Dear Parents,

S&P
Katee - for her neat work and for always being on task
Kandese - for her attentive listening and for always doing the right thing

PS
Zaidee - for her improved listening and organisational skills
Ruby - for always being organised, both in and out of the classroom, and being a fantastic helper

LL
Brooke - for positive participation in classroom discussions and remembering manners

MACS
Emmy - for consistently giving her best effort and showing terrific behaviour.
Mitchell G - For his positive approach to all that he does both in and out of the classroom.

February
21st – Connor, Hayley
22nd – Travis
23rd – Noah, Zaidee, Ruby

DATES TO REMEMBER
17th Feb Tuckshop Begins for 2015
18th Feb NewsMail Prep Photo – 9:00 am
3rd April Salt ‘n’ Preppers Information Session
4th April Good Friday
5th April Easter Monday
6th April Easter Saturday
7th – 19th April Easter Holidays
20th April Term 2 Begins
25th April Anzac Day

SCHOOL PARKING AREAS

Last week, I spent a considerable amount of time checking on the success of our change of exit gates policy after school.

While the gates appear to be going well, I couldn’t help but notice a return of an old problem of cars parking, (and waiting to park), in the “2 Minute Maximum Loading Zone”. We used to also have a problem with cars parking in the bus zone. However, I saw no evidence of that.

The “2 Minute Maximum Loading Zone”, otherwise known as a “Drop-off Zone” or “Drop & Go Zone”, is an extra 3 car section which is intended to be used as a quick and safe place to drop kids off before school when cars come in dribs and drabs. It’s close to the school gate and, because cars turn up over a wide range of time, congestion is rarely a problem.

Using this “drop-off zone” is not as safe an option after school when we have many cars arriving and leaving at the same time.

Having said that, I’m convinced that, when used properly, the 2 minute “drop and go” zone can actually help achieve safer exit conditions after school.

So How Do We Use “Drop & Go” Properly?
Before school is relatively simple because there’s not such a crush of children and cars all at the one time. However, please:
• Have your child(ren) ready to exit your vehicle.
• Move to the front of the queue to prevent blocking another car or tempt a following car to overtake you. (they could run into a child getting out on the driver’s side if this happens).
• Only allow your child to exit on the “school side” of the car.
• Under no circumstances, should you stop and leave your car in the “Drop and Go” Zone. If you wish to park, use one of the many parking spots available a few metres away.

After school is potentially more difficult and, therefore, dangerous because all of our “car families” are turning up at the same time.

If you’re planning on using the “Drop and Go” Zone, please:
• Think about planning your arrival time to pick up after 3:05 pm. After all, the dismissal bell rings at 3:00 pm. By the time we get kids out of the room in an orderly fashion, they pack their bags, get a drink & say something to a friend, they’re unlikely to make it to the gate right on 3:00. In the perfect world, the “Drop and Go” Zone should be empty at 3:00
• If, after 2 minutes, your child is not at the gate to be picked up, move off and find a safe unoccupied spot to turn around and try again. (Alternatively, just park your car in one of the car parks.)
• Only allow your child to enter from the “school side” of the car.
• As is the case with “Before school” use, under no circumstances, should you stop and leave your car in the “Drop and Go” Zone. If you wish to park, use one of the many parking spots available a few metres away.

After asking around, I’ve found that the “Drop and Go” Zone is a problem for many schools. It shouldn’t be.

Leaving any legalities aside, (I’m not about to “book” anyone), please understand that, by parking in the “Drop and Go” Zone any longer than 2 minutes, you are
contributing to a chain reaction which makes our after school collection more dangerous for our children. We’ll never make after school perfectly safe but, for the sake of a little inconvenience, we can make it safer.

HEAD LICE

We’ve had our first reported case of head lice for the year.

Yesterday, the eldest child in each family was given a “Managing Head Lice at Home Package”. This is a comprehensive information booklet put out by Queensland Health & Education Queensland.

Please take the time to read through the booklet and check family members for signs of head lice. The booklet refers to a “head lice support volunteer”. We will not be using a support volunteer at Sharon.

Recipe One
Into a spray bottle put 120 mL of water. Then add
- 1 tablespoon of hair conditioner (this must go in first)
- 20 drops of tea tree oil
- 20 drops of lavender oil
- 20 drops of rosemary oil
- 1 small teaspoon of white vinegar

Shake this together really well. You will also need to shake the bottle before each use. Spray into wet or dry hair – particularly around the ears and nape of the neck.

Recipe Two
In a spray bottle mix
- 30 drops of tea tree oil
- 20 mL of vinegar
- 1 tablespoon of conditioner
- 500 mL of water

Spray on hair daily as a preventative.

SALT ‘N’ PREPPERS INFORMATION SESSION
Parents of children in the Salt ‘n’ Preppers classroom are invited to a Parent Information Session this Wednesday, 18 February from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

CHATTER MATTERS. NEW “SPEAK” APP
The SPEAK, (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge), oral language app has been developed by the department as a joint initiative with Queensland Health and Redland City Council to help develop children’s speaking and listening ability. SPEAK is for anyone who wants the best start in life for their child and provides a fun, convenient way to make chatter matter. The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.

SCHOOL RULES
Our school has identified the following 3 overriding school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour. They’re all based on the idea of “caring”.
- Care for yourself
- Care for others
- Care for your environment

Caring for others can be as simple as respecting others’ property and personal space.

SMILE AWHILE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE IS ON EVERY FRIDAY
with sausages and Home Ice Cream.
Sausage and bread $1.20
Ice block $1.00
Sausage and Ice Block deal $2.00

Roster – Term 1
February
20th – Sue-Anne
If you can find time to roll some sausages around a hotplate on the odd Friday, please contact Sue-Anne or our office so you can be added to the roster.

BOOK CLUB
Thank you to those parents who support the book club. We receive reward points for the school from your purchases. This enables us to buy books and other resources for the school. Brochures for book club issue no. 1 have gone home. Orders are due back at school by Wednesday, 18th February. Please allow one week after that date for delivery.

If you can find time to roll some sausages around a hotplate on the odd Friday, please contact Sue-Anne or our office so you can be added to the roster.

Kind regards,

Our AGM was held last Thursday 12th February. We would like to extend a huge thankyou to the departing Executive for all their hard work during the past year.

We would also like to welcome the new Executive for 2015:

President Sue-Anne Eland
Vice President Mark Lavender
Treasurer Natalie Calder
Secretary Sharon Stapleton
Tuckshop Convenors: Leonie Jacobs & Chantal Anderson

Girls and Boys Softball Trials – 2015
Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for GIRLS and BOYS to attend the 2015 Bundaberg Zone 10-12 years old Softball Trials.

TRIAL DATES: Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 February, 2015.
TIME: 3.30 – 5.00pm
WHERE: Bundaberg Softball Grounds, Claytons Road
WHAT TO BRING: School sport uniform and or knickerbockers, glove, hat, water bottle, sunscreen. ZONE NOMINATION FORM signed by the nominating teacher.

A TEAM OF 12 GIRLS and 12 BOYS will be selected to attend the WIDE BAY REGIONAL TRIALS IN BUNDBERG on TUESDAY 24th and WEDNESDAY 25th March, 2015.

From the Regional Trials a WIDE BAY BOYS TEAM (State carnival 28 August - 30 August, in Bundaberg) and a WIDE BAY GIRLS TEAM (State carnival 10-14 September, Toowoomba) will be selected.

TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE:
Parents and teachers are urged to use discretion when sending students to these trials. Please send students who have good throwing, catching, eye hand coordination and hitting action. Children involved with weekend fixtures or who have displayed a strong athletic ability level and interest in softball are worth sending.

For further information or to advise of a player who is interested in attending these trials but for some reason is unable to attend, please contact:
Di Phillips
Bargara State School
41 505333 or 0413605403

Girls and Boys Touch 2015
Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for boys and girls to attend the 2015 Touch Trials.

EVENT - Touch Trials
ELIGIBILITY –born 2003 or 2004
TRIAL DATE – March 5/6
TIME – 3:45 pm – 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.

TEACHERS & PARENTS PLEASE NOTE - touch is an extremely popular zone sport. Please send only those players 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 for girls and boys. However, highly talented athletes interested in trialling for touch are also welcome.

NOMINATIONS-Please nominate the names of boys from your school to the email below so selection sheets can be done ahead of the day saving valuable time on the first day.

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

Greg Kruger - Boys Touch Coach
E-mail – gkrug4@eq.edu.au

Cherida Mason – Girls Touch Coach
E-mail – cmaso32@eq.edu.au

Marcus Lister – Boys and Girls Manager
E-mail – mlist4@eq.edu.au

PUBLIC NOTICES

AFL Bundaberg Juniors Sign On Day
Friday 27 February

5 – 7pm at the following clubs:
Across The Waves Brothers Club
22 Clayton Road Faircloth Cres
Thabeban Bundaberg

We would love to see you and your family join one of our AFL clubs this season. Make some new friends and learn new skills. Registrations for Auskick to Under 13’s.

For more information please contact the junior secretary Sonya on 0439 746 683 or email aflbjinc@gmail.com

Piano Lessons
by Denise, at Burnett Downs, Sharon

Qualifications:
- Trinity college of music London, Grade V111 certificate. (higher local)
- Teaching classical, modern, also theory, from beginners to intermediate grades.

Reasonable rates - for more information please phone Denise on 4155 9493.

ACROSS THE WAVES
AFL SIGN ON

When: Friday 27 February 2015, 5pm – 7pm
Where: ATW Clubhouse - Frank Coulthard Oval, Claytons Road, Thabeban

Do you love your AFL? Are you looking for an affordable, fun and friendly club for your family to join? If YES Across the Waves AFL Club may be for you! Come along to the Club Sign on day where club representatives will be available to answer your questions.

For more information please email atwaf@gmail.com or contact Wendy O’Keefe (Secretary) - 0402 912 242

CITIES HOCKEY CLUB

“COME AND TRY” TRAINING SESSIONS

Looking for a new sport this year – hook into hockey.

Cities Hockey Club invites all new players ages 6 to 16 to join our current juniors for training and a hockey game at our “Come and Try” training afternoons.

Dates: Tuesday 10th and Tuesday 17th February, 2015
Time: 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Where: Bundaberg Hockey Fields Hinkler Park
Cnr Thornhill St and Hinkler Ave
(Just off the northern end of the Tullion Bridge)

What to Bring: Hat, long socks and water bottle (Hockey sticks and shin pads will be available to borrow)

For more information please email our Club Secretary: citieshockey@hotmail.com