From The Principal

Our School’s Focus is Reading (please make it yours at home as well)

Reading is the key for students to unlock the doors to each key learning area within the Australian Curriculum. Our school’s focus this year is on Reading. The quicker students learn to read the more doors that open for them not just in terms of the school curriculum but within their everyday interaction with the world around them. I see reading as an essential skill that gives students access to unlimited sources of information. Without this access experiences and opportunities can be limited for students. It is for this reason that as a school we are placing such an emphasis on how we teach reading to students.

All staff this year have been participating in professional development around the teaching of reading using Pearson’s Gradual Release Model. I will be giving the first two students of each class a free ice block this week that see me in the playground and can tell me what our school’s focus is.

Parents who model positive reading behaviours at home and assist students to practice their reading decoding and comprehension skills do make a difference.

Each week I will outline a decoding and reading comprehension skill to assist parents. These will also be placed on our website.

Comprehension Strategy of the Week - Activating Prior Knowledge

The unique knowledge that each student brings to their reading experience is called prior knowledge. By knowledge we mean:

- what the student already knows about the reading process
- vocabulary knowledge
- topic knowledge
- concept knowledge
- text types or genres and the language features of these

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
By activating prior knowledge children are able to connect with what they already know. This gives a base on which to build further knowledge. Good readers do this strategy often without thinking about it. It is important that we explicitly teach young readers this skill.

Some Questions we can ask children before reading include: (select only a few)

What do you already know about this topic? What have you read that was similar to this text? Do you recognise the author’s name? What type of text / genre is this text- article, letter, story, poem etc.? What sort of language features would I expect to find in this text? What do the illustrations tell you about the text? Do the words and pictures remind you of something else you have read?

Prep Parent Reading Workshop
Join Mandy, Lindy and myself on Wednesday 12 March at 3:00 - 4:00 for an informative session on how we teach beginning reading and how you can assist your children to read.

1-2-3 MAGIC
Effective Discipline for children 2-12

We would like to invite parents to attend an upcoming series of 3 workshops designed to help parents with behaviour management strategies. Deb Price a Behaviour Support Consultant with Education Queensland, will be sharing the 1-2-3 MAGIC Programme with parents. The workshops will include information on

- Controlling difficult behaviour eg. arguing, fighting, tantrums
- Encouraging good behaviour eg. going to bed, doing homework, eating
- Strengthening your relationship with your child through the use of praise, active listening and shared fun.

The workshops will be held at Maleny State School in the Library on 19, 26 March and 2 April. Each session will run 9:00am-12pm.

Participants will be required to purchase a workbook linked to the programme at a cost of $10.

Please note that the sessions are for parents only and parents will need to make suitable arrangements for the care of any non-school age children. If you would like to attend but have no one to baby sit please contact us and we will help to cater for this.

Should you wish to attend please contact Desley in the office 54998333 and make your payment to the school office.

This is a fantastic one off opportunity for all parents to attend.

Welcome Banquet

We received great feedback from our Welcome Banquet on Friday afternoon in week four from parents and staff that attended. It was wonderful to see so many new families to our school present. Students certainly enjoyed playing with one another on the oval. A big Thank you to our P&C for organising this event.

Leaders Induction Ceremony

On Thursday our school captains, music captains and sports captains received their leadership badges at our leader’s induction ceremony. All year six and seven students were presented with a 2014 senior’s badge. It was great to see many proud parents attend and participate in our ceremony. This was a unique ceremony with double the number of leadership positions as a result of both year six and seven students going to high school next year. Feedback from parents on our ceremony was extremely positive which is encouraging and rewarding for staff that put a great deal of time into coordinating these events. Such positivity is welcomed in our school community.
SWPBS

(School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)

Rule: Wk 5 & 6 Be Safe – Walk or Sit Out

We have lots of concrete, bitumen, seating areas and walk ways around our school and it is important that students walk to avoid hurting themselves or others. Teachers have discussed the safety aspect of this rule especially in light of many adults and smaller children who are also often present within our school. There is no joy when little palms, arms, teeth and knees make contact with the concrete at speed. Students walking and modelling the correct behaviour will receive a 4 Be

Classroom News

3/4 News

In English we have just finished our unit of work on Roald Dahl’s book, “The Twits.” We carefully examined language features used by Roald Dahl that help make his stories so interesting. All students have finished writing their own chapter for the book. They have been published into a book for everyone to read and enjoy.

Our next English unit is looking at persuasive texts. We will look at some of the different types of persuasive texts such as television and magazine ads, letters to the editors and persuasive stories that try to make you agree with someone’s point of view. Our main assessment for this unit will be the writing a persuasive text as a magazine article.

In Geography we have been learning all about mapping. We have been talking about directions on a map and had a go at using compasses. The students worked together using their compasses to locate some treasure in the school grounds.

In Science we have been learning about different life cycles. A highlight of our science unit is the making of grass-heads which had helped us understand the life cycle of plants. We have also been watching the life cycle of frogs/toads? Thank you to Georgia’s and Tal’s families for supplying the tadpoles.

News from 4A

This term has had a very hectic start indeed. As well as our busy classroom schedule we have been involved with Interhouse and District Swimming Carnivals. The children have also received their swimathon cards and are very keen to raise over $500 to win a class party.

They have also been working hard on creating a new chapter and accompanying illustration for ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl proving that there are obviously some budding authors in our midst. Here’s what Kayla came up with.

Home Made Beer

One bright, sunny morning, Mrs Twit planned a wonderful trick to play on Mr Twit. Out in the yard (because it was bird pie Wednesday) Mr Twit was smearing the big, dead tree with HUGTIGHT STICKY GLUE.

Just before supper time he went out to collect all the birds stuck to the tree. The filthy old frumpet then skipped inside singing a horrible song.

In the kitchen, Mrs Twit had a pot boiling ready for the birds to be cooked. Mr Twit threw them in and Mrs Twit finished them off by stirring them in the filthy, unwashed pot.

When the pie was ready Mr Twit went to the fridge to get a beer. “Don’t worry about getting one of those,“ she called, “I have a home made beer I’d like you to try.” As he sat down at the table, Mrs Twit hid the recipe on her lap. In the beer it had, mouldy tadpoles, the skin of a snake and cactus spikes. Mr Twit cut himself a piece of pie, slowly sipped his home made beer and swallowed it. Mrs Twit held her breath and waited for his reaction. Mr Twit leapt out of his chair and flew from the room screaming. “OUUUUUCH!” all the way to the bathroom.
Mrs Twit cackled with joy as she watched Mr Twit open his mouth and suddenly notice lots of cactus spikes stuck everywhere in his mouth. She smiled evilly as she watched him painfully yank the spikes out, then, when he wasn’t watching she poured the rest of the home made beer all over his head.

Mr Twit ran out of the house yelling, “Help, help, monster, monster!”
Mrs Twit was still inside cackling furiously. “That will teach you to play tricks on me you filthy old frumpet!” she yelled.

What Year 5 has been up to so far...

In English Year 5 have been reading the book “The Forests of Silence” by Emily Rodda. For assessment we had to write about one of the main characters Jarred or Endon, detailing aspects about their character, behaviour and changes they made throughout their journey.

Right now in Science we are doing adoptions of plants and animals. We can’t wait until we have to create our own creature that suits a particular environment.

We have been learning about Australia’s penal colonies and free settlements and why they settled there.

In Geography we have been mapping and looking at the cartographic conventions like Border, Orientation, Legend, Title, Source and Scale. Most of our lessons have concentrated on North America and Europe.

The World According to Year 6 and 7

This year has commenced at a cracking pace with a flurry of activities such as the GRIP Leadership conference, swimming carnival and our leadership induction day passing us by. All of these activities have helped to highlight to the students what an important role that each and every senior student will play in providing a strong leadership model to the rest of the school. The leadership induction ceremony would have to be the highlight of these with our school, house and music captains proudly receiving their badges. A new initiative this year was that all of our senior students also received a senior badge so as to emphasise to the students the value of each individual student and the role that they would play in displaying and providing leadership for our school. The ceremony was aided in its success by the strong support of the students by attending parents and guests such as the present captains of Maleny High. Thank-you to everybody who helped to contribute to the ceremony by making it a memorable occasion for our students, your efforts are greatly appreciated.
**Musical Notes:**

‘The Haunted House’ preparations are coming along well. Acting Auditions are complete. Thank you to all the students who tried out for a part; great effort by everyone! Congratulations to Dylan 7A, Ryan 6B, Hannah 6B, Merlynne 6/7, Agatha 6/7, Shelby 5B, Bridie 6B, Harry 6A, Tiannah 6B, Lucy 5B, Emily 5A, Mariah 5, Kate 5, Tanae 6B, Kassie 6B, Lily 6B, Nic 6/7, and Riley 7A who have gained acting roles.

The Dances for the Musical are being taught during class music lessons. If your child (from Year 1 to 7) would like to be one of our dancers they can add their name to the lists in the Music room.

Thank you very much to those parents who have offered to help preparing for The Haunted House. We now have a number of people helping students to learn their ‘lines’ ready for next term when our Director David Crewe begins to work with the cast on the stage. I do need more ‘handy’ volunteers to help our Groundsman Kerry Sherwell build the Haunted House set. If you can help please contact the school, I’m hoping to have the set created by the end of the term.

Regards
Liz Cripps (Classroom Music Teacher)

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**Swimming Carnival News**

**Glasshouse District Swimming Carnival 2014**

On Friday 21 February the Glasshouse District Swimming Carnival was held at the Beerwah Pool. Maleny State School sent an enthusiastic team of 24 swimmers to compete against 11 other schools in the district. Throughout the day, swimmers from all schools swam strongly with many great times being recorded. Maleny State School swimmers showed great determination and endeavour in all races. This helped them secure 3rd place just behind the winners, St Michael’s College and Glasshouse Christian College. All Maleny SS swimmers are to be congratulated for their achievements and good sportsmanship. A special congratulations needs to go to Morgan who received the 12 year old girls runner – up Age Champion award.

Congratulations and good luck to the following swimmers who have been selected in the Glasshouse District Team to compete at the Regional Swimming Trials (for 10, 11 and 12 yo swimmers) on 4 March.

Morgan, Angelina, Bailey, Dylan, Riley, Dylan and Olivia.

Many thanks must also go to Gary Ricks and Christine Thompson who helped with official duties at the Carnival.

Shane Turner
PE Teacher

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**Student of the Week**

**Week 3:**

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Week 4:

Prep A  Lawson & Amelia  4A  Harry & Natalie
Prep/1B  Zac & Elijah  5A  Lucy & Joel
1A  Amber & Elijah  5B  Jordan & Jaxon
1/2  Ailia  6A  Kaylene & Will
2A  Phoebe & Anna  6B  Samuel & Isabella
3A  Lily-Rose  6/7  Jack & Israel
3B  Harrison & Isobel  7A  Marcy & Dylan
3/4  Georgia & Daniel  Japanese  Michael & Jonty

Library News

Bookclub

Once again, through the kind support of volunteers, we are offering students, parents and teachers the opportunity of ordering books through Scholastic Bookclub. Our school benefits by earning ‘points’ from every order, which are used to select books for our library.

As volunteers donate their time to provide this service, no late orders or cash can be accepted. Payment details for cheques and credit cards are outlined on the Scholastic flyer. Completed order forms are to be placed in the Bookclub box in the library, no later than 11th March (this may be a day earlier than written on the catalogue, but the date has had to be brought forward to Tuesday).

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

Payments
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/

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**Uniform Shop News**

The P&C are very excited that the new sports shirts have arrived and they look fantastic. There are a number of ways you can purchase the new shirts for your children:

1. Collect an order form from the school reception and return the completed form to the school P&C Box with credit card details completed on the attached envelope or cash/cheque enclosed
2. Come in to the uniform shop in person on Friday mornings, 8:30 - 9:30
3. Order online through the Flexischool website at www.flexischools.com.au

Sports shirts are available in size 4 through to 22 and are priced at $39.00 each

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.

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.

There are still some old sports shirts available for $10 and these will remain uniform until early 2016 - they are available from the uniform shop on Friday mornings from 8.30 - 9.30 until sold out.

All flexischool orders are to be in by 5pm Wednesday so they can be available for Friday pickup or class delivery.
Community News

**TSUNAMI CHARITY EVENT**
**SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 2014 | 6:00PM TO 9:30PM**
QMC QUEENSLAND MULTICULTURAL CENTRE 102 MAIN STREET, KANGAROO POINT, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

**Almost 3 years have passed since the tsunami struck the Tohoku area of Japan, but there is still a lot of work that still needs to be done.**

A collective of local and Japan based musicians & artists are coming together under the name Kakehashi (Bridge of Hope) for one very special night full of performances, artworks, food and drink with an aim to help raise money and create a Bridge of Hope from Brisbane to Tohoku.

**Foyer entertainment from 6:00 concert from 7:00 till 9:30**
Performances by: Kurilpa String Quartet (QLD Symphony), Nozomi Omote & Nick Harmsen (QLD Symphony) Marimba, Bashow Kanagawa (Taiko Drummer from Nara Japan), Takako Nishibori (Koto), Phill Wilson (Composer and Guitarist), Hik Sugimoto (Drummer) and Toko-Ton (Brisbane based Taiko Group). Japanese pop band Multitude and Hula - Brisbane Japanese Hula Girls. Various visual arts including work by Japaneseartist/printmaker sensation Kay Watanabe there will also be food, snacks and drinks available to purchase on the night from Genkimart, Nonbei Sake Bar & BBQ, Japanese Bakery and the BEMAC bar.

**Tickets**
For ticket sales and more info
WWW.TryBooking.com/74739
WWW.Facebook.com/KakehashiTohoku

**Full Price** $20
**Conc and Members** $12
kakehashitohoku@gmail.com

BEMAC
**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

Bus travel assistance may be available from the state government.

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**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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