houses have sufficient numbers for the Ball Games Carnival.

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

YEAR 5/6

Hello everyone. I hope you had a great long weekend! Year 5/6 have a very busy week ahead of us with students completing and rehearsing their speeches for Public Speaking. A quick reminder to return those green forms so that we can confirm who will be attending the evening.

In Maths, both year levels are reviewing the addition, subtraction and representation of decimal numbers. In drama this week, we are putting our Theatre Sports skills to the test and performing short improvisational pieces for the class. They have been very hilarious so far!

We will be awarding the *Jump Rope for Heart* winners on Parade this Friday 6th of September, which will be followed by the Ball Games Carnival.

Next Tuesday, 10th of September is the Public Speaking Night from 5.30pm onwards. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

If you have any questions or need to contact me, please feel free to email me anytime at jhick178@eg.edu.au. I hope you all have a wonderful week! Kind regards, Jesse Hicks



Dear Mobile Library member,

You are invited to a morning tea to discuss how we can create the best possible library outreach service to meet the needs of the Scenic Rim community.

Please join library staff and Division 3 Councillor Virginia West to share your views on future library services on

Thursday 5 September

at the Headmasters Café - Old School Beechmont

1/1835 Beechmont Road, Beechmont QLD 4211

From 10am - 12noon



If you could share this link, perhaps on any social media or with parents and teachers, we would be very grateful. Thank you in anticipation.



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STORY TIME IN THE PARK



DJ Smithy Park
Countryside

Wednesday
11 September 2019
10am-12pm

Parents and caregivers with children under five are invited to a morning of talking, playing, singing and reading with the First 5 Forever Team.









Story Time in park is an initiative by Southern Region Regional Libraries, the First 5 Forever Program and Margaret Phoenix Development Centres to increase awareness of the importance of language and literacy for children under the years of age. Participation and family day care providers are welcome. For more tips on how to help your young child's language and literacy, go to www.broadbentlearning.au





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