From The Principal

We look forward to seeing every family and as many friends as you can muster at our Country Fair this Friday. It will kick off at 3:30 and conclude around 8:30. Don’t miss the fireworks and remember to purchase a ride arm band for unlimited rides. This is our major P&C fund raiser for the year so please offer your assistance. We are in short supply of volunteers.

We Need Your Help - Parent helpers still required to assist on stalls e.g. Please contact office 54998333 or Melissa our P&C President.

Miss Hartley would love some helpers to assist mount art pieces for the art gallery, please leave your name at the office or see Miss Hartley in Yr 6.

Fantastic Canberra Camp

WoW, what a wonderful week. Certainly one of the best camps I have been associated with. Our children were extremely well behaved and some of their answers to questions asked at places like Parliament House and the National Gallery were brilliant. It was lovely to be asked more than once by members of the general public was I associated with the children and then told how beautifully mannered our children were. This occurred at many places along the way from airports to restrooms.
Certainly a highlight for me was our day in the snow, (perfect weather, sun blazing and totally blue skies). I must admit I am still a little weary as staff members on camps don’t stop and are on call 24 hours a day for 5 days.

I take this opportunity to thank all staff who attended camp for your organisation and dedication to all children, it was simply amazing and made the week very enjoyable. I also would like to thank our P&C, the local APEX club and the Maleny Trail Riders Club for their contributions towards camp costs to make this trip possible for students.

High School Transition

Cath Gray from Maleny State High School will speak to Yr 6 and Yr 7 students this Wednesday to ensure all students are feeling comfortable with the upcoming transition days. Yr 7 - 8, 15 and 22 October. Yr 6 - 29 October, 5 and 12 November.

New Retro Reflective Signs with improved surrounding target boards

Now I’ve got you attention, have you seen them! Recently Leah Treloar (P&C Treasurer) and myself met with officers of the Main Roads and Transport Department to discuss traffic and pedestrian concerns associated with school arrival and departure times.

We discussed the use of flashing school zone signage and found that flashing lights are prioritised for those schools which operate in higher speed zone environments requiring the reduction in speed zone during school commencement and finishing times. With the speed zone already being set at 40km/hr through our section of town, and with a low traffic/pedestrian incident record, the priority to install these types of electronic devices within the current program is low. However, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) does understand the desire to highlight the school activity in this area and have taken action to replace the existing signage through this section of road with more highly reflective and visible signs.

I am proud of how as a community we do drive slowly in the school zone and are continually mindful of looking out for the unexpected when children are nearby. Please join with me in continually discussing road and pedestrian safety especially as your children become older and begin to use scooters, bikes and skateboards as a means of transport within our community.

Classroom News

Prep A and Prep 1 B News

Our English Unit has been all about rhyme. We have enjoyed listening to and reading many rhyming texts. We each created rhyming sentences and presented our rhymes to the group including actions and making sure we used an interesting voice. Part of our assessment was to be a good listener whilst our friends presented their rhymes. A great job was done by all. We’d like to share a few with you.

Our current reading focus is scanning. We are scanning texts for rhyming words. The children are learning to name what scanning means, describe what it is, use it with help and use it independently.

We are still being weather watchers and recording the weather each day. We have also looked at our homes and how they protect us from different weather. Animals also need shelter from the ever changing weather. Both classes are caring for silkworms, thank you to those who have brought in mulberry leaves, as this year there are few leaves on the school mulberry tree.
As part of our history learning the children brought in objects that tell a story from the past. The children are very eager to create a classroom museum with interesting objects. Please send in any items that you are happy to share with us for a little while.

How exciting, the School Fair is this Friday. We are collecting 2nd hand toys to sell at our stall. We also need volunteers to help set up and work in our Toy and Popcorn Stalls. See the roster at your child’s classroom.

1A News
In the last few weeks we have been busy putting the finishing touches on our Science collages of landscape and sky scenes. These are of the three types of built, managed and natural landscapes. The students have been so creative in how they have constructed their scenes adding people and animals doing various activities that they would typically see. These collages will be on display at the upcoming Country Fair. The students are so proud of their work and rightly so.

In Maths we have been covering telling time (o’clock and half past times) on both analogue and digital clocks. This is one of those skills that takes practice to get initially but once they get the basic skill there is nothing stopping them. So ask your child whenever possible to help you tell the time. We have also been covering coins once again. Recognising the coins, their value and in word form as well. The more they use coins themselves the better they will get.

Lastly, with the Country Fair fast approaching we are still looking for parent helpers to assist on the night. Jane Collins is doing up a roster. We are looking for just 1 hour of your time to volunteer at one of the stalls we are organising. If everyone is able to assist the easier it will be making it a great night.

1/2C Class News
Students are busy this term, designing and making puppets, studying life stages of plants and animals, comparing narratives to informative texts, just to name a few of the concepts we are covering at the moment. Our technology sessions with puppets have been very productive. Students have been very enthusiastic and are carefully thinking through how to construct their puppets. I would like to thank all the mum’s Simone, Akiko, Meisha, Anne-Melissaine, Jade and Sallyann who have taken the time to come in and assist students on the Friday afternoons, I really appreciate the help.

Our Country Fair is this Friday. The excitement and anticipation is building. Our class stall is a ‘Farm Animal Nursery’ thanks to Maleny High School and Kael’s parents Collin and Christine. Thank-you to Stacey, our class representative, for assisting me organise the stall. A note went home regarding a Parent Helpers Roster for the stall on Friday 5th September. Please let me know if you can help at any of the time slots.

Kerry Lees
Classroom Teacher

2A News
We are busy working on our assessment pieces for technology, science, history and drama. The children have been placed into groups for drama and they are creating a puppet for their puppet show. Please ask your child what puppet they are making and what equipment they need for it. Please send this in with your child ASAP so they can get started making the puppet. We are starting this week. If you can assist in the classroom to help us make the puppets please let me know. Afternoon sessions on Thursday and Friday are our making days. The more helpers we can get the better.

The country fair is approaching fast! We are desperately seeking helpers for our stall. If you can help please send in your note that went out a few weeks ago or come in and see me or send me in a note giving times you can help. Let’s work as a team for the better of the school and class and not leave it to just a few helpers. Many hands make light work. All money raised goes towards resources for the school and will help your child’s education.

Thanks to those parents who have been busy in the background already with the Country Fair.

Kind Regards
Libby Ferguson
3A and 3B News
In English we really enjoyed reading *The Lorax* and writing a retell from another character’s point of view and then presenting our writing to the class as a speaking presentation. We have started reading our new book *Kumiko and the Dragon*. We are also learning some interesting things about Japanese culture. Our Reading groups are continuing to be beneficial for the students where we focus on particular reading strategies.

In the last couple of weeks we have been learning about multiplication and measurement including, mass in kilograms, height, length and width in centimetres and metres. It has been fun doing lots of ‘hands on’ activities.

In Science we are continuing to learn about heat transference, insulators and conductors. It is great to be in the Science Lab to conduct some experiments. We will be starting our Technology task soon where we need to make a cooler bag using insulating materials so we can keep the water in our water bottle as cool as possible. We will be testing the water temperature in the bottles using thermometers to see which insulating materials are most effective. Thank you for supplying the materials, as per the note last week.

We are looking forward to the Country Fair on Friday 5th September, thank you for the donations of goods towards the Fair.
Anne Coogan  Brooke Andrews
3B 3A

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**Maleny Math Challenge**

**Maleny Maths Challenge Students are Champions.**

Congratulations to our Yr 5, Yr 6 and Yr 7 students who represented our school at the annual Beerwah Interschool Maths Challenge last Thursday. The competition involved individual, team and relay challenges. Our school walked away from the challenge with high placing in all three year levels. The results of the competition were:

- **Yr 5** – 1st Maleny Team 2
- 2nd Mooloolah Team 1
- 3rd Glass House Team 1
- **Yr 6** – 1st Glass House Team 1
- 2nd Maleny Team 2
- 3rd Maleny Team 1
- **Yr 7** – 1st Beerwah Team 1
- 2nd Maleny Team 1
- 3rd Elimbah Team 1

Individual awards for mental maths were won by Paul and Rohan (Yr 5) and Divya (Yr 7).
A special thanks to Patricia and Amanda who accompanied our students and assisted as supervisors for the challenge.

The winning Yr 5 Maleny Team 2: Paul, Torren, Dylan, Dylan and Luca.

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**Student of the Week**

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Musical Notes

The Maleny Players are preparing for this year’s Christmas Pantomime, “Sleeping Beauty”.

David Crewe (our Stage Director for The Haunted House) will be the Director of the Pantomime. There are a quite a few parts for children as well as adults. The details are as follows:

Sleeping Beauty
Read through - 7 September 6pm
Auditions - 20/21 September 2-5pm
At the Playhouse

Contact David on 54942998 or thecrewes@bigpond.com
In this Familygram edition, we would like to introduce the Comprehension Strategy ‘Making Connections’.

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.

### Activating prior knowledge

Activating prior knowledge is when you think about all the things you already know about a topic. This can include what you have experienced personally and what you have read about, seen on TV or at the movies, etc.

Thinking about what you already know is useful because it gives you a base to build new knowledge and helps you to make connections with the text.

I know you can find little dogs in the room and sometimes because I have seen them.

### Tuckshop News

**FLEXI SCHOOLS**


**HELP**

We are short of helper in the tuckshop so if you could spare one day a month from 9.00 till 11.30 please contact me on 0410 604 463 Kate or drop into the tuckshop.

**NEW COFFEE MACHINE**

The tuckshop has acquired a new coffee machine and will be serving coffee from 8.00. Please swing by and grab a cup.

COFFEE & BISCUIT - $3.00

**PRICE INCREASE FOR SUSHI** as of 1 September 2014.

SUSHI - $2.50

**WEDNESDAY BREAKY** - $2.50

Bacon and egg muffin available from 8.00 till 8.45  (Wednesday only - no orders)

Thanks
Kate
### Tuckshop Roster

- **Tuesday, 2 Sep** - Jody H, Fiona B & Simone W
- **Wednesday, 3 Sep** - Judy C
- **Thursday, 4 Sep** - Helen B & Margaret K
- **Friday, 5 Sep** - Jocelyn E & Kate S
- **Tuesday, 9 Sep** - Jade & Aki L
- **Wednesday, 10 Sep** - Lisa M
- **Thursday, 11 Sep** - Peter M & Marty
- **Friday, 12 Sep** - Aileen J
- **Tuesday, 16 Sep** - Tanya P & Karen G

### 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.

### 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.

### Community News

**MAL ENY LIBRARY FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

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<td>Wed 26 Oct 10:00-3:00pm</td>
<td>Felt Poppies Make poppies using felt for ANZAC 100th Anniversary Display. A little sewing, too.</td>
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<td>Cartoon Dave Learn how to draw funny cartoons.</td>
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<td>Wed 2 Oct 10:00-3:00am</td>
<td>Science Fun Make and take home Science Experiments with local scientist, Locan Walsh.</td>
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<td>Thurs 3 Oct 10:00-3:00am</td>
<td>Mini PaperCraft. Make an awesome 3d paper sculpture. Choose your favourite Superhero or Cartoon Character.</td>
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<td>Sat 5 Oct 10:00-12:00pm</td>
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Please book on our Website [www.library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) or phone 1300 542 7229

Bookings open Monday 8 Sept at 9am
Netball for beginners

Are you between the ages of 5 & 8 years old and would you like to learn to play netball in a safe and friendly environment? Then this is for you. The GetSet4Netta program is a great opportunity to develop netball skills and increase physical fitness, social skills and sportsmanship while getting an understanding of the game of netball.

Where: Maleny State Primary School undercover area
When: 3pm on a Thursday afternoon
Start date: Thursday 9th October 2014
Length: 1 hour per week for 8 weeks
Fee: $50 per participant
Includes: Participation pack (including a netball)

Please come along on the day and complete a registration form. For more information, please call Kerri on 0431 938393 or see www.maleny.netball.asn.au.

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