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Date Claimers
- 28 Oct – Music: Count Us In
- 29 Oct – Get Ready for Prep @ 1.30
- 29 Oct – Prep Info Session @ 3.15
- 29 Oct – Yr 6 High School Transition
- 31 Oct – Last Day – Class Preferences Forms
- 31 Oct – Day for Daniel
- 31 Oct – World Teachers Day
- 4 Nov – Chaplaincy Committee Meeting @ 8.00am
- 5 Nov – Yr 6 High School Transition
- 5-7 Nov – Yr 4 Camp
- 12 Nov – Yr 6 High School Transition
- 12 Nov – P & C Meeting
- 21 Nov – School Disco
- 24-26 Nov – Yr 5 Camp
- 2 Dec – Volunteers Morning Tea
- 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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

So how do you train a dragon?
Just ask any of the 200 plus crowd that attended Saturdays movie matinee, “How to train Your Dragon”. This fundraiser was an initiative of the P&C and sponsored by the Maleny Apex Club and Maleny Film Society to whom we, as a school are very grateful. It was a fantastic afternoon with an added bonus of all children receiving 2 free books donated by local author Jill Morris. Many thanks to all parent helpers who coordinated this event and assisted on the day.

2015 Class Preference Forms Due in this week
Please ensure you have completed a class preference form in writing by this Friday, 31 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 year levels 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 and a half 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. Students this week will be asked to list down 5 friends they would like to be with next year. We ask that you discuss this choice with your children as best friends are not always the best educational choice.

Wanted - Second Hand Uniforms. If you have any uniforms you no longer require please consider donating them to the office.

Student Absence Line – Ph 54998366
If your child is away from school for any reason please call the absence line and leave a message.
We endeavour to place children in a class with one or more of the children that they have listed. There are many factors teachers take into consideration when organising classes and friendship is just one of them. Once classes are finalised they are final.

Day for Daniel - Recognise, React, Report
This Friday is our wear red Day for Daniel. Our student leaders will be joining the Walk for Daniel on Friday at Woombye to show our school’s support for this child safety event. This will be the second time we have highlighted child safety around the Daniel Morcombe message. Earlier this year we were privileged to have Bruce and Denise visit our school and deliver their message in person. There will not be a donation collected for this event as we did so earlier in the year. Next year I would like to involve our whole town in this event. Stay tuned and if interested I would love you to contact me to assist in getting this initiative off the ground.

Music: Count Us In
Music: Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia’s biggest school initiative, with more than 500,000 participating students from over 2,100 schools nationwide. Growing in reach and impact since 2007, MCUI exists to support teachers to deliver music in the classroom, addressing a lack of training and experience in this specialist area. Music education has been proven to improve students’ literacy, numeracy, school attendance and confidence. Music: Count Us In brings teachers, parents, students and the music industry together in celebration, as more than half a million people unite to sing the same song at the same time, right across the country.

'Music: Count Us In' is a Music in Schools promotion run by the Music Council of Australia. Our school has been involved for the past 4 years and will this week have the whole school involved in singing the song “Paint You a Song” on Tuesday’s parade led by the school choir. Thank you Mrs Cripps for organising this event.

World Teacher’s Day
We have a great school and that is because we have great teachers. Please let them know this week that their efforts are much appreciated. Every day without fail I see teachers at our school going above and beyond what is expected of them by putting their students first often in very stressful circumstances. I for one very much appreciate the care our teachers show towards our students, the pride they take in our school and the many hours of planning that occurs on a daily basis, every day including weekends and holidays. Friday is World Teacher’s Day so please shine up those apples and encourage your children to do or say something special for their teachers and specialist teachers this week.

Last Chance for 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 now. Our last transition day is this Wednesday 29 October at 1:30pm to 3:00pm. It will be followed by a parent information session at 3:15pm.

Maleny High School Transition
Year 6 students transition to High School will commence this Wednesday at 8:30am at the High School. Future dates are Nov 5 & 12.
Parents will need to make arrangements for students to get to and from the Maleny State High School on these days.

Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC)
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 or come along to our next meeting on Tuesday, 4 November at 8:00am. All are welcome. It is at these meetings we look for ideas and strategies of how best to cater for the welfare for all our students. As we are forming a new committee it would be great to see some new faces from both our parent and community body.

Art Exposed
Last week our Yr 5, Yr 6 and Yr 7 students attended a showcase of the Maleny State High School Students talents. Singing, dancing, rock bands, dramatic performance and circus skills, this show had it all. It was absolutely fantastic. If your children are interested in the creative arts they will certainly be well catered for by attending Maleny State High School. Well done Maleny High School students and staff.

School Disco
Our student council will hold their final disco for the year on Friday, 21 November. Please lock this date in. More details will be sent home shortly.
P&C Meeting

Our final P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12 November. Please mark this on your calendar as we are always looking for more volunteers to assist make our school great.

Volunteers Morning Tea

We will say thank you to all of our volunteers that support our school throughout the year at a special event held at Tranquil Park on Monday, 1 December. I look forward to having a cuppa with all of you as your help is greatly appreciated.

Music Fest at Iona

Good luck to all the members in our combined Maleny / Montville Concert Band that will play at Iona in Brisbane this Thursday.

SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)

This weeks Rule: Be Respectful
Fortnightly Focus: I’m Great, I Wait.

Maleny a Magic Place

John 😊

Classroom News

1A – An unusual sight!

In the last few weeks you may have been lucky (or unlucky depending on your opinion) to see a most unusual sight of Mr Greig dressed in the most unusual fashion. When asked why he stated that it was how his class had decided he decided to get dressed for school one day based on their step by step procedure writing that they are learning to do in class.

He tried his best to remember all of the step by step instructions and this was the result. The giant clown pants were the only missing item he could not find.

For another good example of how to do things with procedures is the Youtube video that shows you how to tie your shoelaces in 1 second! The children in the class wanted to share this with everyone so here is the link for the awesome shoelace training video.

Simply amazing!

http://youtu.be/wMuNjnNyiA

NEWS from 3 / 4

Well we have hit the ground running. There is so much happening for us this term. We are very lucky to have a 2nd Year Prac Student, David Bennett working in our classroom for the next three weeks.

Over the last two weeks we have been looking at Indigenous texts with some focusing on The Stolen Generation. We have been making comparisons and looking at expressing our point of view. Over the next few weeks we will look at stories about different families and issues and work towards writing a persuasive article expressing our individual point of view.

In History the grade 3’s have been completing their assessment task on a study of Baroon Pocket Dam. They are conducting research on the significance of this place for our local Indigenous people before the construction of the dam. They will also be making comparisons of the changes that have occurred and the effect it has had on our community. The year 4’s are constructing a time-line showing effects on our Indigenous people before, during and after white settlement to Australia. They are also focusing on different points of view.

The students have also begun a project for Health on a different culture or religion to their own and are creating a Venn diagram showing similarities and differences. Many students are also eager to complete a PowerPoint presentation to inform their classmates of the different customs and etiquette of their chosen place or religion.
A reminder for all children who are currently completing U2B maths iconnect that there are follow up activities under the elearn tab in The Learning Place. The completion of these activities will ensure that children achieve the maximum benefits of this program.

We have started our “Physics Phenomena” unit with the year threes predominantly exploring heat while the year fours have been investigating forces through games to be completed in 60 seconds.

4A
Mrs Dougan has been on leave and we’ve been having Miss Kate teach us. We have doing some tests for maths and writing word problems and been learning our 6, 7 and 8 times tables. In Geography we have been looking at recycling. We surveyed students on what they think about recycling. We asked questions like, Do you care about recycling? Are there enough bins? We are looking forward to the year 4 camp to Currimundi in week 5. We can’t wait to try fishing, high ropes and all the other activities.

By Siena and Tamika

The Grade 5 Team has been hard at work since the beginning of Term 4. We have begun our swimming program and children are really enjoying the opportunity to get into the water now that the temperatures are warming up. Thank you to all parents for getting their permission slips and payment into the office promptly, we appreciate it. We have sent out information and asked for a commitment to the Grade 5 Camp to Mapleton which will be coming up in Week 8. Deposits for this camp were due last week but if students are still interested, please speak to the child’s class teacher. An expression of interest about next year’s Camp to Canberra was sent home last week. Please return this slip so that the level of interest can be determined. Thank you.

Our current Grade 5 students will be our school leaders in 2015. The process of working toward leadership has begun and we are encouraging those who are keen to take on leadership next year to complete their Leadership Passport, fill out an application form and consider why they would like to take on leadership responsibilities before having a chat with Mrs Furlong. Nominations are to be submitted by 11am on Friday 31st October.

All Grade 5s attended the Maleny High School production dress rehearsal last Friday. What a show!! It well and truly showcased the talent of these high school students and gave our students a taste of what they can aspire to when they take up drama and music at this level. We were very proud of the audience skills our students displayed throughout the performance.

In Science lessons students have been exploring different states of matter in the “Matter Matters Unit” (Liquid, Solid and Gas). So far investigations have explored how matter takes up space and has mass. Here are some student photos documenting their findings.

A Change is Coming For Year 6 and 7
Term 4 has been a chance for our year levels to gaze into the future as to see what next year may offer. As you would know our Year 6 and 7 students are in the unique position of both moving on to high school next year, with all Year 7 students heading off to high school for the first time in Queensland. To help usher them into the next phase of their schooling lives Maleny High School has provided some opportunities for our students to see and participate in high school related activities.
Already the Year 7 students have spent the last three Wednesdays at Maleny High. During their time there they have participated in general orientation activities to become familiar with the layout of the school and its community. They were also involved in the day to day class work so as to become familiar with the different subjects and what they have to offer. Such activities enabled them to participate in tea ceremonies for Japanese, create metal pencil holders in ITD, cook up scrumptious apple turnovers in Food Technology and to light up the good old Bunsen burners in Science, just to name a few. The visits also gave the students a chance to meet the other students from other schools who will make up their cohort in 2015. The students had a great experience and Maleny High was impressed by what our students had to offer. The year 6 students begin their transition visits this week as they too will participate in the high school activities for three straight weeks. We wish them well in their endeavours.

Another activity that Maleny High School produced for our students was the Arts Exposed experience that the Year 5, 6, and 7 students attended up at the high school last Friday. It was a smorgasbord of entertainment from across the arts as our students witnessed the talent that Maleny High has developed through their Arts curriculum. The students were wowed by the quality of the singers, the agility of the dancers, the aptitude of the actors and the flair of the musicians. It proved a real eye opener just to what our students could be producing in years to come. All left inspired as to what they could achieve as they work towards their future.

### Student of the Week

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### Chappy News

My first few weeks have been wonderful as I received a very warm welcome from the school community. Over the last few weeks I have slowly been making my way into the class rooms and have enjoyed getting to know the children in the lunch times. I feel very blessed to spend a day at the Year 5 camp coming up and hope to get to know the children at the Camp at Montville. This term I will be opening my room on a Monday for children wanting to sign up for the Maleny’s Got Talent. This will happen at first lunch for Yr 3 – Yr 7. On Tuesdays I will be starting a T ball Team in the first lunch for Yr 4 – Yr 5. I hope to spend more time in the lower classes in the next few weeks. A big thank you to all the lovely people who have been so encouraging and helpful.

### Musical Notes

Let me Paint you a Song!.... I’m very excited that many families have taken the time to look up the ‘Music: Count us In’ Website at home and have discovered some of the benefits of participating in music as well as finding out about the song to promote music education in all schools. Ukuleles everywhere! This term students from Years 3 to 7 will be learning to play Ukulele. The Year 3 and 4 students will be introduced to the instrument, while the upper school will hopefully master four chord songs to accompany themselves as they sing. As many of you know I will be on leave from the beginning of November until the end of the year. I am pleased to be able to inform you that Music Teacher Rachel Viner will be replacing me during my time away.

FYI a few great concerts coming up;

- 14, 15, 16 November: The Maleny Singers present ‘Merrie England’ a RFS fundraiser at Maleny RSL
- 22 November: Sunshine Coast Oriana Choir ‘The Messiah’ at Lake Kawana Community Centre,
30 November: Brisbane Symphony Orchestra Children’s Concert ‘Prince and Princesses’ at Lake Kawana Community Centre

14, 20, 21 December: Maleny Players Christmas Pantomime ‘Sleeping Beauty’ ... (which includes a number of Maleny State School and High School students)

Looking forward to seeing you all again next year,

Regards

Liz Cripps

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**Reading Corner**

In this Familygram edition, we would like to introduce the Comprehension Strategy

‘Inferring’.

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

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**Inferring**

Reading between the lines, I think ...  
I would expect that ...  
I already know that ... so I think ...  
In my experience ...  
I think the author is really saying ...  
My conclusion is ... because in the text it says ...  
The author’s clues were ...  
I think what’s really going on is ...  
I wonder why ...  
I wonder if ...

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This is a sample of the type of worksheet students and teachers can use during an inferring activity.

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**Inferring**

Inferring is being able to ‘read between the lines’, when the author implies something but doesn’t exactly state it. You need to use the clues in the text and your own prior knowledge to help you understand.

“Sarah’s mouth was dry and she had a big knot in her stomach, she wished today was already over.”

... I think Sarah sounds really nervous about giving her speech to the whole school.

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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:
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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 Monday - Friday.

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

P & C Meeting, Wednesday, 12 November 2014. All Welcome

Tuckshop News

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, 28 Oct - Tanya P & Karen G
Wednesday, 29 Oct - Sally C
Thursday, 30 Oct - Michele W & Marty
Friday, 31 Oct - Nicole C & Glenys
Tuesday, 4 Nov - Lainie H & Katherine M
Wednesday, 5 Nov - Helpers Needed
Thursday, 6 Nov - Peter M & Marty
Friday, 7 Nov - Linda L & Raquel
Tuesday, 11 Nov - Jody H, Fiona B & Simone W
Maleny-Witta - Touch Football Friday nights.
Season starting now.
Still room for more teams and players
Juniors from 6 years play at 5.30pm
Seniors play games at 6.30 and 7.30
Come along to sign up this Fri,
or for more info call Kate on
0438148686 or message Maleny-witta
touch fb page.

Meals and drinks available at Witta Rec Club

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

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