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Diary Dates

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 (26 May - 30 May)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.20 Parade 3.00-3.30 - Dancers Rehearsals 3.00-4.00 - Actors & Singers Rehearsals 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GEMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holiday for Maleny Show
Week 7 (2 June - 6 June)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.20 Parade Fanfare 2014 3.00-3.30 - Dancers Rehearsals 3.00-4.00 - Actors & Singers Rehearsals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICAS Science District Softball Trials (Boys) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARL Development Cup GEMS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interschool Soccer/Netball

What's On in Semester 2

- 30 May – Holiday for Maleny Show
- 3 June – Regional Cross Country
- 3 June – Fanfare 2014
- 4 June – District Softball Trials
- 4 June – ICAS Science Tests
- 5 June – Development Cup Rugby League
- 6 June – Interschool Sport Soccer/Netball
- 9 June – Queen's Birthday
- 13 June – Harmony Day
- 16-20 June - ICAS Writing Tests
- 17 June – ICAS Spelling Tests
- 17 June – District Rugby Union Trials
- 20 June – Interschool Sport Soccer/Netball
- 22 June – Weekend Rehearsals
- 27 June – Interschool Sports Soccer/Netball
- 27 July – Weekend Rehearsals
- 29 July – ICAS English Tests
- 30 & 31 July – Performance Dates – The Hunted House
- 12 August – ICAS Maths Tests
- 5 Sept – Country Fair

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Great Support for Junior Cross Country

We Had war paint, new sports shirts, proud parents, cheering students and lots of excited children ranging from Prep to Year 4 ran their hearts out at our annual Junior Cross Country on Friday morning. The weather was perfect and the large turnout of parents and grandparents was impressive and much appreciated. All students who entered finished the race and didn't quit, regardless of how far other competitors were ahead of them. That's the culture we strive for and it was extremely pleasing to see the effort of students at both ends of the pack giving their best. I know this because I was the last to cross the finish line in all junior races I entered. Our Preppies always steal the show and there were two that made me melt mid race at the same time. One stretched his hand out and asked if I could take it and help him to keep running and the other explained that "his motor had run out". Congratulations to Mr Turner and teachers for their wonderful organisation and Mr Sherwell for preparing the excellent cross country track, (most schools due to a lack of land/space simply run around there oval several times).

SWPBS - Parent input is invaluable

Last week our School Wide Positive Behaviour Team including three parents met to fine tune our newly introduced whole school positive reinforcement system. We discussed feedback from teachers (positive, negative and interesting opinions) students and parents and decided on a menu of whole school rewards for students who gain status to our Super Awesome and Epic club. A flyer will be sent home with students to communicate this system to parents. Many thanks to Katie, Mandy and Maree for the valuable parent voice.

Thank you to all those parents who use the Student Absence Line.

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**

Look Proud, Talk Proud

This fortnight our SWPBS buzz phrase is Look Proud, Talk Proud.

Look Proud means: Ensure you wear the correct full uniform every day especially school Jumpers now it is winter.

Talk Proud means: Ensure you speak appropriately at school and on the way to and from school especially when no adults are around. I always ask students to think if my family were sitting on one shoulder and my principal/teachers were on the other shoulder listening would they be proud of the way you are speaking.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all students that participated in the NAPLAN testing last week. I was very impressed by our students who gave their best efforts in all tests. Well done to all our staff for preparing students for these tests and creating a supportive atmosphere for students allowing them to produce their best results. Student results will be available later in the year.

High Reliability Schools Professional Development

This week I will be attending a 2 day conference with a number of staff members. My vision at Maleny is to continue building and maintaining a culture of learning at our school that will allow all students to learn the skills and content they need for success in careers, university and beyond. It is pleasing to work with staff that are continually looking to improve themselves to ensure students can achieve their potential.

Country Fair – 5 September Friday afternoon / night

Last week teachers, with some help from our P&C, choose a number of stalls to run at this year's Country Fair. If you have some great fundraising ideas not listed and can assist run a stall we would love to hear from you. You don't need to attend meetings, we are quite happy for 'doer's' who are prepared to be independent and conduct a stall that will assist our school to raise funds.

Many stalls will also need donations from families and community businesses. If you can put us in touch with business that would like to assist us through donations or sponsorship please contact Desley at the front office or Melissa Chaddock.

Wanted Sponsors for our Country Fair Fireworks- Can you Assist?

Thank You to our P&C

Our Maleny P&C are a fantastic group of volunteers. This week we take the opportunity to acknowledge their efforts and say Thank you. At our Monday staff meeting last week teachers expressed their appreciation of the work the P&C contributes to our school to the president Melissa Chaddock . On Tuesday parade our student leaders will do the same and present a letter to be read at the next P&C meeting. When a new face appears at one of our P&C meetings everyone gets excited as occurred last week. To me this is a sign of a great culture and indication of how supportive this group is. Please come along to our next meeting.

Wanted Class Parent Representatives for Classes

We are still looking for parents to be parent representatives for many of our classes. This is not a large job nor will it consume all your time. It will allow the principle of 'Many Hands Make Light Work' to kick in for our small band of P&C volunteers. It will also allow much better networking and communication across our school an ensure opinions when sought are truly representative across our whole school.

Proud and Proper Class - Reward

Did you Know?

Each day teachers allocate a point to students who are dressed in the correct uniform. These points are collated each week and the leading class at the end of Term wins a Proud and Proper reward. Last Terms winners were class 5B. Please ensure your child contributes to their class tally each day by wearing the correct uniform especially jumper now it is getting cooler.

Remember our School Focus is Reading.

So please take some time to enjoy reading to and listening to your child to your child read.

Congratulations to our Students

Congratulations to Jasmine C for achieving a Highly Commended for her ballet at an Eisteddfod in Toowoomba.

See you out and about.

John 😊

Classroom News

Prep A and Prep 1B News

Geography Learning

The children have been learning about all sorts of maps and how they show the features of places. They each choose a familiar place and thought about the features of their special place. After making a model using construction materials, photos were taken from a bird's eye view for the children to draw and label maps.

Maths

The Preps have been busy learning about shapes. They completed an assessment task where they sorted shapes and built a house from shapes, explaining and justifying their shape choices for various parts of the house.

The Year 1's have been learning about addition problems and are identifying addition words like "more", "join", "add" and "altogether". They have been representing these number problems in many different ways – with objects, on part/part/ whole frames, number lines, ten frames and writing number sentences.

English

The children have been working towards their Assessment Task of retelling a story. They have been using props and puppets to retell familiar stories as well as creating story maps and retell planners. This week the stories we have read have had special messages. One of our favourite stories this week was "The Tortoise and the Hare – Slow and steady wins the race". They have also been making connections to stories – text to self, text to text and text to world.



Geography – Model of a bedroom



Retell of the Tortoise and the Hare

1A News

Hard at work

In the last two weeks the kids have been busy, hard at work, writing, designing, play-acting and problem solving. In English we have been getting ready for the end of Unit written character descriptions. A challenging task for many but the kids have worked really hard to create some interesting sentences. In Science we've been exploring materials (paper, foil) and testing out ideas on how materials can be changed to increase strength. The paper changing activity to test and see if paper can hold up books all by themselves was a hoot! Amazingly one design held 12 books!!! INCREDIBLE!! We've been doing dramas coming up with creative ideas on how to solve problems in the playground (the first video recordings have been quite good). The kids have certainly been hard at work.



New Class 'Pets'

In the last few weeks the kids have been really interested in 2 visitors we have had in the class. 'Rollin' and 'Speedy' have been helping the kids learn directions like left, right, forwards, backwards (not to mention social skills like listening and taking turns). The kids were so excited about these remote controlled spheres called Sphero that they did some of the best writing I have seen all year. Talk about motivated. They are also handy as they fit in nicely as the kids had to explore its physical properties for Science. They are hard, round, smooth and most interesting of all they are waterproof. Add to that they light up as they move and do all sorts of programmed moves. You can see some Spheros in the picture 'asleep' in their charging cradle. The other picture is of them when I took a photo of them at night in the dark.



Adrian Greig

1/2C News

Our school year is now travelling at lightning speed! Student's academic growth and achievements that are observed each day is personally very rewarding. Currently we are beginning to enter a time of assessments and ongoing data collection in preparation for Semester 1 report cards and general tracking of student academic growth.

Students are currently quite excited about working on our class's display for the Maleny Show. This year's theme is 'Year of the small farmer.' If you are planning on going to the show please check out our school's display.

Geography is now a part of our curriculum this year and began this term. Below is a birds eye view model of our school's Junior Playground that the class created together. Recently we explored a map of Australia indicating states, capital cities and major towns. The class have been particularly interested in this subject at the moment and it is great to see the students so engaged in their learning.



Kerry Lees
Classroom Teacher

2A News

We have been busy with our assessment over the last few weeks. The children have been learning about stereotypes in English and have had to write a non-stereotypical character description on a character from a book for assessment.

In maths we are currently learning about time (o'clock, half past,). We will be moving into quarter past and quarter to over the next few weeks. We have also revised calendars, where the children need to be able to order the months

of the year and answer questions like how many Mondays in August?, What day of the week is the 2nd?, What date will it be on the first Monday of June?

The children all enjoyed the cross country and did their best.

Keep reading and remember to sign the homework sheet.

Libby☺

Year 3 News

We would firstly like to congratulate all the year 3 students who worked so hard during their first Naplan week. They all worked very hard and should be very proud of themselves for trying their best. Last week both classes designed and built their own shack for technology with recycled materials. There were some very detailed and interesting designs that I'm sure parents have loved seeing when the students brought them home. Our classes have been practicing for the cross country each day with so many students putting in their best effort to run around the course so we're all excited to see how the races go on the day. In Science we have been learning about our 'Spinning Earth' and the students did a great job at making their own models of the Earth from playdough. All of the students have been really working hard at earning their 4 Be cards by following the school's 4 Be rules and we have been impressed with how responsible and respectful the year 3's have been. Our reading groups are continuing with the students now able to work independently and quietly on reading tasks to allow for our guided reading to take place. So far this term we have looked at the reading strategies of Inferring, Making Connections and Visualisation. Could you please ask your children what each of these strategies is and why they are important. If you are going to be at the Maleny Show, you may like to stop by to see the year 3 display and see if you can figure out what a Nogard is!



Musical Notes



Last Tuesday a photographer from the Range News came to the school to take a photo of some of the cast of The Haunted House. These students, were then able to introduce their character in costume and makeup to the rest of the school during Parade,

It has been a big rehearsal week for the Dancers in the Musical. After school rehearsals began last Tuesday. Well done to the many children who remembered to attend the first session! Then on Wednesday, Dance teacher Samantha Byrne from '5678 Performing Arts' spent time with each of our dance groups workshopping and improving our choreography. Great work everyone, the dances are coming along well. It won't be long before we can combine dancers, singers and actors!

Our ART GEMS students under the direction of Karen Gane are progressing well with the set design and props needed for the show.



Thank you also to teachers and parents who are helping me with the many different groups rehearsing for this show.

All Actors, Singers and Dancers Please Remember:

***Weekend Rehearsals Sunday 22nd June and Sunday 27th July.

Liz Cripps (Music Teacher)



Student of the Week

Week 4:

Prep A	Emma & Charley	4A	Harry & Olivia
Prep/1B	Zac & Stellar	5A	Olivia & Dylan
1A	Amber & Theo	5B	Lucy & Clae
1/2	Matilda & Emily	6A	Lachlan & Hayden
2A	Izaak & Ebanee	6B	Mieka & Bridie
3A	Joshua & Elise	6/7	Conor & Lily
3B	Dakota & Austin	7A	Zephyr & Leilani
3/4	Natasha & Cameron	Japanese	Lucy

Week 5:

Prep A	Nathan & Angelica	4A	Siena & Oliver
Prep/1B	Thomas & Lachlan	5A	Rohan & Maya
1A	Jorja & Jayda	5B	Angelina & Cooper
1/2	Jayden & Alicia	6A	Jack & Paxton
2A	Libby & Eliza	6/7	Divya & Archie
3A	Jacqui & Keiran	7A	Tanisha & Ziggi
3/4	Emily & Charlie	Japanese	Violet & Zane

P & C Update



The P&C will be running a stall selling the amazing Loom Bands at the Maleny Show on Friday 30th and Saturday 31st of May. We have a huge array of amazing colours including neon, glitter, camo and glow in the dark, as well as accessories and the complete starter kits. So, come along to the stall and support your school P&C. To make it happen, we need some more volunteers to work on the stall, so if you have an hour or two to spare on either day whilst your kids are enjoying the rides, please let me know and I'll add you to the roster.

Many thanks

Melissa Chaddock, P&C President

malenypandc@googlegroups.com



Voluntary Financial Contribution

Each year Maleny State School asks families for a contribution to assist the school with supplying essential resources for your child/ren's education and maintenance of school facilities.

The contribution for 2014 is \$50 per child or \$40 per child for families with three or more children enrolled at our school.

This year the contribution is being used to upgrade and maintain our school resources and facilities.

If you haven't contributed and wish to for 2014 it's not too late. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit/debit card at the office and a receipt will be issued.

The office will now be closing at 3.30pm on Thursdays

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 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 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

8.00am to 3.30pm on Thursdays.

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/>

Tuckshop Roster

Tuesday, 27 May	-	Jody H, Fiona B & Simone W
Wednesday, 28 May	-	Judy C
Thursday, 29 May	-	Helen B & Margaret K
Friday, 30 May	-	Maleny Show Holiday
Tuesday, 3 June	-	Jade & Aki L
Wednesday, 4 June	-	Lisa M
Thursday, 5 June	-	Peter M & Marty D
Friday, 6 June	-	Aileen J
Tuesday, 10 June	-	Tanya P & Karen G

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.

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.

The Maleny Agricultural Show
Friday, May 30th and Saturday, May 31st, 2014

The 77th Maleny Agricultural Show



We Serve



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An Invitation to the 2014 Maleny-Blackall Range Lions' Mountain View Challenge.

What is the Mountain View Challenge?

- A morning of running and walking events for adults and children.
 - The Getrunning Half Marathon (21.1km),
 - The RE/MAX Hinterland 10 km run,
 - The YIB 3 km School Student run, and
 - A 3km walk for all ages. (Please note that children are welcome to enter the longer events if they are capable and are looking for more of a challenge.)

When?

- 3rd August 2014
- Individual event start times have been posted on our web site.
<http://malenyblackallrange.qld.lions.org.au/projects/mvc>

Where?

- All events start and finish at the Maleny Showgrounds.

Why?

- To promote fitness,
- To raise money for both the Australian Lions Medical Research Foundation and local projects for the local Maleny-Blackall Range communities.

Entry Fees:-

- 21.1km run - \$40
- 10km run - \$25
- 3km run or walk - \$10
- **Note:** The entry fees will be capped at \$20 where 3 or more siblings under the age of 19 years register.

Prizes:-

- There are individual prizes for the first male and first female of each running event. The 3km event has prizes for the first girl & first boy in U9, U11, U13, U15, and open age groups.
- All walkers will receive a Certificate of Appreciation on completion.
- The 'Maleny Realty School Participation Trophy' (currently held by the Maleny State School) and a cheque for \$100 will be presented to the school with the highest percentage of their school as participants.

Safety & Health:-

- Water stations will be placed at intervals along each route.
- Traffic/Event Marshalls will be placed at all street crossings & other appropriate points along the routes. Members of the Maleny SES, the Maleny RFB, and other community organisations will provide assistance.
- The Maleny Ambulance will be on standby for the day's events.

Refreshments:-

- The Lions club will run a Gold Coin donation sausage sizzle & cold drinks.
- A coffee van will be in attendance, and
- Bottled Water and fresh fruit will be available to all competitors upon completion of their event.

How to Register:-

- You may enter online by going to our web site and following the hot links to either the PayPal and Credit Card registration option, or
- You may register on the day at the Showgrounds by down loading an entry form from our web site and bring the completed form with your entry fees to the registration desk on the day.
- Schools may register as a team by down loading a Team Registration form from our web site.

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