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# Familygram

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## Diary Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 (28 April - 2 May)	⚡ District Touch Football @ Beerwah	⚡ 2.20 Parade ⚡ 3-4 Musical Rehearsals	⚡ Gift wrapping for Mother's Day Stall ⚡ Concert Band Workshop ⚡ Musical Rehearsal	⚡	⚡ Arts GEMS
Week 3 (5 May - 9 May)		⚡ 2.20 Parade ⚡ 3-4 Musical Rehearsals	⚡ Regional Rugby League ⚡ 3.15 - 4.15 Instrumental Music Band Rehearsal ⚡ Mother's Day Stall	⚡ Regional Rugby League ⚡ Mother's Day Stall	⚡ Maleny X-Country ⚡ Arts GEMS

## What's On in Semester 2

- 9 May – Maleny X-Country
- 14 May – P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm
- 13, 14 & 15 May – Naplan
- 19 May – District Cross Country
- 30 May – Holiday for Maleny Show
- 3 June – Regional Cross Country Trials
- 4 June – District Softball Trials
- 6 June – Interschool Sport Soccer/Netball
- 9 June – Queen's Birthday
- 17 June – District Rugby Union Trials
- 20 June – Interschool Sport Soccer/Netball
- 27 June – Interschool Sports Soccer/Netball

## 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



WOW, we have only been back for five days but we have achieved a lot and there is so much more to fit in yet this term.

### NAPLAN

"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008.

On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May (Friday 16 catch up day), students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests. To best help your child ensure they go to bed early and have a healthy breakfast. Arriving early to school will ensure students are organised and well settled before tests commence.

NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)."

### **ANZAC School Service**

Last Tuesday we held a special 2pm parade at school to honour and show our respect to all past and present service personnel that have served our country. We were honoured to have Mr Chris Brooker the Maleny RSL President to address students and reflect on how the war impacted on so many Australian families not just the individuals that participated in conflicts. A student from each class placed a flower on a specially made wreath along with Mrs Chaddock on behalf of the P&C. Thank you Mrs Furlong for your accompanying PowerPoint presentation. Many thanks also to our student leaders that addressed the crowd and Tom and Mr Meneely for playing the Last Post.

### **ANZAC Day**

Thank you to all students, parents and staff that marched and attended this years Maleny ANZAC Service on Friday. I was honoured to be a part of such a wonderful school and march down the street with the rest of our community. I was extremely proud of how confidently and fluently our school captains spoke throughout their address to the community sharing their reflections of ANZAC Day and respect for past and current service men and women.

### **SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)**

This term our school rule is 'Be Respectful' and our first fortnightly focus is '**Manners Matter**'. Teachers explicitly teach students when to use their manners and positively reinforce them when they do so. Some of the explicit teaching points covered are:

- I respect the right of others to learn
- I respect the right of teachers to teach
- I follow adult instructions
- I use my manners
- I care for all property
- I behave in a respectful, quiet and self-controlled manner
- I use my respectful words to solve problems

Some of the words we expect students to be using are thank you, excuse me, I'm sorry, please, hello, your welcome, have a nice day.

Please support us by having a manners blitz at your home as well.

Our new whole school positive reinforcement system has created a new enthusiasm around the school with a noticeable improvement in general student behaviour.

### **Voices On the Coast**

Congratulations to our year six students that represented our school beautifully at Voices on the Coast. The highlight for most students was listening to and meeting well known Australian author Morris Gleitzman. Thank you to Mrs Meehan and Ms Hartley for coordinating this event.

### **Mother's Day**

Our P&C are organising a Mother's Day fundraiser and ask that parents send in a small gift with students this week if possible or early next week. Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift next Wednesday or Thursday with their class at a P&C stall.

## P&C Gift Wrapping

This Wednesday 30 April from 5.30pm to 7.30pm parents are asked to help gift wrap presents for the upcoming Mother's Day stall. If you can spare some time please meet in the Staff Room at 5.30pm.

## P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting will be on Wednesday the 14 May at 6:30pm in the Library. We welcome new faces. At this meeting we will be discussing our Spring Fair our major fundraiser for the year along with other ideas to implement throughout the year. New faces are most welcome and required. "Many Hands Make Light Work".

## Cross Country

Our Cross Country will be held on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> May. For more information see next page.

## Colouring In Competition Winners

Congratulations Zac and Ayla for winning the colouring in competition sponsored by the Maleny Credit Union in the Sunshine Valley Gazette. Their class will enjoy playing a Dollars and Cents Board Game.

See you out and about.

*John* 😊

## Classroom News

### Prep A and Prep 1 B News

We have had an exciting start to term with a tricky treasure hunt – our reward for working together to follow the Four Be's. We found puzzle pieces with clues written on them in various places around our playground. When we put the puzzle together it made a map of our playground marked with an X in the sandpit. After much digging and excitement, a treasure box was discovered beneath the sand. The children enjoyed counting and sharing the treasure amongst themselves. Mr Byrne happened to visit at the time and joined in the fun.



The classes have also been busy thinking of rewards and privileges for the Be Super, Be Awesome and Be Epic clubs. Many children are well on their way to getting 10 stamps on their Be Super Club cards already. Manners Matter has been our school focus for the first two weeks of term. The children have been participating in role plays to demonstrate a range of ways to use their manners and the words that they might use. For example, Please, Thank you, Excuse me, I'm sorry, Hello, Have a nice day. The children videoed themselves on the iPad practising their "Manners Matter" words and then drew pictures of themselves showing good manners. We hope that you are noticing wonderful manners at home too!



## 1A News

Term 2 has started well. Hopefully you have all had a great break and the kids are rested for the new term. Sadly there are a number of kids away sick and others with lots of sniffles and coughs due to the change of weather.

There are a couple of small changes this term timetable wise that everyone needs to know about. Library borrowing lesson has been changed to Thursday afternoons just after lunch. So remember to bring in your library bags on a Thursday. This starts in week 2. Also Music and Physical Education (PE) have changed slightly now that swimming has finished. Music is at 10:00am and PE at 10:30am. Please make sure children have a school hat as they will be expected to go out in the sun for PE sessions and we want to make sure children are being Sun Safe!

The children have started the term jumping straight into learning. In Maths we have been looking at, drawing and building all sorts of patterns with colours, shapes, numbers and even growing patterns (e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5). We have been recording some of these with our new class video camera so the kids can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding.



## 'Out and About' now available for Android devices

The department's most popular app 'Out and About' is now available on Android. Aimed at students in Prep to Year 2 this free app helps them master the first 100 sight words to which they are typically introduced. Developed by the department, the app has been designed for parents to give to young children to fill the time in a fun and educational way.

iOS and Android versions are available for free download from the [iTunes store](#) and [Google Play](#).



## Year 2 News

Welcome to term 2!

This term we will be starting geography which will have the children learning about maps and symbols. In English we are learning about stereotypes and the children will be writing a character description busting the stereotype and presenting to the class. At the moment in maths we are focussing on 2D and 3D shapes. In science we will be looking at push and pull. For your information Library day has now changed to Monday instead of Friday so please make sure your child has their library bag with them every Monday. Every Tuesday we are now going to the computer lab so it is important that your child has a set of headphones. Some children do not have them so please check with your child about this. Remember it is important that your child does reading every night so that they can improve and jump up some levels. Many children already have which is fantastic!!! Reading is the school focus this year.

If you have any concerns or issues please come and see me.

Libby Ferguson

## 3A and 3B News

We are pleased to be back for a new term of learning. In English we have explored the book Stolen Girl by Trina Saffioti and we are about to do some in-depth analysis about another Aboriginal text called The Shack That Dad Built

by Elaine Russell. After that we will explore The Peasant Prince by Li Cunxin which is the very sad and true story of Mao's Last Dancer. We are re-visiting reading and writing Persuasive texts.

In Maths we have been looking at 3D shapes and what constitutes a prism, and now we are exploring 3 digit numbers. We are writing about ANZAC Day Commemorations in History while it is still fresh in the children's minds. In Geography we are looking at the characteristics of maps, legends, symbols, simple grid references and compass points.

3B Library day has changed and is now on MONDAY, (3A is still on Tuesdays) thank you for assisting your child to bring their library books in on Friday or Monday so they can borrow new books. We are maintaining our whole school focus on Reading , so the library is an important part of this.

The children are very excited about our new Behaviour Rewards Program, including our Class Menu's, perhaps you could ask them about it, if they haven't already shared the information with you. We are continuing with our preparation for the Naplan tests in May. In the next few weeks there will be the Cross Country and Under 8's Day. Many children have also started rehearsals for the school musical, The Haunted House.

Thank you,

Anne Coogan and Brooke Andrews

### Cross Country

Cross Country training will commence at the start of Term 2 for students from 4-7. Physical Education lessons will involve training for this particular event. Our school Cross Country will be held on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, week 3 and the District Cross Country will be held on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May at St Michael's.

#### Friday 9 May

9:00 am	10 yo girls
9:15 am	10 yo boys
9:30 am	11 yo girls
9:50 am	11 yo boys
10:10 am	12 & 13 yo girls
10:50 am	12 & 13 yo boys

If your child is interested in training for this event there is a training program provided which will assist in preparing your child. Additionally, we are holding training sessions before school on Monday mornings starting in Term 2 that will run from 8:00am till 8:30am on the oval. All students are welcome to attend the training and the training will conclude after the District trials in week 5.

These trainings will involve our Cross Country course and other running activities that will cater for all students' abilities. Parents are invited to join the training if interested.

Students will need to bring:

- Water bottle
- Appropriate Running attire and joggers
- Change of clothes
- Cap or hat
- Asthma puffers if required

We look forward to seeing students and parents at our training session and if you have any questions please contact the school on 54998 333.

Kind Regards

Shane Turner  
PE Teacher

## Student of the Week

### Week 9:

Prep A	Jirrah & Cash	4A	Sam & Tamika
Prep/1B	Dirk & Hunter	5A	Amani & Alex
1A	Amber & Larnie	5B	Maddison & Ben
1/2	Taylor & Yileen	6A	Alec
2A	Iliana & Jadis	6B	Carlin & Ayden
3A	Hayley & Oscar	6/7	Lleyton & Morgan
3B	Rhys & Avalon	7A	Ticia & Josh
3/4	Jasmine & Sam	Japanese	Class of 6A & Class of 6B

### Week 10:

Prep A	Lacey & Sam	4A	Jera & Olivia
Prep/1B	Eli & Jasper	5A	Grace & Parker
1A	Clayton & Conrad	5B	Hieu & Kirra
1/2	Eden & Matthew	6A	Hayden & Annabelle
2A	Campbell & Libby	6A	Luanda & Abi
3A	Emily	6/7	Ben & Nieve
3B	Djkai, Samuel & Sarah	7A	Alistair & Olivia
3/4	Tallis & Isabella		

## Voices on the Coast

Spiderman, a Space Unicorn named Fred, 1700 year old Chinese Tea carried on horseback and elite English Soccer players were just some of the characters and subject matter we were introduced to by the author / illustrators Dave 'Cartoon Dave' Hackett and Morris Gleitzman at Voices on the Coast, on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Each year, Maleny students who are eager to meet their favourite authors, travel down to the University of the Sunshine Coast to attend workshops to learn more about how these authors write their amazing, hilarious and often ridiculous stories.

22 year 6 and 7 students enjoyed a wonderful day out and once again demonstrated enthusiastic and mature behaviour amongst the thousands of other primary students who attended.

This is what some of the students had to say about the day –

“I thought Voices on the Coast was great...I enjoyed listening to Cartoon Dave and Morris Gleitzman...both of them were really great...Dave was funny and awesome and Morris made writing seem a lot easier...they were very humorous...they told us how to write and use our imaginations...I found them both inspirational...it was a great experience and gave me great ideas about writing...I wish I could go every year...I also enjoyed seeing the Kangaroos and all the other features of the Uni...If I had to rate the day I'd give it a 10 out of 10!”

A very big thank-you must go to Mrs Meehan who jumped on the phone to book our tickets – lucky she got in early as many sessions had sold out by 9.05am!

We can't wait to see who's going to be at next year's Voices on the Coast.

Students of yr6 and 7 and Miss Hartley



## Musical Notes:

Well done to all students preparing for 'The Haunted House', our school musical to be presented on July 30 and 31. Last term many dedicated children spent lunch breaks learning lines of scenes, dances, and songs. I'd like to thank parents Sally Carn, Judi Coey, Karen Gane, and Jodi Hamlyn Harris, and teachers Deb Darcy, Sarsha Anthony, and Anne Cougan for helping get the students ready for the next phase of performance preparation,...that is, putting it all together!

I also would like to thank John Campiao and Douglas Bailey who both spent time over the past few months giving me ideas for our set design.

### After School Rehearsals have begun

Last Tuesday our Actors and Singers began the After School rehearsals with Director David Crewe. Next Wednesday Principal Dance teacher Samantha Byrne from 5678Performing Arts will be working with our students working on the dances she has choreographed for The Haunted House. She will return to give supervised instruction again on 21<sup>st</sup> May and at our first weekend rehearsal 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

After school rehearsals for **Dancers** will begin in WEEK 5 on TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May and will run from 3.00pm- 3.30pm.

### CAN YOU HELP? SEWING COSTUMES

Thank you so much to Karen (Shelby and Dylan's Grandmother) and Renay Grieg who have volunteered to make costumes for the students in the musical.

If you can help us with costumes or any other job please contact me via email [lcrip9@eq.edu.au](mailto:lcrip9@eq.edu.au), phone school 54998333 or complete the form below.

Regards

Liz Cripps (Classroom Music Teacher)

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

### 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.

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Account Number: 10080359

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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 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

We are looking for any unwanted second hand uniforms to sell at the uniform shop. Please drop them off to the Uniform Shop on Fridays between 8.30 and 9.30 or anytime at the office.

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

Orders can be done online through the Flexischool system or directly with the Uniform Shop. Orders will be filled straight away if stock is available and can 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



A team of researchers (the BRAVE Team) at Griffith University are investigating an internet-based program for children suffering from anxiety who also have a diagnosis of Asperger's Syndrome. Anxiety can make it hard to complete school work or be around people, it may even result in worry about a lot of things, or be scared of something specific. The BRAVE Team is seeking children aged between 8 and 12 years to take part in the internet-based treatment study.

The treatment program involves 12 online sessions for children and 8 online sessions for parents, with each session taking approximately an hour to complete. Families will also be asked to complete questionnaires and telephone interviews up to four times during the study at times separate to the treatment program.

**This is being offered free for families who are eligible to participate.**

For more information contact the BRAVE Team:

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