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Lost Property

We have a large quantity of clothing in our Lost Property Area. Please have a look if your child is missing any items. Any clothing remaining at the end of term will be given to Charity.

Date Claimers

- Beerwah Maths Challenge Yr 5,6,7
- 25-29 August – Yr 6 & Yr 7 Canberra Trip
- 5 Sept – Country Fair
- 9 Sept – Regional Athletics
- 10 Sept – Regional Athletics
- 12 Sept - Readers Cup
- 19 Sept – Last Day Term 3
- 7 Oct – First Day Term 4
- 20 Oct – Student Free Day

Student Absence Line – Ph 54998366

If your child is away from school for any reason please call the absence line and leave a message. Just follow the prompts.

Yr 6 & Yr 7 Students – Maleny High School Enrolment Forms are available from their website www.malenyshs.eq.edu.au

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As a parent of 3 students who have all been in musicals I certainly also appreciate the commitment parents have given to ensuring their children were available for rehearsals. To those parents, staff and students that worked behind the scenes you are the true saints of the show. Applying face paint to wiggly faces and itchy noses, making and adjusting costumes along with keeping tired 5 year old skeletons entertained for hours in the confines of the library is no easy task. Well Done.

Our P&C helpers who manned the tuckshop two nights in a row were greatly appreciated. I certainly enjoyed my hot beef gravy roll.

[Liz Cripps & David Crew]

Online Parent Opinion Surveys
The School Opinion Survey (SOS) is due to close 3 August 2014; however responses will continue to be accepted until the end of this week, Friday 8 August. This extension is to enable schools to maximise their parent/caregiver responses. Currently 33 parents out of over 270 surveys issued have been submitted. We have a great school and a lot of hard work is continually occurring to make it even better. We value our parent and community input so please take the time to complete this survey if you have not yet had the opportunity. A paper copy of how to access the online survey was sent home 2 weeks ago to all families. Each copy contained a unique code and password for individuals to use. We have a couple of spare forms at the office if you are unable to locate yours.

Junior Sports Day
Urgent 10 Helpers required to assist in the tuckshop from 9:00-1:00 or a shift. Please register at the office/tuckshop. Please join us for our annual P-3 (Yr 3, 8 year olds only) Sports Day. We would love to see you there to cheer on your children. We may require the help of some parents for sprint judging, and some Tabloid events - so if you can help, please notify your child’s teacher.

Chaplaincy at Maleny
Our P&C voted at the last meeting to continue on with Chaplaincy at our school using Scripture Queensland as the employer of our chaplain with a review to chaplaincy providers to be looked at again in six months.

Department of Main Roads and Transport
This week I will meet with the Regional Director of the Department of Main Roads and Transport along with Leah Treloar our P&C Treasurer to discuss signage around our school streets to ensure the safety of our students is paramount.

Country Fair
Please talk to your children’s teacher’s to see how you can assist at this year’s Country Fair which is only 5 weeks away. If you are available to assist in any way let the office know and they will pass your name on to our organising committee.

SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support)
This week’s Rule: Be Respectful
Fortnightly Focus: Quiet Feet, Quiet Mouths (when transitioning around the school.)
- Student Reminder
- I walk quietly around buildings and on concrete
- I sit quietly in lines
- I keep to the left
- I keep noise to a minimum
- I move around the school quietly
- I follow adult directions
- I model sensible behaviour
- I give way to adults
- I move quickly and quietly between classrooms / lessons
- I return from play in a respectful manner
- I leave and enter parade respectfully

## Classroom News

### Prep A and Prep 1B news

We were so excited to receive a surprise letter. It was from Wilma the weather Wombat. She asked us to record the weather in Maleny and record our observations using symbols on a weather chart. We viewed the local weather forecast on our smart boards and discussed the symbols they had used. Our special person now has a new important job!!! They are now the daily weather reporters. The special person observes the weather and presents their observations to the class wearing a special weather hat. Have a look at some of us presenting the Maleny weather.

[Images of children presenting the weather]

This term we enjoyed reading an imaginary book called “Have you ever seen a Sneep?” by T. Pym. This story tells about a character called a Sneep and his mischievous friends. We innovated about this character and made a class book about imaginary characters.

### 1A news

The new term has begun and it has already been fast and furious. The Haunted House Musical was excellent. The students in 1A who played the Skeletons, dancing their bones off was great to see, I was so proud. A special shout out to Miss Bonnie who played ‘Boo Who’ did a great job. They have all worked so hard this year getting ready. Lastly, it was great to see other class 1A students come along with their parents to watch the show. They ALL loved it!!!

[Images of class members performing]

In English we are looking at how authors and illustrators write and draw pictures that show animal characters acting and looking like people. One author we have been looking at closely is Anthony Browne. He has a range of books which feature animals that act and look like people. Check him out on this website [http://www.childrenslaureate.org.uk/previous-laureates/anthony-browne/](http://www.childrenslaureate.org.uk/previous-laureates/anthony-browne/) and one of his stories ‘Willy the Wimp’ on Youtube [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCsXH-9rc_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCsXH-9rc_Q). I love his books.

In Maths we have been exploring 2D and 3D shapes. The main focus is on recognising 2D shapes and their features attributes like how many sides and corners they have. When driving around play a bingo game to see how many different shapes you see in the real world.

A reminder for uniform and general clothing gear. Please remember as much as possible to label all clothing items that come to school. It helps greatly to identify items from the sometimes growing pile in the bucket in the classroom.
1/2C News

For science this term students have been looking at the external features of plants and animals. We have been observing and learning how to create scientific drawings of plants, using labels and terminology.

In History, the significant site in Maleny that the class will focus on is going to be the Maleny State School. Students have thought of 3 questions they would like to research about the school’s history. Some students have brought in historical information about the Maleny area to utilise for research and we would appreciate any more, if you come across anything at home that could be brought in. We will also go online in the computer lab to search for answers to our posed questions.

This week during Maths our focus has been Fractions covering (1/2, 1/4, 1/8) dividing shapes, collections and quantities. Below are some photos of the students using oats and cups to divide quantities into ½, ¼, 1/8’s.

Thank you to all parents that made time for Parent Teacher Interviews, it was great to touch base with families about their child’s progress. Please feel free to make a time to see when needed.

Kerry Lees
Classroom Teacher

2A News

We have been learning about fractions in maths. Lots of the children are feeling more confident now with this concept.

We are studying the genre of procedure in English. Please expose your children to as many procedures as you can and have fun finding the verbs.

Our box for the Country fair is in the classroom however we desperately need more donations. Please bring in whatever you can to support our lucky dip stall. Thank you to those who have already donated😊

I have added a new homework system to the classroom where the children will receive stickers on a chart for homework that is completed and neatly done. I hope this will help to encourage the children to complete their homework.

It was great to catch up with so many parents for interviews this term and thanks for your positive feedback. If you didn’t get in to see me and you would like to, please contact me or come in and see me to organise a time that we can have a chat.

Libby Ferguson

Student of the Week

Week 2:

- Prep A: James & Levi
- Prep/1B: Maya & Henry
- 1A: Beth & Conrad
- 1/2: Joel & Ryan
- 2A: Taylah & Ryan
- 3A: Kieran & Roze
- 3B: Harrison & Isobel
- 3/4: Isabella & Tallis
- 4A: Kayla & Hannah
- 5A: Jack & Rose
- 5B: Asha & Amelia
- 6A: Lachlan & Alec
- 6B: Taylah & Joss
- 6/7: Tessa & Liam
- 7A: Tasmin & Riley
Dear Parents and Students,
I hope you enjoyed ‘The Haunted House’ Musical as much as I did!
Thank you to all actors, singers, dancers and backstage; I am very proud of all of our wonderful students who worked so well as a team to present a great show.
To my Actors and Singers what an extraordinary achievement! Since the beginning of the year these children showed their commitment by learning the script, the songs, the dances, and all of the stage direction!
Thank you to the many teachers and parents who helped us along the way; from our drama and dance coaches, to those who helped with the Set and Hall preparations, making costumes, advertising, face-painting and supervision during the dress rehearsals and performances. A huge project like this can only work when there is lots of support.

Some housekeeping details:
Please remember to return your costumes ASAP as some of them need to be returned to Lind Lane Theatre.

We have recorded both shows; this footage will be edited and a DVD will be available to purchase later in the term.

Liz Cripps

From the Library

The Premier’s Reading Challenge
If you haven’t started already, it’s not too late to get involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. All students are challenged to read or experience 15 or 20 books, depending on their year level, before 5 September. Year 5 to 7 students read 15 books, Years 3 & 4 read 20 books and Preps to Year 2 read or share 20 books.

If you have not already received a copy, the form can be downloaded from http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/docs/prc-2014-reading-record-for-school-participants.pdf

P & C Update

With only a month to go until the Country Fare, ride armbands and showbags will soon go on sale, so look out for the order form which will be sent home with your child in the coming weeks.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th August 2014, all welcome.

Thank you
Melissa Chaddock
In this Familygram we would like to introduce the Bookmarks that are used by students to help them ‘Decode’ and work through the types of strategies that can help support words and phrases that are unfamiliar within a text.

**Prep – Year 3**

**Stuck on a word?**

**Eagle Eye**
- Look at the picture!
- Look at the picture for clues
- Look at both pages

**Lips the Fish**
- Get your lips ready!
- Say the first few sounds of the new word
- Read to the end of the sentence and say it again

**Stretchy Snake**
- Stretch it out!
- Stretch the word out slowly
- Put the sounds together

**Chunky Monkey**
- Chunk the Word!
- Look for a chunk that you know
- Look for a word part

**Skippy Frog**
- Skip It, Skip It!
- Skip the word
- Read to the end of the sentence
- Hop back and READ IT, READ IT

**Tryin’ Lion**
- Try it again!
- Try to re-read the sentence
- Try a word that makes sense

**Helpful Kangaroo**
- Ask for help!
- Ask for help (after you have tried all of the other strategies)

**Year 3-7**

**Reading Strategies**

**Look at the visuals**
- Pictures, graphs, tables, icons

**Re-read**
- Get ready to say word

**S-t-r-e-t-c-h**
- Str-e-t-ch the word out slowly. Put the sounds together quickly to make the word.

**Does it make sense?**
- What might it be?
- Does it make sense?

**Chunk the Word!**
- Look for a “chunk” that you know.
- Look for a word part

**Ask for help!**
- Ask a classmate.
- Ask an adult.

**Identify word parts!**
- Base word
- Any affixes?
- Use your derivation (Mean & Latin parts)

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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 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays.
Each year Maleny State School asks families for a contribution to assist the school with supplying essential resources for your child/ren’s education and maintenance of school facilities.

The contribution for 2014 is $50 per child or $40 per child for families with three or more children enrolled at our school.

This year the contribution is being used to upgrade and maintain our school resources and facilities.

If you haven’t contributed and wish to for 2014 it’s not too late. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit/debit card at the office and a receipt will be issued.

Our tuckshop not only offers a wonderful selection of freshly cooked food, but it also offers great customer service to our children, staff and at our catered events. If you would like to be part of this fun extended family, we are always looking for helpers. So, if you have some time to give during the week, please contact Gunnar or Kate at the tuckshop or ring Kate on Ph 0410604463. We especially need help on Tuesdays to continue Sushi Tuesday made fresh on site.

Flexischools allows parents and students to place orders online at a time and place convenient to them. Parents simply register themselves on the flexischools website and enter their children’s names and classes. The registration process only takes a few minutes and parents can begin placing orders immediately. Register at: http://www.flexischools.com.au/

Tuckshop Roster

Tuesday, 5 Aug - Jody H, Fiona B & Simone W
Wednesday, 6 Aug - Judy C
Thursday, 7 Aug - Helen B & Margaret K
Friday, 8 Aug - Jocelyn E & Kate S
Tuesday, 12 Aug - Jade & Aki L
Wednesday, 13 Aug - Lisa M
Thursday, 14 Aug - Peter M & Marty
Friday, 15 Aug - Aileen J
Tuesday, 19 Aug - Tanya P & Karen G

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.
Child Healthy Lifestyle Program

If your child is overweight, you may be at a loss as to how to help. Talking to children about weight can be a sensitive topic, no matter what their age. As parents, we don’t want to say the wrong thing and so often avoid the discussion altogether, even though we may worry about their physical and emotional well being.

QLD Health runs a free child healthy lifestyle program for families who have children aged 2-12 years. The program addresses all these areas of concern and will assist you to tackle the challenges of achieving a happier, healthier child.

We are planning to run groups in the Caloundra area during term 4. Venue for the group is determined by participant location. Groups offered will be either a parent only group, once a week during school hours (4-6 weeks) or an after school program involving both parents and their children.

If you are interested in attending this program or expressing an interest in future programs and services then please contact 5450 4766 (leave message) or e-mail SC-Child-Healthy-Weight-Team@health.qld.gov.au

Universal Tennis Academy

Universal Tennis Academy over the past ten years has been based in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia. We now offer programs for Landsborough and Maleny Tennis Clubs and would like to invite you down to a come and try / sign on day prior to a new tennis coaching block starting on Monday 11th August.

Where: Maleny Tennis Club (Showgrounds)
When: Saturday the 9th August 9am-10:30am

Where: Landsborough Tennis Club
When: Saturday 9th August 12noon – 1:30pm

Looking for a Summer Sport?

Come Play Softball!!

Suncoast Hinterland Softball Association invites interested players to sign-on for the upcoming Summer season.

Sign On & Come Try Day: Saturday 23rd August & Saturday 13th September
Where: Mooloolah Multi Sports Complex – 129 Mooloolah Connection Rd, Mooloolah (Brand new facilities)
Who: Males & Females of all ages & abilities – 5yrs to masters
Contact: Karen 0422204661 or suncoasthinterlandsoftball@gmail.com

Your child may be eligible for the State Govt’s Get Started voucher – valued up to $150.
Register ASAP to avoid missing out on this opportunity!!
Grow vegetable seedlings for money
The perfect way to introduce your child to looking after plants. A tray of 12 seedlings will cost you $25. Bring them back in good order after a month and we’ll pay you $50.

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