From the Principal

Welcome Banquet
Thank you to all parents and staff that attended our welcome banquet on Friday afternoon. True to form Maleny turned on some welcoming weather especially for our new parents. It really was enjoyable to mix with parents in such a social and relaxed atmosphere. Children attending loved the opportunity to play with their friends on the ovals and the rain just added to the experience. A huge thank you to our P&C for their organisation and a special thanks to the dads who did a superb job on the BBQ. If you were unable to attend be assured there will be other opportunities later in the year. We would love to catch up with you.

P&C AGM - We Need You!
Wednesday 11 March 6:30pm
We are looking for new faces to join our P&C as this year we will farewell the majority of our executive. Our moto is “many hands make light work”, so please come along and meet a fantastic group of parents who enjoy being involved with their children and supporting their school. I am being totally honest when I say that the mums and dads involved in our P&C are positive, caring, lovely people who realise that for a school to be supportive and successful it needs parents to be involved. I am grateful to every one of them and urge others to join us. Come and try, there are certainly no obligations.

Tuckshop – Join a special group of Maleny Volunteers
Please consider joining possibly the happiest group in the school at the tuckshop. We desperately need new people to come forward and commit to 3 hours a month. Last year we lost 10 regular long term helpers as their children have now moved to High School. Our Tuesday Sushi has become extremely popular so if you can help with preparation of Maleny’s best sushi we will divulge our secret ingredients to you. Please see Kate or Gunnar at the tuckshop or give the office a call if you can assist. Your children will love you for it.

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- Parent/Teacher’s Views
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- GRIP Student Leadership Conference Parent/Teacher’s Views
- Leadership Induction Ceremony @ 9:00am Parent/Teacher’s Views
- 8:30 – 9:30 Uniform Shop District Swimming Carnival Parent/Teacher’s Views

Week 5 (23 Feb - 27 Feb)
- 2.20 Parade
- District AFL Trials Landsborough 3.30
- 8:30 – 9:30 Uniform Shop Interschool Softball

Student Absence Line – Ph 54998366
If your child is away from school for any reason please call the absence line and leave a message or alternatively send an email to admin@malenyss.eq.edu.au
P&C Meeting Topic - School Uniforms - Shoes and Socks
We have had lots of comments how smart our children look in their full uniform. Unfortunately not all students are wearing the correct black shoes and navy socks. Come along to our next P&C on the 11 March and have your say on this issue.

GRIP Leadership
This Wednesday Yr 6 School Captains, Sports Captains and Music Captains will attend a Leadership Conference with Mr Corkin and Mrs Railton in Nambour. The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training Student Leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW. Our goal is that our Student Leaders will leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader. I look forward to working with all our Leaders this year and reflecting with them at the end of the year on what they have achieved.

Leaders Induction Ceremony
Please join us on Thursday 19 Feb in the School Hall at 9:00am for our Leader’s Induction Ceremony. At Maleny we see all Yr 6 students as Leaders within our school and expect them to participate positively within our school by modelling appropriate behaviour that supports our younger students. For this reason we will acknowledge all Yr 6 students with a Senior’s Badge. We will also honour those students taking on extra responsibilities in various leadership roles such as school, sports and music captains. All parents, extended families and students from Prep – Yr 6 are welcome to attend. There will be a short morning tea at the conclusion of this ceremony.

Great Teachers Great Results Funding
During 2014, our school focused on maximising the benefits of this funding for our students. After reviewing our Great Results Guarantee agreement, it is clear that we are on track and have met and in areas exceeded our targeted student outcomes. We will continue to implement our strategies to ensure that every student succeeds.

Our 2014 NAPLAN results showed that as a school we received our highest reading results at our school (in years 3,5,7) 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. Our student Mean Scale Score was above the Nation in years 5 and 7 and statistically similar in year 3. This year our school focus will be consolidating our teaching of Reading and commence on a similar Gradual Release Model with writing.

Parent Teacher Interviews (Yrs 1-6)
This week we encourage all parents to take up the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher and inform 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. A second interview will be held late in Term 2 where 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 – What a wonderful culture we have at Maleny
It was great to see so many students participating in last week’s Individual Medley races, 50m, 25m, and 100m stroke events in our swimming carnival last Thursday. I must say I am extremely happy with the increase in student’s confidence and swimming skills. I congratulate our PE Teacher Mr Shane Turner on his organisational skills and our experienced swim coaches for the wonderful work they are doing with all of our students. If your child is interested in furthering their swimming skills or looking for a fun club to be in to look no further than the Maleny Swimming Club.

Also, a big Thank-you to all staff and parents who volunteered as officials on the day. My highlight was hearing so many children congratulating their fellow swimmers after each race and children joining together to cheer on students especially those children that were experiencing difficulty completing events.
Reading Volunteers Morning Tea
Last Wednesday we held a morning tea for this year’s reading volunteers. Some of the things Mr Eric Flamank discussed along with our Literacy Coach Mr Brent Heiniger were how we teach reading, the role of reading volunteers, the Code of Conduct and Student Protection. A big thank you to all parents and community members in attendance. If you missed it you are still welcome to assist and volunteer in classes. Please see your child’s teacher or Mr Flamank to find out how.

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. The more we can catch children doing the right thing and praise them for it the more likely we will see that behaviour repeated. Now that’s a win / win for all. Try it at home.

This Week’s Rule
This Fortnights Rule is “Be Responsible” and our Buzz Phrase is “Make Good Choices”. This means when students may find themselves frustrated, unsupervised (ie on way to school, in toilets etc.) or in class they try to choose an appropriate behaviour in this situation. I often tell students to imagine mum and dad are sitting on one shoulder, their teacher is on their other shoulder and I am sitting on their head watching. If they are not sure whether they should do something or not, simply DON’T DO IT. I encourage parents who randomly see students making good choices to let us know so we can acknowledge their positivity.

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. Are alert and watching for parent’s car.

From the Deputy’s Desk
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families to the 2015 School Year.
At Maleny State School, our positive approach to school-wide behaviour systems creates an environment in which:
a) learning and teaching are valued
b) positive and safe behaviours are encouraged
c) respect, responsibility, safety, and learning traits are taught and encouraged
d) individual differences are valued rather than criticized
e) educating students with disabilities can be supported more effectively and efficiently and
f) teaching fundamental academic skills can be maximized

This coming week our school wide focus will be “Make Good Choices”.
Children will discuss what this means
• I try my best
• I am honest
• I am responsible for my behaviour
• I follow the 4 Be’s
• I am a positive role model
• I take responsibility for solving my own problems

Finally thank you to all our wonderful parents/carers for the time and energy gone into ensuring all your children have been in full uniform, on time and ready for learning. I always believe that when you show pride in your uniform and the way you dress then you will show pride in your schoolwork and learning and pride in yourself results in a more positive self-esteem. We are already seeing this pride in the students we have the pleasure of learning and teaching alongside this year.
Mrs Furlong
**Classroom News**

**3 / 4 News**

Well we’ve had a wonderful start to the year and all the children have settled in well. We have created a display introducing all the children in the class. Please take the time to read through what the children have written about themselves. In addition to this we have also worked on creating our 4 Be rules for our classroom. We worked in small groups to contribute our ideas.

Last week we started our science unit on Life and Living. We worked in small groups to take digital photos of things that were living, once living and non-living out in the playground. This week we are learning to use Photo story to import our photos and create our own presentations. We have also been busy conducting diagnostic testing of the students.

Kind Regards Trish and Lou

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**4A Update**

2015 is certainly off to a flying start! Because it’s so early in the Term there is not a great deal to report. The children enjoyed participating in the Swimming Carnival (some for the first time) on Thursday 12 February and congratulations must go to Roze and Jared for becoming Age Champions and Max and Lauren for being runners up. This means that several children will be off to the District Swimming Carnival in Week 4.

Well done to all the Yr 4 students who swam on the day. You earned valuable points for your team.

Many class members have also been selected to learn a musical instrument and a few have joined the School Choir. What a talented bunch we’ve got in 4A.

Meanwhile, in the classroom, everyone is hard at work studying their new Units of work. I must say I’m very impressed with the way they have all settled into the new year, displaying a great work ethic and fantastic behaviour!

4A working hard on their Maths.

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**What Year 5 has been up to so far...**

In English Year 5 have been reading the book “The Forests of Silence” by Emily Rodda. For assessment we have to write about one of the main characters, Jarred or Endon, detailing aspects about their character, behaviour and changes they made throughout their journey.

For Art and Technology we are about to start designing and creating our own belts to represent our own strengths and personality. If you have any spare buttons, sequins, material scraps etc that we might be able to use, please send them in to the Yr 5 classrooms.

Right now in Science we are investigating adaptions of plants and animals. It is amazing how animals and plants have specific parts of their body to suit certain circumstances like the reasons some of 5A have written below:

Geoffrey- camels store fat in humps and have eyelashes to keep sand out of its eyes.

Tamika- the Thorny devil has a crease/trench on its back that makes water flow down into its mouth.
Tallis- a kangaroo has strong hind legs to jump and tail so that it can lean back (balance) to kick and fight.
Hannah- The Bird’s nest fern has large leaves that allow the water to flow into the middle of the plant.
Charlotte - cactus have spikes to stop loss of water into air and animals eating it.
Lais- chameleons can change colour to suit the environment when threatened (camouflage)
Kyan- Water Lily plants have air spaces in their stems and leaves to allow them to float.
Kayla- Sand geckos can blend into sand (camouflage)
Siena- Octopus can squish into small containers and camouflage in with their environment

Year 6 - Brisbane Lions Leadership
On Wednesday players from the Brisbane Lions came to Maleny State School to talk to our Year Six student leaders about leadership. Mitch Colby, Justin Clark and Liam Dawson discussed with the students the Lions’ approach to goal setting using the SMART strategy. The students were encouraged to set goals that were Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Relevant and had a Time limit. It will be great to see Maleny students using this process to achieve goals in their academic and extra-curricular activities in the future.
Afterwards, Mitch, Justin and Liam showed off some of their skills with a quick training session and running some other fun activities with the students.
Our leaders are eager to display their new learnt skills throughout the year and develop their leadership talents further at the upcoming GRIP Leadership conference.

Student of the Week

Week 3:
Prep A  Harlan & Rafferty  3/4  Libby & Kyan
Prep B  Olive & Kirbeh  4A  Angeline & Max
Prep C  Riley & Jacy  4B  Fraser & Maybelle
1A  William & Lacey  5A  Tallis & Jose
1B  Stellar & Henry  5B  Harley & Aveli
2A  Larnie & Theo  6A  Maddy & Matthew
2B  Rescue & Amber  6B  Lucy & Bayze
3A  Billy & Anika
Chappy News

This term is off and running! The children have been very enthusiastic about doing games on Tuesday’s and craft on Wednesday’s. I have had a lot of children wanting to be involved in these activities, however if any parents would like to assist me during a lunch break, please come and see me. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

The P&C put on a wonderful BBQ on Friday, and despite the wind and rain, it was a great event and a lovely way to meet new parents. This term I have been coming into the Yr 6’s classroom while they are doing a Peer Mediation course with Deb Price, the Behaviour Manager. This has been a wonderful and beneficial experience for the students as it is teaching them great skills in conflict resolution. This Wednesday morning we are having the first LCC meeting (Local Chaplaincy Committee) at 8:00am in Mr Byrne’s office. If you are interested in being part of this committee please feel free to join us. Have a wonderful week everybody!

Music Notes

It’s great to be back at school after my long service leave. We now have a lovely new carpet in the music room. Class music lessons are held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, with all classes from Prep to Yr 6 participating in a weekly lesson. During term one music lessons for all students will centre on extending the basic knowledge and understanding of music concepts of rhythm, melody, harmony, and structure. Extra-curricular music activities this semester include Recorder Ensemble and School Choir. This year I would like both groups to be involved in both performance on School Parades and participating in Community performances. Recorder Ensemble practises each Tuesday afternoon tea. Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays 11:25am -12:00pm.

Regards
Liz Cripps
Classroom Music Teacher

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.

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.

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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 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

Tuckshop Roster
Tuesday, 17 Feb - Lainie H & Marnie L
Wednesday, 18 Feb - Kelly T
Thursday, 19 Feb - Mandy A
Friday, 20 Feb - Helpers Needed
Tuesday, 24 Feb - Aki L & Jade C
Wednesday, 25 Feb - Helpers Needed
Thursday, 26 Feb - Peter & Marty
Friday, 27 Feb - Nicole C
Tuesday, 3 March - Katherine M

Community News

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