Dear Parents

S&P
Isabel – for being a wonderful role model and a lovely friend

LLs
Jeremy – for his excellent listening skills and always trying his best

PJs
Finley – for his great behaviour and super organisational skills
Lara – for displaying great organisational skills and an excellent effort in the classroom

MACS
Zenaya - for being so focussed and conscientious in class.
Jake – for excellent listening, excellent attitude and excellent concentration.

January
4th Teleisha
6th Izac
11th Ethan
12th Olivia
16th Dee
17th Andrew
19th Jordan
20th Austin
24th Scarlett
25th Kimberly
27th Lauchlan

February
1st Kye

TUCKSHOP RETURNS ON TUESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY.

It’s back! Tuckshop returns this coming Tuesday, 11 February.
Please place orders in the box outside tuckshop by before 9:00am on Tuesday.

If anyone is interested in helping, (and we do need helpers), please phone Natalie on 0438142313. Or, pop in to say hello to Natalie on Tuesday.

MENU
Sandwiches –
Vegemite/jam $2.00
Egg & lettuce/Cheese & tomato $2.50
Salad $3.00
Chicken & salad $4.00

Salads –
Small salad $3.00
Small chicken salad $3.50

Large chicken salad $5.00

Hot Food –
Mini ham & pineapple pizza $1.60
Mini pie $0.70
Mini sausage roll $0.70
Chicken nuggets x 3 $1.00

Other items/afternoon tea –
Yoghurt tub/muesli crunch $2.00
Fruit salad/Choc custard cup $2.00
Packet chips $1.00
Choc chip muffin $1.00
Fruit popper $1.00
Milk popper (choc/straw) $1.50
Ice stick (N/A afternoon tea) $0.50

Please order afternoon tea in separate bag.
Hot food not available for afternoon tea.
All other items are available at the counter.

AFTER SCHOOL GATES - THANK YOU!
A big thankyou to everyone, (parents and students), for taking the time and care to use the correct exit gates over the past week. If car travellers can use the gate near the tennis courts and leave the bus gate for bus travellers, we make a potentially dangerous time of the day that little bit safer.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE RETURNS THIS FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY.
SAUSAGE SIZZLE IS ON EVERY FRIDAY with sausages and Home Brand ice blocks.
Sausage and bread $1.20
Ice block $1
Sausage and ice block deal $2
Volunteer BBQ chefs needed from 10.35am-12:00 pm.

Kaz Field has kindly offered to organise a roster for volunteer sausage sizzle cookers. The sausage sizzle has made an enormous difference to the cost of our camps over the years. I have no doubt that we’ve had children able to attend camp because of the reduction in costs provided by sausage sizzle funds.
If you can find time to roll some sausages around a hotplate on the odd Friday, please contact Kaz on 41559999 so that a roster can be drawn up. Kaz will be at parade tomorrow, Friday, to explain what’s involved and sign you up to help us out.

A big thankyou to Kaz Field for being our co-ordinator for yet another year.
MY NEWSLETTER DIDN’T COME HOME!!

We try to get a newsletter out every week. However, it’s surprisingly difficult to produce a newsletter and there will be days, (like yesterday), when it simply won’t happen. So please don’t panic when the newsletter doesn’t arrive.

Some children also experience “problems” getting a newsletter from school to home. Our website, http://www.sharonss.eq.edu.au, has a link to our latest newsletter if delivery is an issue for you. If you’re really desperate for reading material, you can also download earlier newsletters from the year. However, my preferred method of getting the newsletter out is to email it.

Why?
1/. It saves enormous amounts of time.  
   • We have had waits of up to 20 minutes for the newsletter to make it out of the photocopier from the time I’ve pushed “print” on my computer.
   • Paper jams, (at the worst possible time), take time to unravel and that wait time can be even longer.
2/. Students don’t need to wait back, because of the above-mentioned printing delays, to collect newsletters. If needed, I can send the newsletter out after school.
3/. It saves paper, (pretty obvious really), which, in turn, saves the school money.
4/. We know it gets home to you.

If you’d like our newsletter emailed to you, please email me with “newsletter email” in the subject heading. Please keep in mind that, if I email a newsletter to you, I won’t be sending it out with “newsletter email” in the subject heading.

STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

149 students are currently enrolled at our school. This is the largest enrolment in the history of our little school. Education Queensland waits until they have Day 8, (which is today!), enrolment figures before they can make decisions on staffing. With 149 students, we comfortably hold onto our 6 classroom teachers for 2014. With this in mind, our staffing arrangements will be as follows:

Classroom
“Salt & Preppers” – Mrs Wendy Searle
“Lester’s Learners” – Mrs Michelle Lester
“PJs” - Mrs Janette Puie & Miss Shona Philp (replacing Mr John Galea who is on leave)
“Macs” - Mr Tony McGovern & Mrs Catriona James-McGovern
Internal Teacher Relief – Miss Rachael Atkinson (replacing Mrs Wendy McDonnell who is on leave)

Support Staff
Learning Support Teacher - Mrs Jane Gray
Teacher Aides - Mrs Sue Arkell, Mrs Margaret Pippia and Mrs Janette McDonnell
Administrative Officer - Mrs Sharon Stapleton
Cleaners – Mrs Cheryl Pearce and Mrs Helen Wendt
Groundsman - Mr Athol Keys
Visiting Physical Education Teacher – Miss Kelbie Orreal
Visiting Music Teacher – Mr Chris Arnold
Visiting Guidance Officer – Mr Alan Bowmaker
Visiting Technology Teacher – Mrs Kerry Rayner
Visiting Support Teacher Special Needs – Mrs Shirley Halpin.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

The teachers have set time aside for parent information sessions.

The aim of these sessions is to inform parents of expectations to do with such issues as homework and classroom routines. All parents are very welcome, but the session will be especially valuable to new parents.

Lester’s Learners on Tuesday, 11 February starting at 5:00 pm
PJs on Wednesday, 12 February starting at 5:15 pm
Macs on Thursday, 13 February at 5:30 pm. (Great chance to stay around for our P&C AGM which will follow at 7:00 pm)

Mrs Searle, from the Salt ‘n’ Preppers, held an information session last year. However, you’re more than welcome to drop in to see her at any time to clarify expectations and routines.

ROAD WORKS – SHARON SCHOOL ROAD TO GRAHAMS ROAD

A new footpath is to be constructed along Sharon Road which will start from where the current Asphalt section ends and continue down to Grahams Road.

BOOK CLUB

Thankyou to all who made purchases through book club last year. The library received many free books due to your purchases. The first issue of book club brochures for 2014 has been sent home.

Orders are due back at school by Wednesday, 19th February.

Please allow one week after this date for delivery. For those parents who are new to the school, you can pay online and record your receipt number on the brochure with your order. Those paying by cheque must make the cheque payable to Sharon State School. Payments in cash are also acceptable. All order to be returned to the secure boxes in your child’s classroom.

HANDWRITING CERTIFICATE WINNERS

We’ve received certificates for children who impressed the judges in last year’s Bundaberg Year 4 Handwriting Competition. Congratulations to the following students:

Certificate of Merit: Mitchell Green and Emily Hansen
Highly Commended: Olivia Scott
Second Prize: Alex Wondrock

Mitchell, Emily, Olivia and Alex will be presented with their certificates on parade tomorrow, Friday, 7 February.
Come One Come All…

Our AGM will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday, 14th February.

All positions will be declared vacant and we will need to fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The general monthly meeting for February will follow the AGM immediately.

Hobbitfarm Family Day Care
Where learning is fun
Affiliated with Gin Gin Family Day Care.

Contact: Lisa Russell
15 Katrina Crescent
South Kolan
Phone: 4157 7531 or Gin Gin: 4157 3776
hobbitfarm@optusnet.com.au

Business Cards available at the Sharon School Office on the front counter.

Bundaberg BMX Club Inc. - National Sign on Day
The Bundaberg BMX Club is holding a National Sign on Day (Come & Try Day) on Sunday, 23 February 2014 from 9am to 12pm.

The upcoming National Sign On Day is an excellent opportunity for anyone who is interested in BMX to try the sport for free.

You will just need to bring your bike, a full face helmet, long sleeve shirt, long pants, gloves & shoes

There is a showbag for all who attend, so come along and have a fun day out at your local BMX Club

For more information contact Ian Lenkeit on 0421 314 042 or Natasha Rupert on 0435 863 209

BOYS TOUCH 2014

Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for boys to attend the 2014 boys Touch Trials.

EVENT - Boys Touch Trials
ELIGIBILITY – Boys born 2001 or 2002
TRIAL DATE – Feb 14, Feb 15
TIME – 4:00pm – 5:30 p.m.
WHERE – Bundaberg Touch Association grounds
WHAT TO BRING - school sports uniform; touch shoes & socks; hat/cap; sunscreen; water bottle
and completed Zone nomination form

**TRAINING** – dates will be confirmed to players upon selection in the team.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE** - Boys touch is an extremely popular zone sport. Please send only those boys who display a high level of skill and have a good understanding of the game. Keep in mind we are only selecting one team of 12 players.

**NOMINATIONS** - Please nominate through your school. Do not just turn up on the day. Your school will email names through so that selection sheets can be done ahead of the day. This will save valuable time on the first day.

All boys must bring along a completed Zone Nomination Form to the trials.

David Bonser - Boys Touch Coach
Gooburrum State School 4159 9296

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**BUNDABERG ZONE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT**

Girls TOUCH 2014

Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for Girls to attend the 2014 girls Touch Trials.

**EVENT** - Girls Touch Trials

**ELIGIBILITY** – Girls born 2001 or 2002

**TRIAL DATE** – Feb 14, Feb 15

**TIME** – 4:00pm – 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE** – Bundaberg Touch Association grounds

**WHAT TO BRING** - school sports uniform; touch shoes & socks; hat/cap; sunscreen; water bottle and completed Zone nomination form

**TRAINING** – dates will be confirmed to players upon selection in the team.

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE** - Girls touch is an extremely popular zone sport. Please send only those girls who display a high level of skill and have a good understanding of the game. Keep in mind we are only selecting one team of 12 players.

**NOMINATIONS** - Please nominate through your school. Do not just turn up on the day. Your school will email names through so that selection sheets can be done ahead of the day. This will save valuable time on the first day.

Please ensure all girls bring along a completed Zone Nomination Form to the trials.

Greg Kruger - Girls Touch Coach
Norville State School 4132 6333

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**Bundaberg Zone School Sport (Swimming)**

Once again it is that time for the Bundaberg’s elite swimmers to nominate for the 2014 Queensland Primary Schools Championships which will be held at Chandler Aquatic Centre, Brisbane over 3 days. (Sunday 24 to Tuesday 26 March)

As in past years, selection in the Wide Bay Regional Team is gained by submitting times swum in the 50m pool in a QSA sanctioned meet. When times are submitted, they must be verified by printouts from Meet Manager and then stamped and signed by the club’s secretary or record keeper. If this procedure is not followed, times will not be accepted.

Swimmers must be born in 2001, 2002 or 2003. Times need to have been swum in the current 2012/2014 season.

**Nominations close on Tuesday 19 February 2014 at 3 pm at St Luke’s Anglican School Administration Office.**

After our Zone’s nominations are sorted and checked, they will be sent to the Regional Sports Office where a Wide Bay Team will be selected by a panel. Successful swimmers will be notified through their schools by Justin Lane – Regional Sports Officer.

As is the case for touch, nominations are to be submitted through the school. Please see me if you are interested in nominating for the Wide Bay Regional Team.