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Diary Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 5 (11 November - 15 November)	✚ Remembrance Day	✚ School Parade 2.20	✚ Religious Instruction ✚ P & C Meeting @ 6.30	✚ Gems	✚ Interschool AFL
Week 6 (18 November - 22 November)	✚ Parent Info Session for Yr 7 Parents	✚ School Parade 2.20	✚ Religious Instruction	✚ Gems ✚ Payment due - Yr 2 Excursion - Recycling	✚ Visit from Maleny Dental Centre Prep-Yr 3

What's On in Semester 2

- ✚ Swimming Program runs from Week 4 to Week 10.
- ✚ 15 November 2013 - Interschool AFL
- ✚ 18 November 2013 @ 4.30 - Yr 7 Family Planning Parent Info Session
- ✚ 21 November 2013 - Payment due Yr 2 Recycling Excursion
- ✚ 22 November 2013 - Visit from the Maleny Dental Centre - Prep - Yr 3.
- ✚ 25, 27 & 29 November 2013 - Yr 7 Human Relationships Education
- ✚ 28 November 2013 - Yr 2 Recycling Excursion, Nambour
- ✚ 2 December 2013 - Volunteers Morning Tea
- ✚ 10 December 2013 - Year 7 Graduation Ceremony

Swimming Program

Swimming is underway and going well! Please be aware swimming runs from Week 4 to Week 10. A note will be coming home asking your child to bring in some clothing to use in our Rescue and Survival activities.

Thank you, Melissa Dougherty

Student Absence Line

Ph 54998366

If your child is away from school for any reason please call the absence line and leave a message. Just follow the prompts

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Thank You Tuckshop Helpers

The daily efforts of our tuckshop workers and the many volunteers who support our students and our school have been tremendous this year.

This week we will say a special Thank You to this wonderful team lead by Gunnar and Kate.

Our tuckshop provides a great service that helps out families who have to juggle many different tasks at the start of each day and supplies students with a range of food choices. I love that our tuckshop is a positive place to visit and workers have fun while providing an excellent service to our children.

We don't take their hard work for granted and it is great to see parents putting their hands up and getting involved with our school. Thank you everyone.

We do need extra helpers so please come along and join the fun; it is a good way to meet some other parents and myself. Also your kids will love you for it.

P&C Meeting Please Come Along

This month's P&C meeting will focus on fund raising activities for 2014. We need new ideas, and fresh faces are always welcome. If you haven't made it to a meeting this year, bring a friend and I'll see you in the Library at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 13 November.

Remembrance Day

A special Remembrance Day Service lead by our School Captains was held for Prep to Year 7 at 10:30am in our hall today. Students observed a minute silence to remember those that died or suffered in past conflicts around the world. This year is not only the 95th anniversary of the Armistice on 11 November which ended the First World War, but also the 20th anniversary of the interment of the Unknown Australian Soldier in the Australian War Memorial's Hall of Memory in Canberra. Our Year Seven students this year on their Canberra Camp visited the Unknown Soldier's grave and read the 102,400 names listed on the Roll of Honor. Many students could find the names of their relatives in this list of service personnel who had died in past conflicts.



Volunteers Morning Tea

Each year we like to thank our many volunteers that assist in so many different ways with-in our school. This year our morning tea will be held on Monday the 2nd December at Tranquil Park at 10:00am. Please keep this date free as I am looking forward to thanking you for your contributions in person over a cup of tea.

Camp Currimundi

Last week I went along with our Year Four students and teachers and hit the surf at Dicky Beach, soared on the high ropes course and enjoyed a spot of fishing and yabbing in Currimundi Lake. It was the ideal three day camp for our student's introduction to camping. I was extremely pleased, as were Camp Instructors with our students' manners and co-operative skills. A huge Thank You to our teaching staff, Anne, Lou, Trish, Marion, Carol and our parents Todd and Adam who also attended. Your support was much appreciated by myself and children alike. I look forward to viewing the office display in the foyer shortly.



Q Schools App

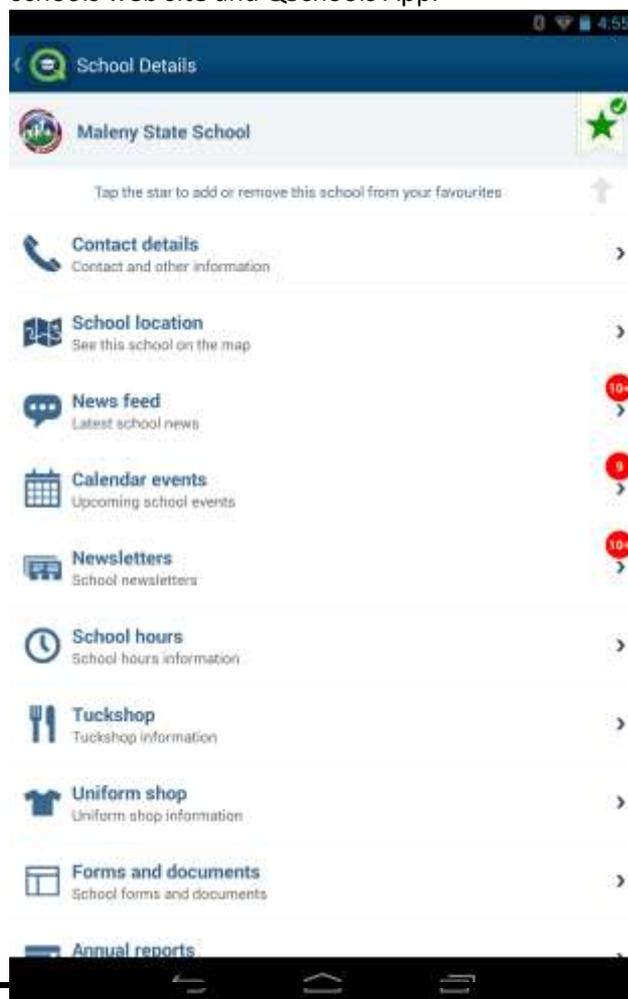
Use the QSchools App to stay up to date. The recently updated QSchools app (for Android, iOS and Windows Phone 8 and tablet) is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information about Maleny State School.

While all schools are searchable using the app, the full app features are designed to integrate with the department's preferred school website platform (which Maleny State School updated to this year), to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school, such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and the department's social media feeds. The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools. At Maleny State School we will continue to look at new ways to communicate and provide the school community with the best and most up-to-date information possible.

The QSchools app is available for free download from the iTunes store, Google Play and the Windows Store.

Please download this app today especially with storm season approaching. A big Thank You to Mr Adrian Grieg, our Year One ICT guru who is coordinating our schools web site and QSchools App.



Prep Enrolment

Our Prep Open Days this year have been extremely well received by parents and future Preppies. I am very much looking forward to Day One next year when our Prep students of 2014 commence. If you are aware of any Prep aged students please encourage them to enrol as soon as possible as we are currently forming our class structure for 2014.

Classroom News

Prep A and Prep/ 1B News

Prep Transition Days

The sun was shining down on us as we held our 2014 Prep Transition Days. We welcomed many families to our School and the new Preps enjoyed meeting new friends and exploring the playground and classrooms. Our new "Get Set for Prep Bags" were a big hit and it was exciting to see the children put their new school hats on straight away. Maleny State School looks forward to a smooth start to Prep in 2014.

Sensational Art

We read the story "Colour Me Happy" which relates feelings to colours. Each child chose a feeling to express, selecting colours from their paint palettes. We took photos of their faces to match their feelings.

How does music make you feel? The children enjoyed listening to music and discussing their senses and feelings. The children explored a variety of sensory art materials. It was lots of fun exploring charcoal, painting with feathers, dish mops and spray bottles.



We watched the Chinese Ribbon Dance on our smartboards. We were amazed by the way the ribbons made swirly lines on the screen. We experimented with colourful ribbons and music to make our own lines in the air. This led to a discussion on lines in art and how different lines made us feel. We listened to different types of music as we drew lines on the paper covered tables. Next week we will be responding to pictures by great artists and compiling our own art portfolios.

Mrs Bauer and Mrs Hicks

1A News

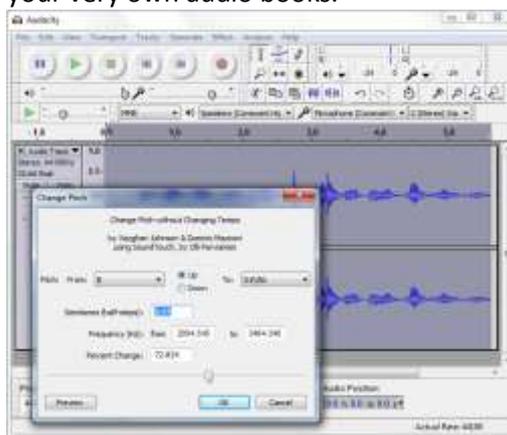
During last week we have been busy writing our procedures (a list of items needed and instructions) to help solve a problem a book character was experiencing with some pesky seagulls



who were stealing lunches. Once the draft is written the children are then creating a multimedia poster of the instructions. To help your child really develop their knowledge of procedures get them to help you whenever possible. Filling out shopping lists or plan the steps/ instructions required to do something at home (e.g. cleaning their room, washing the car, following a recipe).

In Science the children have been exploring light and sound. The children loved visiting the Library Meeting Room where we could turn out all the lights and get reasonably dark to experience some different light sources.

We also explored different aspects of sound. We learned about sound intensity and pitch and how these change sound. Using a free software program called Audacity (<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>) we recorded some class voices and changed the pitch to make the kids sound either like a giant or a chipmunk. There was lots of laughing during that lesson! It can be a great tool to use at home to record reading or singing. You can even use it to record an audio story for the kids to play back to accompany them when reading their books. Transfer these to an mp3 player and you have your very own audio books.



Year 2 News

Recently the Year 2's went to the Community Centre for a storytelling session in the Secret Storytelling Clubhouse.

Firstly we were greeted by two people with weird disguises. They had moustaches and funny glasses.

Then we went inside to make our own photo id cards which we drew on cards and wore around our necks. To get into the clubhouse we had to make a "beep" sound as the man scanned our tags. Then we went through the clubhouse rules:

1. Happy Bottoms
2. Ears and Eyes
3. Be Nice

To make the book computer work we had to make glasses with our hands and make a very funny noise. When we did this a book popped out of the front of the computer. The books that they read were: The Playhouse, No-one Owns the Moon, The Dancing Bear and Isabella's Garden. Each book was presented in a different way. Some were acted out, read with characters and one had pictures projected on a screen with an overhead projector. We thought that the show was hilarious and we have used some ideas in our own storytelling in our current English unit! (Written collaboratively by 2A & 2B)



Year 3 News

We have had a great few weeks since the last newsletter. We participated in an excursion to the Pioneer Village to consolidate our knowledge of the local area. This helped in completing our History Unit. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to the volunteers who passed on their knowledge. They looked after us really well. THANK YOU!

In English we have written some wonderful poems. They have been adapted from the poem 'The Desert Community' written by Frances Todd. Students have made great use of Alliteration, Adjectives and Onomatopoeia.

In Mathematics we have continued with consolidating our knowledge of Fractions, Number, Multiplication and 3D Shapes and Chance.

In Science we have participated in a number of experiments to focus on changes between Solids and Liquids.

Swimming has started and we are enjoying the time spent in the pool. If you are able to be a spotter during this time you are most welcome to come all.

Kind regards,

Anne Coogan, Sarsha Anthony, Anna Keir

Students of the Week

Week 4, Term 4:

Prep/A	Emily, Zahn	Prep/1B	Darcy & Bronson
1A	Darcy & Lillian	1/2C	Aisha & Sabastian
2A	Lily & Lily-Rose	2B	Annika & Daisy
3A	Charlotte & Ben	3B	Riley & Olivia
4A	Nik & Nicole	4B	Lucy & Hieu
5A	Maleny & Will	5B	Adam & Jamea
5/6C	Bethany & Jeremy	6A	Sam
7A	Kylie & David	7B	Satja & Oscar

Week 5, Term 4:

Prep/A	Maya, Vinnie & Zahn	Prep/1B	Ryan & Taylah
1A	Rascal & Conrad	1/2C	Spencer & Zach
2A	Austin & Amelie	2B	Mia & Joshua
3A	Isabelle & Bailey	3B	Ethan & Sienna
5A	Kahliana & Hannah	5B	Rowan & Abbey
5/6C	Merlynn, Lily & Bethany	6A	Lauris & Lleyton
7A	Georgia & Joel	7B	Luka & Lavina



Congratulation to our Fabulous Super Bee Winners:
Alicia, Rescue, Lavina and Deepu.
Watches kindly donated by Maleny Jewelers

Sunshine Coast Mathematics Tournament for 2013

Last Wednesday a group of our Year 6 and Year 7 Maths GEMS students proudly represented our school in the Sunshine Coast Mathematics tournament for 2013 at the Lake Kawana Community Centre, Bokarina.

This annual event involved students from approximately 70 schools and was designed to challenge these students in the area of Mathematics.

Our students tried their best when they competed in the Year Level Competitions that consisted of teams of five students, in Year 6 and Year 7. They participated in three events:

1. Individual event: mental arithmetic and general knowledge, no calculators allowed.
2. Team event: problem solving, with calculators permitted.
3. Relay event: rotating pairs problem solving, with calculators permitted.

A special mention goes to Lachlan who scored 100% in his individual event: a feat that was achieved by very few students on the day.



Maths Students Have 'Sum' Fun Online

Recently, our Year 4 and Year 6 Maths GEMS students participated in the Have 'Sum' Fun Online (HSFOL) learning activity as part of their iConnect program. HSFOL is conducted by the Mathematical Association of Western Australia and is endorsed by the Australian Association of Mathematical Teachers. It is designed to foster mathematical problem solving for students across the whole of Australia.

The students were placed in Year-Level teams of four students and completed maths quizzes of NAPLAN-type problems. The competition consists of three weekly rounds of 10 questions, where student teams had one hour to complete each round of questions. Each round was accessible for one week and the students completed their quiz in their iConnect lessons each Thursday.

Congratulations to our Year 4 Maleny Team 1 (Jack, Nik, Parker and Dylan) who came 11th out of 75 competing teams and our Year 7 Maleny Team 4 (Evana, Divya and Merlyne) who came 14th out of 70 competing teams.

Music Notes



What do the words, Chains, Panda, Lullabies, Goblins, Ghosts, Pocus, Hocus, Skeletons, Magic and FRIENDS have in common? They are all essential ingredients of the Maleny State School 2014 Musical Spooktacular, 'The Haunted House'! I'm in the planning stages of our first School Musical in four years. So far we have dance choreographer Samantha Byrne, Principal of Palmwoods based dance school 'Performing Arts 567', volunteering her time and expertise to create the four dances in the Haunted House. We also have retired Set Designer and Maleny local, Douglas Bailey planning our spooky set.

I particularly need volunteers for sourcing and making costumes. We already have our skeleton costumes and I have been invited to check The Lind Theatre in Nambour so a start has already been made.

'The Haunted House' musical performances will be mid 2014.



Instrumental Music Band

After many months of early morning rehearsals and hard work, 43 enthusiastic musicians from Maleny and Montville schools expected only to have a good time when they set off for Music Fest 2013 in Brisbane on 29 October. After a warm send off from Mr Byrne and decked out in red and black band uniforms (including new black ties thanks to the P&C) students packed school bags, band music and instruments early Tues morning for the long bus ride to the competition held at Iona College, Wynnum. Adjudicated by Qld Wind & Brass Musical Director and Trombonist Bevan Messenger, school bands competed from all around South East Queensland. Bands were marked on various criteria ranging from musicianship, phrasing and precision to intonation and even stage presence.

Maleny Montville band performed Carnival in Rio, Celtic Air and Dance No. 2 and Rolling in the Deep and, indeed, thoroughly enjoyed performing for a city audience. They

also came away from the day's competition with a Silver Trophy.

Head of Instrumental Music, Paul Meneely was delighted that Bevan Messenger rated Maleny Montville predominantly gold and some silver marks across all judging categories.

"There are many fine players beginning to work well together," Bevan Messenger said. "Tonal control is great and some good dynamic content made. Repertoire was well-chosen and varied in style."

"Great presentation on stage – the band looks great. Overall a very good band sound. A well-contrasted program played with enthusiasm and style," Judge Messenger added. "Keep up the great work!"

"It's all part of a process," Paul Meneely said. "I am very pleased with the progress of the Band this year. We are well on the way to developing a Tradition of Excellence with the Band Program at Maleny and Montville. Huge Thanks to Julie, Maya and Wendy who helped keep our musicians organised and looking their best on the day."

Music Fest wraps up the instrumental music performance schedule for 2013. Students who are interested in either joining our band or renewing their band membership should attend the Instrumental Music information session to be held at the end of this term. Details to follow.



Chappy News

The table tennis tournament is off and running. Fifty students from Years 4 to 7 have entered the competition this year. For round one matches the first player to reach eleven points with a two point lead wins. Each final match will consist of three games of eleven points each, with the first player to win two of the games being the winner.

The winners of each year level will receive a small prize. The winner of the open division will win a small prize and the opportunity to play against Mr Flamank!



I would like to say a special Thank You to the Year Five students who are coming along at lunch times to score the games. I really appreciate that they are giving up their play time to come and help out.

Other news...

The Chaplaincy Service is having a Rum Ball Drive as the last fundraiser for the year. For only \$8 you can get a box of 24 delicious rum balls. Eat them now or freeze and save for Christmas. Better still, wrap them in cellophane, tie with a bow and give them as a gift. Orders and money must be returned to the office by November 25th. Rum Balls will be available for collection



on Monday, 2nd Dec, from 2:30 pm at the tuckshop.
Orders must be picked up by an adult as the rum balls are made with real rum.

Kind Regards
Chappy Bev



From the Office

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

P & C News

Next Meeting – Wednesday 13 November 2013 at 6.30 in the Library. All Welcome

Centenary Memorabilia

As we continue to celebrate 100 years of education in Maleny, we would like to remind you that it is still possible to purchase some of the items of memorabilia that we still have available to commemorate this special occasion. Still available we have

- + Commemorative Books @ \$15.00
- + Commemorative stubby coolers \$ \$8.00
- + Commemorative Pens @ \$5.00

These items are a fantastic keepsake of your child's time at Maleny State School and also great gift ideas for friends and family. Items are available at the School Administration. Payment is to be made by Cash or Cheque.

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Roster

12 Nov 2013	-	Lainie H & Aki L & Karen G
13 Nov 2013	-	Judy C
14 Nov 2013	-	Helen B
15 Nov 2013	-	Karen S & Jocelyn E

19 Nov 2013	-	Dawn G & Fiona B
20 Nov 2013	-	Sally C
21 Nov 2013	-	Peter M
22 Nov 2013	-	Anne S & Kate L

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.

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



MALENY/WITTA JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

We are still looking for more juniors in the 4-12 age group for our Friday afternoon session. We have a small but active group in the 7-12 year olds needing numbers and the Rug Rats (4-6 y/o) needs a shot in the arm. All sessions begin with a warm up and skills component before launching into a game. The session begins at 5.15 and is over by 6.25 before the Seniors start. Cost for the season is \$35 for 4-6 y/olds and \$65 for 7-12 y/o. Season extends to beyond Easter 2014 with a break over the Christmas holidays. For further information please contact Tony on 5494 2894 or 0414 864 963.

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Sunshine Coast Oriana Choir have been busy mixing the ingredients for a wonderful Christmas feast of music. Everything from medieval folk songs, African spirituals and traditional English carols to modern classics. A highlight will be the Oriana Ladies' Chorus presenting Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols, accompanied by harp. 2013 marks the 100 year anniversary of Britten's birth and so choirs around the world are performing this magical work in celebration this year.

Also singing will be the Oriana Youth Choir.
Where – Maleny Community Centre on 30 November @ 7.30 and Caloundra Uniting Church on 1 December @ 2.00pm

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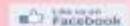
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