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Spring is here for the Maleny River School

With over 200 students and 36 staff the River School is an important part of the education facilities in the Maleny area.

The school has been operating in the Maleny area since 1995 and now caters for students from pre-school through to year 7.

On Sunday October 16th the River School is holding their annual Spring Festival. A great day of entertainment is planned starting at 10a.m. and continuing through until about 4p.m.

The day will "kickoff" with a traditional Indigenous Opening Ceremony.

There will be a number of work-

shops conducted throughout the day and there will also be an original film festival.

Younger ones will love the face painting and the crazy hair areas.

Part of the day will feature tours of the school. The school community is keen to show off their new buildings.

To get to the school no need to drive down Bridge Creek Road to get there as there will be a shuttle bus operating regularly from the Maleny Showgrounds.

For further information visit the school web site at <http://www.am-riverschool.org/festival/> or phone the school on 5494 3559. There is a gold coin donation required for entry.

Barung Landcare turns twenty-one

At a gala dinner on October 1st, 2011 at the Maleny Community Centre the Queensland Governor, Her Excellency Penelope Wensley helped volunteers and staff from Barung Landcare celebrate their 21st birthday.

Barung Landcare was established in Maleny in 1989 with a vision to develop ethical solutions for a sustainable future.

She also helped to launch Barung's project to establish an educational resource centre on the Maleny Precinct. This was the official public release of details for this project.

On launching the project, The Governor said, "This is no small vision."

Water bureaucrats receive high pay bonuses

...Do they deserve it

Queensland Premier, Ms Anna Bligh has announced that senior bureaucrats who manage the States Water utilities are to receive high bonuses for their diligent work!

In what was a disasterous year for Queensland's Water Utilities the senior executives received \$723,000 in bonuses.

Following disasters earlier in 2011 the water utilities had to face a judicial inquiry into their actions following flooding of many parts

of Queensland, especially downstream from the Wivenhoe Dam.

Bonus payments were paid in some cases before the results of the interim flood report were announced.

This has caused some consternation in some sections of the community as a result of some actions of the utility management and the ever increasing cost of water to the individual water user.

Mr. Stephen Robertson, Minister

for Water Utilities and Energy said, "The matter of salaries and wages is nothing to do with the government as directors of the various utilities set their own salaries and bonuses."

In the 2011 - 2012 financial year it is expected that the average water bill on the Sunshine Coast, including the Maleny area will rise by at least \$78.00 and substantial price rises will continue on until at least 2014.

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Last chance for Sunshine Coast musicians to score their big break!

Time is running out for unsigned music artists from the Sunshine Coast to enter the Telstra Road to Discovery talent development program.

Local artists looking for their big break in the Australian music industry have until midnight on Sunday, 16 October to enter the career-changing competition.

The Telstra Road to Discovery presents a valuable opportunity for local songwriters and performers from a wide range of music genres, including blues and roots, folk and country, to showcase their talent with industry experts.

Artists will then compete in the Semi-Finals as part of the Sydney Telstra 500 V8 Supercars event entertainment line-up on Saturday 3 December, 2011.

The Top 10 artists will be chosen to progress through to the Final held during the annual Tamworth Country Music Festival in January 2012 where one winning performer and songwriter will be announced.

The Telstra Road to Discovery winning songwriter and performer will each receive a return trip to "global music city" Nashville as part of a 12-month tailored prize package which may also include a studio recording session, domestic and international gigs, co-writing appointments, digital marketing, video production and more. Musicians will also be connected with a network of music industry professionals who can help guide their career onto the right track.

For more details on how to enter go to www.telstra.com/trtd

A Mac is as good as it looks.

Apple recently unveiled the new Apple Thunderbolt Display, the world's first display with Thunderbolt I/O technology and the ultimate docking station for your Mac notebook.



With just a single cable, you can connect a Thunderbolt-enabled Mac to the 27-inch Apple Thunderbolt Display and access its FaceTime camera, high-quality audio and Gigabit Ethernet, FireWire 800, USB 2.0 and Thunderbolt ports.

The new display features a thin aluminium and glass enclosure and includes a MagSafe connector that charges your MacBook Pro or MacBook Air.

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Superannuation under attack from scammers.

The internet is full of scammers just wanting to get their hands on your money and superannuation is one way at the moment that they are able to do that.

There are a number of ways that this is happening, but just one way is by offering to give you early access to your superannuation ('early release'), often through a self-man-

aged super fund and/or for a fee.

Another way is by offering unrealistically high returns on your superannuation.

To avoid being scammed on the internet commonsense is the best defence. If a scheme offers returns that appear too good then you can bet that there is something wrong with the deal.

The "NUT" Award

It matters little what the monetary penalty is or how much education is given there are some drivers who just will not take notice of the road rules. Sometimes this is because they are not aware that road rules change from time to time.

One of our readers suggested that we should have a quick refresher of some of those rules.

The most dangerous thing about travelling in a motor vehicle is still the "NUT BEHIND THE WHEEL".



Mum's favourite Recipes

Pasta with pesto

- enjoy dipping in your cuppa!

Ingredients

- * 2 cups plain flour
- * 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- * 2 egg yolks
- * 2 cups rocket leaves, roughly chopped
- * 1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
- * 1/2 tsp salt
- * 1/4 cup pine nuts or walnuts
- * 3 whole large eggs
- * 1/2 cup parmesan, grated, plus extra to serve
- * 1 tsp salt

Directions

Combine flour and salt in a food processor and pulse a few times to combine. Add eggs and yolks and process until a ball begins to form, about 30 seconds. Add a few drops of water if the dough doesn't form, or one to two teaspoons of flour if it's too wet. Turn dough out of the food processor, sprinkle with a little flour and cover with plastic wrap. Let dough rest for at least 30 minutes at room temperature, or up to 24 hours in the fridge.

To make pesto, add nuts to a dry fry pan over a low heat and toss until light golden and fragrant, then set aside. Combine rocket, garlic, salt and half the oil in a food processor. Blend until it forms a paste, stop the machine and push any leaves down the sides of the bowl. Add remaining oil, nuts and parmesan and blend to combine.

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to the boil. Divide dough into three balls. Using a rolling pin, roll one ball out on a lightly floured surface until it is as thin as possible, about two millimetres thick. Use a metal spatula to run under the sheet, making sure it doesn't stick and adding as little flour as needed to make it workable. Repeat with remaining dough. Cut sheets into six- to eight-centimetre squares. The dough will increase in size when cooked. It doesn't matter if they're a bit rough in shape.

Drop squares into boiling water one at a time, making sure they don't stick together. Cook until al dente, about three minutes. Drain pasta, return it to saucepan and add the desired amount of pesto. Season to taste, toss to combine and serve immediately with extra shavings of parmesan.



How often have you noticed a driver travelling with a pet sitting on his lap? Did you know that "If you carry an animal on your lap while driving a car, or on the petrol tank of your motorcycle, you risk being fined \$233."

Animals are unpredictable and distract drivers and riders. If a dog moves in the vehicle, or becomes agitated in response to some outside influence, the driver risks losing control of the vehicle or motorcycle."

There are however some exceptions that relate to farmers and working dogs crossing roads on motor cycles.

Travel safe now.

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"Statespeare"

Shakespeare has been brought back to life for students and adults in a production called 'Statespeare' – a widely-acclaimed new venture by the youthful and energetic 'shake and stir' theatre co.

'Statespeare' teams up four Year 12 students – two knowledgeable theatre-geeks and two ignorant Shakespeare sceptics – to complete an assignment, titled 'Is the bard still relevant?'

In a clever, lively and amusing piece of theatre, the 'students' make connections to their own experiences of school and relationships.

See 'Statespeare' at the Maleny Community Centre on Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm or Thursday 13th October at 9.30am. Students \$10, Adults \$25, Maleny Arts Council members \$20.

Bookings at the Maleny Bookshop, 41 Maple Street, Maleny tel. 5494 3666 or Joan Benson tel. 5494 2708

For those who have booked to see 'Statespeare', there is also a FREE workshop after the Thursday morning performance.



Maleny RFB Roundup

with

Donna & Norm Lewis
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Education Officers

Prepare, Act, Survive

On going dry conditions, strong & persistent gusty winds and low humidity has increased the Fire Danger Rating~ (FDR) around Queensland.

Locally there has been a number of call outs for the Maleny & District Rural Fire Brigade.

These included a call out to assist Crystal Waters Rural Fire Brigade to Broken Ridge road and then off to Rogers Road, Cambronn to assist Connondale Rurals in containing a fire bordering the State Forrest. The Maleny Brigade were called back to Cambronn on Sunday to give further assistance.

There are many wildfires burning in the state of Qld at this time ~ thankfully no injuries, no loss of life; and structures have been saved at Kingaroy (a very fast moving wildfire) : strike teams from the Sunshine coast also attended.

The duration of this fire season is unknown at this stage so be Prepared, Act & Survive.

Be vigilant and if you are concerned about a fire in your area call triple zero (000) and ask for FIRE.

The QFRS and Rural Fire websites have much information about current fire activity and any warnings issued and also the current FDR for your area.

Also contact details for local Fire Wardens and much much more...



Do you want to buy "Angry Boys" on DVD

Chris Lilley (We Can Be Heroes, Summer Heights High) amps up his acutely observed character-based comedy style in the highly acclaimed mockumentary series Angry Boys. Chris brings to life Daniel and Nathan Sims, identical twins who live on a farm in Dunt, South Australia; Ruth Sims, aka Gran, a prison guard who works at a juvenile justice centre for boys; U.S. rapper S.mouse, who finds himself on house arrest after doing a poo on a police car; former world surfing champion Blake Oakfield, a surf gang leader who lost his balls in a shooting; and Jen Okazaki, domineering mother/manager of her skateboarding champion son and creator of the Gaystyle Enterprises empire.

Over 6 hours of extras! Deleted scenes, bloopers, S.mouse music videos.

To buy this DVD you simply click on this link when connected to the internet and then look for the ABC Shop page logo on the HG Gig Guide web page.

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Truthful Jones Tells... he heard about his neighbour,



Paddy for the first time in many years, an old man travelled from his rural Conondale property to that mighty metropolis, Maleny to attend a movie.

After buying his ticket, he stopped at the nearest cafe to purchase some jaffers.

Handing the attendant \$1.50, he couldn't help but comment, "The last time I came to the movies, jaffers were only 15 cents."

Well, sir, the attendant girl behind the counter of the cafe with a grin, "You're really going to enjoy yourself. We have sound now."

Morale: There are a few things that continually change and that includes a continual rise in the cost of products. The problem is that now that those price rises are coming even quicker.



Maleny Library Coming Events

The 'Headspace meditation for study success' is part of the 'tools for school' series.

Our brain absorbs and retains an ENORMOUS amount of information, soaking it up like a giant sponge, whether we're conscious of it or not. You can enhance the effectiveness of your learned and innate knowledge and retrieve it deliberately whenever you want with tools like meditation.

Author of Headspace: meditate your way to study success, Kristy Rackham will share her practical step by step guides on learning to meditate to ensure success in study and in life.

This programme is for students Grade 9 - University, parents and teachers. It will be held at the Maleny Library on October 20th, 2011 between 4p.m. and 5.30p.m.

This program is a free program, but bookings are essential. The library details are: Maleny Library, 5 Coral Street, Maleny - Phone (07) 5435 3100.



The Musings of an old codger!



There is no doubt that we all need to do more to reduce our carbon footprint, but paying a carbon tax will do very little to make any real volume reduction.

We can see people's resolve to do their bit by counting the number of solar panels going on roofs for a start, not that this is the definitive answer.

Many people have also purchased "green electrical power" at a slightly higher kilowatt hour price.

This also does very little to reduce the impact of carbon upon our atmosphere because polluting industries simply obtain "permits" created by your savings on pollution causing substances and use those permits to support their own polluting ways.

When savings in pollution are made by individuals there needs to be a reduction of the appropriate number of pollution permits available to industry to obtain as in this way an actual decrease can be made in the creation of polluting gases.

Rather than reducing any incentives to reduce the individual's reliance on polluting substances the various levels of government should continue to promote carbon reducing actions such as solar electricity and home insulation.

Simply applying a tax is not good enough - it is simply another way for the government to re-arrange finances and wealth.

We all have to do our bit to solve this problem, but it need not be so painful to our economy.

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LET US FIND OUT A BIT ABOUT OUR SURNAME

Over recent times there has been a resurgence in the popularity of researching ones family history.

Local, Jack Frost of the Irish and Scottish Shoppe which is located in "Connemara Cottage", Montville has already done much of the work on Irish, Scottish and English names.

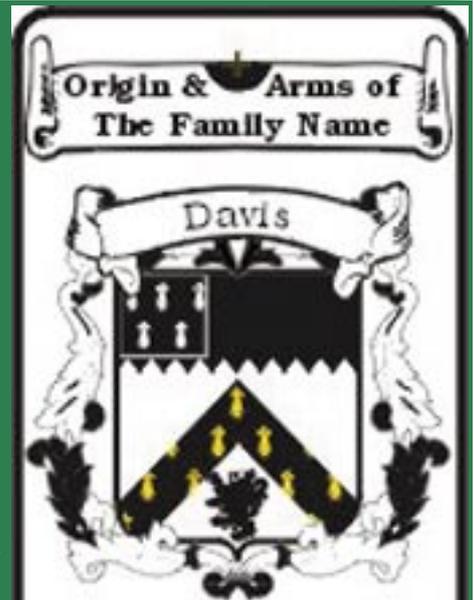
Jack also specialises in supplying Heraldic Family Name products as Keepsakes/Souvenirs or for use at Family Reunions.

As manufacturers, they also provide their range of heraldic products from their workshop in Maleny.

All products can be supplied 'standard' or adapted to include both your family Arms or Clan Badge, with a suitable notation as to details of your Family Reunion, where product so provides.

For further information about your clan his web address is:

<http://www.irishscottishshop.com.au/>



Origin & Arms of
The Family Name

A patronymic name popular in England, Scotland and Wales as 'son of Davy', being a pet form of the given name *David* meaning 'Beloved'. The given name has been perennially popular among Jews, in honour of the biblical king of this name, the greatest of the early kings of Israel. Its popularity in Britain is due to it being the name of the patron saint of Wales (c. 6th cent.), and also the name borne by two kings of Scotland - David I (reigned 1124-53) and David II (reigned 1329-71). Variant spellings of the name include DAVISS, DAVES, DAVYS and DAVIES.

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Do you want to buy "Avenging Eagle" on DVD

A kung fu fighter and a swordsman team up against a clan. Stars Ti Lung, Fu Sheng

One of a band of thirteen marauding killers deserts his gang after a particularly unpleasant massacre.

The other twelve gang members search for the deserter, never letting him rest. He gains assistance from a wanderer on the road, and finally decides to target the leader of his former gang--a man who also happens to have raised him from birth.

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Lawyer Street Businesses

Don't forget that there are a number of businesses in Lawyer Street, Maleny who offer products and services.

To find out more visit the web sit: www.hinterlandgrapevine.com then click on the link on the right hand side of the page.

Life on earth is easier for some than others!

....a little bit of hope goes a long way

Director of the Ebenezer orphanage in Zambia, Mrs Ranji Chandra said recently, "Life on earth is not always easy and neither is it fair." She was describing the pressures placed on many of the women and children in Zambia.

The burden of living falls on many women bringing up small children. Often the mothers also fall ill and die or become overwhelmed by the day to day pressures of life living under such pressure that they run off leaving the children to fend for themselves.

This is where the Ebenezer Orphanage has been working to give some sense of purpose to the lives of those orphaned or destitute young people.

In Zambia these people do not have the safety net of welfare payments available to them to provide the necessities of life as we do in Australia.



Perhaps this is one reason why we see so many people coming illegally to Australia by boat. This flow of people will not be stemmed until they too can see that they have some purpose and security to living.

If only these young children had some chance in life and some hope for a future where they could live a life with a reasonable standard of living, nothing more than we hope for our own children.

Can we turn a blind eye? Can we pretend not to see and feel?

You too can do your bit to help out. Friends of Ebenezer and the Sunshine Coast Youth Orchestra are holding a concert on Sunday October 23rd at 1.30p. m. at the Maleny High School Activity Centre. Also entertaining will be the Buderim Male Choir and the Talara Primary College Dance Group.

During afternoon tea-time there will be a floral display by members of the Maleny Garden Club.

The funds raised will be sent to the Ebenezer Childcare Trust in Livingstone Zambia which is taking care of 405 orphaned and vulnerable children.

Tickets are adults \$20.00, concession card holders - \$15.00 and children \$5.00. They are available at the Maleny Newsagency or through Lenore Burton on 5429 6194, so get yours now and go along and have a great afternoon of music.



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To apply simply lightly sand the surface that is to be painted.

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Dry Erase is designed for creating dry erase surfaces on walls, doors, cabinet doors, toy chests, storage containers, etc. in kid's rooms, kitchens, offices, laundry rooms, garages or anywhere else you need to do that.

As with normal white boards use white board pens which are readily available. To clean off simply use a cloth and some methylated spirits and the task is done.

The Dry Erase Paint kit is now available at Maleny Paint Place, 6/14 Lawyer Street, Maleny.

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This week with Peter Slipper M.P.

Fisher Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open for the Fisher Community Australia Day Awards 2012.

This is the 13th annual holding of the awards, which were started in 2000 by me to provide an opportunity to recognise those who work to make a positive difference in their community.

Nominations can be made for a variety of endeavours, from community services, industry and commerce, the arts and sport.

Nominees will also be considered for the prestigious Fisher Citizen of the Year, the Fisher Junior Citizen of the Year and the Wortley Youth Encouragement Award. Community Organisations can be nominated for the Des Scanlan Memorial Award.

Nominations for this award are open to all community organisations doing valuable, and often unrecognised, work in the Fisher electorate. Nomination forms are available from my office or by phoning 07-5444 4888. Nominations close on 16 December.

New Stamps

With Stamp Collecting Month being commemorated by Australia Post, it has released a Mythical Creatures stamp series.

The series includes five 60c stamps and one \$1.20 stamp, each featuring mythical creatures, including a

fairy, troll, mermaid, griffin, unicorn and a dragon.

Included in this stamp issue is an Australian first, a special effect 3D minisheet. The 3D minisheet comes with viewing glasses and is housed in a special stamp pack complete with a standard minisheet.

The stamps and associated products are available from Australia Post retail outlets, via mail order on 1800 331 794 and online at www.auspost.com.au/scm while stocks last.

Discussion on classification scheme

A discussion paper has been released for the Australian Law Reform Commission's National Classification Scheme Review.

The review aims to develop options for making sure the classification system is able to keep up with developments in technology and the increasing availability of global media content.

For details, visit: www.alrc.gov.au

Highway widening

This wishing to sign my petition calling for the widening of the Bruce Highway between Caboolture and the Sunshine Coast to six lanes can sign it at my office at Buddina or at the office of Andrew Powell MP at Maleny.

Down south now out of step with Queenslanders.

Don't forget that Queensland is now the only state that follows real time as other states now follow daylight saving time.

NSW, Victoria, the ACT and Tasmania have moved from AEST to AEDT, while SA and the NSW town of Broken Hill have moved from ACST to ACDT.

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