Dear Parents

S&P
Ashley – for great work ethic

LL
Louisa – for her amazing efforts learning sight words

EM
Emily – for her amazing efforts in learning her sight words

PJs
Teleisha (our quiet achiever) – for her excellent work ethic, lovely manners and good listening skills

SKY
Skyla – for being positive and organised each morning before school

MACS
Natalie – for great concentration in class and using her initiative to help out when she saw a need

Byron – for his enthusiastic and positive approach to all that he does

March 13th - Holly

NEXT P & C MEETING IN THE LIBRARY AT 7:00 PM ON THURSDAY, 13 MARCH

SAUSAGE SIZZLE IS ON EVERY FRIDAY with sausages and Home Brand ice blocks.
Sausage and bread $1.20
Ice block $1.00
Sausage and ice block deal $2.00

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Roster – Term 1
Mar 7th – Karen Dixon
Mar 14th – Kate Giles
Mar 21st – Jennette Treichel
Mar 28th – Leigh Critchlow
Apr 4th – Denise Riedy

If you can find time to roll some sausages around a hotplate on the odd Friday, please contact Kaz on 41559999 so you can be added to the roster.

BUY A BALE FUNDRAISING

Tally: $318.65

WIN A SET OF 10 IPADS FOR OUR SCHOOL BUYING THE NewsMail

Thank you to everyone who has already started collecting tokens. We already have over 80 and we have only just started.

Collect as many tokens as you can to help your child’s school WIN!

BETTER VOCABULARY – BETTER FUTURE

Word knowledge, (vocabulary), is among the most critical pieces of language development. Children who acquire a substantial vocabulary are often able to

- think more deeply,
- express themselves better, and
- learn new things more quickly.

They are also very likely to be successful not only learning to read, but also in reading at or above grade level throughout their school years.

Research shows that children who reach school age with larger vocabularies, more depth in prior knowledge and background experiences, and more experiences with hearing stories and exploring with print are way less likely to have significant problems in learning to read. We know now that if we boost children’s language and literacy experiences early in life, later difficulties can be eased or even avoided.

What Can Parents Do?

Pretty simple really. 3 things:

1. Talk to your child. By that, I don’t mean simple commands. Actually discuss things with them. Explain why and how about everyday experiences. Ask them why and how about everyday experiences. Kids are “wired” to pick up on words and their meanings.

2. Give them “experiences” in the real world. Doing something interesting or different is a great way to open the door to a greater vocabulary. Of course, it’s infinitely better if you talk about the experience with them.

3. Read! Read to them, listen to them read, let them read for pleasure and be seen to be reading by them. It doesn’t have to be a book. It can be a newspaper, magazine, instruction manual, recipe etc..
NORTH HIGH PARENT FORUM

North Bundaberg State High School will be having a parent forum in the North High Hall on Wednesday March 26th from 6:00 pm – 7:00pm. This will be an information session for parents of current year 6 & 7 students about what they can expect for their students transition from primary school to high school. North High has also asked us to let you know that the 2015 enrolment date has been brought forward this year to the 11th of June.

INTERSchool Sport

Sport will be played at home this Friday against Gin Gin State School. You do not need permission or money for home games. We assume that any child enrolled in Year 4, 5, 6, or 7 is available to play. We can’t offer all of them a game but we assume they can play if needed. Please let us know if that is not the case.

DRAW
14 March - Gin Gin at Sharon
21 March – Kolan South at Sharon
28 March - "Wallaville at Wallaville
* away games – travel by bus. $3 and permission needed.

It is Sharon policy that students need to be in FULL UNIFORM when representing the school and/or leaving the school grounds on a school function.

Our uniform is red T-shirt with Sharon School in the collar, royal blue shorts or skirts, royal blue sun safe hats or legionnaires caps and, of course, shoes and socks. As our school colours are royal blue and red, please don’t confuse “royal blue” with “navy blue” or “black” as our opposing schools wear these coloured shorts and skirts. We will attempt to find a substitute uniform for children if needed. However, if they are not available or a child refuses to wear the uniform offered to them, they will not take part. There are plenty of other children willing to have a go. Please understand that playing interschool sport is a "PRIVILEGE" and not a "RIGHT". We actually have too many children eligible to play interschool sport. If a student chooses not to complete work, or not to behave appropriately, one of our options is to give their sport position to one of many other children for that particular week.

SPELLodrome HIGH FLIERS

Students in the Macs class only have to score 300 points in Spellodrome each week. However, quite a few live up to our school motto of “Aim Ever Higher” and go well beyond that minimum expectation. Special congratulations to Jake (1 180 points), Reilly (1 000 points), Cloe (1 000 points), Taylor (1 150 points) and our top scorer, Jemima (1 680 points) who finished with fantastic scores in Spellodrome last week.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Students from Salt ‘n’ Preppers and Macs should have received an information and permission note for religious instruction for their classes for 2014. If you didn’t receive one, please check on our website at https://sharonss.eq.edu.au. In the drop-down menu under “Support and resources”, click on “Forms and documents”, then click on “Documents”. Go into “Macs’ Class Notes” or “Salt and Preppers’ Class Notes” and click on “Religious instruction 2014”.

The Bundaberg and District Religious Instruction Cooperative ask for a donation of $5 per family each year to cover the cost of providing books and photocopy activities to the students. Could parents please fill out a payment envelope and return it to the locked boxes in the the classrooms for students in Salt and Preppers and Macs.

SMILE AWHILE

A man rushed into the doctor’s office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!!"
The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."

WHY ENGLISH IS SO HARD

We’ll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes, But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice, Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men, Why shouldn’t the plural of pan be called pan? If I speak of my foot and show you my feet, And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beeth?
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, Why shouldn’t the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those, Yet hat in the plural would never be hose, And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother and also of brethren, But though we say mother, we never say methren.
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him, But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

-ANONYMOUS

Kind regards,
Girls and Boys Golf Trials

Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for GIRLS and BOYS to attend the 2014 Wide Bay Golf Trials.

**TRIAL DATES:** Monday 24th March 2014

**TIME:** Tee times from 9.00am - 10.00am

**WHERE:** Bundaberg Golf Club, One Mile Road, North Bundaberg

**ELIGIBILITY:** Girls & Boys born 2002, 2003

No 13 year olds are eligible i.e born 2001

**EQUIPMENT:** All players are expected to have their own clubs.

Primary Players – 9 holes

Primary students must provide Golf Link number and AGU to participate at State Championships.

A TEAM OF UP TO 4 GIRLS and 4 BOYS will be selected to attend the WIDE BAY REGIONAL TRIALS IN BUNDABERG on Monday 24th March.

From the Regional Trials a WIDE BAY TEAM (State Championships 20 – 23 July, Oxley) will be selected.

All nominations must be sent to Peter Johnson by Wednesday 5th March. Please email student’s names to me including their AGU/Club handicap. Email: pjohn65@eq.edu.au.

Selected students for the trial will then be sent the necessary information.

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 relevant information from their club regarding recent golf activity.

**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 competitions are worth nominating.

For further information required contact:

Peter Johnson
Gin Gin State School
41 332 333

SOCCER 2014

**ATTENTION:** Principals and Teachers of Sport

Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for Girls and Boys to attend the 2014 Soccer Trials.

**EVENT:** U/12 Soccer Trials

**ELIGIBILITY:** Girls and Boys born 2002 or 2003

**TRIAL DATE:** Tuesday 18th March & Tuesday 25th March (must attend both days)

**TIME:** 4:00pm – 5:30 pm

**WHERE:** Martens Oval

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

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

**TEACHERS & PARENTS PLEASE NOTE:** Soccer is an extremely popular zone sport. Please send ONLY those girls and 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. (boys and girls)

**NOMINATIONS-** Please nominate the names of girls and boys through 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

2014 Trials for Bundaberg Primary Schools’ Representative Rugby League Teams

**Venue:** Salter Oval

**Dates:** Tuesday 11 March, Thursday 13 March, Tuesday 18 March, Thursday 20 March (if needed).

**Times:** 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

**Ages:** 10 yrs (2004), 11 yrs (2003), 12 yrs (2002)

Exceptional 9 year olds born 2005 may trial for the 10 yrs team.

**ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR A MOUTHGUARD WHEN TRIALLING/PLAYING!**

- All players need to bring a water bottle and training gear. If selected, games will be held against: Rockhampton, Gladstone, Mackay (all in Rocky and Bundaberg) and Wide Bay Trials (11’s & 12’s only) in Term 2. If you can’t make it to the Bundy trials on any particular day (i.e. due to other representative sport) please turn up on the day(s) you are available.

- If selected for Wide Bay U11’s, State Championships are at Wynnum.

- If selected for Wide Bay U12’s, the Queensland team trials are at Goondiwindi.

- There will be one (1) Queensland U12 team selected this year to attend Nationals in Woollongong.

- Teachers sending prospective players, please ensure they bring a BPSSA nomination/medical form and players are of a standard to be considered to make a representative team.
GIRLS NETBALL TRIALS - 2014

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

TRIAL DATES: Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} March, 2014.

TIME: 3.30 – 5.00 pm

WHERE: Norville State School – Sports Hall


WHAT TO BRING: 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 20\textsuperscript{th} MARCH. Potential 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 8\textsuperscript{th} and Friday 9\textsuperscript{th} May.

From the Regional Trials a WIDE BAY GIRLS TEAM (State carnival 21\textsuperscript{st} -24\textsuperscript{th} June in Emerald) will be selected.

PARENTS & TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE: You 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 email: kcoll79@eq.edu.au

For further information required contact: Sharyn Batt Walkervale State School 41 555 666

DO YOUR BEST – come and join BARGARA LITTLE ATHLETICS.

Does your child like to run, jump, throw and play games in a fun family environment? The Bargara Little Athletics season is about to start.

- **Sign-on** - Saturday, 29 March 2014 at IGA Bargara 8am – 2pm
- **Competition starts** Sunday, 4 May 2014 at 10am at Neilsons Sports Oval.

Every Sunday in April will be coaching sessions 10 – 11am at Neilsons Sports Oval.

For more info phone Kay 4159 1881 or 0427 695 167

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

On the 30\textsuperscript{th} of March, the Moore Park Beach Tavern is hosting a World’s Greatest Shave and Family Fun Day fundraiser. All the fun will begin at 12pm and go until 4pm. There will be rides from Fun Time Amusements, Monster raffles, Lunch specials, Live entertainment, Market stalls and much more!

We are still seeking market stall holders. Donations from local businesses and of course more people who are brave enough to shave!!! All proceeds go to the Leukaemia Foundation.

If you’re interested in having a market stall on the day, want to donate to our monster raffle or want to register to shave, Please contact Samantha Myles at the tavern on 4154 8519 or email on Samantha.myles@hotmail.com

Thanks
Samantha Myles