Message from Chappy Bev

May is a very busy month for Chappies across Queensland because Chappy Week runs from the 19th – 26th of May. Chappy Week is a time for celebrating the achievements of chaplaincy, thanking our supporters and fundraising for our services.

For details about Maleny State School’s Chappy Week events please take a look at the flyer that is making its way home to you. In the flyer, you will see that we are fundraising for the service by taking part in Andrew Powell’s Great Walk. The walk is part of Andrew’s ongoing campaign to improve the road between Little Yabba in Kenilworth and Maleny. Our walkers (including our principal, Mr Byrne, and myself) can be sponsored, with the money we raise going towards Maleny State School’s Chaplaincy Service. For more details, please refer to the Chappy Week flyer.

The money raised will help to pay for the groups, competitions and lunchtime activities that the Chaplaincy Service runs. It is also used to help families in financial need with the cost of uniforms, school lunches, excursions and camps. Some of the money helps to pay for work hours not fully covered by national funding.

This is my third year doing the walk. However, for the first time I am attempting to do the whole walk, starting from Little Yabba. That’s over 30 kilometres! I am not sure if I will make it, but I will give it my best shot.

Regards,
Chappy Bev

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Cross Country
Please join in the fun with our Cross Country events this week. Melissa Dougherty our PE teacher has been training all students this term in preparation for this event. Junior students will participate Monday morning and Senior students will compete on Wednesday morning.

Andrew Powell’s Chappy Walk - Please sponsor
Our school chaplain does a wonderful job looking after the welfare of our students and providing a variety of lunch time activities for students. Our school values the work Chappy Bev does and the support she provides students. As a school we fund part of Chappy Bev’s wage. One of our strategies to raise these funds is to seek donations from all families in Chaplaincy week this year. Andrew Powell also has organised an annual walk that assists in raising funds for this cause. I will be walking this year for the first time. I am hoping I can make the distance. If you can sponsor myself, Chappy Bev, Jenny Park (Teacher Aide), Carol Thornton or Annalie Mayers (chappy committee) who will also take part, please complete the form attached and return to our office. Your contributions will help soothe my anticipated pain at the conclusion of the walk and be very much appreciated by our students.

Army Helicopter visit
Late next week, weather permitting, we hope to receive a visit from the Australian Army. Daile Coey-Braddon LEUT RAN (An uncle of one of our students) based at the Oakey Army Aviation Centre will land a Kiowa helicopter on the oval and give children the opportunity to have a close up look. More information will be provided when the visit is confirmed.
NAPLAN
"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests. To best help your child ensure they go to bed early and have a healthy breakfast. Arriving early to school will ensure students are organised and well settled before tests commence.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with a disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au

Wood Expo
Thank you to Misty and her band of P&C parent volunteers who spent Saturday and Sunday serving coffee and cake at the Wood Expo. Lots of time and organisation goes into events like this and on behalf of the school I would like to sincerely thank all those who assisted.

Under 8’s Week
This year’s theme is ‘Celebrating community - sharing music, movement and culture. Think locally!’ Children and adults are invited to dress up in theme. Come as a community worker or your favourite musician or maybe in cultural dress. The options are endless. Please bring a gold coin to donate to our Chaplaincy Fund, as this week will also be Chappy Week.

Families and Community members are invited to share this important early childhood event on Wednesday 22 May. The fun starts at 9:00 am and continues until 10:30 when we will pack up ready to take part in a National Simultaneous Storytelling. I will be reading the book, “The Wrong Book” to students under my favourite tree in the school.

Some activities on the day include: obstacle course, mural, tattoo art, scarf dancing, flags, lanterns, kites, dress ups, shakers, music making, chicken cups, braids, fan fold dragons, leis, biscuit icing, parachute games, bubbles and much more!

Family and community members are welcome to become involved in our Under 8’s Day celebrations.

If you would like to set up an activity or an area of interest, please phone the office at the school on 54 998 333. Musicians are welcome to bring along their instruments to add to the festivities.

Our wonderful Tuckshop will be open to sell tea, coffee and cakes throughout the morning.

DONATIONS REQUIRED: Plastic Shopping bags, empty bottles with lids to make shakers, bottle top lids.

I look forward to seeing you there.

John ☺☺ ☺☺

School News

The Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students of Maleny State School are once again invited to participate in the reading challenge set by our Premier. Last year, over one and a half million books were read by 80,000 students from Queensland schools during the reading period.

Participants are asked to record their reading between Tuesday 14 May and Friday 6 September. Students who complete the target will receive a certificate signed by the Premier of Queensland. Year 5 to 7 students must
read 15 books; Year 3 and 4 students must read 20 books and Prep to Year 2 students must read or experience 20 books before the end of the challenge.

Completed and signed reading logs must be returned to school by Tuesday 10 September. If you have not already received a copy, the form can be downloaded from http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/pdfs/reading-record-schools.pdf Are you up to the challenge?

5/6C: Tremendous Term 2 ... a Quarter of the Year complete!!

With NAPLAN on the horizon for our year 5, we began preparing ourselves for 10 weeks of solid study. This aside, work in the classroom remained focused throughout term 1 and students produced fantastic work in all subject areas.

In English we commenced and completed units entitled ‘Creating Short Stories’ and ‘Persuasion in the media and online text’. This involved writing, editing and publishing our own short stories. Persuasive devices used by the media and online outlets, were identified and we now feel very confident in becoming savvy consumers who won’t be fooled by the many ways companies persuade us to buy or buy into their products. Students used the literary techniques to write, and publish own persuasive pieces. Topics included “The World is Amazing” and “Come to Queensland – where the World shines”.

Scientific studies of Interactions and Diversity in the Living raced through the basic components of high school Biology subjects like – Habitat study, Animal Adaptations, Interactions in Food Webs and Food Chains as well as Classification of Living things. In SOSE we linked our knowledge from Science into studying the wonderful and varied Ecosystems of Australia. We have just finished designing and producing a board game to educate and entertain the players about everything we have learnt. We can’t wait to start playing!

In Maths, we have been busy working our way through many aspects of everyday numbers, percentages and data. We’re investigating 2D and 3D in shape and averages in statistics and data representation. We’re looking forward to using some of the maths we have learned - especially when we go shopping for discounted bargains!

Finally, in art we learned techniques and styles used in a very condensed ‘History of Art’ unit. Many of the final pieces produced were on show at our Centenary Celebrations although many more are now on display in our classrooms.

6A Happenings

6A has been flat out this term, working hard to get all their work complete. In English we have been examining persuasive language and how it is used in advertising to encourage us to buy products. Students have demonstrated their understanding of advertising texts’ persuasive features through written responses to comprehension questions, the creation of their own digital multimodal advertisement and an explanation of creative choices. The class has used their knowledge to design ads for the Mother’s Day Store and Maleny and its surrounding areas.

In Mathematics we have been examining and building 3D Shapes. Students have described and continued square and triangular number patterns, made generalisations about the relationship between square and triangular numbers, explored numbers below zero, and positioned integers on a number line.

Our new subject, History has been all about Australia and what life was like around the time of Federation. We have also discussed why Australia’s colonies decided to join together to make a country. Students have described the experiences of Australian democracy and citizenship for a range of groups, including the status and rights of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women and children in the 20th Century. Students will explain the significance of individuals or groups who advocated for citizenship rights and those who were the beneficiaries of polices and legislation.

Science has been electrifying this term, with 6A examining simple electrical circuits, insulators and conductors, and electrical safety. Students will explore how energy from a variety of sources can be used to generate electricity and evaluate personal and community decisions related to use of different energy sources and their sustainability.

Congratulations to Neive C who is representing Glasshouse District at Soccer this week, we wish her all the best.

Nihongo News

Year 6 students are having a great time learning how to read and write one of the three Japanese alphabet writing systems. This term we will focus on the HIRAGANA alphabet. To help us reach our goal we have begun using a hiragana app on the iPad. It is a free app which you can download yourself if you wish to improve your hiragana writing and reading skills. Here are a few photos of students from 6C testing their skills.

Mata ne! (See you later!)
Student Absences
Just a reminder, the Student Absence Line is 5499 8366. Please phone 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 promotion.

A box has been placed in the school office for completed Points Sheets.

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

Sport News

SWIMATHON 2013
Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Swimathon and a huge thank you to all those who supported us through your sponsorship last term. Overall, around $6200 was raised.

These funds will help provide new equipment and maintain existing equipment for use in our Swimming Lessons, Water Lifesaving Activities, Athletics, Ball Games, Perceptual Motor Programs, Bat and Ball Games, Indoor Games and Major Games Programs. The funds also help with costs associated in our Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country and Junior Sports Day carnivals, along with many other activities and opportunities offered within the programs provided at our school.

We wish to thank the following Family Recreation Venues and businesses for their generous support in providing passes and prizes for our Swimathon. Many thanks to: Concept IT Systems, Maleny Pharmacy, Maleny Dairies; Amazen at Montville; Big Kart Track at Landsborough; Top Shots Fun Park Maroochydore; Australia Zoo and Beerwah Golf Course; Caloundra Rollerrome and Get Biking in Caloundra; Suncoast Cable Sports and Suncoast Barra at Bli Bli; Laser Zone Warana; Glenview Golf; Aussie World at Palmview; Underwater World at Mooloolaba; Suncity Bowl at Alexandra Headland; World of Sport in Brisbane.

All participants in the Swimathon will receive either class parties or class prizes as recognition for their efforts. Sports equipment and gift vouchers were awarded as prizes to various students from each year level and random draws for prizes and passes provided by the above businesses were also conducted.

Once again, thank you for your support of this year’s Swimathon.

Development Cup Rugby League
Last Wednesday a group 17 Maleny State School boys travelled to Beerwah Rugby League grounds to compete in the Development Cup Rugby League competition. The team played four games throughout the day, taking on Beerwah SS, Glasshouse SS, Glasshouse Christian College and Elimbah SS.

In their first game Maleny took on Beerwah and despite being behind early in the game the team fought back to win the game 5 tries to 2. Maleny next took on Glasshouse CCC, the boys controlled this match from start to finish coming away with a comprehensive victory. The boys then backed up straight away without rest to take on Glasshouse. The game seesawed both ways, but in the end Maleny eventually went down by 1 try.

The day all came down to the Maleny’s last game, if they could force a victory they would give themselves a chance of taking home the trophy. Unfortunately Elimbah’s size proved to be a task too big for the side, with Elimbah claiming victory and overall winner of the day. In the wash up Maleny finished third overall, which was a fantastic result especially with the majority of the team playing their first ever game of rugby league on the day.

Tyron E was awarded Maleny’s Best and Fairest award, for his elusive runs and numerous ‘one on one’ try saving tackles. All boys played exceptionally well and represented their school outstandingly.

The team would like to thank all the parents for providing transport and support throughout the day. A huge thank you, to the Maleny Bushrangers Rugby Union Club for the use of their jerseys.

Students of the Week

Students of the Week for Week 3:
Prep A Stellar, Macey P/1B Maja, Luke
1A Miles, Conrad 1/2C Ryan, Ebony
2A Lawrence, Cielo 2B Jacqui, Harrison
3B Connor 4A Maya, Harry
4B Grace, Willem 5B Jame, Hayden
5/6C Kyle 6A Gordon, Mark
7A Ashlee, Nick

Week 4:
Prep A Rescue, Savannah P/1B Seanna, Darcy
1A Ryan, Joel 1/2C Helen, Fraser
2A Sarah, Jasper 2B Jonny
3A Jasmin, Ben 3B Tamika, Tallis
4B Lucy, Declan 5A Luke, Brooke
5B Taylah, Rowan 6A Matthew, Hayden
7A Catriona 7B Kate, Macale
On behalf of the Maleny State School P&C Association, we would like to wish Trish Griffiths and Mick Jeays all the best on their retirement.

If parents would like to contribute to a gift to be purchased by the P&C, they are welcome to leave donations at the office.

**Mothers’ Day Stall**

It’s not too late to send donations for the Mothers’ Day Stall. Items can be left in the boxes in the classroom or in the office.

Help is also required this Tuesday to wrap items for display and with the stall on Thursday.

Gifts are priced from $3.00 to $5.00.

For further information, please phone Misty Bland on 0451 272 057. Thank you for supporting us.

**Wood Expo News**

We had a truly exciting and eventful weekend hosting our Maleny Centenary Cafe at the Expo. I have so many parents to thank and if I omit to mention you, my sincere apologies as my tank is half full today.

A special thank you goes to:

☆ Donna and Scott, for running around collecting items and for packing up the stall today. Thanks too to Scott for checking our cables and getting us up 'n running with our appliances.

☆ Tanya, Satya and Merlynne for baking the most decadent delicious chocolate cheesecake brownies topped with chocolate ganache - they sold out.

☆ Kelli and her three fantastic children, Nick, Malik and Xanthe for baking the shortbread, chocolate muffins and cupcakes; your humour certainly kept us going.

☆ Melissa and her gorgeous Mum-in-law, Shirley for baking the cupcakes and banana muffins.

☆ Amanda and her dedicated daughter Rowan for the last batch of cupcakes and all the girls did a marvellous job decorating them.

☆ Kate and Mandy for packaging the shortbread and chocolate, you girls did a terrific job.

☆ Last but by no means least, to Helen and Anita for the delicious fudge and cupcakes.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers over the weekend, Rick, Lou (thank you for the gorgeous calligraphy for our cafe), Trish, Anita, Amanda, Andrea, Laura, Melissa, Sandie (hope your ankle has healed up), Donna and Mary - who helped set up and pack up the stall. Thank you Will for the last minute dash home to fetch us a table, you saved the day.

A special thank you to my Kim and Sarah for covering the entire weekend with me, we had table service thanks to Kim. Also, Rob, Tim Tam Rob and Eddie for helping us pack up every night.

Thank you to all the Mums who rang offering to bake cakes or donate ingredients, you are greatly appreciated for your contributions.

The next P&C Meeting will be next Wednesday 15 May, 6:00pm in the Library. All Welcome.

**Tuckshop News**

Due to lack of volunteers, sushi will not be available this Tuesday, 7 May. In its place, cakes left over from the Wood Expo will be available for purchase at $1.00 each.

Tuckshop Roster for March is as follows:

- 7 May 2013    -    Dawn G & Fiona B
- 8 May 2013    -    Sally C
- 9 May 2013    -    Peter M
- 10 May 2013   -    Anne S. & Kate L.
- 14 May 2013   -    Aki L & Karen G
- 15 May 2013   -    Lorraine B. & Jenny A.
- 16 May 2013   -    Michelle W.
- 17 May 2013   -    Nicole C. & Michelle C.

**Uniform Shop News**

With winter only one month away, it might be time to consider your child’s winter school uniform. We have a full supply of jackets available for $43.00 each.

Uniform Shop is open Friday mornings from 8:30 to 9:30.

If you are unable to visit the uniform shop during this time, order forms are available from the office. Please include full payment (cash or cheque only) with your order and our volunteers will deliver it to your child’s classroom.

We are exploring ways to make ordering uniforms even easier for you and hope to have them as items on the same Flexischools ordering system that we use for the Tuckshop – watch this space for more details.
The dental van will be arriving at Maleny State School next week.

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 and were due to be returned to the school office last Friday 2/5/2013. If you would still like to take advantage of this service, please contact the dental van on the number below. 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

**Australian Government Mobile Service Centres**

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres travel to rural and regional communities to provide people who live in rural or regional areas with information and access to government services. They provide personalised face-to-face servicing to individuals and families who may not have easy access to a Department of Human Services office.

The Mobile Service Centres provide access to a range of government payments and services. Staff on board our Mobile Service Centres live and work in rural communities and can provide information, assistance and support to older Australians, families, students, jobseekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

The Mobile Service Centres are equipped with:

- a soundproof interview room and
- a soundproof Australian Hearing testing room
- service/assistance desks
- a waiting area
- a publication display area
- self service computer access
- LCD display screens
- disabled access
- wireless IT connectivity for servicing flexibility.

More information regarding the Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is available on the Department of Human Services website.
While the majority of students come to school ready to learn, a small percentage do the wrong thing and misbehave, which is why the Queensland Government is strengthening discipline in state schools.

Strengthening Discipline in Queensland State Schools is the first of 15 strategies being introduced under the government’s new Great Teachers = Great Results initiative to lift standards of teaching and give schools more autonomy so they can get on with the job of providing a safe and supportive learning environment.

Strategies include:
• giving principals greater powers to discipline students
• cutting red tape and streamlining processes for exclusions, suspensions and cancellations of enrolment
• developing more alternative learning environments for students with complex behaviour needs
• implementing new behaviour contracts with students and families.

Schools know what works best at a local level — cutting red tape, streamlining processes and increasing flexibility means that principals in consultation with school communities can determine the best range of consequences for inappropriate behaviour.

Schools want parents and carers to be aware of the behavioural expectations and the consequences for inappropriate behaviour and will talk about these at enrolment and throughout the student’s schooling. At times a principal may need to develop a behaviour contract which students and parents are signatory to. These will outline clear expectations for improved behaviour and the consequences when those expectations are not met.

To ensure schools are safe and supportive environments for both teachers and students, options for students with complex behaviour needs will be explored and may include alternative learning environments and better access to specialist staff.

Looking ahead, the department will ensure discipline in all Queensland state schools is strong, fair and consistent by completing a discipline audit of all state schools by the end of 2014.

If you have concerns about your child’s behaviour at school you should talk to your child’s teacher or contact the school.

For more information on Great Teachers = Great Results visit the DETE website

Celebrate Chappy Week

19th to 26th May

The aim of Chappy Week is to support and celebrate the work of Chappies across Queensland. This year Chappy Week will run from Sunday 19th to Sunday 26th of May.
Here are Maleny State School’s Chappy Week activities:

Supporters and Sponsors Thank You: Tues 21st May, 5:15 to 6:30pm. After work refreshments are provided to say thank you to the individuals, businesses, services and churches who have supported chaplaincy during the year. RSVP to Chappy Bev on 54 998 333.

Free Dress Day for Maleny SS Chaplaincy: Wednesday 22nd May. - Your gold coin donation will be collected on the day. Event organised by Maleny State School Student Council.

Breakfast Club: Free breakfast for students Thursday 30th May (the week after Chappy Week) 8:15 am.

Andrew Powell’s Great Walk: Friday 24th May. For the third year chaplains and others will join Andrew Powell on his Great Walk from Little Yabba in Kenilworth to Maleny. The walk is part of Andrew’s ongoing campaign to improve the road. Our walkers are sponsored with money raised going to Maleny State School Chaplaincy Service. Funds raised go towards running our programs, activities and maintaining Chappy Bev’s work hours.
If you would like to join us on the walk please call Chappy Bev on: 54 998 333.

If you would like to sponsor someone in Andrew Powell’s Great Walk, follow the steps below...

Step One: Nominate someone to sponsor:

- John Byrne (Principal)
- Annalie Mayers (Chaplaincy Committee)
- Chappy Bev
- Jenny Park (Teacher Aide)
- Carol Thornton (Chaplaincy Committee)

Step Two: Nominate an amount by circling:

$2 $5 $10 $20 Other __________

Place in attached envelope and return to school office. Please note that the amount you nominate is a flat rate for participating not a per kilometre rate.

Step Three: For donations over $2 that require a tax receipt, please fill in your details below, detach at perforation above and place in envelope with your donation. A tax receipt will be sent to you by SU QLD.

I would like to support the SU QLD Chaplaincy Service at Maleny State (Primary) School by sponsoring/donating $______________

Payment is by:  □ Cash  □ Cheque (made payable to SU QLD Schools Ministry Fund) or
□ Credit card:  □ Visa  □ MasterCard  □ AmEx  □ Diners

Cardholder Name: ________________________________________

Card No. __________

Expiry __ / ___ Signature ___________________________

My Details:*required fields* Title: __________ First Name________________________ Last Name________________________

Company ______________________________

* Address _______________________________

*Suburb ________________________________ Post Code __________

*Email ________________________________

□ I would like to like to receive further information about SU QLD Chaplaincy

Once completed please place in envelope supplied and return to Maleny State School Office.

Thanks for your support!

From Chappy Bev