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**Bunnings Donations**
On the weekend, Luke and Peta from our P&C visited Bunnings Caloundra to collect some donations. Howard will be visiting our school on Friday to help plant some of the plants that were donated. Thank you to Bunnings Caloundra for supporting our school.

**Compliment Messages**
Over the past few weeks, we have received some very positive feedback from several groups of parents. These have been through staff, regional office and central office.

Here are some of the compliments that we have received:

- The Teachers are very special and have contributed to the positive development of our child and many other children. These will be the teachers our children remember fondly in adulthood as those contributing significantly to their personal growth.
- Staff really show an interest in my child and their learning. Thank you for supporting our children
- I am grateful for the effort the school has put into helping my child with his focus.

We would like to thank these parents for their kind words. We are truly fortunate to be able to have a supportive and thoughtful school community.

**BYOx Trial**
As you know our students are living in a world where they have immediate access to information anytime and anywhere. With this in mind, our year 6 classroom has begun trialling the BYOx program.

The BYOx program describes a digital device ownership model where students and staff are able to use their privately owned devices to access the network and information systems within the educational setting. The ‘x’ in BYOx refers to:

- the device
- the software
- the applications
- the connectivity or carriage service

In the year 6 classroom, our BYOx program is aiming to:

- equip students with the skills they require to live work and play in 21st century
- enable students to become responsible digital citizens
- immerses students in investigating, creating and communicating using ICT
- increase student engagement within ICT
- personalised learning
- improved collaboration
- provide greater choice and independence for all students
- increased enthusiasm for lifelong learning
- seamless integration of technology between home and school
- 24/7 access to learning
- increased access to online instructional materials
- using technology as a part of every day life.
- Increase cyber bullying awareness in preparation for high school.

The use of devices is only within classroom during class time when authorised by the teacher. These devices will only be used to support the needs of our school curriculum. They will not be used for free time or as a reward, as there may be an inequitable access to games on personally devices compared to the school devices/computers.

As devices can only be used in class at the teacher’s discretion and are used in line with the Acceptable use of ICT and Responsible Behaviour policies. Students who are distracted, misuse or do not follow the classroom rules will be treated in line with existing classroom management practices, the acceptable use of ICT and Responsible Behaviour policy of our school.

Throughout this trial, we are taking the opportunity to support students through cyber bullying and cyber safety lessons. This will include defining what is cyber bullying, the...
importance of reporting any incidences to trusted adults, educating parents/carer on what to do if something is reported and what can happen to simply photos/videos of friends if used inappropriately (just to name a few components that we will look at).

Finally, during the final few weeks of term, we will be completing an evaluation process of the trial. This will help guide the school in making appropriate judgements to the future look of our BYOx program at Montville State School.

Student Intentions 2017
As we get closer to the end of the year, we know parents and students may take this opportunity to move or may think about moving schools.

To ensure that our school has a really clear picture of student numbers and to ensure as least amount of disruption as possible to the beginning of 2017, I invite all those parents to discuss or inform myself on their intentions for the 2017 school year. Please email or contact the office to make an appointment.

The current plan is to keep all staff in their current positions (or similar), with not too much movement within the school. More details about classes and staffing will be made to parents later in the term.

Unpaid fees and monies
There are still a few parents that have not yet finalised all payments for the 2016 period. Please see Judy in the office as soon as possible if you know you have an outstanding debt, or if you are unsure.

Interhouse Ball Games - Fri 21 Oct
Montville State School will be holding our annual interhouse ball games carnival on Thursday 21 October from 9.00am.

We ask students wear their sports house shirts, hats and sunscreen on the day. There will be no canteen available, so students will need to bring morning tea and lunch.

Rotations for the morning:

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Music Fest Performance - Tues 25 Oct
This year the Maleny-Montville State Schools Concert Band will be performing at Music Fest 2016 to be held at Iona College Performing Arts Centre in North Road, Lindum on Thursday 25 October This festival is run by Prestige Music and is Brisbane’s premier school Music Festival. Find out more at www.prestigemusic.com.au/musicfest.htm.

Students have several rehearsals at Maleny SS prior to the event. All students are asked to return the permission and contract to the school office as soon as possible.

Small Schools Ball Games - Wed 26 Oct
4 teams of students in years 3-6 will be attending the Small Schools Ball Games Carnival to be held at Mapleton State School on Wednesday 26 October 2016.

This year, we have decided to utilise private transport to and from the venue. If you are able to assist, please complete the private transport form (attached to permission forms) and send back with the permission form. We will be departing from Montville at 9.45am. Students will return as soon as possible after the completion of the program, approximately 12.45pm.

Students will be required to attend in full Montville School Uniform, including a hat and shoes. Students will need to bring their own

Instrumental Music Fest Rehearsals
The combined Montville/Maleny Band will have their rehearsals for Music Fest at Maleny State School from 3.15pm - 4.30pm every Tuesday for the first four weeks of term 4.
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drink (water), morning tea and lunch. Application of sunscreen is strongly suggested. Students will need to return completed permission forms by Friday, 21 October. As we are using private transport, there will be no cost to attend this event.

P&C Meeting - Thus 27 Oct
The next P&C General Meeting will be held on Thursday 27 October at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

World Teachers’ Day - Fri 28 Oct
World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. Come along to special parade on Friday 28 October to help celebrate World Teachers’ Day.

Day for Daniel - Friday 28 Oct
By wearing red on Day for Daniel students and parents will be joining tens of thousands of people across Australia in making the day a success.

Denise and Bruce Morcombe have actively promoted child safety in Queensland since 2005 through the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, and they have invited Queenslanders to help promote child safety awareness by wearing red on Friday 28 October and bringing a gold coin donation to school. All funds raised will go directly to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

The foundation aims to make the world a safer place for children through Day for Daniel, an annual event which helps educate children about their personal safety. For more information: ww.dayfordaniel.com.au

Prep Information Session - 02 Nov
Montville State School would like to extend an invitation to all parents of future preps to attend our upcoming Parent Information Session. The session will be held on Wednesday 02 November at 2.00pm in the Prep classroom. During this meeting we will be providing:
A teacher meet and greet, a vision of what Prep looks like, and how to plan for prep and what to expect of Prep.

Our Prep Teachers will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns that you may have during this meeting and will provide you with some useful resources in preparation for 2017. Afternoon Tea will be provided and parents from the current class of Preps will be on hand to answer questions also.

Montville State School will also be holding our Prep Orientation Day on Wednesday 16 November from 9.00am – 11.00am.

Swimming - Starts 03 Nov
This term all Prep to year 4 students will participate in swimming and survival activities at Maleny State School pool. The program will be conducted twice weekly on Thursdays and Fridays for four weeks.

The proposed program is as follows: Students will travel by bus to Maleny State School in time for their lessons.

Thursdays 03, 10, 17 & 24 November and Fridays 04, 11, 18, 25 November. On all swimming days, students should arrive at school wearing full school uniform (not swimming togs), shoes and socks, bringing their swimming bag with them. Students will need togs, swim shirt or t-shirt, hat, thongs or slip-on shoes, and a towel.

It is Education Queensland policy that all students participating in swimming lessons wear a swim shirt (rashie). T-shirts are not the best option as they are ineffective in skin protection and tend to drag in the water. The addition of a swim cap and goggles makes a huge difference to the level of skill achieved by students. A lycra cap will not tear as easily as the latex designs. All belongings should be clearly named. The use of sunscreen is strongly suggested. A reminder that sunscreen is best applied at least half an hour before swimming.