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# Familygram

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## March Diary Dates

|                               | Monday                 | Tuesday                    | Wednesday              | Thursday                   | Friday |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Week 11<br>(22 - 26 April)    |                        | ✚ School ANZAC Parade 2.15 | ✚                      | ✚ ANZAC Day Public Holiday | ✚      |
| Week 12<br>(29 April - 3 May) | ✚                      | ✚ School Parade 2.20       | ✚                      | ✚ Dance Fever              | ✚      |
| Week 13<br>(6 - 10 May)       | ✚ Cross Country Junior | ✚ School Parade 2.20       | ✚ Cross Country Senior | ✚ Dance Fever              | ✚      |

### What's On

- ✚ Tue, 22<sup>nd</sup> April – School ANZAC Parade
- ✚ Thur, 24<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)

### Message from Chappy Bev

How lovely it is to be back again after a two week break. I hope that you all had a nice holiday. Before I tell you about some of the upcoming Chaplaincy events, I would just like to say what a wonderful time the Local Chaplaincy Committee and I had at our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The atmosphere, the people and the events were magnificent and we were so happy to be involved. Many, many thanks go to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, the schools and the helpers who had the foresight and enthusiasm to host this celebration.

This term, lunch time activities will start up again in week two. There is the usual art/craft for years 1-7 on Wednesday lunch time and ping pong will be on again on Friday lunch times. Some extra activities for the students to look forward to over the coming weeks include: chalk pastel murals on the blackboards around the school and 'open microphone' sessions. The open microphone sessions help the kids get used to singing into a microphone and performing in front of an audience.

We have lots of fundraising activities this term. Our first is Andrew Powell's Great Walk, which we have taken part in for the past two years. Participants are sponsored to walk all or part of the journey from Kenilworth to Maleny. If you would like join us, you are most welcome. Please give me a call at the school on 54 998 333. Sponsorship is also appreciated.  
Regards,  
Chappy Bev

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Centenary Celebrations

WoW! What a memorable Easter it has been with our incredibly successful Centenary Celebrations. I would like to thank our hard working Centenary Committee, staff, students, parents and many community organisations and members for their support to ensure that all events ran smoothly. It was inspiring to talk with people who had travelled from Canada, New Zealand, Sydney and Perth to name a few places for this event and hear stories recalled from past students now well into their nineties. The positive vibe and strong sense of community was truly overwhelming and I for one was very honoured to be a part of this now historic occasion. We do still have quite a number of memorabilia items that are for sale these can be ordered on line <http://www.malenyschoolscentenary.com.au>. And purchased from school.

### Farewell Mrs Tucker

Allison Tucker our Acting Deputy Principal while Ms Charmaine Serchen has been on maternity leave will finish her contract on Wednesday this week. Allison has been successful in gaining the position of Principal Education Advisor – Australian Curriculum Diverse Learners based at Murrumba. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Allison and thank her greatly for her wonderful contributions to our school and her tireless work ethic. Allison has been an excellent support to myself and all staff and students, she will be dearly missed. We wish Mrs Tucker all the best in her new role.

## New Staff Term Two

Mr Eric Flamank who is currently working in Learning Support will replace Allison as our Acting Deputy for this Term. Mr Leon Blanchard-Claridge will be working in our Learning Support area for this Term. We expect a smooth transition as Eric worked in this role for our school in 2012. We also welcome Mrs Melissa Dougherty who will be teaching Physical Education this Term.

## ANZAC DAY

Students are invited to be a part of this year's ANZAC Day March which will commence at 10:30 am. Students are asked to wear school uniform and meet at Cooke Park just after 10:00 o'clock. Look for Mr Byrne, Mr Flamank and our school captains who will have the school banner. Our school captains will recite a poem and lay a wreath as part of the ceremony held at the RSL. A fly over by the Hornets will also form part of this ceremony.

## School ANZAC Parade

Please join us for our special ANZAC Parade lead by our school captains on Tuesday 23 April at 2:15pm. Our choir will perform and class representatives will have the opportunity to place a flower on a school wreath.



## Reading is our schools focus for 2013.

The best way to get better at anything is to practice. Interestingly enough the best readers are the ones who read the most often. I would like all parents to set a goal that their children will read more each week this Term at home than they did each week last term. If you have a reluctant reader your effort as a parent will require a little more work. Please seek advice from your child's teacher or librarian. It is important that children value reading and enjoy it. Start off by choosing a fun book that you or your partner can read to your children before bed. It doesn't need to be for long, the development of the habit is most important. Take time to help your child engage in finding an interesting book to read. (normally something children are interested in and at the correct level). **Warning:** Often we stop reading as much to our children as they grow older, this

could be one of the reasons that the reading progress of children around grade four and five slows down instead of zooming ahead. Guilty as charged myself, but now I more so than ever take on this responsibility as a parent. Happy Reading- Let me know how you go!

## Give your child every chance of Success

### School Starts at 8:50am

Congratulations to everyone who consistently get their children to school on time every day of the week and every week of the year. I'm a dad of three and believe me I realise the daily morning stresses that are there especially in winter when my children need to be ready by 7:00am. Children who are late struggle to settle in and miss vital learning and important messages. Missing 10 minutes a day every day means that by the time students finish school they will have missed nearly half a year of schooling. Occasionally there will be a genuine reason for being late, no problem. This Term I will follow up with regular late arrivals to ensure we demonstrate to our children that punctuality is important. As we are on electronic rolls children are required to get a late slip from our office girls of a morning when they arrive and parents should notify us of the reason in person or by phone/letter. On behalf of your children thank you for your efforts every day to ensure that they are at school on time.

## P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday May 15 at 6:30pm in the Library. Please try and commit to attending one meeting per year. We have a great school and it is vital that we continue to engage our families and community to ensure our students have the best resources and support available to them.

Have a great Week. See you at the gate.

John 😊

## DENTAL NEWS

The dental van will be arriving at Maleny State School next month.

We will be treating the students in family groups rather than individually from classes; therefore we will be treating the school alphabetically.

Dental consent forms have been issued to all students with surnames beginning with **A to K only**. If you wish to take advantage of the School Dental Service, please complete form & return it to the school office by **Friday 2/5/2013**.

The remainder of the school students will be issued forms in a couple of months.

If your child has a toothache please ring us to arrange an appointment.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact us.

Ph. 0419 736942.

Dental Van Staff

## School News

### Year 2 News

This week in grade two we have launched straight into our new learning. In Literacy, we have started looking at fairy tales and how characters can be stereotyped using assumptions and labels. This week we have read two stories which challenge these traditional stereotypes which we have really enjoyed. Over our unit we will be looking at 'busting' these stereotypes and in a few weeks we will be presenting an alternative description on a character from a familiar fairy tale story.

In Maths we are focussing on building our knowledge and speed of number fact recall. Please help us to practice these by asking us addition and subtraction number facts.

In Science we have been looking at push and pull forces. Last Friday we explored simple forces in the shed using familiar toys. This has also linked in well our History studies. This week we have been looking at toys from the past and compared them with the toys we have now. It has been interesting to see the changes over time. If you have any old toys or objects please share them with us as we are keen to see more.

Dance Fever has started up last week and it was great to see so much enthusiasm. We can't wait to learn some more of our dances in the coming weeks.

To support our SOSE studies of the local area, we now have some large maps on display in our room. Next time you are in, come and let us show you where some of the local places of importance are on the maps.

### 1/2 C Classroom News

This term we are looking at different picture books such as 'The Blue Thingamajig', 'Crunch the Crocodile' and 'Giraffes can't dance'. The focus is being able to retell the story after reading and being able to recognise the problem and the solution with a focus on the characters change in emotions and thoughts throughout the story. In Maths, Year 2 are learning how to count in three's and add/subtract with double digit numbers. Year 1 are looking at repeating patterns and sums of numbers that equal each other. For History the students will be looking at the make up of different family structures. In Science we will be exploring how hot and cold temperatures effect different food properties and observing the changes that occur.

Dance Fever is the basis for the Art's program for this term and the students have already had their first complimentary lesson last week, the students had a ball!! During SOSE we

are looking at the local area of Maleny and in Technology we will be working with maps and our school facilities.

A new Parent Volunteer Roster for Term 2 has been sent home, please feel free to let me know of any changes or additions to the roster. Reading Groups is now running every morning from 9.00-9.30. The new term has started off great!!, the students are keen to read again and learn new skills and concepts. Looking forward to another rewarding term with the students.

Kerry Lees

1/2C Classroom Teacher

### Prep A and Prep 1B News

Cross Country

The children have started practising for the Cross Country which will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Make sure you put this date on your calendar so that you can come and cheer for your child. We'll confirm the time closer to the day. The children dress in house colours and run a course around our senior oval. Any opportunities to build fitness and stamina in your leisure time would be beneficial.

Dance Fever

"Whoop, Whoop, Oh Yeah!" Dance Fever has begun again with lots of enthusiasm. Payment can still be made at the office if you'd like your child to continue to participate in this wonderful project.

Home Reading

It is wonderful to see the progress the children are making with their reading. Thank you for taking the time to read with your child at home and return readers regularly. We appreciate the helpers who change the books and listen to the children read each day. Please consider dropping in on any day to read with the children.

History

We are exploring our fabulous families and family history this term. Please send your family photos in to share with the class. Add your child's place of birth to the maps in the classroom as a point of interest.

Bake it!

We are investigating the process of making bread. If anyone would like to share their bread recipe or come in to bake bread with the children, we'd love to hear from you.

Label it!

Thank you for sending in such a variety of bread bags and labels. We are finding it very interesting looking at the different packaging and logos. The children will be creating their own bread labels later this term.

What a busy term it's going to be....

Mandy and Lindy

## Student Absences

Just a reminder, the Student Absence Line is Ph54998366. Please ring this number and leave a message to notify the school if your child is absent from school.

## Woolworths Earn & Learn

We are once again participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn.

A box has been placed at Admin for completed Points Sheets or Earn & Learn Points.

## IGA Community Chest

If you haven't already do so, please consider registering the Maleny State School as your selection with the IGA Community Chest.

### Students of the Week

Students of the week will commence Week 3

### Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Roster for March is as follows:

|               |   |                           |
|---------------|---|---------------------------|
| 23 April 2013 | - | Dawn G & Fiona B          |
| 24 April 2013 | - | Lisa M                    |
| 25 April 2013 | - | Peter M                   |
| 26 April 2013 | - | Linda L                   |
| 30 April 2013 | - | Lainie H, Aki L & Karen G |
| 1 May 2013    | - | Judy C                    |
| 2 May 2013    | - | Helen B                   |
| 3 May 2013    | - | Karen S & Jocelyn E       |

### Community News

#### Maleny Swimming Club

On Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April the clouds blew away, the sun came out and the Maleny Swimming Club had it's Presentation and End of Season Barbecue.

Each swimmer was awarded a 2012/2013 medal along with a record of their personal best times. Age Champions for the 2012/2013 season were:

|                |   |            |
|----------------|---|------------|
| Boys 6 & Under | - | Darcy H    |
| Girls 7Yrs     | - | Kaitlyn A  |
| Boys 7 Yrs     | - | Daniel L   |
| Boys 8Yrs      | - | Dylan L    |
| Girls 9Yrs     | - | Angelina G |
| Boys 9Yrs      | - | Dylan L    |
| Boys 10Yrs     | - | James L    |
| Girls 11Yrs    | - | Morgan R   |
| Boys 11Yrs     | - | Macale G   |
| Girls 12Yrs    | - | Kate B     |

The Club Champion Trophy was awarded to Dylan L and Danica D. Dylan L also received the award for most PB's. Sebastian G received the Swim Star "Give It Your Best" Award for always trying and never giving up.



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#### Woodstock at Witta

At Witta Rec Club

27 April 2013 @ 6.00pm

Adults \$20.00 H/S Students \$10.00 Children Free

All Proceeds go directly to the Variety Club of Queensland.

The Variety Club is dedicated to improving the lives of Queensland disabled and disadvantaged children.

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#### SOFTBALL

Suncoast-Hinterland Softball Association invites interested players to sign-on for the 2013 winter season.

- Male and Female, 5yrs old to Masters.
- TEAMS: Mixed U10's, U13's, Men's and Women's B Grade
- Season starts April. Games are played Sundays, Jnrs mornings & Snrs afternoons, All games are at one venue all season.
- Umpires, Coaches & Scorers wanted, your assistance will be greatly appreciated & training is available
- Enquires Ph Assoc' Secretary, Charles Walker on 041515683 or email Charles at [suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com) or ring a Softball Club nearest to you: Maroochydore Redbacks 0427768400, Caloundra Stringrays 0422204661, Hinterland Bandits (Glenview) 0423781438
- New Clubs or Teams are always welcome to join [www.suncoast.softball.org.au](http://www.suncoast.softball.org.au)



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