Montville News

What a great term we have had! Even though term 1 has been short, its been a great year so far. Term 2 is an extremely busy term, therefore I have included the first four weeks of events in this newsletter.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break. Enjoy the break and see you all on Monday 11 April.

From the Principal ….

New P&C Executive Team
Just going on a week ago, our school held our Annual General Meeting and voted in our new executive team for 2016/17 year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our 2015/16 executive team. Kate, Treena, Vivan and Corin. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to our school. It has been a pleasure working with you. I would also like to thank the large number of volunteers that put in many hours into our school. This all helps towards creating a positive school culture and supporting our students learning. Your support and commitment is appreciated by many.

Congratulations to the new team, I am looking forward to working with them throughout the year.

President: Peta Romeyn
Vice-President: Jenny Hawke
Secretary: Fabienne Henderson
Treasurer: Vivian Edwards

To find out more details about our P&C or how you can help, check out the P&C newsletter articles or see any of the executive team to find out more.

Regards

Geoff Habel

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

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The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy - 13 17 88 - and let's work together to help create a safer school community.

**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.

Forms with current student details will be sent home early in term 2.

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**School Holidays**

School holidays are from Friday 24 March til Monday 11 April. Montville State School wishes everyone a safe and happy Easter Holiday break. School resumes at 8.40am on Monday 11 April.

**Life Education Van – Apr 11, 12, 13**

Harold and the van will be visiting Montville on the first three days of term 2.

We are holding a parent information session on Monday 11 April at 1.45pm (in the van) for all parents who would like to learn more about the modules.

The class sessions are:

- Prep & Year 1 - Clued Up
- Year 2 - ‘Harold’s Hero’s’
- Year 3 - ‘Harold’s Diary’

**Year 4 - ‘bCYBERWISE’**

**Year 5 - ‘On The Case’**

**Year 5 - ‘Think Twice’**

For more information about each of the modules please refer to the original parent letter or visit the Life Education Website www.lifeeducation.org.au

**Volleyball Carnival - Thus 14 Apr**

Due to the wet weather, the Small Schools Volleyball Carnival was postponed. The annual 3–6 Small Schools Volley Ball Carnival will now be on Thursday 14 April on the oval. All parents are welcome to attend and support our school. Our P&C will be holding a BBQ lunch. The BBQ will be available to the whole school at morning tea (Prep - Year 2).

**School Plan Catch Up - Fri 15 Apr**

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 15 April at 3.00pm (after parade).

**Instrumental Music FANFARE rehearsal**

The combined Montville/Maleny Band will have their second rehearsal at Maleny State School from 3.15pm - 4.30pm on Thursday 14 April.

**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 9.00am. Students will need to run in their house shirts.

Baroon House – Red

Bunya House – Apple Green

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Blackall House – Gold

ANZAC Ceremony - Fri 22 Apr
On Friday 22 April, 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 March - Mon 25 Apr
Montville State School will also be participating in the local morning service and march at Mapleton. We request students wear full school uniform and assemble at the corner of Wilga Court and Flaxton Drive by 8.30am on Monday 25 April (ANZAC Day). The march will begin at 8.45am and the service will begin at 9.00am near the front of Mapleton State School.

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

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.

Labour Day - Mon 02 May
Please note that Monday 02 May is Labour Day. As this is a public holiday and the school will be 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, 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 next term.

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.

Early next term, students will be 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.

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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 will be sent home early in term 2

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.

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 available on the ACARA website. (http://www.nap.edu.au/)

P&C News ….

New P&C Executives
Thank you to all who were able to attend the 2016 P&C AGM last Friday. Congratulations and all the best to our new executive members for 2016/2017.
President: Peta Romeyn
Vice-President: Jenny Hawke
Secretary: Fabienne Henderson
Treasurer: Vivian Edwards

Tuckshop (Thursdays wk2-wk9)
Contrary to an earlier email, Maddie is keen to stay on as our Tuckshop Coordinator, however will only be serving a hot meal every 2nd week in term 2, in order to give her some much deserve slower weeks. Term 3 will be back to hot meals week 2 to week 9.

We are still looking for some regulars (1-2/term) to help with tuckshop. If you are able to help next term on a Thursday, please email me (msspandcpresident@gmail.com).

Inter School Volleyball BBQ Fundraiser
The Inter School Volleyball Carnival will now be held at Montville on Thursday 14 April. We will open this BBQ up to the whole school, as there is no tuckshop that week.

This is a simple BBQ supplying sausages in bread ($2.50), 100% juice poppers ($1), large icy poles ($1) and Cadbury Fun box chocolates ($1) for sale.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who volunteered to help. I hope that you might also be available on the 14 Apr.

2015/16 P&C Report to School
What another great year!

We have secured another grant ($14k) to upgrade the front entrance, and have nearly spent all the grant money from the Gambling Grant ($20k) on improvements to the area underneath the administration building, which I’ll mention later. Our main services to the school (Uniform Shop, Tuckshop, Afternoon Tea and numerous school function BBQs) have been maintained. These, combined with additional fundraisers (Bunnings, High Tea, & donations), funded our core expenses (insurance, membership, Mathletics, piano, class art supplement, school celebrations), as well as additional services (Fun Friends, boundary fence upgrade, fridge, and street Christmas banners). Despite the school burglary mid-year, the school community has been able to remain strong, and the P&C accounts were only short $250 for the insurance excess.

The focus for this past year has been on about keeping the momentum going and the team together.

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The Executive team (Corin, Treena and Peter/Vivian) have met very regularly, and volunteered many hours from home, and at the various fundraisers or community events.

Corin is stepping down after years in the P&C Executive. The past year she served as Vice-President, the year prior to that as Secretary, and as President the year before that. These positions were held while undertaking other multiple roles, not limited to, but including; Market Coordinator, tuckshop liaison, permaculture garden key volunteer, and chief brownie maker. We thank Corin for all her years of service for the Montville school community. She’s made an incredible difference to our children’s experiences at school.

Treena has been Secretary this year and is also stepping down. Of course Treena too has held many other roles. We all know & see her as our head Afternoon Tea Coordinator, arriving ahead of parade every Friday to ensure the students and parents are provided a lovely array of goodies following parade. She is also one of our key volunteers in KG, doing double weekly sessions most years it has run, and on occasion filling in for Leanne. Her homemade, vegie-packed sausage rolls have been very popular on our tuckshop menu. She is not shy about getting her hands dirty, and can often be seen in the garden and at all working bees. We are so grateful for your diligent record keeping, ensuring we know what’s coming up, and noting what has been. Thank you very much Treena!

Vivian has stepped in to assist Peter with the Treasurers role, and has been wonderful. The audit was in and approved without delay, and the banking which is now done sometime 2-3/week has been constant. Her diligence and accuracy in keeping the finances in check has been invaluable this year. All the best in 2016.

I wish the new Executive all the best, and feel very confident in the nominees’ abilities to move this school forward in the right direction, maintaining the great team of parents, students, staff and the broader community.

Our key volunteer coordinators this past year;

Maddy in tuckshop, Treena on afternoon tea, Vikki in uniform shop, Leanne, Gina, Maryanne and Bill in the KG program, and in the permaculture garden, and Veronica & Gina on the market stall.

Maddy McGuire… it’s been over 2 years since Maddy agreed to take on the tuckshop here at Montville, regularly providing us with a beautiful meal, most weeks of the year. Little do people know the hours she spends counting and sorting the orders on Wednesday morning, before shopping that afternoon, let alone the time on Thursday preparing, coordinating and cleaning up from the day’s service. It’s a huge volunteered commitment over a long period of time. We will miss you Maddy.

You might only see our gorgeous uniform shop coordinator a few times a year when you need her, but our Vikki is there every Friday fortnight. And of course at other countless times, filling orders, or unpacking/sorting stock. Vikki is going to stay on, but I wanted to thank her for the past two years she has managed the shop and coordinated new suppliers.

Veronica is our Markets coordinator, and works does an amazing job at the monthly Montville Markets to organise, display and sell our garden & kitchen produce, as well as donated goods. Please say a huge thank you to her for her quiet, yet significant achievements. We really appreciate it Veronica. Thank you! I’d also like to acknowledge Gina and Maryanne, who assist her with gathering garden goodies at 6:30am on these Saturdays.

And, those lesser known back office helpers; Ali our P&C newsletter editor, Alena who looks after the donation cans about Montville, Vikki our Welcome Family Officer, and Agarta who helps out weekly in tuckshop (and has done for years).

Our Principal, Geoff, with whom I meet officially 2-3 times per term, and email and
chat almost daily. I see the extra time, and effort you put into developing our school, before and after the school day, and on weekends. Thank you Geoff.

Our staff, with whom I meet twice a term and have frequent short discussions with in between. We also see the extra effort you put in and we support you.

Of course, there are our wonderful school families, most of whom volunteer once a term or more.

And our larger Montville Community (with links now strongly made with the MCC, MVA and even the Hunchy Community Association).

WHAT A GREAT TEAM! I’m so proud to have been part of that team for the past 2 years. This opportunity to work with so many people in our school and broader community has grown me as a person, and I’m so grateful. It has been an experience I will always look back on fondly. There couldn’t be too many people who think more highly of our lovely school than I. When Isabelle graduates at the end of this year, our family will be sad to see our last of our Montville School days. A heartfelt thanks to you all.

Annual Summary of 2015/2016 P&C Activities

P&C Management
Meetings: I have had Principal meeting 2-3/term, staff meetings 1-2/term, and Executive meeting 2-3/term.

School Communications: The P&C contributes 1-3 pages to each fortnightly school newsletter. These are all beautifully edited by Ali. We also share key P&C announcements fortnightly on parade. Last year we worked with Geoff to develop the MSS Communication Plan, outlined on the main noticeboard.

Looking after our Volunteers:
To reward and encourage our volunteers we continued the Volunteer Raffles each term that were kindly donated by businesses. The ‘Thank You’ homebaking tokens were also given out weekly to all volunteers in school (save for KG volunteers, who enjoy a meal!). We have also established a P&C Volunteer Roster each term which is on the school noticeboard.

Looking after our Staff: Last year we showed our appreciation to staff with our traditional Teacher’s Day “time off and lunch”. We were able to give the teachers a day off from the lunchtime yard duty by arranging parent volunteers. Corin and Gina set up a lovely arrangement of all the donated sweet and savoury dishes donated by our generous parents.

Looking after new Families: We initiated a Welcome Tuckshop Voucher for all new students enrolling after week 2, and our New Families Officer, Vikki, checks in with new families to assist with the settling process.

School Partnerships
Funding to School: The P&C directly funded the following in response to requests from staff;
- Prep art canvases $400
- Year 4 various art activities $220
- Display boards for classes $1280 (on order)
- Active after school program $600
- Trophy cabinet & honour board $1500 (still in progress)

Montville Businesses Relationships:
Continuing our relationship with local businesses, all businesses who contributed to the school received a laminated Certificate of Appreciation (or framed if over $100). This followed many very generous donations for Volunteer Raffles, the Graduating Memory Bags, offers to host the red donation watering cans, and straight donations. We are again sending out an annual letter to local businesses updating them on the KG program in our school and inviting them to contribute over the year.

Graduating Yr 6 Students: Thank you to Bindi, who helped to gather, sort and distribute gifts for the Graduation Memory Bags. The

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gifts were donated by local business.

Christmas Street Banners: As part of a joint project between Montville Chamber of Commerce, Local Council, the school and the P&C, Corin coordinated the 2nd year of Christmas Street Banners Project. We contributed $600 towards costs of banners.

Services
Tuckshop: Tuckshop has been well received and supported by the school community over the past 12 months. We have just been able to fill our roster. Our system of ordering, including suppliers and payment of invoices is well established and stock levels are regularly monitored. Each week the distribution of order forms is co-ordinated by a volunteer. This, along with signage, has helped to keep our order numbers at a good level, although they have declined slightly.

Overall we have had a successful year providing the students and parents with an alternative to a full packed lunch on Thursdays. Thanks to Maddy for all her efforts, and Agarta who supports her every Thursday.

Uniform Shop: Our local Landsborough polo shirt supplier closed business suddenly, forcing us to find an alternative supplier. This took significant research, and we now source our polo’s from Official Clothing, using only Australian made shirts. Thank you to Vikki for coordinating the Uniform Shop this year, with the added stresses associated with this change. Many thanks to Vivian, and Sammy who have help her on many occasions.

Permaculture Garden: This year the garden program progressed towards the goal of fully utilising the Stephanie Alexander program. Two classes come into the garden each week and participate in various garden activities including a curriculum based component.

So far this program has been well supported by parent volunteers and teachers.

The garden also has a loyal group of parent volunteers who come into the garden each Tuesday to help prepare and maintain the garden beds. We held 1-2 working bees last year, which were a necessary to quickly establish/renew gardens and trees. The petty cash system of $200 a month is usually adequate for expenses. Overall the garden is going along nicely.

Maryanne has done an amazing job in the garden over the last couple of years. She’s retired this year, and handed the responsibility over to Gina. Thank you, Maryanne and Gina, for the invaluable contribution the garden makes to the school and the education of our children.

Markets: We have had a very successful year with the Market Stall at the monthly Montville Markets. Produce from the school garden is sold each month along with donations of coffee beans (courtesy of Montville Coffee), homebaking donations and Obi Obi Olive Oil. The money raised from this stall goes directly towards the petty cash running costs of the school garden. Takings are consistent each month and overheads are extremely low.

Volunteer levels have been low and additional help was required with set-up, running and pack-up of the market stall. More volunteers were sought and we have recently had 2 new volunteers step up to assist. Thanks to Veronica Kirkman and Gina Gower.

The market stall has also been an avenue to promote the SAKGP to the wider community and to sell surplus goods from the program.

The market stall remains a viable fundraising endeavour that demonstrates the sustainability of the school garden. It is also a valuable bridge between the school and our local community.

Friday Afternoon tea: Thank you to all the families who donate afternoon goodies, and Treena who coordinates and runs our lovely Friday afternoon tea treat. And to Anne Grant who is there often than not.

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School Function BBQ’s: The P&C was asked to provide a BBQ for the following school events: Small Schools Volleyball, Inter-house Athletics Day, Art Galley and the End of Year Concert. Each BBQ ran well, and we made a profit of nearly $1.5k overall.

Fundraising
Red Watering Can Donation cans: We have numerous cans scattered through the businesses. Thank you to Alena for monitoring cans and banking when necessary. We keep this money in trust for the sole use for KG.

Grants: Thanks to the support of Geoff & Leigh, we secured a $14k grant with the Heritage Bank to upgrade the front entrance. The work that was made possible by the Gambling Grant money included the improvement of the area under the administration building with the installation of sinks, lighting, and a fresh coat of paint. That job will be complete when the clear blinds are installed before the Easter break.

Bunnings BBQ: These continue to be one of our most profitable ventures, and we thank all who help out for the day. Our great relationship with Howard at Caloundra Bunnings has resulted in the donation of more than $1500 worth of goods. Aren't we fortunate! Thank you so much to Bunnings Caloundra!

High Tea & Hinterland Winter Wedding Expo: In June last year Susan and Corin with many helpers, ran a very successful High Tea Café, which was well received by the community. Due to the huge amount of preparation involved, and the low returns, we have declined to run this in 2016, and will focus on other events.

Festive Tree Event: Each year the MVA ask us to run a free activity at the Festive Tree Event. Thanks to Corin for coordinating this again. We know how much the children and families enjoy it.

Voluntary Contributions: Thanks to the generosity of our families we also raised $750 from voluntary contributions last year.

IGA Maleny CBC: We have received less this past year from the CBC scheme, possibly because new families may not be aware for the program. We will need to keep advertising this opportunity so hopefully more families shopping at Maleny IGA will remember to send their 1c/$1 back to MSS.

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

No classes held in school holidays.