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# Familygram

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## Diary Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 (3 February - 7 February)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Parent Info Sessions 3pm - Yr 3A, 3B</li> <li>5pm - Yrs 2A, 1A, 1/2</li> <li>✚ Swimming Program Starts (times sent home)</li> </ul>			
Week 3 (10 February - 14 February)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Parent Info Sessions 3pm - 3/4, 4A</li> <li>✚ 2.20 - Parade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Parent Info Sessions 3pm - Yr 6 &amp; Yr 7</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Parent Info Sessions 3pm - 5A, 5B</li> <li>✚ Parent Reading Information Sessions 3pm - Prep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Swimming Carnival (9-13Yrs)</li> </ul>

## What's On in Semester 1

- ✚ Swimming Program runs from Week 2 to Week 10.
  - ✚ 14 February - Swimming Carnival
  - ✚ - 9 to 13 year old Students
  - ✚ 21 February - 2014 Welcome Banquet
  - ✚ 27 February - Welcome Banquet
  - ✚ 17 March - School Photos
  - ✚ Swimming Mondays
  - ✚ - 1A, 1/2, Prep A, Prep/1B, 5A, 5B, 6B
  - ✚ Swimming Tuesdays
  - ✚ - 3A, 2A, 3B, 7A, 6/7, 6A
- Please ensure students have all the required clothing and equipment with them. Also please ensure the Permission Note has been signed and returned together with \$10 payment.

## Student Absence Line

**This year our aim is zero unexplained absences.**

If your child is away from school for any reason please call the absence line and leave a message. Just follow the prompts. **Ph54998366**

## Voluntary Contribution

A big 'Thank-you' for all those who have paid the Voluntary Financial Contribution. The Contribution for 2014 is \$50 per child or \$40 per child for families with three or more children enrolled at our school.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Welcome Everyone

The start of year is always an exciting time for students, parents and teachers. New classes, new teachers, new routines, new expectations.

I am extremely proud and honoured to be principal of Maleny State School and looking forward to what is shaping up to be a very special year. It will be the last year we have year seven students at our school and the first year that our year six students transition to High School at the end of the year. This year we will also produce our school musical 'The Haunted House' in which over 100 students will have an opportunity to be a part of.

We have had a beautifully smooth start to the year with students settling well. Teachers are enthusiastic and extremely positive in their approach to teaching. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting so many new parents and would like to especially welcome new families to our school.

### Welcome Banquet

Please join with us on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February (week 4) from 4-6pm to meet some new families and teachers and catch up with some of your children's friends' families. This event is being organised by the P&C. Please bring a plate and enjoy some friendly company on our school oval or in the shed if wet. A free BBQ will be in operation and drinks will be available for purchase.

### Tea and Tissues

Thank you to those parents that took up the offer of a cup of tea/coffee and a chat on the first day back at school. Well done to our Tuckshop Convenors for their organisation and catering. Thankfully the tears shed on this day were few and not all by children.

## **New Teachers**

A warm welcome to Mr Brent Heiniger who is teaching our Year 6/7 class, Ms Brooke Andrews our Year 3A teacher, and Ms Libby Ferguson who is teaching our Year 2A class this year. Please make yourself known to our new teachers and give them your support.

## **Parent Teacher Information Sessions**

Don't miss our Parent Teacher Information Sessions this week and next week, see timetable above. This is a great opportunity to meet your children's teacher and find out how your child's classroom operates. Building a strong relationship with your child's teacher that allows open communication is extremely important. This is a great chance to ask how can you help your child or be involved as a helper in the classroom.

## **Swimming Carnival**

Our 2014 Swimming Carnival will be next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 9:00 am. Students should ensure they wear their Sports House shirts to promote their team. Please reinforce with your children the importance of reapplying sunscreen throughout the day and drinking lots of water before they leave home. We welcome parents to be a part of this day and encourage all children to participate.

## **LAP Tutors and Reading Volunteers for 2014**

Our school is inviting volunteers who are able to support our students with their learning to participate in either our Learning Assistance Program (L.A.P.) or Reading Volunteer Program this year.

Our Learning Assistance Program (LAP) involves volunteer tutors supporting students with some aspect of their learning. This may be either aspects of Literacy (Reading, Writing or Spelling) or Numeracy. This is a very beneficial program and has been in place at Maleny Primary School for many years.

Our Reading volunteers involve supporting students with their reading. These students are predominately in the lower year levels (Years Prep to 3).

Volunteers who wish to participate in either or both programs in 2014 are invited to a morning tea to prepare for the year ahead with some training in Code of Conduct and Student Protection.

### **Details are as follows:**

Date: Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: The Meeting Room (the middle room of our new library building).

Any enquiries can be directed to Eric Flamank, our Learning Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy, on Ph5499 8333.

## **Library News**

### **Ever thought of volunteering in the library?**

We are very fortunate to have wonderful volunteers who help out in our library. We have a mother who runs the Scholastic Bookclub and who is eager to train a second person this year. There are several fantastic volunteers who take bundles of new books home to cover (we provide the contact) so we can get them on the shelves faster. All this extra assistance helps us get books and get those books to the students.

This year, we are keen to have volunteers mend the damaged books. We have many books that just need a little bit of tape or contact on them before they can be loaned again.

Many of these ongoing jobs can be taken home to do at your leisure. There are, of course, always other jobs that can be completed in the library.

If you are interested in assisting in any way, especially if you'd like to help the school but can't get here during school hours, please let me know.

Vikki Meehan, Teacher Librarian

## Advertise in our Familygram

We are currently looking for Advertisers for our Familygram for 2014. The newsletter is published in colour once a fortnight and circulates throughout approximately 250 families in the school community. The cost for an 8cm long x 4.6 cm sized advertisement is \$200 (including GST) for the year.

If you are interested in advertising in our Familygram please contact the office on Ph 54998333.

## From the Office

### 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

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February starting at 6.30.

Meetings are held in the School Library.

## 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

Our tuckshop not only offers a wonderful selection of freshly cooked food, but it also offers great customer service to our children, staff and also at our catered events. If you would like to be part of this fun extended family, **we are always looking for helpers**, so if you have some time to give during the week, please contact Gunnar or Kate at the tuckshop or ring Kate on Ph 0410604463. We especially need help on Tuesdays to continue Sushi Tuesday made fresh on site.

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

Did you know that you are now able to enjoy the convenience of the Flexi-school system to order school uniforms as well. [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au).

Orders can be done online through the Flexi-school system or directly with the Uniform Shop. Orders will be filled straight away if in stock and can then be collected from the Uniform Shop on Fridays between 8.30 and 9.30am.

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

## Maleny State School's 2014 Musical Spooktacular

### THE HAUNTED HOUSE



What do Ghosts, Rock'n'Roll, Chains, Lullabies, Skeletons, Magic, Goblins, Dancing, Bullying and Friendship have in common? These are the essential elements of the Children's Musical Spooktacular 'The Haunted House'. This funny, fast paced, enchanting Musical delves into the issues and aspects of bullying with-in a social group.

The storyline which is set in an old creaky house known as 'Gribble Manor' explores the interaction between the four main ghosts, Gribble, Facefull, Idleboanz and Pandamoanium. From the outset one ghost's bullying ways have made existence in 'The Haunted House' for other ghosts unhappy and intolerable. With the help of the enchantress Atherielle, these inhabitants learn how to work together to encourage tolerance, respect, self-confidence and friendship.

**Auditions:** There will be opportunities for over one hundred students as actors, dancers and singers. Auditions for the major roles will take place during week 3 of Term 1 in the School Hall. Auditioning students will be asked to sing part of the song 'Welcome to the Haunted House' (which is now on the Maleny School website) and will be given a few pages of the script to practise and perform.

**Rehearsals:** During Term 1 rehearsals will be in both lunch and school times. During Term 2 and Term 3 there will also be rostered rehearsals on **Tuesday afternoons from 3-4 pm** and dress rehearsals during a **weekend in June and July**.

**Levy:** There will be a levy of \$10 per student to be part of The Haunted House Team. This is to help cover costs of presenting the Musical: including costumes/ specialised hair spray and make-up/ hire of equipment/ set materials/props etc.

**Contract:** As this is a major project for both students and teachers, each child will be asked to sign a contract agreeing to take on the commitment necessary to make this venture as successful as possible.

**Performance Dates:** (Term 3 Week 3)

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm and Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 6.30pm

Liz Cripps ( Music Teacher)

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Audition Request:

I give my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ permission to audition for a major role in the musical

The Haunted House.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

# MALENY STATE SCHOOL

*2014 Welcome Banquet*



**FRIDAY**  
**21<sup>st</sup>**  
**FEBRUARY**  
**4 – 6 pm**

**See you on the school  
oval (or shed if raining)**

Bring along a plate of food to share at our school welcome dinner. All families welcome from prep to year 7.

The P&C will be providing a complimentary sausage sizzle and there will be soft drinks to buy.



**Beerwah Bulldogs Rugby League Club**

**2014 Junior Sign On Day**



Beerwah Sportsground, Sportsground Drive, Beerwah

Saturday 1st of February 10am – 3pm

Sausage Sizzle between 12noon & 2pm

- Age Groups – U7 to U16, U15 to U18 Girls
  - Coaches required for Under 7's
- New Players and Volunteers are most welcome
- New Players could you please bring Birth Certificate or Passport
- For more information please contact Renae Woodforth on 0439 796 198
  - Or email the club on beerwahbulldogsrlfc@hotmail.com

**2014 REGISTRATION FEE'S**

<b>U7 to U9</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>U10 to U12</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>
<b>U13 to U16</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>
<b>U15 to U18 Girls</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

(Registration fees include club shorts & socks)

**"Go The Mighty Bulldogs"**

[www.beerwahbulldogs.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.beerwahbulldogs.leaguenet.com.au)

## 2014 Swim Season

3rd Feb until 29th March 2014



→ 8 Lessons for \$100  
(once a week for 8 weeks)



→ 16 Lessons for \$180 (2 lessons a week, for 8 weeks)

→ Lessons from Monday to Saturday

Bookings are filling fast so please be sure to contact us today! New swimmers are welcome to come down to the pool for your **FREE SWIM ASSESSMENT** so we can place your child in lessons most suited to their needs and skills. Please visit our website for details on all the programs being held at the pool for children and adults this swim season!

[www.malenyswimmingpool.com](http://www.malenyswimmingpool.com)



**CALL US TODAY!**

54442589 or 0403403506



All Fees are to be paid in full on or before first lesson. Cash or Cheque (sorry NO EFTPOS). If you child can't make a regular lesson please call and management will endeavour to provide a make up lesson.

### SWIM CLUB NEW PROGRAM FOR U7's

Queensland has also introduced a new program for swimmers aged 7 years and under. Dolphin Membership of a participating club is free for these swimmers. To be eligible, swimmers only need to be able to swim 12.5 metres (half of the Maleny Centenary Pool) in both freestyle and backstroke. For families with swimmers 8 years and older Maleny Swimming Club is offering half price family membership (\$25 – plus the relevant swimming body fees), for the remaining months of the swimming season. Club recommences on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> and runs through until March 26<sup>th</sup> participate in Maleny's Home Carnival on the 16<sup>th</sup> carnivals also coming up it is a great time to come and enjoy the fun and competition at Maleny Swimming Club. We hope to see you there. Don't forget we also have swim club membership for all ages and races on Club night for all abilities and ages. For further information please see Steve and his team at Maleny Centenary




## GET YOUR GAME ON

All AGES  
ALL SKILL LEVELS  
(U6's join for free!)

SIGN ON INFO

Date: Saturday, **1st Feb**, 2014  
Where: Maple St Community Kiosk  
When: 9am - 12pm

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Date: Saturday, **8th Feb**, 2014  
Where: Maleny Showgrounds  
When: 9am - 2pm

Sign On available online from 1st January 2014  
Contact Emma 0413647114 malenyranrangerstc@gmail.com

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