Welcome Back
What a beautifully calm start to the year it has been. A special welcome to all our new families. We hope you will join us on Friday, 13 February (week 3) from 4:00pm at our Welcome Banquet on our main oval. A special welcome also to new staff at our school, Mrs Rosemary Gatehouse - Yr 1A, Mrs Daneille Hicks - Yr 2A, Mrs Fiona Stewart – Yr 4, and Mrs Deb Price - Behaviour Support.

Parent Information Sessions - This Week
Teachers this week will hold Parent Information Sessions after school. These sessions will introduce parents to their child’s teacher and inform parents in approximately 30 minutes how class routines will operate throughout the year. Information regarding curriculum content, student expectations, yearly camps and opportunities for parents to ask questions will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your children’s teacher and find out how your child’s classroom operates. Building a strong relationship with your child’s teacher that allows open communication is extremely important. Find out how can you help your child or be involved as a helper in the classroom.

Welcome Banquet (see Flyer Enclosed)
Please join with us on Friday, 13 February (week 3) from 4:00pm to meet some new families and teachers and catch up with some of your children’s friends’ families. This event is being organised by our P&C. Please bring a plate and a picnic blanket if you wish and enjoy some friendly company on our school oval or in the shed if it rains. Students loved playing on the oval last year with their friends. A free BBQ will be in operation and drinks will be available for purchase. This event was well supported last year and our staff are looking forward to catching up with parents and students in an informal atmosphere.
Parent Teacher Interviews
This year we will have 2 formal occasions where parents sit one on one with their child’s teacher and discuss their child and the progress they are making.

Interview One (Yr 1 - Yr 6)
The first opportunity will be in Week Four Term One to open communication channels between teachers and parents and allow a positive relationship to be developed. On this occasion you as parents will do the majority of the talking informing the teacher about your child and how they learn best (e.g. what they are good at, interests, motivators, special needs or considerations, medical issues, social abilities, academic challenges, behaviour). Teachers will be able to briefly communicate how your child is settling in and inform you if there are any early concerns noted.

Interview Two
These interviews will be held late in Term 2. On this occasion teachers will do the majority of talking giving parents more detailed and explicit information around how your child is progressing academically, behaviourally and socially at school. You will also receive your child’s Semester One report around this time.

Please note parents are welcome to meet with your child’s teacher at any stage throughout the year, please ensure you make an appointment with the teacher to enable this to be a productive meeting.

Email - Ensure you have your teachers email address to further facilitate parent / teacher communication and they have yours.

Swimming Carnival (9yrs-12yrs)
Our 2015 Swimming Carnival will be held next Thursday, 12 February commencing at 9:00 am. Students should ensure they wear their Sports House shirts to promote their team. Please reinforce with your children the importance of reapplying sunscreen throughout the day and drinking lots of water before they leave home. We welcome parents to be a part of this day and encourage all children to participate. If you would like to assist as a timekeeper or tuckshop helper please see Mr Turner or contact the office.

SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)
Our school is a Positive Behaviour Support School. This means we teach our children what our rules and routines expectations are and reward them for meeting or exceeding these expectations. An important element is making clear what our expectations are. For this reason I have outlined some of our before and after school expectations below.

Before School Routines
Note supervision is only provided from 8:30 onwards. Students are encouraged not to attend before this time.

- Arrive at school from 8:30 onwards (Preps go straight to classrooms)
- Sit in year level area until the first bell goes
- After the first bell at 8:30 students may play handball on courts in year level area only
- Running or hanging around toilet areas is not permitted
- When second bell goes students line up for class or move directly to classrooms

After School Routines
Walking or Riding
After the 2:50pm bell students are to collect their belongings and move home promptly. Bikes are to be kept in bike racks and scooters in area near staff room. Students must dismount inside the school grounds and when using the crossing. It is important students are respectful of all other footpath users.
😊 Smile and acknowledge Lolly Pop Ladies (It’s Free)

Waiting for High School Siblings
All students waiting need to wait in supervised area under B Block with Bus students. No students are to wait on other side of the road near crossing.
Bus
2:50 Buses
Students move promptly to footpath and wait along fence in front of appropriate bus and wait for the Bus Driver to load students.
Students need to ensure they are not waiting on the walkway as this impedes pedestrian traffic.
Once loaded students must remain seated at all times and talk quietly.
Students must follow the QLD Transport Code of Conduct. Bus drivers will enforce this.

3:05 Buses
Students move directly under B Block and wait quietly in bus lines.
Staff will take students to load on to buses just after 3:00.

Drop off / Pick up Zone (to right of pedestrian crossing school side)
Students wait quietly next to fence until parents arrive.
Students load quickly when parents arrive.
Students need to ensure they are not waiting on the walkway as this impedes pedestrian traffic.
If parents have not arrived before Lolly Pop ladies have finished students wait in the office to be collected.

This Weeks Rule
We have 4 School Rules: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe and Be a Learner. Each fortnight we focus on one Rule and Buzz Phrase for the particular focus of that fortnight. It is great to hear not just our students but our parents reinforcing this language with their children within the school and at home. This Fortnights Rule is Be Respectful and our Buzz Phrase is, “First Time Every Time”. This means if an adult asks you to do something, do it immediately without having to be asked a second time. I’m sure you will find this Buzz Phrase handy at home.

Drop Off / Pick up Zone
To ease traffic congestion I ask that parents using the 2 parking bay zone outside the Prep building (just before the crossing) DO NOT LEAVE their car. This will allow a quick turnaround in this area and benefit all. Parents leaving their car do cause frustration for other parents wishing to use this area.
It is important if your children are being picked up from this area they are:
1. There on time otherwise you will need to do a lap of the block and return.
2. Sit or stand next to the fence and not on the walkway.
3. Alert and watching for parent’s car.

Prep off to a great start!
Prep has started full swing in all three Prep classes. Prep A (Mrs Bauer), B (Mr Greig) and C (Mrs Hicks) have hit the ground running with the nearly 70 children all attending Prep for the first time.
All of the children have been getting ready for the year ahead, learning everything that will help them have a great and successful year. Maleny’s School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program has been central in the first week to help children get off to that great start. Using the school’s 4Be program children have been learning and exploring what it means to ‘Be a Learner’, ‘Be Respectful’, ‘Be Responsible’ and ‘Be Safe’ both in and outside of their classrooms.

The Monster Who Came to School
All of the classes explored a story called ‘The Monster Who Came to School.’ (click the link to view the story online). The children thought it was hilarious and easily saw just what the monster was doing wrong when he attended school for the first time. It was particularly helpful when children in each class had to role play their ideas on how the monster (and the children themselves) should behave when they are at school in different situations.

Caps for Sale!
Mr Byrne came to visit all of the Prep classes last Friday to read a very special book, much to the delight of all of the students. He did a wonderful rendition of ‘Caps for Sale’. We all think he will have to come back again to read another book!
Library starts in Week 3
All 3 Prep classes will start Library borrowing in week 3. For borrowing of books children will need a borrowing bag. So if you haven’t sent one in yet, have it ready by week three so children can borrow right from the first Library lesson.

Swimming lessons on Mondays
Thanks to all who remembered to send their children in on Monday morning with their togs under their uniform. It makes getting ready for swimming so much quicker. Also thanks to all of the spotters during the lesson and those able to help the children get dressed after the lesson. If you can help see the spotter sign on sheet in your child’s class. Mrs Bauer (Prep A), Mr Greig (Prep B) and Mrs Hicks (Prep C)

Year 1 News
We have had a great start to the new school year! Students are settling in well, adapting to new routines and displaying great enthusiasm towards their learning. This is fantastic and we thank our wonderful parents for preparing their children and instilling great values in them towards education.

In Science this term we are exploring living things, their needs, habitats and how we can look after and protect these habitats. Students have learnt how scientists observe the external features of living things and how to create a scientific drawing. Here are some super student samples below.

Rosie Gatehouse and Kerry Lees
1A and 1B Classroom Teachers

Year 2A and 2B
WOW! What a great start to 2015. It is lovely to see all our students keen and excited to begin a new year of learning. We have already begun to look into our class routines, our 4Be rules and rewards and are looking forward to beginning swimming lessons next week. In English we are learning about poetic features that help us to write a great rhyming poem. During Maths we are recalling our skip counting, using measurement to recall our months, days and using the calendar. In Science we are learning about properties and materials of objects around us. In History we are looking at the impact of changes in Technology on our daily lives. In Health we are making sure we find out ways to make our classroom healthy, safe and fun. Homework will begin next week. Homework folders will include the students homework book and a home reader. Home Readers will be changed when it has been signed off as being completed. Please ensure that students bring a hat everyday as we are a Sunsafe school. Swimming begins next week, please send back signed Permission forms. Times for swimming are included on our class newsletter. We are looking for parent helpers during these time. We look forward to meeting as many parents as possible on our Information Afternoon on Wednesday, 4 February at 2:00pm in the 2A Classroom.

3A News
It is great to see the children again after the holidays, and to welcome the five new students to our class and school. We are very fortunate to have new carpet in our room and new lino in the hallway. It certainly has given the room a lift and enhanced our learning space! Almost all the children have brought in their equipment for learning and we have it all sorted out now. It is essential that children have everything on the booklist please. I look forward to seeing as many parents and carers as possible at our Introductory
Meeting at 3:00pm - 3:30pm on Tuesday, 3 February in the classroom. I am very pleased with how well the children have settled in after only one week at school. I am looking forward to a fabulous term 1 ahead.

Kind Regards,

Anne Coogan   3A Teacher

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**LAP Tutors and Reading Volunteers for 2015**

Our school is inviting volunteers, parents and carers who are able to support our students with their learning, to participate in either our Learning Assistance Program (L.A.P.) or Reading Volunteer Program this year.

Our Learning Assistance Program (LAP) involves volunteer tutors supporting students with some aspect of their learning. This may be either aspects of Literacy (Reading, Writing or Spelling) or Numeracy. This is a very beneficial program and has been in place at Maleny Primary School for many years.

Our Reading volunteers involve supporting students with their reading. These students are predominately in the lower year levels (Years Prep to 3).

Volunteers who wish to participate in either or both programs in 2015 are invited to a morning tea to prepare for the year ahead with some training in Code of Conduct and Student Protection.

**Details are as follows:**

**Date:** Wednesday, 11th February.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** The Meeting Room (the middle room of our new library building).

Any enquiries can be directed to Eric Flamank, our Learning Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy, on 5499 8333.

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**Chappy News**

Welcome back everyone! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday and are feeling excited about what this year brings. I heard a quote the other day which said that every ending is the start of a new beginning. I am feeling very happy about this year and getting to meet all the new parents and children in the school. Last week I tried to get to all the classes and introduce myself to the students. I will be here 2 days a week and will be having craft and games during the lunch break. Please come and say hello if you are a new student or a parent and I haven’t yet met you. I am here to talk to anytime if you have any problems. Have a wonderful week settling in.

Kind regards! Chappy Becky

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**Library News**

We’re very fortunate to have had some awesome books donated last year. Thanks to the help of some of our volunteers, these were contacted over the holidays and are now available to borrow. There are some familiar series, such as Geronimo Stilton and Tom Gates, as well as some new authors and series. These books are now on display.

As with most libraries, we are always grateful for assistance. We’ve had volunteers take books home to cover (we provide the contact and books!), mend books, create library displays, shelve or help with Book club and the Book fair. If you are interested in assisting in any way, or know someone who might be able to help, please let me know.

As always, we request students have a library bag to protect our books. Given where we live, a waterproof bag is highly recommended.
Uniform Shop News

Our Uniform Shop is open Friday mornings between 8.30am 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.

Instrumental Music 2015

Welcome to the Instrumental Music Program for 2015. With the Yr 7 students moving to High School there will be some adjustment to the Maleny State School Instrumental Music Program.

The Senior Concert Band will all be continuing students from 2014. Any new students to Maleny State School who have participated in the Instrumental Music Program at their previous school are welcome to join the Concert Band.

Senior Band and Instrumental Lessons will commence on Tuesday, 3 February. Arrive by 7:50am for an 8am start. Lesson Timetables have been given to both Class Teachers and students.

Beginners will meet with Mr. Meneely on Wednesday, 4 February to be assigned a school instrument and will be given the Loan Agreement Form to take home to be signed. Once the Loan Agreement Forms have been returned to the School Office, instruments will be available to take home the following week.

Lessons for Beginners will start on Tuesday, 10 February for Beginner Flute and Clarinet, and Tuesday, 11 February for Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium and Percussion.

Junior Concert Band will start after the Easter Holiday. Arrive by 7:50am for an 8:00am start.

Regards
Paul Meneely

From the Guidance Officer

CREATING HEALTHY CHILDREN

Watching our kids at lunch time tells us that kids like to be active. Physical activity is important for healthy growth and development. It also increases social skills and friendship skills, as well as can improve mental health and wellbeing.

The earlier we involve kids in physical activity the more likely it will become a part of everyday life.

We now know that:

- Children need at least 60 minutes to several hours of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day
- Spending more than two hours a day using electronic media (TV, computer, internet) is unhealthy and detrimental to a child’s wellbeing.

The type of activity undertaken is important.

- Moderate activity will be equal in intensity to a brisk walk, or a bike ride
- Vigorous activities will make kids ‘huff and puff’ eg. football, soccer, ballet, running, swimming laps.

But any activity that sees your child expend energy is good!

Getting your child into sport may take some effort. Here are some tips:

- Offer organized sport (team game) or some sporting activity you and they could do together (eg. play football in the park, biking, walking)
- Begin with moderate intensity activity – say 30 minutes per day and steadily increase time and vigour
- Make it fun for both of you – while you both get fit together
- Use firm love to turn off the electronic devices
- Moderate the amount of food eaten – putting on weight is mostly to do with *an imbalance of calories and exercise* (the more food that goes in, the more energy you have to spend)
- Increase the amount of healthy nutritious foods

Try and make exercise a priority during your week and it will soon become a part of your lifestyle and benefit the whole family.

*Marcus Jones*
*Guidance Officer*

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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:

- 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 Monday - Friday.

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**Tuckshop News**

**FLEXI SCHOOLS**

Flexi School is our on-line ordering system to register go to [http://www.flexischools.com.au/](http://www.flexischools.com.au/) It is simple and easy - you just need names and classes.

**HELP**

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

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**Tuckshop Roster**

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MALENY STATE SCHOOL
2015 Welcome Banquet

FRIDAY
13th
FEBRUARY
4 – 6 pm

WHAT TO BRING:

- A plate of food to share (remember the school is a nut free zone)
- Camp chairs or picnic blanket

See you on the school oval (or shed if raining)

The P&C are putting on the sausage sizzle, with soft drinks to buy.

ALL FAMILIES WELCOME FROM PREP TO YEAR 6
Notice of changed traffic conditions: Landsborough-Maleny Road near Hovard Road
Our ref: 263/494/653

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to advise of changed traffic conditions on Landsborough-Maleny Road near Hovard Road on Friday 23 January 2015, weather permitting.

A 1.3km section of Landsborough-Maleny Road near Hovard Road will operate as a single lane under traffic control between 6am and 6pm to allow for minor works associated with reconstruction works to be completed.

Motorists may experience minor traffic disruptions while work is underway. Signage and traffic control will be in place during works to safeguard motorists and roadworkers. Motorists are encouraged to drive to the changed traffic conditions, and obey signs and traffic controller directions at all times.

TMR thanks you in advance for your ongoing patience and cooperation while these important reconstruction works are finalised.

For up-to-date information on traffic disruptions please visit www.131940.qld.gov.au or call 13 19 40. For further information about this project, the project team can be contacted on 1800 459 366 or by email on reconstruct_northcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au.
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