Dear Parents,

Salt and Preppers
Jesse – for displaying great leadership at drama.

Lester’s Learners
Izac – for continually trying his best.

Double Js
Katie – for great writing of a persuasive text.
Emily H – for always trying her best and for her lovely manners.

Macs
Tom – for always giving his best effort and wonderful behaviour.
Tameeka – for positive participation in class and being so well behaved.

HOT DOG DAY – THURSDAY. $2 EACH
Hot dogs will be available this Thursday as usual. We’re finding that it’s a massive help getting orders in a day or two early. However, orders are still welcome on Thursday morning.
Mrs Mac is aware that she owes some children ice-blocks. They are on the way from Antarctica and should arrive soon.

NAPLAN - 2013
The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy, (NAPLAN), will take place over 3 days from Tuesday, 14 May through to Thursday, 16 May.
NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statement of Learning for English and National Statement of Learning for Mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.
I’ve attached a timetable of tests below for your information.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests, and schools should not exert influence on parents to withdraw their child from the tests. Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.
If you are concerned about your child sitting the tests, please discuss this with your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Are the Tests Important?
Yes and no. When we look at overall results over two or more years, the test results can help to give us an idea of how we’re travelling as a school in different areas. We see...
some individual results and think some are accurate and others . . . less so. Of course, many factors can influence the results. Who was away on the day, how the students felt etc..

The graphs below show the “journey” of last year’s 7s from the average of their NAPLAN test scores as Year 3s in 2008 through to the average of their NAPLAN test scores as Year 7s last year.

The graph shows that the average scores for Sharon, Qld and Australian kids improved over the 4 years (thank goodness!). Teachers call this improvement “distance travelled”. In all cases, (even in Spelling), last year’s 7s students gained on the red (Qld) and green (Australian) lines.

The 2012 Year 3s were the stars of last year’s results.
SUNFLOWER SMILE

Tahia with her sunflower which was grown as part of the Double Js’ “Life Cycles” science unit last term.

Earn & Learn 2013

From Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013, if you happen to shop at Woolworths, you will be given Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. There will be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent, excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards.

By collecting these Woolworths Earn & Learn Points, we will be able to redeem them for educational resources. The points are allocated by the checkout operator handing you stickers. These stickers are then stuck on a special Earn & Learn Sheet. The sheet can be obtained from the checkout operator or downloaded from the internet at: http://www.woolworths.com.au

We have handed out sheets to the children last week.

SPELLDROME HIGH FLIER

Congratulations Natalie (1,030 points) who finished with a great scores in Spellodrome last week.

P & C News

Mothers’ Day Raffle

Thank you to the many families who have sold and returned their Mother's Day raffle tickets. It would be appreciated if any outstanding tickets could be returned (sold or unsold) immediately. The raffle will be drawn this Friday 10th March.

P AND C Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be held this Thursday 9th May at 7 pm in the school library. All very welcome to attend.
**Kids’ Boot Camp**

In an effort to develop good fitness habits in children, Steph Cormack from BODY SCULPT TRAINING will conduct fun KIDS BOOT CAMP for children aged 5–12 at Sharon State School every second Wednesday from 3:30pm running for 45mins. Session cost will be $7 per child. Sessions started on Wednesday the 24th of April. With the next session being Wednesday, Please come along and have a try! For further details, please contact Steph on 0458 198 910.

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**Rhee Tae Kwon Do**

Bundaberg’s Rhee Tae Kwon Do Self-defence Academy is holding a FREE self-defence and anti-bullying night for adults and children. This is being held at Bundaberg West State School on Monday, 13 May from 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm.

Come along and learn some self-defence techniques which might come in handy one day. For more information, please phone 41510288.

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**TENNIS LESSONS:**

MLC Tennis Hot Shots Learning commences this week for Term 2, at Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner. All ages are catered for. Group & Private Lessons are available. For more information and to Register, please contact either Murray 0407 639824 or Kevin 4152 0753 or 0409 520753

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**CARDIO TENNIS:** The new Fitness Adult program catering for all standards of players, with lots of fun, hitting lots of tennis balls, music and Heart Rate Monitors conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coach, Kevin Banner at the Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg. Registration is Essential. Limited numbers. For times or more information, please phone Kevin: 4152 0753 or 0409 520753

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**Carinbundi Shopping Trip**

Need an excuse to shop? Enjoy a great day of shopping at Eumundi Markets and Sunshine Plaza, and help to raise funds for Carinbundi, a not for profit organisation helping people with disabilities in the Bundaberg Region. Date: Sat 11 May 2013. Cost $55. To book or for more information phone 41513510 or email rmaclean@carinbundi.com.au