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Our Facebook page is used to get quick and/or interesting messages out to our parents.

Dear Parents,

S&P
Toby – for identifying and creating his own rhyming words
Noah – for being a role model for others with his concentration and listening

PS
Edan F – for working hard in class and being a wonderful friend
Imogen – for taking such great care of Ronnie
Riley – for great improvement in Mad Minute

LL
Porter – for being an organised learner

MACS
Lara – for her positive contributions both in and out of the classroom.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club Issue 2 went home last week and is due back to school on Wednesday 9 March.

GIN GIN DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
The date for the Gin Gin District Cross Country is Friday, 22 April, (2nd week of Term 2). This is not a day for anyone to come “if they feel like it”.

Firstly, students must be born in 2006, 2005 or 2004 to be eligible to compete. Secondly, they must be in training for the event. They should be able to run a time at school to convince me that they are serious about competing and not just going up to Gin Gin to walk around the school.

Students hoping to compete in the Bundaberg District Cross Country must qualify through the Gin Gin Cross Country

“CARING” v “CARRYING” FOR YOUR CHILD
This article was adapted from a transcript from Channel 13, New York, a few years ago. It’s printed here because of the message. It’s not my article – but I wish it was. It’s certainly food for thought.

We see many parents carrying bags for kids or hear them taking blame for when homework is not finished. We’re constantly engaged in conversations with parents who say, “I’m sorry. It’s my fault. I never asked him/her if he had homework.”

We all know a large percentage of students who succeed in school have parents who are involved in their academics. However, is it possible to be too involved in your child’s academics? The answer is . . . yes!

We clean our child’s bedroom, pick up their clothes from the floor, do all of their laundry, solve disputes between our child and a friend, and then take the blame if they forget to do their homework. Sometimes we want so much to be involved in our child’s lives that we end up “carrying” our kids instead of “caring” for them. As a result, they don’t learn how to be responsible for themselves. The following are a few rules that can help prevent you from “carrying” your child.

Rule One: Don’t do anything for your children that they can do themselves. Children should:
✔ Pick up the mess in their bedroom.
✔ Have chores they need to be responsible for.
✔ Work out their problems on their own first. If they still need help after that, then intervene.
✔ Do their homework on their own, and be responsible for it. If they have homework, make sure they follow through on the responsibility.
✔ Check it after they’re done.
✔ If they decide not to do it, let them deal with the consequences at school. They may not make the same mistake twice.

March
3rd – Skyla, Fletcher
4th – Toby
5th – Noah F
6th – Hermione
9th – Indiana

March
16 Mar Macs’ ‘Sound of Music’ trip to Brisbane
24 Mar DATE CHANGE – Dress Like a Farmer Day
Gold Coin Donation for the Farmers
See P&C Newsletter for details
25 Mar Term 1 Ends
11 Apr Term 2 Starts
22 Apr Gin Gin District Cross Country
**Rule Two:** Praise your children when they show responsibility.
- **Statistic:** For every one positive comment, a child hears ten negatives.
- Children can never hear that you love them enough. Let them know it every day.
- No need to buy them a gift for completing a chore. A nice comment is enough.

**Rule Three:** (Blame Game)
Don't blame yourself if your child neglects a responsibility. It's easier said than done, but you are only responsible for your responsibilities.
It's important for you to step out of the blame and step into helping your child find their own way out of their own struggles.

**Rule Four:** You're the role model.
If you take responsibility for your actions, your child will, over time, start taking responsibility for theirs.

*It is very important to be involved in your child's education. Just make sure you're not so involved that you are "carrying" them.*

Think about when your child learnt to walk. Yes, there were times when you "supported" them and there were also times when they found a way to support themselves. You didn't pick them up and carry them the whole time. If you did, you would have saved them from a few bumps and crashes. But you would also have denied them the opportunity of learning from their little mistakes – you would have stopped them, (through kindness), from learning how to walk! Learning from our mistakes is what made us better adults. Your children should have the same chances to learn from their mistakes as we did.

**MATHLETICS 100% CLUB**
Students in the Macs for maths are set a Mathletics task each week. While we try to set the task at the ability level of each student, it takes a lot of concentration & determination to pick up a perfect score. Congratulations to the following students who did exactly that:

Religious Instruction at Sharon School is non-denominational which means that each class is taught from a workbook provided by Bundaberg Co-Operative Religious Instruction Working Committee for each year level and not for each particular religion.

Lesson workbooks are provided at a cost of $5 per child or $10 per family. As it was not included in the book lists, all families of children in the Salt and Preppers and Proud Scholars are asked to make a payment. All the funds go directly to the Bundaberg Co-operating Religious Instruction Working Committee. As the levy is voluntary, we don't bill families.

Any shortfall in funds is met by this committee. Payment is requested by end of Term 1, Thursday 24 March. If you do NOT wish your child to attend Religious Instruction classes then please notify Sharon in the Office to update your child’s file.

**WORKBOOK COST PER CHILD $5, PER FAMILY $10 DUE BY 24 March.**

Please place money in a school collection envelope marked with your name/names and “Religious Education” and place it in your classroom collection box.

**HOT DOG THURSDAY**
Every Thursday is Hot Dog Day.
$2.00 per hot dog. No ice-block deals.

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY**
Sausage Sizzle is on every Friday and money is collected in the classrooms. Students are able to purchase a sausage on bread with sauce for lunch and a Home Ice Cream for afternoon tea.
- Sausage and bread $1.20
- Ice block $1.00
- Sausage and Ice Block Deal $2.00

**Roster – Term 1**
- 4th Mar Hayley Lerch
- 11th Mar Vanessa Brewer
- 18th Mar

We are looking for other parents who would like to add their names to the roster for this year. 10:45am until 12:00pm to cook sausages and help serve to students. Please contact Sharon via email sstap26@sharonss.eq.edu.au or phone the office 4130 9222 if you can spare a Friday morning.

We use the bulk of our sausage sizzle funds to subsidise the cost of our camps and excursions. I know for a fact that quite a few children would not have attended school camp at all were it not for the assistance of sausage sizzle funds. This year is Camp Year!

**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 your environment can be as simple as recycling food scraps into the chook bucket.

By Riley
GIRLS and BOYS TOUCH 2016
Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for boys and girls to attend the 2016 Touch Trials.

EVENT - Touch Trials

ELIGIBILITY – born 2004 or 2005 (exceptional 2006 players)

TRIAL DATE – March 4/11

TIME – 3:45 pm – 5:30 p.m.

WHERE – Bundaberg Touch Association grounds

WHAT TO BRING - school sport 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 - 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 and 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

Danya Manteit – Girls Touch Coach
E-mail – dlnus0@eq.edu.au

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

GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL TRIALS – 2016
Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for GIRLS and BOYS to attend the 2015 Bundaberg Zone Basketball Trials.

TRIAL DATES: Tuesday 1 March and Thursday 3 March, 2016.

TIME: 4.00 – 5.30pm

WHERE: Bundaberg Basketball Stadium

ELIGIBILITY: Girls and Boys born 2004, 2005, 2006 (only exceptional 10 yr olds) No 13 yr olds are eligible

WHAT TO BRING: School sport uniform, 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 HERVEY BAY on Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 April, 2016.

From the Regional Trials a WIDE BAY GIRLS TEAM and a WIDE BAY BOYS TEAM (State Carnival 02-05 June in Mackay) will be selected.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Coaches and Teachers are urged to use discretion when sending students to these trials. Children involved with club fixtures or have displayed strong ability level in the school competition are worth sending.

A player who is interested in attending these trials but for some reason is unable to attend should contact:

Di Phillips
Bargara State School
41 505333.
GIRLS AND BOYS GOLF TRIALS 2016

Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for GIRLS and BOYS to attend the 2016 Wide Bay Golf Trials.

WIDE BAY TRIAL DATES: Monday 21st March 2016

TIME: Registration 9.00 am.
Tee times from 9.15 to 10.00 am

WHERE: Isis Golf Club, Goodwood Road, Childers


EQUIPMENT: All players are expected to have their own clubs.
Primary Players – 9 holes
Primary students must provide Golf Link number and AGU handicap to participate at State Championships.

A TEAM OF UP TO 4 GIRLS and 4 BOYS from the students nominated will be selected to represent the BUNDABERG ZONE at the WIDE BAY REGIONAL TRIALS IN CHILDERS on Monday 21st March.

From the nominations entered a WIDE BAY TEAM (State Championships 17 – 20th July, Yeppoon) will be selected.

All completed nominations forms must be sent to Peter Johnson by Monday 7th March. Email: pjohn65@eq.edu.au
Selected students for the trial will then be sent the necessary information about the Wide Bay Trials.

All students are to provide a printout of their ‘GolfLink’ data with recent results (minimum of last 6 months) and current handicap. Non AGU members should provide their current club handicap stating whether it is a 9 hole or 18 hole handicap as well as recent results.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: BOYS & GIRLS NOMINATED TO TRIAL SHOULD DISPLAY A HIGH LEVEL of SKILLS and SOME PLAYING EXPERIENCE (preferably at Club Level) AND DISPLAY A SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF THE RULES.
Parents and teachers are urged to use discretion when sending students to these trials. Children involved with weekend fixtures are worth nominating.

A player who is interested in attending these trials but for some reason is unable to attend should contact: Karen Collin
Norville State School
41 326 333

For further information required contact: Peter Johnson
Bargara State School
4150 5333

GIRLS NETBALL TRIALS - 2016

Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for GIRLS to attend the 2016 Bundaberg Zone Netball Trials.

TRIAL DATES: Thursday 10th and 17th of March, 2016.

TIME: 3.30 – 5.00 pm

WHERE: Norville State School – Sports Hall


WHAT TO BRING: Students MUST wear School sport uniform, water bottle, Sunscreen and completed ZONE NOMINATION FORM signed by the nominating teacher.
Register inside Sports Centre and receive your trial number.

IF NEEDED A SQUAD OF APPROX. 20-25 GIRLS (POSSIBLES/PROBABLES) WILL BE SELECTED TO COME BACK ON THURSDAY 17TH MARCH. Potentially girls will need to be available for both days.

A TEAM OF 10 GIRLS will be selected to attend the WIDE BAY REGIONAL TRIALS IN HERVEY BAY on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May.

From the Regional Trials a WIDE BAY GIRLS TEAM (State carnival 18th - 21st June at Mt Gravatt) will be selected.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: Parents and Teachers are urged to use discretion when sending students to these trials. Children involved with weekend fixtures or have displayed strong ability level in the school competition are worth sending.

A player who is interested in attending these trials but for some reason is unable to attend should contact: Karen Collin
Norville State School
41 326 333

For further information required contact: Sharyn Batt
Walkervale State School
41 555 666
BOYS SOCCER 2016
Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for Boys to attend the 2016 Football Trials.

**EVENT** - U/12 Football Trials

**ELIGIBILITY** – Boys born 2004, 2005 or 2006

**TRIAL DATE** –
- Tuesday 15th March (ONLY BOYS BORN 2005 & 2006)
- Thursday 17th March (ONLY BOYS BORN 2004)
- Tuesday and Thursday 22nd & 24th March (ALL BOYS INVITED BACK FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK)

**TIME** – 4:00pm – 5:30 pm

**WHERE** – Martens Oval

**WHAT TO BRING** - school sports uniform; sunscreen; water bottle; football boots; shinpads and completed Zone nomination form

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

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE** –
Football is an extremely popular zone sport. Please send any 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 14 players.

**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 students bring along a completed Zone Nomination Form to the trials.

Paul Ash - Convenor
Avoca State School
E-mail – pash10@eq.edu.au

GIRLS SOCCER 2016
Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for Girls to attend the 2016 Football Trials.

**EVENT** - U/12 Football Trials

**ELIGIBILITY** – Girls born 2004, 2005 or 2006

**TRIAL DATE** – Tuesday 15th March & Thursday 17th March (must attend both days)

**TIME** – 4:00pm – 5:30 pm

**WHERE** – Martens Oval

**WHAT TO BRING** - school sports uniform; sunscreen; water bottle; football boots; shinpads and completed Zone nomination form

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

**PARENTS PLEASE NOTE** –
Football is an extremely popular zone sport. Please send any girls who display a sound level of skill and have a good understanding of the game. Any girls who are athletic please also consider them for the trials. Keep in mind we are only selecting one team of 14 players.

**NOMINATIONS**-
Please nominate the names of girls 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 students bring along a completed Zone Nomination Form to the trials.

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