From The Principal

Welcome back everyone
I have personally had a great holiday catching up with my mum and taking her to the beautiful Maleny Botanical Gardens and spending some down time camping with my family.

Just as well as this Term there is very little down time and it is certainly looking to be a term that will fly quickly. It will be a unique finish to the year as we will farewell both our Yr 7 and Yr 6 at once as they head off to High School. Students and teachers will be heads down preparing for mid-term assessments and end of year reporting. Both our Yr 4 and Yr 5 students will be heading off to camp, and as the lovely warm weather joins us all students will commence swimming this week.

2015 Classes
Class Preference Forms Due in by Week 4 Term 4
Please ensure you have completed a class preference form in writing by 27 October if you would like us to consider any educational reasons about the placement of your children in 2015. I remind parents that we are a relatively small school and some classes have less than two full class cohorts. This does not allow for a great deal of flexibility around which class or teacher some requests may ask for. Remember our Yr 7 students are moving to High School next year and this may see major structural changes around staffing. Our staffing is set on student numbers, and as we will be losing two large classes of Yr 6 students we may need to reduce our staffing. This may also see quite a shuffle of teachers on various classes. As this is such a unique year I don’t anticipate that our staffing will be finalised until the end of the year at the earliest. Sorry, late class placement requests from parents will not be able to be considered. All requests in writing (forms available at front office) are considered but ultimately decisions are made to benefit all students rather than specific individuals.

Date Claimers
- 15 Oct – Get Ready for Prep 1.30
- 15 Oct – Yr 7 High School Transition
- 20 Oct – Student Free Day
- 22 Oct – Get Ready for Prep 1.30
- 22 Oct – Yr 7 High School Transition
- 22 Oct – Book Club Orders due
- 25 Oct – How to Train your Dragon 2
- 27 Oct – Class Preference Forms Due
- 29 Oct – Get Ready for Prep 1.30
- 29 Oct – Prep Info Session
- 29 Oct – Yr 6 High School Transition
- 30 Oct – Music: Count Us In
- 31 Oct – Day for Daniel
- 5 Nov – Yr 6 Camp
- 5-7 Nov – Yr 6 High School Transition
- 12 Nov – Yr 6 High School Transition
- 24-26 Nov – Yr 5 Camp
- 8 Dec – Yr 6 Dinner
- 9 Dec @ 9.30am – Yr 7 & Yr 6 Graduation & Awards Ceremony
- 11 Dec – Yr 7 Dinner
- 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.
Swimming Term 4
Please note swimming for all classes commenced this week. All swimming notes and payment should now be paid. Parent helpers as spotters are always welcome at lessons. Please see your child’s teacher.

How to Train your Dragon 2 - $5 Movie next Saturday 25 October at the Maleny Community Centre
The Maleny State School P&C in collaboration with the Celebration of Books and Maleny Film Society, presents the film How to Train your Dragon 2 on Saturday, 25 Oct. If you can help please let us know by informing Desley in the office.
12:30 Set up chairs (2 people)
1:00 Set up for cakes, tea and coffee and poppers, chips & popcorn machine for the kids (2 people)
1:30 Ticket sales in the booth (2 people)
1:30 Sale of refreshments (2-3 people)
2:00 Film intro and some drawing and story prizes to be announced from the library
2:15 Film starts
4:00 Help with clean up
The P&C will be selling cakes, slices and cookies. If you would like to do some baking to donate this would be much appreciated. Please bring in on the day.

Chaplaincy New Committee members opportunity
Welcome Chappy Becky who has only been with us one week. I have had some great feedback already after only one day. If you would like to be on the Local Chaplaincy Committee as a parent or community member (meets around once a term) please contact Chappy Becky or Desley in the office. As we are forming a new committee it would be great to see some new faces along with a P&C representative.

Country Fair $ profits
At our last P&C meeting it was reported that our total profits from this event were just over $6000, which was the original goal of committee members. Well done everyone.

Yr 6 and Yr 7 Graduation and Dinner night
Parents from Yr 6 and Yr 7 met last term, along with staff, to discuss what form this year’s Graduation and Awards Ceremony would take. It was decided that a joint Yr 6 & Yr 7 Graduation and Awards Ceremony will he be held in the hall on Tuesday morning at 9:30 in the last week of school (9/12/14). Separate dinner nights will be held. Yr 6 students and parents will celebrate on Monday, 8 December and the Yr 7 dinner will be held on Thursday, 11 December. Invitations will be sent home to families shortly.

Welcome to Prep and Transition Days
We encourage any parents that have Prep eligible students for 2015 (child born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010) to enrol their children as soon as possible. We have had around 60 Prep enrolments enquiries so far. Our future transition dates are:
Get Ready For Prep Wed 15, 22 & 29 Oct 1.30 -3.00
Prep Info Session Wed 29 Oct @ 3:15.

Maleny High School Transition
Yr 6 & Yr 7 students will transition to High School separately on the following dates.
Yr 7 - Oct 8, 15 & 22
Yr 6 - Oct 29, Nov 5 & 12
Parents will need to make arrangements for students to get to and from the Maleny State High School on these days.

SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)
This week’s Rule: Be a Learner
Fortnightly Focus: Leaders Inspire
• Do what is right not what others do.
• Build trust by doing the right thing when unsupervised.
• Bounce back, get teacher help if you can’t sort out a problem calmly.
• Choose to Defuse when situations of conflict arise.
• Walk on concrete and around buildings
• Use your manners
• Talk so adults would be proud of you.
• Think about what you are doing, would you do it if a teacher was watching if not sure don’t do it!
Alan Reading Memorial Art Awards

Over the holidays I attended and opened the Alan Reading Memorial Art Awards held in our school hall. Local and renowned Australian artist John Morrison judged the various art sections and gave individual artists some valued feedback. Congratulations to a number of Maleny students in years 5, 6 & 7 who entered their art work.

Prize winners included:

- Year 7 1st place - Agatha
- Year 6 1st place - Benjamin
- Year 5 2nd place - Mariah

Highly Commended:
- Agatha
- Hannah
- Luanda
- Nicole

We thank Lyn Reading who coordinates this event and donates half of the funds raised to the Maleny Primary School Chaplaincy. Don’t miss this event next year.

Enjoy the Magic of Maleny

John 😊

Classroom News

Prep A and Prep 1B News

Do you believe in dragons? Are they imaginary or real? Our classrooms have been buzzing with conversations about dragons after reading the story “I don’t believe in dragons” written by Anna Walker. At the beginning of the book we explored the characters and how they were feeling about dragons. We each chose a character to illustrate showing their expressions and thoughts about dragons.

2015 Prep Transition Days

Please remember that we are holding three afternoon sessions to welcome our 2015 Preppies and their families. These will be on Wednesday 15th, 22nd and 29th. All Prep A and Prep 1/B children will need to be collected from the Library on these days. Thank you.

Class 1A

In Science the children started exploring light and sound. We explored different things that act as light sources and those that only reflect light. There was a great debate on whether or not the moon is a light source or simply reflects light. The moon only being a reflector won out. Proof occurred last night with the lunar eclipse (and for some blood moon) occurring as the earth’s shadow crossed over the moon.

We also explored different aspects of sound. We learned about sound intensity and pitch and how these change sound. Using a free software program called Audacity (http://audacity.sourceforge.net/ PI and MAC compatible) we recorded some class voices and changed the pitch to make the kids sound either like a giant or a chipmunk. There was lots of laughing during that lesson!
This program has been used by many schools across the state in educational activities. Kids will often read stories and record themselves doing it. They can then listen back to see how well they are reading. Often older kids who do class talks can practice speaking and see how they could improve their talks. LOTE student practice speaking in other languages and then listen to see how their pronunciation is going. I have even used it before to create audio book stores, adding sound effects over me reading the story book. The audio files can be saved as MP3s (with another free download explained on the website) and then used as audio books to read stories to children. A great little program and did I mention it’s FREE!

1/2C News

An integral and important part of a student’s educational success is the ability to self-track their learning progress. An example of how students do this in our classroom is through our ‘comprehension skills learning goals’. This is a part of our reading program at our school. Students know where they are headed and what they need to do to get there. They can track their progress on the chart and celebrate their successes along the way. Our class often uses a thumb signal to show where they feel they are at on the understanding of new concepts and tasks. This has been integrated into some of the classroom tracking charts as seen below. We are encouraging students to be able to verbalise their progress on learning goals. Reflecting on how they got to where they are and what they need to work on next to move towards the next step closer to reaching the goal.

Kerry Lees
1/2C Classroom Teacher

3A & 3B News

Welcome back to our last term of Year 3! We are very pleased with how well the students have jumped straight back into learning after the break. It is amazing to see their growth from the beginning of the year. This term both classes will have a pre-service teacher helping out in our classrooms and the children are very excited.

In English we are learning about poetry and will have the chance to read, analyse and even write poems using descriptive language. We will continue to focus on reading and learning effective reading strategies and it’s great to see so many students’ reading growing in leaps and bounds.

As summer is approaching, we’re going to start looking at healthy lifestyles in Health and Art, learning about making good food choices and getting our bodies moving.

We’re looking forward to a busy term and preparing the students for Year 4 next year!
Hi Everyone, I would like to introduce myself as the new chaplain for Maleny State School. You will get to know me as Chappy Becky. My husband and I and our two children moved from Rockhampton to Maleny in December 2013. We absolutely love this town and the community spirit here. I have a daughter in Prep A at the school and a son at the C&K Kindy in town.

I am very excited to be at the school and feel very privileged to be part of the school’s community. I am a friendly, approachable and caring person, and have always had a strong desire to support and help children. I have a Bachelor of Education and 9 years teaching experience in Queensland and overseas.

I feel very much a part of this school already and hope to have a positive influence. I feel that my role as a chaplain is to love, encourage and support the students, parents and teachers in whatever way possible by being a listening ear and a shoulder of support wherever needed.

I will be a familiar face in the school on a Monday and Tuesday, so please come and introduce yourself and say ‘Hello’.

Chappy Becky
The countdown has started and students at Maleny State School are joining 500,000 more kids across Australia warming up their vocal chords to take part in Music: Count Us In, Australia’s largest music education program, which has been growing steadily in reach and impact since 2007.

Music: Count Us In will be held this year on Thursday 30th October 2014 when over half a million school students across Australia, from Kindergarten to Year 12, will sing the same song at the same time, raising their voices to celebrate the importance of music education.

This year’s ‘song that stops the nation’, Paint A Song, was penned by five talented students from across Australia, who were mentored by singer, trumpeter and jazz musician Harry James Angus from The Cat Empire. Harry James Angus has been passionate about music, from a very young age, when he was a member of the National Boys’ Choir. Angus says:

“I can recommend music as a path in life. You can do it in your spare time, the way Einstein did, the way millions of people do. I know bricklayer blues guitarists and rapping lawyers, jazz guitarist doctors and opera-singing scientists. They’re all great artists. Or, you can do it full time, like I do. To be a musician, you have to have talent, and you have to have vision, and contrary to popular opinion, you need to work hard at it too.” (The Age)

The students were further supported by award-winning producer and musician, John Foreman, now in his 8th year as Music: Count Us In Program Ambassador.

For our part of the Music Count Us program all of Maleny State School Students will be performing ‘Paint You a Song’ on Parade on Tuesday 28th October. If your child would like to rehearse the song at home and view a number of video clips about creating and recording ‘Paint You a Song’ please visit the website www.musiccountusin.org.au

Liz Cripps
Music Teacher

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.

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 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.
P & C Update

FLEXI SCHOOLS
Flexi School is our on-line ordering system to register go to http://www.flexischools.com.au/. It simply and easy you just need names and classes.

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, 14 Oct - Jody H, Fiona B & Simone W
Wednesday, 15 Oct - Judy C
Thursday, 16 Oct - Helen B & Margaret K
Friday, 17 Oct - Jocelyn E & Kate K
Tuesday, 21 Oct - Jade & Aki L
Wednesday, 22 Oct - Lisa M
Thursday, 23 Oct - Peter M & Marty
Friday, 24 Oct - Aileen
Tuesday, 28 Oct - Tanya P & Karen G

Community News

Maleny Girl Guides

Sunshine Coast Region girl guides would like to hear from women and girls from around the Maleny and surrounding areas who are interested in being part of girl guides in Maleny.

Join Us as an Adult
Adults through Guiding can give back to the community and inspire girls and young women to be their best. Whether it’s a long term commitment or a short term project, there are opportunities to suit your lifestyle. Any woman 18 years and older who is prepared to make the Guide Promise can be an adult member.

Join us as a Girl
Guides discover, decide, plan, participate and develop their program to suit their Unit with the guidance of an adult Leader.
Guiding activities vary from week to week and ensure a positive Guiding motto that ‘Guides can do anything’. Guides offer you a 4 week trial which enables you to participate in all activities and really experience Guiding before making the decision to join.

Vision
Girl Guides Queensland continues to meet our Vision to be the leading organisation for girls and young women that:
Is relevant and attractive
Develops confident, capable and responsible generations for the future
Is recognised and acknowledged by the community
Is actively involved in society

Please call, text or email any of the following for more information;
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December 15th – 19th
January 5th – 9th
January 12th – 16th
January 19th – 23rd

Children’s Activities Sat 25 October

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<td>9:30am – 12 noon</td>
<td>Children’s book Swap Bash: DON’T FORGET to bring along a pre-loved book and swap it for another.</td>
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<td>10:00-11:00 am</td>
<td>Book Launch: Peter Carnavas new book “Oliver and George”. Pat Flynn to Launch. Book signing.</td>
<td>Library Children’s Area</td>
<td>5-10 yrs</td>
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<td>11:00 am – 12 noon</td>
<td>Book Illustration Workshop: Peter Carnavas shares some of his ideas.</td>
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<td>1:30 doors open</td>
<td>Film “How to Train Your Dragon 2”: Animated film presented by Maleny Film Society, Maleny Apex Club and Maleny State School.</td>
<td>Maleny Community Centre Hall</td>
<td>Rated PG</td>
<td>Tickets Tourist Info. Door, Online</td>
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<td>20 Oct to 1 Nov</td>
<td>Display in Library: Fiona D’Onofrio’s Book Art Display, Very Old Children’s Books Display by Maleny Bookshop and Display by Peter Carnavas.</td>
<td>Library Foyer Display Cabinets and Library Art Wall</td>
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<td>10 Oct to 1 Nov</td>
<td>Dragon Drawings: Display of drawings and paintings in Library.</td>
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<td>All Ages Under 12</td>
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<td>10 Sept to 10 Oct</td>
<td>Story Writing Competition: Write a story about the Maleny Dragon and place it in Dragon Box in Library. Winner announced at Movie 2 pm on 25 Oct.</td>
<td>Library Children’s Area</td>
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