Outstanding Reading Results

Our school focus this year has been Reading. Our NAPLAN results showed that as a school we received our highest reading results at our school for the number of students achieving in the Upper 2 Bands (students achieving at the highest levels for their year level) since NAPLAN testing commenced in 2008. We have worked hard as a school this year to establish a consistent teaching approach to reading across our school and I congratulate all of our staff and students on these results. It is wonderful to see so many parents taking a positive approach to reading and encouraging students to participate in daily reading. We have also employed extra teacher aides (who have done a wonderful job) in the lower school to ensure the teaching of reading has been most effective.

On top of this take a bow all of our volunteers who assist daily to read one on one with students. It really does take a village to teach a child how to read.

Well Done Maleny!

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DATE CLAIMERS

- 27 Nov – Yr 6 & Yr 7 Family Planning Sessions
- 24-26 Nov – Yr 5 Camp
- 1 Dec – Volunteers Morning Tea
- 5 Dec – Yr 6 & Yr 7 – Ocean Awareness Presentation
- 8 Dec – Yr 6 Dinner
- 9 Dec @ 9.30am – Yr 7 & Yr 6 Graduation & Awards Ceremony
- 10 Dec – Yr 6 & Yr 7 Beach Safety
- 11 Dec – Yr 7 Dinner
- 12 Dec – Last day Term 4

LOST PROPERTY. All lost property will be sorted and unnamed items will be donated to charity at the end of the year. If any items haven’t come home please check the Lost Property or at the office.

WANTED - SECOND HAND UNIFORMS. If you have any uniforms that no longer fit please consider donating them to the office. Thank you.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE – PH 54998366
If your child is away from school for any reason please call the absence line and leave a message.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Uniforms Shop Opening Times 2015
If you would like to beat the rush you have 3 more Fridays left this term to purchase items from the uniform shop from 8:30 until 9:30.

Extra Trading Hours 2014
Tuesday 2 December, 2014 4:00 – 5:30 (this also ties in with the Maleny State High School)

Extra Trading Hours 2015
Mon 19 Jan 8:30 – 10:30 (Note High School open 9:00 - 12:00)
Tue 20 Jan 8:30 – 10:30 (Note High School open 9:00 - 12:00)

Remember all workers are volunteers and do a wonderful job. I very much appreciate their extra efforts at busy times of the year to accommodate our new and existing families. Please show your appreciation with a smile and a thank you. 😊
Excellent Year Four Writers
Daisy G and Eli G from Yr 4 recently were awarded excellence awards for writing in an Australian Wide Writers Competition. Mrs Walsh entered the students work along with 10 000 other entries. Only 400 excellence awards were given. Both Eli and Daisy’s work will be published in a book. Congratulations to both of you this is an excellent effort.

Super Disco
Well done to all students that came on Friday night, your behaviour was exemplary. A huge thank you to Melissa, Leah, the P&C, parent helpers, School Staff and Rick Page our DJ for the evening. It was great to see so many parents dancing with their little superheros and princesses. I know one Batman that was very tired by the end of the night!

Year 6 Canberra Camp 2015
A reminder to Yr 5 parents that confirmations to attend this camp in 2015 are now overdue. We need to book flights (as well as buses, accommodation and activities) now to take advantage of cheap flights. If responses are not returned by the end of this week the trip will be cancelled or students may miss out if they have not returned their RSVP. There is tremendous organisation in a trip like this, late replies increase costs for all and add pressure for those organising the camp, I am sure that you can appreciate this, in what I realise is a very busy time of year for everyone.

Human Relationships Education Years 6 & Years 7
This is often a tricky subject for parents to discuss with their children. Here is the perfect opportunity as parents to discuss the facts of life with your children using these specialist lessons as a discussion starter. Ask children about the sessions they have been involved in and what they are learning. Please don’t let it pass as this is certainly an important part of all children’s education.

Last Thursday a number of Yr 6 and Yr 7 parents attended the parent session for lessons that students will be participating in over the next two weeks. The following gives a brief outline of content that will be covered by Family Planning Queensland staff in these sessions. Class teachers will of course be part of these sessions as well.

One remaining Session - 27th November.

Grade 6 Session 2
- Process Homework
- Fertilisation/Pregnancy/Birth
- Anonymous Questions written and answered (if time allows)

Grade 7 Session 2
- Process Homework
- Decision Making
- Qualities of Healthy Relationships – friends, family, sexual health
- Risks and responsibilities of sexual relationships (if time allows)
- Anonymous Questions written and answered (if time allows)

Year 5 Camp
This week our Yr 5 students are at Mapleton Camp on Monday to Wednesday. I look forward to joining them in activities.

Volunteers Morning Tea
Each year we like to thank our many volunteers that assist in so many different ways with-in our school. This year our morning tea will be held on Monday the 1st December at Tranquil Park at 10:00am. Please keep this date free as I am looking forward to thanking you for your contributions in person over a cup of tea.

Leaving Maleny in 2015
As we are desperately trying to organise our class formation for 2015 it is important that we are advised asap if students won’t be returning to our school next year. Please email or call Desley in the office.

Prep Interviews
Most Prep interviews have now been completed. If you have not organised an interview yet please do so asap or you may miss out on one this year.

SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)
This week’s Rule: Rule Be Responsible Be Phrase - Big Effort, Big Results
Very timely with Report cards coming home on the last week of school in three weeks.

Have a Great Week John 😊
3/4 News
In English we have started a quest novel called Victor’s Quest and the children have been posting comments about the book in an online discussion within our class edStudio.
In Technology this semester the children had to design a bag to carry an everyday object. Last week with four adult helpers the children actually made their bag. We were very appreciative of the number of mums and grandmothers that gave up many hours helping and operating the sewing machines so that the children could make useful and strong bags. After making the bag they had to write instructions on how to make their bag. Finally they reflected on techniques used and any modifications they would like to make to their bag design. The children all did a wonderful job and there was a great variety of different styles.
In Art the children have been learning body percussion routines and performing them to the class. This has been lots of fun with some wonderful entertaining rhythms.
We were all very happy to celebrate Reza’s good news two weeks ago as he received some positive news from immigration. The children have become very fond of him and enjoy his weekly group maths sessions.
It has been a very busy term with the Yr 4 camp and the completion of lots of assessment items. We thank all the parents who have supported us at home and in the classroom this year.

Year 4 Camp
Year 4’s have been on a camp at Currimundi with lots of great activities to do and nice cabins to sleep in. We did lots of fun and action packed activities like high ropes, giant swing, fishing, body boarding, team challenges, pool games, team sand building competitions and night activities. We thank the teachers for organising the camp and Mr Flamank, Mrs Dougan, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Mackay, Mr Bennett, Mr Byrne and Francis for coming along.

By Eli and Yr 4.
Yr 5 News
There was an air of excitement in the Yr 5 classrooms all last week as the camp date neared. Hopefully all students checked the list before finalising the packing of their bags and have everything they need for an amazing experience, including enthusiasm and energy (and hopefully a toothbrush too)!! They will experience archery, canoeing, the flying fox, low ropes challenges, high ropes challenges, raft making and racing, the water swing and the climbing wall. All experiences are designed to challenge the students develop persistence, resilience and team building.

Thank you, Miss Darcy, for the planning and organising the camp. She will be assisted by staff members, Mrs Vivian, Mr Flamack, Chappy Beckley and a parent, Mr Anthony, as well as some past Pre-Service teachers. I’m sure all families appreciate the extra effort that goes into taking students on camp.

Over the last few weeks, students have studied the novel, Storm Boy, and watched the film adaptation. They have written a comparison of the two versions of the story and the quality of the work has been excellent. The classrooms and Science Lab have been littered with experiments that the students have designed in order to discover how the sun affects the rate of evaporation as part of their study into States of Matter. We sure have some budding scientists in our midst with great experiment designs and accuracy of observations and recording.

It is great to see students responding well to the reminder about the wearing of hats. All but a couple have their hats at school which means that they can participate in activities outside and are protected from damaging UV rays. All children need to bring a bottle of water to have in class now that the weather has warmed up so considerably. Please come in and see us if you would like to discuss your child. Our doors are always open.

Julie-Clare Vivian & Deb Darcy

Year 6 and Year 7 News
Technology Challenge
The students from year 6 and 7 have been extremely busy as we get down to the business end of the season. Many assessment tasks have been completed in subjects ranging from Maths to Art. One example of an assessment task has been the technology challenge that year 6/7 have undertaken. Their task was titled, “The Eggcellent Gladiator’s Helmet”. From their study in ‘History of the Roman Empire’ the students investigated gladiators. For their technology challenge the students had to design, make and appraise a model of a gladiator’s helmet made out of matchsticks. This helmet had to protect an egg from a 500g weight being dropped on it from 30cm above. There were some fantastic and unique designs and all students had a cracking time.

Homework Helpers
The student council has commenced a trial of Homework Helpers on a Thursday morning at 8:15am. The curriculum committee of the student council are volunteering their time to help any students who are needing assistance with their homework. This will be seen as a trial in the last few weeks of this year and if it is successful the program will continue next year. If your child would like a hand, bring them along to Year 6/7’s classroom above the office anytime after 8:15am on Thursday morning. Congratulations to the student council members who are giving up their time to help others.
Student of the Week

Week 7:
Prep A  James & Cash  4A  Jasmine & Oliver
Prep/1B  Kyle & Sam  5A  Emily & Maya
1A  Ben & Jorja  5B  Declan & Shelby
1/2  Aliea & Bella  6A  Jack & Harry
2A  Iliana & Kyeesha  6B  Samuel & Bridie
3A  Oscar & Matthew  6/7  Ben & Violet
3B  Tyler & Zadn  7A  Josh
3/4  Ava & Dan

Reading Corner

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

‘Visualising’.

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

In my mind I can see ____________.
I can imagine ____________.
The movie in my head shows ________.
The image I see in my head is ____________.
I can just taste the ____________.
I can feel the ____________.
I can hear the ____________.
I can smell the ____________.

This is a sample of the type of worksheet students and teachers can use during a Visualising activity.
Chappy News

This term has gone so quickly and I have enjoyed working in the school and getting to know the students, staff and parents. I have found the children so welcoming and enthusiastic and feel very blessed to be here. This week I will be spending a day at the Year 5 camp at Mapleton. I am very excited about getting to know the students outside of a school setting. Before the end of term I will be doing some Christmas craft during the lunch breaks. Any students who would like to make a decoration for the school Christmas tree I am organising, please come and see me with your ideas. The theme is ‘Christmas Carols’. I hope you all have a wonderful week.

Library News

Please note that as all library books are due back by Friday 28 November, most classes will not be borrowing this week. Please assist by ensuring that all library books are returned to the library by the end of the week.

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.

From the Office

Free copies Microsoft Office 2013 Suite
All state school students from Prep to Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment.
Students who want the free software will need an active Managed Internet Service (MIS) login, school email account and password - those who don't have these should contact their school's MIS Administrator or class teacher. The administrator will help students activate their MIS login.

Find out how students can download their free copy https://mishelp.eq.edu.au/studentadvantage/Pages/default.aspx of Microsoft Office 2013 Suite.
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Office hours are 8:00am to 4:00pm on Monday - Friday.

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

WEDNESDAY BREAKY - $2.50
Bacon and egg muffin available from 8.00 till 8.45 (Wednesday only - no orders)

Thanks
Kate

Tuckshop Roster
Tuesday, 25 Nov - Tanya P & Karen G
Wednesday, 26 Nov - Sally Carn
Thursday, 27 Nov - Michele W & Marty
Friday, 28 Nov - Nicole C & Glenys
Tuesday, 2 Dec - Lainie H & Katherine M
Wednesday, 3 Dec - Helpers Needed
Thursday, 4 Dec - Peter M & Marty
Friday, 5 Dec - Linda L & Raquel
Tuesday, 9 Dec - Jody H, Fiona B & Simone W

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