FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bush Dance

Yee haa! A great time was had by all who attended the Chaplaincy Bush Dance on Saturday night. If you missed it mark it down on your calendar for 2014. My family enjoyed some delicious home cooked meals and a dance and laugh with (more so at) mum and dad. A huge thankyou to the Maleny Chaplaincy Committee, local community groups, and Chappy Bev for their coordination and organisation of this event.

Students Cut School Song CD

On Sunday I was privileged to accompany a talented group of our students to Dragon Score Recording Studios at Buderim along with our Music teacher Ms Liz Cripps. The students recorded our school song which will now be edited and a CD will be available shortly. I am passionate about continuing to build school spirit and strengthening school traditions that everyone can be a part of. We will add this song into our parades on a much more regular basis.

School Community Pool

The preliminary ideas of what a school community pool might look like in Maleny were discussed at our P&C meeting last Wednesday. While this is still in the very early stages of discussion, our P&C body were positive towards the concept of using our current bottom oval as the location of the pool, rather than it encroaching onto our current top oval.
As we currently have a pool that serves our school needs, any new concept would need to be beneficial to both us, and our community. A big draw card for us would be if we can use the current land occupied by the pool to be used as a drop off zone or bus pick up to ease current parking and traffic congestion. The new pool proposed is a heated indoor 10 lane 25m pool accompanied with possible hydrotherapy facility and gymnasium. I must emphasise that we are currently only in the discussion stage with our school community and several State Government Departments, Local Council and Community Groups. Whether this becomes a reality only time will tell. If you were unable to attend our last P&C meeting and have an opinion on this concept please ensure you attend our next P&C meeting. Norm Richards was nominated at our last P&C meeting to attend future meetings along with myself. Andrew Powell is convening these meetings and our next meeting is this Friday.

Junior Sports Day
Today our Preps to year three students enjoyed participating in their sports day and mini olympics. Participation and fun was the aim of the day and from the smiles on faces this was certainly achieved. Thank you to Mrs Dougherty and staff for their organisation around this event. Well done to all parents that were able to attend and support their children.

High School Visit
Brian King Maleny State High School principal and Ms Cath Gray spoke with year five parents last week whose children will be the first cohort of year six students to complete year seven at High School commencing in 2014. This was a very informative session and certainly parents were reassured that their students would be well supported and catered for with preparations well under way. It was reassuring to know that Ms Gray will be the year seven coordinator and follow students through their schooling until year twelve.

School Opinion Surveys
Last week all staff, year six, five and some year four students participated in our annual school opinion surveys. This week the Parent / Caregiver Opinion surveys have been sent home to randomly selected parents (computer generated). I would like to thank all participants that have already completed their surveys and remind other survey participants to please complete their survey to ensure their opinions are included in our schools’ reports we will receive later this year.

Year 5 Focus Group
Last week I surveyed all year five parents (and students) to identify concerns that they would like to raise in relation to their students completing their last year of primary next year. I will be holding a special Focus Group meeting for interested parents to further discuss some of these important issues next week. I look forward to hearing your concerns and ideas and discussing some possible solutions.

Prep
Enrolments for 2014 are now being taken for children born 1 July 2008 – 30 June 2009. We have a very successful Prep program and I expect places to fill quickly.

Welcome to Prep morning - Wednesday 14 August 9-10:30 am
Parents and their children are invited to visit Prep and join us for a supplied morning tea.

Prep Information Session Thursday 15 August 6:00—7:00 pm
Join us for wine and cheese and find out more about the prep program.

Get Ready for Prep sessions
- Wednesday 16 Oct - 9.00am–10.30am
- Wednesday 23 Oct - 9.00am–10.30am
- Wednesday 30 Oct - 9.00am–10.30am

We look forward to meeting you and your children at these sessions. Please inform your friends and neighbours to contact our office now for more information.

Father’s Day Obstacle Course Date Claimer
Calling all dads, grand dads, uncles, male role models, caregivers and mums that play two roles, please keep Friday the 23 August (3pm -5pm) free. There are some exciting ideas being discussed currently around this event. A meeting will be held this Tuesday to finalise what the afternoon will look like. We are very much looking for some additional parent volunteers to attend this meeting in the Staff Room at 2:00pm on 30 July (Tuesday afternoon).

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support
This Weeks Rule: Be Respectful – Quiet Feet, Quiet Mouths. As a school we are focusing on moving quietly moving from lesson to lesson around the school. Year 5B was outstanding at this last week. Well Done Mrs Vlieg and year five students.
Take Care
John 😊
Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I am so thoroughly pleased to be returning to Maleny State School this term. I have missed the friendly, smiling faces that greet you each day and the dedication of all of our staff and volunteers.

My return as deputy principal sees me leaving my 13 month old daughter, Claudia with her dad for term 3. Both my husband and Claudia will no doubt thoroughly enjoy their time together, but as you will appreciate it is very difficult for me to leave her for the first time.

Our little family continues to grow, and I know that you will share in our joy, that of our second baby who is due at Christmas. This will see my time at Maleny sadly cut short this year as I take maternity leave in term 4.

I look forward to working with John for the first time and also to meeting all of our new students, families and staff members, I know you will all make me feel at home at Maleny again.

Kind Regards
Charmaine Cowling

Thank You!
Maleny State School would like to extend their appreciation to Coolum Community Native Nursery for providing 50 free trees/plants that we will be adding to our beautiful rainforest on the school grounds. Year 3 and the School Council will be helping Mr Sherwell plant these in the near future. The nursery provides a wide range of seedlings and established plants and the community are more than welcome to come and have a browse. You can find them at 157 Warran Road, Yaroomba. Phone: 5473 9322

Lost Items
Lost items left in eating areas and playgrounds are returned immediately to classrooms at the end of lunch. It is essential that parents label all clothing items and check regularly that names have not rubbed off or blurred. Items with no name are displayed on the lost property clothes line near the tuckshop at Tuesday parade. Items left unclaimed at the end of each term will be redistributed, used as back up clothes or as second hand uniforms.

Classroom News

Prep A’s Weather Bureau
We received a letter from a new friend “Wilma the Weather Wombat”. She is called that because she is always wondering about the weather. Wilma has asked us to record the weather in Maleny. In Prep A we have set up a weather bureau and we are taking turns to report on the weather and record our observations on the class weather chart.

In Maths we have been sorting objects according to their mass. The student’s learnt that when they were measuring the mass of an object, they used lifting to tell how heavy the object was. Heavy objects require more effort to lift. We used the technique of “hefting” to decide which school bag was heavier.

Our focus in English this term is “Understanding Rhyme”. This week we read the book “Polar bear, Polar bear what do you hear”. We enjoyed making a class book and innovating on the text.

Prep 1 B News
We have had a very busy start to Term 3...
In English, we have been learning about the difference between narratives and information texts. We read the story “Stellaluna” which is about a baby bat who gets separated from its mother. We also navigated our way around an online information text about bats and learnt a lot of interesting facts. We examined the story “Stellaluna” and discussed which parts of the story were fact and fiction.

We are learning about healthy eating and have sorted foods into “sometimes” and “every day” foods. We are learning about food groups and have set up a healthy café in the classroom to help us with our learning. The children have been busy writing signs, making menus, placemats, price tags, and investigating money.

Our maths has been about measurement. The Preps have been investigating mass by “hefting” objects and using seesaws and balance scales to compare the weight of different classroom items. They have been using the words “heavy” and “light” to describe their learning.

The Year 1’s have been measuring the length, height and width of things in and out of the classroom. They have used paddlepop sticks, matchsticks, counters, linking cubes, paper clips, and pegs to measure with. They measured larger objects and curved lines with lengths of string. They learnt to line objects up using a base line to compare their length.
1A News
The second half of the year has started well. The students have jumped into many activities with gusto. In Maths we have been practicing our counting patterns up to 100. We have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Some of the children really liked counting in 2s and set up enormous rows of blocks in pairs and practiced their counting. We’ll keep on practicing our counting patterns all year to make sure we know them forwards and backwards!

We have also started a new spelling program this term, Words Their Way. We have spent the last two weeks setting up and beginning the lessons. Each week every child gets a bag containing a targeted spelling activity specific to their needs. With these we will do all sorts of activities like word sorts, speed sort games and word hunts. We hope to see some pleasing progress with such a targeted approach on those areas that the children need to work on.

1/2C Classroom News
A special thank you to all parents who took time to attend an appointment during our school’s Parent/Teacher interviews. I appreciated the parent feedback and the discussions shared on your child’s progress. Students have set individual class goals for themselves for this term. We will be monitoring our progress towards our personal goals by writing reflective sentences each week in our Health books.

Currently in our Math’s Warm Up sessions students have been recalling skip counting in 10’s, 5’s, 2’s and 3’s both forwards and backwards. We have recently investigated measurement involving length, area and capacity, both practical and fun concepts to explore. The children thoroughly enjoyed measuring the length of items within the classroom with straws, including their teacher!

A new component introduced to our Math sessions this term has been Problem Solving. The class comes together at the end of each Math session to tackle one mathematical problem each day together as a class, using a variety of learned strategies to solve complex problems. The students really look forward to this part of the day.

2A and 2B News
This term 2A and 2B have a lot of exciting things to look forward to.

In English we are currently looking at Procedural texts and how they tell us how to do, or make something. This was due to the Roald Dahl book, “George’s Marvellous Medicine”. We all enjoyed reading this book, especially the ingredients that went into making the marvellous medicine. Later in the unit we will be creating our own procedural text for an activity to make Grandma (from George’s Marvellous Medicine) happy.

Our Math studies continue to look at number knowledge and we’ve also looked at fractions (halves, quarters and eighths) and number patterns. Later in the term we will be starting to explore the concept of multiplication and division.

The focus for Science this term is investigating life stages of living things. As part of this unit we have goldfish, mealworms and seeds that we’ve planted to observe and monitor their changes. We also guessed who was who from our baby photos and made predictions of what we’ll be like in the future.

Continuing from last term’s studies, we will be looking at fairytales and what they teach us. Then these interpretations will be presented in our own puppet shows with our very own puppets.

At the moment we are also training hard for the Junior Sports Day. Please feel free to come along and cheer us on.

Year 3A and 3B News
It has been a great start to the Term and we are well on our way to completing a range of activities.

We have been reading and comprehending a range of amazing Traditional Stories from around the world, these are focussing on the author’s use of descriptive words, allowing the reader to imagine the characters and settings within a story. We are reading and comprehending The Lorax by Dr Suess, this will focus on Rhyme and Rhythm within a piece of writing.
In Maths we are working on Fractions, Money and Addition strategies.
3B are having a great experience, designing and planning a Waterbottle Cooler within their Technology and Science Lessons. 3A will be working with Mrs Keir to design their own Retreat using a range of recyclable products.

We are looking forward to Junior Sports Day on Monday and we are implementing each day the 4Be Focus for the week on Respect, we are making sure we are “Using Quiet Feet-Quiet Mouths” as we transition throughout the school.

3A students are also taking on the Green Lane Diary Project, this project allows the students to reflect on the environment around them and ways to make changes that can help future generations, they have an ‘EcoMonitor’ to complete in their Homework book throughout the term.

Sarsha Anthony, Anne Coogan, Anna Keir
Year 3 Teachers

**Students of the Week**

Students of the week for

**Week 3, Term 3:**

| Prep A | Nina & Noah | P/1B | Darcy & Theo |
| 1A     | Phoebe & Kael | 1/2C | Helen & Daniel |
| 2A     | Elise & Austin | 2B | Cielo & Tyler |
| 3A     | Georgia & Sam | 3B | Matilda & Connor |
| 4A     | Jaimee & Willem | 4B | Macie & Amani |
| 5A     | Bridie & Ethan | 5B | Abi & Elliott |
| 5/6C   | Billy & Josh | 7A | Bree & David |
| 7B     | Aaron & Riley |

**THE BEE BUZZ**

Another important part of being responsible is taking ownership of your own behaviour and understanding that there are consequences for behaviour, whether they be good or bad. This is not only true at school but also in the wider community.

This terms winners are Luca, Angeline, Tiannah and Ethan.

The fabulous watches are kindly donated by Maleny Jewellers

**Music Notes**

**The Maleny School Song**

Last Sunday morning fifteen students from Years 4, 5, and 6 met me at DragonScore Production studios and recorded ‘The Maleny School Song’. The students were introduced to the fundamentals of audio recording and basic microphone technique. They of course sang superbly well, and we will soon be able hear and sing along with ‘The Maleny School Song’ recording each week on Parade.

Thank you to Dylan, Shelby, Eloise, Kate, Kim, Lucy, Abi, Grace, Jaimee, Alby R, Hannah, Kaliana, Taylah, and Agatha.

Liz Cripps

**Library News**

On Tuesday, internationally acclaimed author Gary Crew stopped in to the Year 4 classrooms to work with our students. Each class spent time reading and analysing his award winning book, *The Watertower*. The children were captivated as each page was revealed. Mr Crew encouraged the students to think about his selection of words and the impact the choices had on the reader and story development. He showed that he was able to get the reader to believe things without having to make an explicit statement. Although most of the class thought the book was about an alien life-form, Mr Crew challenged them to justify their opinions. As one student commented, “What you see is not always what you think”.

The significance of the words and images were made obvious as the story continued and as students looked back over what they’d seen and read. They’re now keenly looking at other books to try and interpret the author and illustrator’s work.

The sequel to *The Watertower* was written in response to the repeated requests from fans and the illustrator’s need to finish telling the story, but Mr Crew has challenged the students to write their own. He’ll read one from each class he’s visited before revealing his choice at the Readers’ Cup finals in September.

The students are keen to read the sequel ‘Beneath the surface’, but they’ll have to wait until they have finished writing their own.

**Chaplaincy News**

The Chappy Room was full of activity during NAIDOC Week. Thanks go to the 6 or so students who patiently did the hair wraps over 4 lunchtimes. Also, thank you to the 40 or so children who created amazing pictures using the dot art technique. These artworks are on display at the back of the school hall for the next few weeks. Here some of the children showing their wonderful artworks.

The Student Council will be helping me to run a special welcome event for our new students. This time the theme is Alice In Wonderland and we will be hosting a Mad Hatter’s Tea Party in Week 5. There will be lots of fun activities followed by a yummy afternoon tea. I think that our new students will really enjoy what we have planned for them.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the Maleny District Senior Citizens,
Quota International Maleny, the Combined Churches Women’s Breakfast and the Bank Of Queensland Maleny Branch for their recent donations. Thank you for your encouragement and generosity, it is very much appreciated.

Wear Regards, Chappy Bev

From the Office
Please be advised of the new times for making payments in the office:

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BPAY Payments
Due to complications with BPAY, this method of payment will no longer be available. Please deposit all payments directly into our bank account noting the invoice number, initial and surname of the student for whom you are paying.

Our Bank account details are:
BSB: 064-462
Account Number: 10080359

Cash, cheque and credit card payments can be made outside of these times by inserting the cheque/correct change in a payment envelope or writing the credit card details on the front of the envelope and depositing it into the drop-safe in the office. Please ensure that the envelope is sealed so the cash does not fall out. Please write the student’s name, class, amount enclosed and what the payment is for, clearly on the envelope.

Office hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm.

P&C News
Maleny Obstacle Mania
23 August 2013
3-5pm
$5.00 entry per team....

A fun filled exhilarating obstacle consisting of 8 stations, to be completed by a father/adult with his/her child. No training required, only enthusiasm and loads of humour. Plus other fun activities to get you warmed up...

Limited t-shirts will be available for purchase, advertising our event and cost $15.00 each. Order forms will go out this week and place your order ASAP.

There will be face painting, jumping castles, DJ, delicious food and a very important member of our school will be locked up in a mock "jail". He will require your help to raise his bail and enable his release.

The Sunshine Coast daily will be there and Channel 7 news will offer us some coverage on local Telly.

I am looking for the following items to borrow and return to you once the event is over: toddler lawnmowers or wheel barrows, adult gumboots, shoe boxes, wrapping paper, contact adhesive, curling ribbon, A4 exercise books, pre-loved shirts and socks... If you have any of these items to lend us, please contact me.

We are looking for willing sponsors for some of our machine hire and volunteers for the day, if you are interested please e-mail me on misty.bland1@bigpond.com.
Thank you and We hope to see you there!!!

Tuckshop News
Tuckshop Roster

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We still require more helpers for the tuckshop – especially on Sushi Tuesdays. Please see Gunnar or Kate if you are able to help, even if it is for just an hour or two in the mornings. Your time will be greatly appreciated.

If you are ordering icecream or ice blocks on Flexischools, please remind the child that these items need to be collected from the Tuckshop. Flexischools allows parents and students to place orders online at a time and place convenient to them. Parents simply register themselves on the flexischools website and enter their children's names and classes. The registration process only takes a few minutes and parents can begin placing orders immediately. Register at: http://www.flexischools.com.au/
Uniform Shop News

To make ordering uniforms even easier for time-poor parents and carers, uniforms are also now available via flexischools. Visit the above mentioned website to register.

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

Community News

Thermomix Demonstration

Monday, 5th August. 11am – 1 pm in the Tuckshop. Places still available, please call Aileen on Ph 0427300027 to book your stop now. A delicious lunch will be prepared for you using the Thermomix.

Maleny Swimmers at Wide Bay Super Camp

Four of our Maleny swimmers were chosen to attend a Wide Bay Swimming Camp for Achieving Swimmers over the first weekend of July 2013.

A lot of fun was had by all with many group activities arranged as well as swimming; although the children did come home very muddy. The children were given Early Achievement Packs that included a 2013 Wide Bay Super Camp hoody by the sponsors and were visited by para-Olympian, Blake Cochran, who gave them a motivational talk on aiming high and achieving your goals no matter what obstacles stand in your way!

The swimmers did extremely well trying new distances and improving times, a significant achievement considering that training at Maleny is only in summer. Well done to Danica, Macale and Angelina.

Rio Tinto Ride to Conquer Cancer 2013

Hi, my name is Zac Frampton. Noah Frampton, my son, is in prep at the Maleny Primary school.

I’m embarking on an epic journey in approx 3 weeks time- 200km ride to raise much needed funds for cancer research.

Its the Rio Tinto Ride to Conquer Cancer 2013- which is held on august 17-18th. We leave from Brisbane on Saturday morning and ride 100kms on bicycle to the Wivenhoe Dam- returning the next day. I have had community support with it and need more help from locals and businesses in my quest to raise $4000+ and its for a great cause. One of my best mates has had cancer twice and as we all know its strong-hold throughout the globe is huge and terrible. Please dig deep and support me. Here’s my personal donations page (secure website)


I’m also selling $2.50 cadbury fundraising chocolates around the community- please buy some and support my cause. There are only another 24 days to go.

I also have a raffle, we are selling tickets at various stores/businesses for the next 24 days. Tickets are $2 each and the raffle includes over $1000 in local donated prizes! That’s from your local community. Cheers, Zac Frampton

Zac - 0417745187 for any enquiries
Maleny State School AASC – Program Information

Awesome Athletics at Maleny State School in Term 3!

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons this term from 3.00pm to 4.00pm we will be again running the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. This Australian Government program is run by the Australian Sports Commission and provides opportunities for primary school children to participate in free sport and other structured physical activity, after school.

This term a diverse and dynamic AASC program has been put together for children to enjoy including Athletics – Track and Field events and games. The activities focus on increasing physical activity and improving skills in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

To ensure children can take advantage of this excellent opportunity, we encourage parents to allow them to participate for the full hour and to pick them up after the program concludes.

When: Monday and Wednesday Afternoon – 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Commencing: Week 4 – Monday 29th July
Where: Maleny State School
What: Active After-School Activities and Healthy Afternoon Tea
- Places are STRICTLY LIMITED.
- Year Prep-7 students this term.
- Attendance is FREE with an Afternoon tea provided.

Parent监护人consent forms & Medical forms are required for children to attend.
If you would like further information on the AASC program please contact –
Caroline Hartley (yr5/6C)
Maleny State School.
To advertise your business here, please contact Maleny State School on 5499 8333