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# Familygram

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## Diary Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 (17 February - 21 February)	Swimming Program	Swimming Program 2.20 Parade	Religious Instruction GRIP Leadership - Yr 6-7 Leaders Reading Volunteers Morning Tea		Welcome Banquet District Swimming Carnival
Week 5 (24 February - 28 February)	Swimming Program	Swimming Program 2.20 - Parade	Religious Instruction	Leadership Induction Ceremony	Interschool Softball Camp

## What's On in Semester 1

- Swimming Program runs from Week 2 to Week 10.
- 21 February – 2014 Welcome Banquet
- 4 March – Regional Swimming Carnival
- 17 March – School Photos
- 2 April - Denise & Bruce Morecombe visit
- Swimming Mondays  
- 1A, 1/2, Prep A, Prep/1B, 5A, 5B, 6B
- Swimming Tuesdays  
- 3A, 2A, 3B, 7A, 6/7, 6A

Reminder: Swimming Permission Notes and Payment is now due.

### 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. **Ph 54998366**

### Voluntary Contribution

A big 'Thank-you' to 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 Banquet- Please bring – Chair and Plate to share.

Please join with us on Friday 21 February (week 4) from 4:00 – 6:00pm 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. Students will be able to play on the school oval.

### Tuesday Parade

The winners of our School Swimming Carnival will be announced along with Age Champions and Individual Medley events at our parade this Tuesday afternoon, see you there.

### Reading Volunteers Morning Tea

This Wednesday 19 February at 10:00am in the library Mr Eric Flamank will hold a morning tea for this year's reading volunteers. Some of the things Eric will discuss are how we teach reading, the role of reading volunteers, the Code of Conduct and Student Protection. A big thank you in advance to everyone that is prepared to assist with reading this year. It is our schools focus and our students need your support.

### Swimming Carnival

It was great to see increased numbers of students participating in last week's Individual Medley races and 50m stroke events in our swimming carnival last Friday. I must say I am extremely happy with the increase in student's confidence and swimming skills.

Numerous parents have mentioned this and I congratulate our PE Teacher Mr Shane Turner on his organisational skill and our experienced swim coaches Steve and Chris along with Shane for the wonderful work they are doing with all of our students. If your child is interested in furthering their swimming skills or looking for a fun club to be in look no further than the Maleny Swimming Club. See Steve at the pool for details.

Also, a big Thank-you to all Staff, Parents and High School Students who volunteered as officials on the day.

### **GRIP Leadership**

This Wednesday 52 Yr 6 and Yr 7 students will attend a Leadership Conference with Mr Heiniger and Ms Hartley in Nambour. The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW.

Our goal is that our Student Leaders will leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader. I look forward to working with all our leaders this year and reflecting with them at the end of the year on what they have achieved.

### **Leaders Induction Ceremony**

Please join us on Thursday 27 Feb in the School Hall at 9:00am for our Leader's Induction Ceremony. I see all Yr 7 and Yr 6 students as leaders within our school and expect them to participate positively within our school by modelling appropriate behaviour that supports our younger students. For this reason we will acknowledge all Yr 7 and Yr 6 students with a 2014 seniors badge at our ceremony. We will also honour those students taking on extra responsibilities in various leadership roles such as school, sports, and music captains. All parents, extended families and students from Yrs 5-7 (Siblings of leaders in lower grades are also welcome. Parents are to organise the attendance of younger siblings if they wish them to attend.) There will be a morning tea at the conclusion of the ceremony for school leaders and their parents.

### **SWPBS**

(School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)

Rule: Wk 3& 4 Be Responsible – Make Good Choices

Our school has 4 school rules

1. Be Safe Be Responsible
2. Be Safe
3. Be Respectful
4. Be a Learner

Our school focuses on one rule over two weeks. Teachers explicitly teach the rule each day and I elaborate on the rule on parade each week. We use a different catch phrase to ensure students can remember what our focus is. I publish these so that parents can also use this language at home with students. Our school focus is also displayed in every classroom.

### **Sports Shirts**

Have you seen our new sports shirts? They have been designed by our students and look amazing. Please be on the lookout for these as they will be on sale shortly.

### Prep A and Prep 1B News

It has been a pleasure to get to know our new students and their families. The Prep children have settled quickly and are busy learning the classroom rules and routines. The Year 1 students have enjoyed helping their new friends learn all about school at Maleny.

When asked what their most favourite things were about their first week of school the children responded with... the playground, painting, using their crayons, reading, learning, playing with friends, writing, and much more.

Our first week ended with great excitement as we prepared for a special storytelling session by Mr Byrne. After reading the story "The Magic Hat", we made our own "magic" hats and decorated them to wear to the storytelling. Mr Byrne was very entertaining and kept us all enthralled as he told the story "Caps For Sale".



We've also enjoyed looking at and reading the children's favourite books as they have been taking turns to take home the "Golden bag" and bring back a favourite story to share with the class. Some of the children have even "read" their book to the class by themselves!

This week we are going on a field trip as part of our Science Unit – "Our Living World". We are going to use our senses to observe living things in school grounds. We are going to use some scientific tools – magnifying glasses, pencil, paper, clipboards and cameras to help us record our observations.

We are communicating by email with a real live Scientist – Dr Peter Stone. He has emailed us about his work at CSIRO and given us some tips for our field trip. He is happy to answer any questions we may have along our Science learning journey.

### 1A News



The year has started well with the kids getting into their new classroom. They are all learning the new routines and procedures for our class, which at times has been a little challenging. It is a little different being in Grade 1 compared to Prep. However, they have adjusted and coped very well so far taking to the new experiences like ducks to water. We will continue to make sure they settle in well and become very comfortable with life in Grade 1. The first 5 weeks are important as it allows for them to set up good behaviours and habits which will set them up for the rest of the year.

A note went home in the last day or so regarding parent helpers. This will begin in Week 5 after the Volunteers for 2014 Meet and Greet Morning Tea (Wed 19 Feb 10.00am – Library meeting room). If you are interested in volunteering this year please try your best to attend the meet and greet next week for some very important and useful information.

Additionally, if you are thinking of helping out, the class letter that went home details the times in particular that 1A can use some help. Please let me know that days you can help. I'll be in contact next week to let people know the days so that we have an even spread of helpers to make the Literacy sessions run smoothly.

Otherwise we have started learning with a frenzy of activity. Learning about character emotions in books, how authors and illustrators develop them, writing, spelling, counting and doing basic addition sums. It has been great to see how hard the children are working. They are being great Learners!

Adrian Greig

## 1/2C News

Students are settling into class and school routines well. We are still all getting to know each other and meeting new friends. Adjusting to school again after a six week holiday can be tiring, even for the teachers! During this time of transition, there will be the odd bumps along the way, with support and understanding together we can work through to a cohesive school year.

We are on our way for a successful first term, with student attributes beginning to shine through. Relationships are slowly and steadily forming and a positive, caring classroom is coming to fruition. I would like to thank parents who were able to make it to our Parent Information Session in week 2, we hope it was informative and helpful to you in your child's start to the year.

Please ensure home folders come to and from school every day, for notes and home readers to be swapped to ensure your child is able to read every night. Looking forward to a great year.

Kerry Lees

## 2A News

2A have been working really hard in English. We have been investigating poems and looking at the language features and structure. We have been doing some awesome writing about the topics of these poems and why we like or dislike them giving evidence from the poem about what the Poet has used. Eg: Rhyming pattern, alliteration, repeating words, regular or irregular beat. We are enjoying our poetry unit and we are trying really hard to do our best.

Libby Ferguson

## 3A and 3B News

We are very pleased with how well both classes are settling into the routines. We are enjoying the opportunity to start to get to know your child. Thank you to all the Parents and Carers for sending your child with the equipment they need for learning. Swimming is underway and by the time you read this some of the children who turn 9 this year would have participated in the swimming carnival on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Thank you for signing your child's reading folder 4 nights a week, the children have all set an individual goal to improve their reading by the last day of this term on 04.04.2014. We have discussed how important **consistent effort** is towards gaining a better result. Children are encouraged to bring in reading material from home for their book boxes, as reading is a whole school focus.

Yours Sincerely,

Brooke Andrews and Anne Coogan

## Musical Notes



Last Wednesday over fifty students from Yrs 5, 6, and 7 auditioned for the main acting roles for our upcoming musical 'The Haunted House'. David and Helen from Maleny Players and David P. Shortland (who wrote the musical) were there with me on the day helping with the auditions.

Thank you very much to all auditioning students, not only were they well prepared but also very respectful of other people trying out for parts.

Well done! David Crewe was so impressed with the depth of talent and the children's behaviour that he has agreed to be our Director.

Over the next few weeks the children in most year levels will be taught the three main dances from our musical. If your child enjoys dancing 'The Goblin Groove', 'The Skeleton Dance' or 'The Chains', they will be able to join the cast of 'The Haunted House' as a dancer.

Early next term I will be looking for students in a variety of backstage roles.

Cheers

Liz

## Student of the Week

Week 2:

Prep A	William & Levi	4A	Zander & Hannah
Prep/1B	Stellar & Seanna	5A	Meshva & Riley
1A	Beth & Bonnie	5B	Luka & Shane
1/2	Luke	6A	Carlin
2A	Libby & Luca	6B	Jamae & Jack
3A	Ebony & Chris	6/7	Sean & Merlynn
3/4	Taleta & Eli	7A	Riley & Ziggi
Japanese	Jack		

## Swimming Carnival News

On Friday, 14 February our 9 - 13 year old students participated in their annual Inter-house Swimming Carnival. Each of the four House Groups were eager for action and started the day with rousing war cries. This set the scene for a day of friendly rivalry as students stood out in their bright House colours. With a high participation rate and great endeavor, students of all abilities swam in a number of events to help their House earn maximum points. Swimmers were spurred on by their team mates through loud cheering and war cries. Throughout the day points for each team were very close. Ultimately, Waregna prevailed to win the shield just ahead of Barrun and Kuluin. Tibrogargan showed great improvement as a team swimming well to earn their points. Congratulations to all the students who participated and for trying their hardest in every race.

Many thanks to our volunteer parent helpers and Maleny SS staff who performed official duties on the day. Thanks to our Tuckshop staff who fed the hungry masses.

Well done to all our students who participated on the day.

Shane Turner  
PE Teacher

## 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 (L.A.P.) 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.

## 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.

## 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.**

# Can You Help?

2014 Musical “Spooktacular”



## “THE HAUNTED HOUSE”

A Musical involving over one hundred students onstage takes a huge amount of organising and rehearsing. If you are able to help us in any way please complete the form below or contact me either by phone: 0402413159 or email [lcrip9@eq.edu.au](mailto:lcrip9@eq.edu.au)

Many hands make light work!

There are many ways you can help; **here are a few suggestions:**

\*\* Set Building ( building 2 ‘book flat’ frames for our set)

Drama coaches—helping students learn their lines

Dance coaches – helping a dance group rehearse (you’ll have a video to learn the dance)

Costumes- sourcing items/ designing/ sewing costumes

Making Props and Hall Decorations

Backstage- moving staging throughout performance/script prompt

Backstage- helping students with stage makeup and hair

Backstage- supervising students while they are waiting to go on stage

Selling Tickets and advertising

Photography and Filming– photos / video during performances and rehearsals.

**If your child is performing please encourage them to rehearse at home as well as at school!**

Yours faithfully,

Liz Cripps  
(Music Teacher)

<b>Your Name:</b>	<b>Contact Details:</b>	<b>How you would like to Help:</b>
<b>Your Child’s Name&amp; Class:</b>		

### Maleny Swimming Stars Excel at Kingaroy!

The overcast and cooler day in Kingaroy did not stop our swimmers from achieving, yet again, great results. Two of our youngest swimmers competed for the first time in a 50 meter pool. Darcy H carved up the pool and at the tender age of 6 won all of his races, even managing to break a couple of carnival records! Sebastian G was close on his heels coming 2nd in all of his events. Well done boys!

14 PB's were broken with the best achievement going to Angelina G with a massive 35.28s off her last Personal Best for 100m breaststroke. Well done Angel! Congratulations to all our swimmers for achieving fantastic results!



Picture: Steve Smith (Coach), Angelina, Lochlan, Macale, Darcy, Jacob, Sebastian, Danica  
Insert: Macale, Lochlan, Jacob, Danica

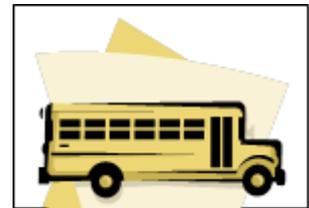
### The Reesville Road Bus Annual General

Meeting will be held in the Meeting Room  
At Maleny Library on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February,  
2014 at 9.00am.

Thank you  
Silvia Thomas  
Secretary  
Reesville Road Bus Committee

### Travelling to Maleny from Peachester or Bald Knob???

Glasshouse Country Coaches are offering a direct bus service from Peachester to the Maleny schools (via Beerwah). If they get



approximately 10 travellers, they should be able to continue to offer this as a fully functioning daily service. But they need to know who you are!!!! If this service could be of benefit to you then please contact them directly and register your interest. Ph 5496 9249 or [cavglass@bigpond.com](mailto:cavglass@bigpond.com) Bus travel assistance may be available from the state government.

## FUN. FRIENDS AND ADVENTURE



You can have fun, and make new friends by taking part in all kinds of adventures while developing skills in team work and leadership. As a Guide, you'll do everything from helping to run community events to learning new skills which could include surfing, juggling or how to save a life. You can also earn rewards such as badges and awards which recognise your skills. We provide a unique girls-only space. Our program is for girls of all ages, but our groups are structured so that you hang out with girls your own age.

Best of all you get to have a say in what your group takes part in — whether it be camping or an environmental project. There's plenty of scope to take a leading role, whether you are running a game or planning an entire meeting.

Guides are girls and young women aged 8 to 17 (in Maleny) from all cultures, faiths and traditions. Each group is led by two female adults and at least one of these is a qualified Leader who will work with you to help you get the most from your Guiding experience.

TO BEGIN YOUR ADVENTURE TODAY, JOIN THE MALENY GIRL GUIDE GROUP by phoning Leanne Large on 0447 239 725.



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