From the Principal ….

**Volleyball**
What a wet day to have a volleyball carnival. Even though a few showers disrupted play throughout the day, all the students had a great time. Congratulations to Mapleton for taking out the overall trophy.

Thank you to all the staff and P&C that helped run and support the day. A big thank you to Miss Sheree for the many hours of organising and setting up for the day.

**Attendance Update**
Congratulations to the Year 3 class for being the best attending class in term 1. With an attendance rate of 95.7% they just bet the year 6 class.

Congratulations to all those students with 100% attendance.

Overall, the whole school has had an improvement of 2.8% in attendance since term 1 last year. Well done and let's keep up the great work and see if we can meet our goal of 95% attendance.

A reminder to all students and parents that school starts at 8.40am. If you are late, please ensure you bring your child to the office and drop them off to the classroom.

**Update your details**
It is that time of the year where we ask parents to check and confirm personal details and medical details that are held in OneSchool. We find many students have incorrect details saved on our system, therefore we ask that parents check and fill in the areas that need updating and return the forms to administration prior to the end of week 2. The forms with current student details were sent home earlier in the week.
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School Plan Catch Up - Postponed to Friday 22 April
Each term, our school offers sessions to parents to catch up, ask questions and see where we are currently working in our Annual Plan. This is a very informative session for those wanting to know more about the workings of the school. The next session will be on Friday 22 April at 3.00pm (after parade). Please note the date change.

Canberra 2017 Meeting - Tues 19 Apr
On Tuesday 19 April (Week 2) at 3pm we will be holding a meeting for all parents that are interested in the 2017 trip. We will be able to provide dates, costings and the draft itinerary. It will also be an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

This meeting will be held in the year 4 classroom.

Cross Country - Wed 20 Apr
Montville State Schools Annual Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 20 April at the Russell Family Park from 9.15am. Students will need to run in their house shirts.
Baroon House – Red
Bunya House – Apple Green
Blackall House – Gold

ANZAC Ceremony - Fri 22 Apr
On Friday 22 April at 11.30am, we will be holding our school Anzac Ceremony at the Memorial Gates to the Community Hall. The school leaders will run the service, assisted by members of the Mapleton RSL Sub-Branch.

We thank the Mapleton RSL Sub-Branch members for their support and we are always appreciative of the contribution our students make to the community commemorations.

ANZAC Day - Mon 25 Apr
Montville State School will be participating in the local dawn service at 5.30am.

Due to legislative changes, the march at Mapleton will not occur this year. However, students have been asked to walk across and into the service via the school grounds. We request students wear full school uniform and assemble in the school grounds (Flaxton Drive) by 8.45am on Monday 25 April (ANZAC Day). The service will begin at 9.00am.

Small Schools Cross Country - Fri 29 Apr
The Annual Small Schools Cross Country will be at Kennilworth State Community College on Friday 29 April. More details about the event will be sent home after our inter-house cross country carnival on Wednesday.

Labour Day - Mon 02 May
Please note that Monday 02 May is Labour Day. As this is a public holiday the school will be closed on this day.

Mothers Day Stall - Fri 06 May
For the last few years the Mother’s Day Stall has helped to raise funds for the students to go on the Canberra trip. This year we would like to continue this tradition by raising funds for the Year 5 and 6 students 2017 Canberra trip.

This year, we are holding the Mother’s Day stall on Friday 06 May. We are asking for donations of items which can be sold for between $1.00 and $5.00 e.g. candles.
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picture frames, stationery, chocolates, lotions, soaps, craft or anything that a mum would love. These items will then be gift wrapped ready for sale on Friday 06 May. The students will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift from the stall for their Mum.

Donations can be taken to the kitchen located in Razorback House each morning until the end of April.

Spellathon

Montville State School has had great success with running Spellathons over the past few years. This year we are conducting a Spellathon as our major fundraiser to help reduce the cost of excursions and camps.

The students have been given coloured spelling list, which have been chosen by your child’s teacher as being at their ability level and also attainable for your child to master in the time frame. As a fundraiser it is hoped that the students will collect donations or sponsorship per word correct, however, it is not suggested that the children go door to door collecting sponsors, in view of “Stranger Danger”, but rather we look forward to you assisting your child to collect donations or sponsors to support this worthwhile academic and fundraising activity.

We also need your support in helping your child to learn their words ready for the test day in the forth week in term 2. Some ideas to assist with this may be:

- **Orally hearing your child spell/recognize their words**
- **Playing games with the spelling/sight words such as memory, fish, snap etc.**
- **Getting them to write them out, cut them out of magazines, write them in fancy writing, rainbow writing or with letter shape boxes**
- **Making them from clay or play dough, painting them or drawing them in the sand etc;**
- **Using free websites such as www.spellingcity.com to enter the word list and complete the activities.**

For more ideas please see your child’s teacher. This is meant to be a fun spelling activity to share together and should at no time become stressful.

The note and forms have been sent home earlier this week.

NAPLAN - May 10, 11, 12

Our students in Years 3 and 5, will soon participate in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) to assess their skills and understanding in the areas of reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The tests will be conducted in all state and non-state schools across the country from 12–14 May.

Community News ….

An individual NAPLAN report for each child will be sent home later this year. Results provide additional feedback for parents, carers and teachers on how students are progressing in key curriculum areas.

Please contact the school if you have any questions about your child participating in NAPLAN testing. Further information is

Website: www.montvilless.eq.edu.au
Maleny Library Update

Pom Pom Power is on at Maleny Library every Tuesday 3:00-4:00pm in April and May.

Drop in and make wool Pom Poms to help “Yarnbomb” Maleny Library as part of Knitfest 2016.

This free activity is open to children of all ages and no bookings are required. Wool donations are very welcome.

**Restorative Yoga**

Restorative Yoga promotes stillness, relaxation and quietens the mind. It is gentle and suitable for all ages, even those new to yoga. In Restorative Yoga, the postures are adapted using pillows and blankets for support so that you can hold the pose longer, allowing the body to open and stretch with the breath and reducing any risk of strain. Restorative Yoga allows the body to release and let go of muscular tension and stress, it increases flexibility and brings about a state of wellbeing, rest and renewal. It can also be beneficial in recovery from illness or injury.

At: Montville Village Hall
Wednesdays 9.30am – 10.45am
$12 per class or $40 for 4 classes (paid in advance)

Wear comfortable loose fitting clothing
Bring Yoga mat and towel or blanket

Kerrie Murray - Yoga Teacher, Naturopath/Herbalist, Reiki Master, Massage Therapist.
Enquiries: Ph: 0431 430 996   E: healthandyoga9@gmail.com

Montville State School After School Class TERM 2 - Wheels in Motion

These wheels are ready to roll! Students will use LEGO® Bricks, axles, pulleys, gears, motors and more to build a variety