FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Country Fair-less than 3 Weeks to go (Friday 5th September)

To make this event a success we rely on every school family to assist by way of donation to class stalls, be it your children’s stall or another stall, and participating by helping man stalls (set up / pull down), tuckshop etc. Please contact your child’s teacher or Melissa our P&C president who will advise you on how you can help.

The next Country Fair sub-committee meeting is this Friday:

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. It will be held in the old tuckshop at 9:00am. We will be running through which jobs still need to be allocated and starting to do some of the practical things like wrapping lucky dip prizes, sorting out the raffle tickets etc. Please come along, the more the merrier.

Donations Urgently Required:

- Toys new and used in good condition (Prep – Lindy Hicks and Mandy Bauer)
- Prizes/gift vouchers for Guess the Teacher/Staff Member (1A - Adrian Greig)
- Lucky Dip items (Yr 2 – Libby Ferguson)
- Pre-loved books/Magazines (Yr 3 - Brooke Andrews)
- Cakes and cookies (Yr 3/4 - Trish Mackay & Lou Walsh)
- Chocolates - small individually wrapped chocolates (5A - Deb Darcy)
- Filled bottles (with goodies that kids will like eg lollies, hair ties, toys etc) (5B - Eric Faulkner)

Discounted Unlimited Ride Passes need to be purchased before Monday, 1 September link below - $25.

Show bags select and purchase before Friday, 22 August link below.


DATE CLAIMERS

1 Sept – Last day for Haunted House DVD Orders
1 Sept – Last day to Purchase Unlimited Ride Passes for Country Fair
5 Sept – Country Fair
9 Sept – Regional Athletics
10 Sept – Regional Athletics
12 Sept - Readers Cup
12 Sept - Interschool Touch Football
19 Sept – Interschool Touch Football
19 Sept – Last Day Term 3
7 Oct – First Day Term 4
20 Oct – Student Free Day
31 Oct – Day for Daniel
24-26 Nov – Yr 5 Camp
12 Dec – Last day Term 4

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – Ph 54998366

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

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large quantity of clothing in our Lost Property Area. Please have a look if your child is missing any items. Any clothing remaining at the end of term will be given to Charity.
Register for Prep now! Don’t wait.
It is essential that parents who have not contacted the office to register their child for Prep in 2015 does so now. Please do not assume we know you are coming. If we have not contacted you by now we are unaware your child is coming. Registration can be completed in a one minute phone call (Ph54998333) or an email to admin@malenyyss.eq.edu.au.

Note: all students will require a birth certificate before commencing Prep in 2015. I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Prep Information Session
Recently our Prep teachers Mandy Bauer, Lindy Hicks and I visited the Maleny Goodstart Early Learning Centre and discussed with parents our philosophies of the Early Years and the transition program that we deliver to ensure students feel comfortable, confident and familiar with their future Prep environment. This was a wonderful session with a number of new families in attendance.

Please note the following opportunities to engage with Prep.

Welcome to Prep Maleny Prep Wed 3 September 1:30 – 3:00
Information Session Wed 29 Oct 3:15
Get Ready for Prep Sessions
Wed 15 Oct 1:30 – 3:00
Wed 22 Oct 1:30 – 3:00
Wed 15 Oct 1:30 – 3:00

Parent Volunteers required for Maleny Trail Riders Club at Green Park, Conondale
As many adult volunteers as possible are required on Saturday, 30 August at 12:00pm to assist cut up tomatoes etc and prepare meals for riders and spectators. A generous donation is given to our school by event organisers in relation to the number of helpers we can supply. Please register your name at the office with Desley.

Table Tennis Monday
Yr 4 to Yr 7 Students have the opportunity to play table tennis every Monday lunch time in the hall thanks to Leah and Russell Treloar who are coming up to school and teaching children how to play. I welcome parent involvement in our school and get very excited to see parents assisting in many different areas within the school.

Bli Bli State School Fire
Last Friday night four classrooms (Prep, Yr 1 & Yr 2) were destroyed by fire with students and teachers losing a years work and many valuable school resources. I visited the school Saturday morning to offer assistance to the Principal, Gerald Quinn. He, his staff and officers from the department were doing a wonderful job to get new classrooms and resources ready for school on Monday. I was touched by the tears and emotions shown by so many students, parents and staff that were in attendance. Our student council met today and decided that they would like to have a Free Dress Day on Friday to raise funds to assist the Bli Bli students. Please support this cause by donating a gold coin on Friday.

District Athletics
Well done to all students that participated in the Glasshouse District Sports last week on Thursday and Friday. I was fortunate enough to attend on Friday and was very impressed with the effort that all students displayed whilst competing in events. Equally impressive were the efforts of our staff and the number of parents in attendance supporting their children and Maleny State School. 99% of events were completed with the rain intervening on one high jump event. Mr Turner, our super organised PE teacher, will communicate overall results when we have these at hand.

Urban Upbeat
Congratulations to all members of the Maleny/Montville Concert Band that performed at the Ekka last Thursday. From all reports your performance was even more polished than that at our Tuesday parade (which I loved) and all children displayed exemplary behaviour. Well done to Mr Meneely and all parents that assisted students on the day. Your help is much appreciated.

Australian Government Contribution for students travelling to Canberra
Yr 6 & Yr 7 students next week will be undertaking an education tour of the National Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship Education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program
towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has been already factored in to the total cost of this excursion.

**Please Welcome Penny and Speckles to Maleny State School**  
Well done to Jess H and Olivia for coming up with the names Penny and Speckles for our dearly loved chooks. Thank you to our Environmental Sub Committee of the Student Council for organising this competition.

**SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)**  
This Week’s Rule: Be Respectful  
Fortnightly Focus: Be Nice Be Quiet (when entering and leaving the school)  
**Student Reminder**  
- I enter and leave the school via the pedestrian gates  
- I move quietly to the supervised area  
- I sit quietly in the undercover area  
- I follow adult directions  
- I model sensible behaviour  
- I walk  
- I wait quietly and respectfully to be picked up  
- I smile and follow Lollie pop ladies instructions

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**Classroom News**

**News from 3 / 4**  
We were very lucky to have a visit from well-known author Gary Crew. He came to talk about his book, The Water Tower, and he shared many interesting points of view. Many of us have now written a sequel to this story and Gary will judge the best story from all four schools competing in the Readers Cup in September.

We have been practicing how to answer questions about our four books using a lot of detail. We know it is important for us to work as a team and to listen to each other. In two weeks we will have a semi-final to select four teams to represent our school against Conondale, Montville and Mapleton.

In Geography we have been focusing on Sustainable Practices and last week we had a visit from Jenny Allen the author of Smart Permaculture Designs. She also brought Mrs Maleny in to talk to the children and asked them to design a sustainable garden. We found out many important things. On Monday last week we also had a visit from Mr Geary. He is a teacher at a small school in India. He talked to us about his school and we created a Venn diagram about the similarities and differences of our two schools. His school is very poor and they have no electricity. We are very lucky in Australia.

In Science both year levels have been looking at observable features of the Earth and created a plasticine model of the Earth. The Yr 3s have gone on to explore topics of rotating and orbiting in relation to space topics while the Yr 4s have been exploring types of rocks and soils. The Yr 4s have looked at igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks with some young geologists in our class sharing their knowledge and rock collections.

Trish and Lou

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**4A Update**  
Believe it or not, Term 3 is half over! Many of our class members are heading off this week to compete at the District Athletics and we wish them every success. In class we have almost finished reading the 4 novels chosen for the Readers Cup and after an inspiring visit from Gary Crew some children are writing a sequel to ‘The Watertower’ in the hope that Mr Crew will select them to win a prize.

Mrs Walsh has also been giving drama lessons to our class in preparation for the impromptu performance section that will be held as part of the competition.

Science has also captured our interest with experiments on slime to determine its properties. No doubt some of you will have received a small sample of slime courtesy of your child.
A gentle reminder to send in any old material/wool/buttons/old clothes etc for the Technology assignment the children are starting. If you need more information or would like a copy of the task to keep at home just ask your child to let me know.

Thank you to all those people who have replaced their child’s books as they have filled them up. It is a huge help and very much appreciated.

Meanwhile, it’s boys versus girls in the fastest slime pouring competition!!

**Light Investigations: Interesting FACTS from Year 5**

This term in Science we are studying a unit called “Now You See It”. It explores how we see light, shadows and reflections. Do you know how we see things? Light comes from a source (like the sun) and shines on an object. The rays then reflect off that object and comes through the eye’s lens…but the image is actually UPSIDE DOWN. Our brains then make sense of what we see.

When creating shadows the closer the object is to the light source, the bigger the shadow is. We watched some amazing youtube clips where they made shadows into a story. Here’s a few links that we enjoyed:

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uvvk JrKKYF8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uvvk JrKKYF8) which told a story about a family and going to war and then
- [Wonderful World](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m8yb4hnA2dI).

Over the next few weeks we will continue to look at concepts exploring the properties of light such as refraction and the “colours” of light before creating our own mazes with mirrors.

**Yr 6 & Yr 7 News**

The senior shirts have finally arrived. Our senior students and staff are very excited about our upcoming Canberra trip. Just a reminder to parents that we depart from Maleny State High School at 6am on Monday August 25 and return to the same place on Friday August 29 at about 10.00pm. Please ring the school office if you have any questions about next week’s trip.

**Year 6 and 7 Teachers**

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Maleny Montville Concert Band
On Thursday 14th August the Maleny Montville Concert Band, led by conductor Paul Meenely performed at the Urban Upbeat Competition at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds. The band played superbly and surprised the crowd by beginning with a Flash Mob performance of the African Marching Song. This was followed by No Starsplitter Fanfare, Pokerface, Hogans Heroes and La Bamba. All members of the band showcased their talents to a high degree and audience members were highly entertained. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who were able to help on the day, it was a great success.

Musical Notes

HAUNTED HOUSE DVD

Orders are now being taken for the DVD of the Maleny State School’s Musical ‘The Haunted House’. This will be a limited edition run and will be available for collection from the school office before the September School Holidays.

Please complete the details below and return the order form and payment to the school’s reception, together with $15 per DVD via your preferred payment method. Eftpos facilities are available at the school office.

All orders together with payment are required no later than Monday 1st September. Late orders are unable to be accepted.

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PAYMENT INFORMATION
Cash  □ Place inside envelope & attach to order  -  Amount Enclosed  $ ____________
EFTPOS □ BSB 064-462 Account No 10080359
Cheque □ Make payable to Maleny State School
Credit □ Cardholder to complete & sign below

Card Type (please circle)  VISA  MASTERCARD

Card No: _______________________________  Expiry Date: ____________

Name on Card: ___________________________  Amount: __________________

Signature: _______________________________
Do you like helping to prepare and serve food? Then this is the volunteering opportunity for you. The bi-annual Maleny Trail Riders Club weekend fundraiser will be held at Green Park, Conondale on Sat 30 Aug. Our shift is at 12:00, so if you’re interested in helping (we need about 10 helpers if possible) please let Melissa know on 0438 439 577 or email chaddocks@gmail.com.

Did you know that you can raise funds for Maleny State School by electing us as your community benefit fund? The IGA donate one cent in every dollar that you spend at the checkout, which greatly assists us to support school wide initiatives. The loyalty system is easy to join at the checkout. You’ll be issued with a number which you then quote every time you shop and the money is directed into our account. It costs you nothing, and we gain such a lot. Please take a moment to join the CBC scheme when you’re next shopping. If you’re already a member of the scheme and want to change over to Maleny State School, then please just ask for a nomination form at the checkout.

COUNTRY FAIR TO DO LIST

With only 3 weeks to go, this is what you need to do to get ready for our Country Fair

BEFORE:
Friday 22nd August
Select and Pre-order Show bags

Friday 29th August
Send in items for your class stall

Monday 1st Sept
Purchase unlimited ride arm bands
Mega raffle tickets now available from reception.
If you need another order form or help in placing your orders, please talk to Desley in reception.

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 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, Thursday and Fridays.
Maley State School Reading Corner

In this Familygram edition, we would like to start introducing the Comprehension Strategies that are covered by Year Levels throughout their English Units. The first is’ Activating Prior Knowledge’.

This chart is displayed in all classrooms and is used as a reflective tool when discussing this strategy.

The following chart shows a range of ‘Think Alouds’ that we encourage teachers and students to use to initiate how prior knowledge is helpful within a reading context.

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**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/](http://www.flexischools.com.au/)

**Tuckshop Roster**

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**Uniform Shop News**

Our Uniform Shop is open Fridays between 8.30 and 9.30am. Orders can be placed online through the Flexischool system at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) 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.

All flexischool orders are to be in by 5pm Wednesday so they can be available for Friday pickup or class delivery. Uniform Hats are now $15.00.
Looking for a Summer Sport?

Come Play Softball!!

Suncoast Hinterland Softball Association invites interested players to sign-on for the upcoming Summer season.

Sign On & Come Try Day: Saturday 23rd August & Saturday 13th September
Where: Mooloolah Multi Sports Complex – 129 Mooloolah Connection Rd, Mooloolah (Brand new facilities)
Who: Males & Females of all ages & abilities – 5yrs to masters
Contact: Karen 0422204661 or suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com

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