

Beechmont State School

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Beechmont State School 2020 Explicit Improvement Agenda

- Writing
- Reading
- Attendance

Beechmont Expectations in a Nutshell

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

Coming Events

Term 4 Commences	
Week 6	
10 Nov	Newsletter
11 Nov	Garden Club 1 st play Nerang SHS Enrichment
12 Nov	Tuckshop Sausage Rolls & Spinach & Fetta triangles
13 Nov	No Tuckshop Swimming P-6
16 Nov	Instrumental Music lessons
17 Nov	Prep Orientation 9am-10am
24 Nov	Newsletter

It is hard to believe we only have just over 4 weeks left of school of the 2020 school year. 2020 has been challenging for all us but it is wonderful to see just how far the students have come. Today I met with some of our Prep 2021 families and it was lovely to engage with such a wonderful group of families. It is such an exciting time for all involved when children start school. Just a reminder if you are thinking of enrolling your child at Beechmont next year, or know of families who may be thinking about it, please contact the office to receive an enrolment pack.

Yesterday I sent an email to all families letting you know that Belinda Coulahan (Miss C) was successful in obtaining the principal position at Nerang State School. On behalf of the school community I would like to acknowledge the amazing work Belinda has done at Beechmont. She has left an amazing legacy of a high performing, innovative and nurturing small school where all children are valued and reach their full potential. As such, I will continue in the role of principal at Beechmont State School in 2021. I am very excited to be able to continue to call Beechmont my 'work home' and I look forward to working with the community next year.

The last two weeks all children have participate in swimming lessons at Nerang Aquatic Centre. Feedback from both the staff and children has been overwhelmingly positive and the children are definitely learning some important swimming skills.

Just a reminder that Everyday counts and that attendance at school is crucial for a child's learning. The Department of Education has set an attendance target of 93% across schools in Qld. Currently for Term 4, Beechmont is sitting at 87% so it would be great to raise this a little before the end of the year.

Preparations are currently underway for our end of year concert. As mentioned in previous newsletters we will be holding the concert this year through a virtual platform. We have organised to have professional videographers film the show and we will provide a secure link for all families to watch in the comfort of your own homes. I realise that this is not quite the same as being in person but as we keep hearing, we are currently in a new world.

Have a wonderful fortnight.
Dani Radley
Principal

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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.



SCHOOL TUCKSHOP

REMINDER -Tuckshop This Thursday

Meal

Meal options = Meat, Vegetarian & Gluten Free (extra 50c)
No Tuckshop this week

Volunteers ☆

Volunteers needed Please contact the office on 5545 9100 if you are interested. We would love to see you there!

Tuckshop Tips

PLEASE include the following details on your bag:-
Class, Cookie choice & Drink choice.

In addition, please remind your little one to keep their bag & come back to pick up their Ice block if they have ordered one after their meal.

Our Tuckshop is only possible due to our wonderful volunteers!

MOUNTAIN MATES NEWS
Beechmont State School P&C Assn.
Outside School Hours Care Service
Ph. 55459124 or 55459100
email-mountainmates@bigpond.com

From your Mountain Mates Team ☺

OFFICE NEWS

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking every Wednesday so send those bank books in.

UNIFORM NEWS

The uniform shop is open. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Flick on 0418632789.

GARDEN CLUB

Every Wednesday 1st Play

Vege Stall

Our "Children's Food Garden" fundraising stall has been up and running.

Each week is different. Currently, we have marmalade from school citrus trees, and usually some greens and citrus.

Have a look when you pop into the office!

If you are able to donate any home grown produce that you may have surplus of, please bring into the office early in the week. This will help make our stall as interesting and exciting as possible!

The Gardening Club Volunteers

CLASS CATCH-UP

PREP /1

Hi everyone. I hope you are all having a great week.

The Prep/1's EOYC dance is to the song "A crazy Little Thing called Love." A note will be sent home soon regarding outfits. I will make these easy to source but if you have any issues let me know and I will see what I can do.

This Friday will be our last swimming lesson day. If you can put some things in for the children as this makes it less likely to lose socks and sneakers, as well as protecting their feet from the hot ground.

As we are heading to the end of the year, we are doing many assessment tasks and interviews so please have your children at school over the next few weeks unless they are ill.

Warm Regards, Tania Evans.

Tania Evans. tevan27@eq.edu.au

YEAR 1/2

Welcome to Week 6. In English, the children have been making sandwiches and writing procedures. We have come to the end of our unit and will shortly be creating Power Point presentations, which the children are anticipating with enthusiasm. In Math, we have been investigating the attributes of 3D objects. At home, or in the grocery store, it might be fun to play 'I Spy' the 3D object to help reinforce their learning. Homework and library borrowing are now finished for the year, although the children may continue to bring home readers for one more week. After that, please return all books, including library books, to school. I have returned home unused- schoolbooks and adjusted next year's book lists to suit. The children will also bring home their headphones closer to the end of the year. If they are in good working order then there is no need to buy new ones. Our End of Year Dance is underway and I will send home a note soon about costumes.

There has been no Parade since swimming lessons (Oh, what fun!) started so there are no new award winners.

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

At the moment students are undertaking a fair amount of assessment to show their knowledge and understanding in each subject area. It is important to avoid having unnecessary days off during this assessment period.

We will be finishing off our maths assessment this week and then we will be going on to learn to classify familiar 3D shapes. Students will visualise and describe the key features of 3D models, counting

faces, corners and edges. Students will also make their own 3D models.

In Science, this week students will conduct an investigation into the way properties of liquids change when we take heat away. After this lesson, students will complete their Science, Unit 4 assessment. In this assessment students will conduct an investigation about liquids and solids changing state when heat is added or taken away. They will be assessed on their ability to make a prediction, record observations and suggest reasons for findings and also their ability to describe how safety and fairness were considered.

If you need to contact me, you can email me at dathe1@eq.edu.au, or phone the school.

Have a fantastic week, Demelza Atherton

YEAR 4/5

Hello everyone! Week 6 is well and truly underway and the end of Term is slowly creeping upon us. Swimming classes have been a welcome and wonderful occasion for the past couple of Fridays. It's been lovely to observe all students enjoy developing their strokes, swim safety and diving skills. Please be reminded that this Friday will be the final swimming lesson of the Term.

In English, students have continued to develop their understanding of the language of comparison and this week they will begin drafting a speech to be delivered in pairs to the class. Students will deliver an 'At the Movies' style interview, discussing their opinions regarding the effectiveness of the language features and persuasive devices used in two different Aeroplane Jelly advertisements.

In HASS, Year 4 students are continuing to develop their questioning and research skills regarding a waste issue at school or in our wider community. Students interviewed a member of staff about waste management and asked questions regarding the processes in place or that could be adopted. Year 5 students have engaged in democratic processes to identify and offer solutions to an issue at school – snakes on campus! All students engaged in respectful conversations, when offering up ideas and suggestions to solutions. They've also developed their skills at understanding ideas and suggestions objectively, and without bias.

Over the past 2 weeks, Year 4/5 have also continued to choreograph their end of year dance. We've also had a class discussion about outfits and props, and it was unanimously decided that tie-dyed t-shirts would

be most preferred. With only a few weeks to go until the concert, can I please request that your child bring a plain white t-shirt to school by the end of Week 7 (20/11/20) so that we can start dying them in time? Please don't hesitate to get in contact should you have any queries or questions.

Kind regards, Helen McAteer
hmara4@eq.edu.au

YEAR 5/6

Hello everyone, I hope you've had a great week! We've made it over halfway through the term and are now on the final leg – something that is both exciting and a little bit scary. We have lots to do in the coming weeks so I'm sure time will absolutely fly by.

In English, we are wrapping up our last assessment for the year. Most students are currently typing their final copy and a handful are finished or drafting. From here we move into writing Graduation (Year 6) or Leadership Speeches (Year 5). It's imperative your child is here at school to get these things done.

Swimming has been a big hit – thank you to our Year 5/6 students for their wonderful behaviour both on the bus and at the pool. I'd like to give a special thank you to Billy and Jarmin who have shown excellent leadership, and have been a great help with the Prep boys down at the pool. Great job, guys!

A note went home yesterday about our Year 5/6 Gift exchange – further information about Party Day will go home in coming weeks.

EOYC is a little different this year and will be held during the school day. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, this event will not be open to guests. Information about costume ideas will go home shortly.

Reminders

Year 6 – Graduation Notes - I'm just waiting on 4 students at this point before I can finalise numbers and seating plans.

Year 5 – 2021 Leadership Applications are due at the end of this month – this includes a printed/rehear speech to present to Mrs Radley in Week 9.

If you have any questions or need to contact me, please feel free to email me anytime at jhick178@eq.edu.au.

Kind Regards, Miss Jesse Hicks

COMMUNITY NEWS



2020 - 21 COACHING Big Discount to Coaching Fees

The Beechmont Tennis Club has recently received a Kick Start Grant from the QLD Government as part of their program to stimulate sporting activities again after the lockdown due to the Corona Virus. Along with the Active Clubs Grant, your tennis club is able to offer coaching lessons at a huge discount.

Beginning from Term 3, students will be offered coaching at a subsidy of at least 50% depending on numbers. The discounts will continue for Term 4, 2020, and for Terms 1 and 2, 2021.

To be eligible, students must be members of the Beechmont Tennis Club. Students can join any time by completing the attached membership form. The cost per student is \$2 per year. Parents of children are also encouraged to join for \$5 per year and to contribute to the running of the Tennis Club.

It is planned to hold two coaching sessions on Monday afternoons, one for advanced students and one for beginners. All new student signing on for at least two term will receive a new tennis racquet and a can of tennis balls.

For more information, parents should contact our coach **Brett Day** on 0409 490 590.



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11TH NOVEMBER 2020

COMMENCING 10.45AM

GRACELEIGH PARK
BEECHMONT

COVID-SAFE PRACTICES WILL APPLY

PLEASE SIGN CONTACT TRACING FORMS ON ENTERING

PHYSICAL DISTANCING TO BE OBSERVED

THE BEECHMONT ANZAC COMMITTEE TOGETHER WITH THE BEECHMONT STATE SCHOOL REQUEST THAT THE PUBLIC REFRAIN FROM MIXING WITH THE SCHOOL STUDENTS

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL

NO REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

**REMEMBERING OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL
PAST AND PRESENT**

BEECHMONT ANZAC COMMITTEE

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Nerang
State High School

Yr 7 2020
Transition Day

Wed 25 November

8.45am – 9.00am
Drop student at Bus Bay
Will be met and escorted to school hall
2.30pm
Collect student from Bus Bay

Students must be enrolled to attend

Seek Within... Strive Beyond

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Term 4 Friday after school 3:00 - 4:00 pm
Arnee & Nina - 0412310811 Paul & Catherine - 0400743470
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Graceleigh Park, Beechmont

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