From the Principal ….

2016 School Leaders

Last Friday, our School had the pleasure of welcoming Mal Brough to present our 2016 School Leaders with their Badges. We have a wonderful group of School Leaders in 2016 and we look forward to seeing their growth journey. Already the elected leaders have been showing their leadership skills, being energetic in their planning for their first fundraiser and talking about what they can do for the school in 2016.

Dental Van Update - New Year, GREAT SMILES!!

The Nambour School Dental Service is currently offering free dental check-up appointments to ALL children aged 4 years to year 10, and ALL CDBS eligible patients. No need to wait for the Dental Van.

Please email SC-Nambour-OralHealth@health.qld.gov.au with the subject ‘SCHOOL DENTAL CHECKUPS’ – (include child’s school)

Include your children’s names, date of birth, address, contact phone number, school / year level, and preferred appointment time. (Availability is Mon-Fri 8am – 4pm)

Please provide your name and contact phone number and the friendly staff will arrange appointments and take complete care of your children’s oral health.

Alternatively phone 07 5441 2763

START THE YEAR OFF SMILING! ©
**School News ….**

**Surf Skills and Surf Awareness Program**
Students in year 5 and 6 have been off to Surf Skills for the past two Fridays and have also completed a Surf Awareness Program recently. Surf Skills is an extension of the School’s Swimming and Water Safety Program. All the students attending have been learning about rips, beach safety and personal safety while on the beach.

**District Swimming**
On Thursday Sarah Bradford (Yr 5) participated in the Nambour & Districts Swimming Carnival as a representative of the Small Schools Swim Team. Congratulations on a great swim.

**School Events ….**

**School Photos - Thurs 03 Mar**
The 2016 Montville State School Photographs will be taken by “Portrait Patch” on Thursday 3 March 2016.

By now you should have received a Pre-payment photo envelope that was issued to the youngest student in each family.

There are now 2 ways to order photo packages.

**Option One**: by Credit Card online at: www.portraitpatch.com.au

**Option Two**: by Cash or Cheque
Enclose the correct monetary amount inside the Pre-payment Envelope and complete the relevant details including student’s name and class group. Envelopes must be return to School Office on photo day, thank you!

Please ensure that all students wear their correct uniform on Photo Days.

**Clean up Australia Day - Fri 04 Mar**
Celebrating 25 extraordinary years – the annual Schools Clean Up Day will be on Friday 04 March 2016.

Please come along on Friday the 04 March at 1.45pm. Students will be cleaning up in and around the school grounds.

**Volley Ball Carnival - Fri 18 Mar**
The annual 3 – 6 Small Schools Volley Ball Carnival will be on Friday 18 March on the oval. All parents are welcome to attend and support our school. Our P&C will be holding a BBQ lunch. There will be a BBQ available to the whole school at morning tea. More details are to come regarding the menu.

**Easter RI Events - Wed 23 Mar**
A performance by The Parable People will present the Easter story in an engaging way at a special Easter event to be held at Montville Uniting Church on Wednesday 23 March 2016. Participating children will then be offered a snack and make a small craft item before returning to school. A permission note with more details of the event will be sent home in week 7.

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P&C News…

CURRENT PROJECTS

Funding School Projects
Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our general meeting last Monday. On 9 February 2016 the balances of our Heritage accounts is as follows: cheque account $100, Gambling Grant $4,002, Heritage Grant $14,135, and our rainy day Term Deposit account $10,596. We are expecting to complete the Gambling Grant this term in preparation for winter, and the building of the Heritage Grant front stone gates should commence in Term 2.

Our CBA working account balance was $11,552. We currently have projects with outstanding commitments of $4,000, and core expenses of $5,000 to start the year. We will need to do more fundraising to cover our basic core commitments for the year, as well as any new commitments.

Thank you for Vivian and Peter Edwards for all their hard work preparing the 2015 books for the auditor.

Looking After Our Volunteers
Thank you to our school families and community from whom we have had a fantastic response in nearly filling our Volunteer Roster. The roster will be emailed with this newsletter, and a copy is on the school main noticeboard.

All volunteers to the school (including class, P&C activities, and Kitchen Garden) are required to sign in/out using the office attendance book. This ensures you are covered by insurance, and that your presence at school is known to the office in case of emergency procedures.

As an incentive to remember this, we have a Volunteer Raffle open to all our wonderful volunteers. Each time you sign out in the school office we encourage you to fill in a raffle ticket with your name and number, and place it in the raffle container provided. Prizes are kindly donated by our supportive Montville businesses.

Prize for Term 1 (so far)
1hr Relaxation Massage with Kylie’s Mobile Massage (valued at $70)
Please remember that volunteers are welcome to enjoy a tea or coffee (milk is in the fridge) in the Razorback House kitchen before or after your shift.

Supporting Our Staff
We welcome back all our amazing staff from 2015, and are very happy to have Claire Green back to teach Year 6 as well. Claire has been a long-term Montville State School parent, before she became a teacher here. It is lovely to see her smiling face back among us. We hope you are settling in well!

We thank Geoff and Leigh for their frequent attendance at our P&C meetings. Please know that staff are very much apart of our community and are always welcome to our P&C meetings!

Building Stronger Ties with Montville Businesses
In order to collect public donations to support the continuation of our school’s Kitchen Garden (KG) Program, the P&C have installed many red watering can donation tins in businesses around Montville. Our school displays the KG watering can logo on signs around the perimeter of the school grounds, which provides a lovely link to strengthen and unify our community.

If you’d like a KG watering can installed in your business, please contact the school office, and we’ll get one out to you. Thank you to Alena for your assistance with maintaining these.

As part of our annual point of contact with the local businesses, we’re seeking assistance in posting and following up on our letter of support later in the term. Please contact Kate if you are able to help on 0439 735 585.

Tuckshop (Thursdays wk2-wk9)
Thank you to Madeline McGuire for her tireless efforts to deliver healthy and delicious tuckshop meals every Thursday. Every time you order a meal you are helping your P&C to keep providing valuable services in the school such as Mathletics, family assistance, arts funding to classes, and all the extra programs and equipment we provide throughout the year.

Tuckshop forms go out in hard copy Monday each week (and are available in the office) and we ask that orders be received by the school office by Wednesday morning 9am.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have signed up to help this term.

Uniform Shop (Friday fortnightly)
The Uniform Shop will be open this Friday, 8.30am to 9.30am. If you have any questions, please contact our Uniform Shop Coordinator, Vikki, on 0438 251 971.

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**P&C News …**

**Friday Afternoon Tea**  
Your P&C adds a little smile with afternoon tea served on Friday afternoons after parade. Thank you to all those families who have donated plates of home-baking to the school this year. Each week we ask one year level to donate a plate on Fridays and this really helps to make the afternoon tea interesting, delicious, and ensures there is enough to go around.

Free tea and coffee (thanks to Montville Coffee!) is provided to parents, carers and teachers. If we’re busy serving the hungry kids, please come into the kitchen and help yourself! Small change is always appreciated as we only have a small float each week.

When available, goodies from the Kitchen Garden Program and produce from our Permaculture Garden will be available for sale via an honesty box system.

Thank you to Treena English, and key assistant Anne Grant, and our volunteers who make sure that roller door goes up to bring our school community together every Friday afternoon.

**Notice of P&C Annual General Meeting**  
This year our AGM is on Friday 18 March at 3pm in the Undercover Area after parade. We’d love to have some new faces join the Executive Committee or assist with one of the many coordinator roles. Please call Kate on 0439 735 585 for more information, or see the office for nomination forms.

**FUNDRAISING**  
**Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser**  
Have you noticed how hot it has been in the Undercover area these past few weeks? A few large wall mounted fans would make a great improvement to this space. With profits of $20-$30 each box, a good take up of this would help have them installed as soon as possible.

An invitation has been sent home this week, inviting you to sell 1 or more of the following;  
- Cadbury Fun Box, (50 x 35g mixed Freddo frogs & Koalas, $1ea)  
- The Natural Confectionary (20 x 180-200gm mixed bags, $3ea)  
- Easter Egg Mix Box (20 x 125g bags, $4ea)  
Please return your sign request for boxes asap, so that we can give them out next Monday 29 2.30pm-3.15pm. The money is due back Monday 21 March.

**Amazen Discount**  
Amazen Games gives a 10% discount to Montville State School families, and also gives 10% of the total purchases as a voucher back to the P&C. Please remember to mention that you are from Montville State School. Our strong relationships with local businesses are so important to our school.

**Maleny IGA Community Benefit Club #42518**  
We’ve established a generic CBC (Community Benefits Club) number at Maleny IGA to simplify the process for parents who’d like to contribute their CBC points to Montville State School P&C. They need only quote this number. This is currently on the school notice board. In 2015 we were able to raise over $600.

**Modere**  
We are in the process of setting up a Modere account for the school, where by your P&C will get about 10% of total purchases made, when you shop with this company. Modere sells home and personal care products that some families may be interested in. There will be more information regarding this in the coming weeks.

These are all great opportunities for the P&C to raise money without our families having to buy anything extra.

**Acknowledgements…**  
All this activity wouldn’t be possible without a hardworking team to make it happen.

**A BIG thank you to all of our P&C team for their time and efforts!**  
Thanks also to the many parents who volunteer time, money, food, energy and ideas to make this school such a great place for our children.

P&C President, Kate Beard

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