Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone and welcome to Term 2. Generally speaking, Term 2 can be a bit...messy! At first glance, it's a nice-sized 10 week term. However, when you look at our dates to remember, you'll see that interruptions pop up at different times in the form of sports days, NAPLAN Testing, public holidays and a school camp. On top of this, school reports cards are written and distributed all while we enter the flu season.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 2

Thursday, 24 April
- Gin Gin District Cross Country
- School ANZAC Ceremony (1:30 pm)
Friday, 25 April
- ANZAC Day Holiday
Thursday, 1 May
- P&C Meeting
Tuesday, 13 May
- NAPLAN (language & writing)
Wednesday, 14 May
- NAPLAN (reading)
Thursday, 15 May
- NAPLAN (numeracy)
Thursday, 29 May
- Bundaberg Show Holiday
UNSW Science Test -
Thursday, 12 June
- Field Events Day (Born 2005 & older)
Friday, 13 June
- Interhouse Sports Day (Main day - all students)
Monday, 9 June
- Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Monday, 23 June
- Year 3/4s leave for Barambah Camp.
Wednesday, 25 June
- Year 3/4s return from Barambah Camp
Friday, 27 June
- Final day of term 2.

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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

Roster – Term 2

2nd May – Kaz Field
16th May – Kate Giles
30th May – Leigh Critchlow
13th June – Kaz Field

Karyn Dixon
27th June – Kate Giles

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If you can find time to roll some sausages around a hotplate on the odd Friday, please contact Kaz on 4155999 so you can be added to the roster.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY – THURSDAY, 24 APRIL

ANZAC Day falls on Friday, 25 April. This day will be a public holiday and there will be no school on the day. With this in mind, we will be having a small ANZAC Ceremony at school at 1:30 pm on Thursday, 24 April.

GIN GIN DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY – THIS THURSDAY

The date for the Gin Gin District Cross Country is this Thursday, 24 April. This is not a day for anyone to come “if they feel like it”.

Firstly, students must be born in 2004, 2003, 2002, or 2001 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. Ideally, they would have been training over the holidays.

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

TEACHERS AWAY WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Please be aware that our teachers must race away to a training workshop at South Kolan State School this Wednesday, 23 April. The workshop starts at 3:45 pm which prevents the teachers from staying back for as long as they normally would.

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Pedro – for being a willing worker

Skye – for her exceptionally neat setting out of her Mad Minute and regularly getting them all correct

Bree – for continually being a pleasure to teach and always striving to do her best in maths.

Patrick – for being prepared each morning before school, and showing initiative to catch up on school work

Charlie – for being so reliable with her work effort and behaviour

Jessica – for consistently giving her best effort and taking pride in her work.

Karyn Dixon

Happy Birthday

April
21st – Ben
23rd – Jessie
26th – Lara
27th – Charley, Dakota, Phoebe, Harper

SHARON STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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NAPLAN - 2014
The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy, (NAPLAN), will take place over 3 days form Tuesday, 13 May through to Thursday, 15 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. NAPLAN tests broadly reflect aspects of literacy and numeracy common to the curriculum in each state or territory. The types of test formats and questions are chosen in the hope that they are familiar to teachers and students across Australia. 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 results overall and over a number of years, the tests can help us to get an idea of how we’re travelling as a school in different areas. Individual student results can be anything from “spot on” to “way off the mark” (in either direction).

RUGBY LEAGUE STAR
Congratulations to Riley Kearton who has won selection in the Bundaberg Primary Schools Representative Rugby League team.
Riley and his team mates travel up to Rockhampton this weekend to play against other representative teams. His first game will be against Rockhampton.
We wish Riley all the very best for the weekend.

BUNDABERG SPEECH EISTEDDFOD
41 of our students will be taking part in the Public Speaking Section of the Bundaberg Speech Eisteddfod on Friday, 2 May. The section is due to start at 9:00 am. Spectators are very welcome. The kids have done a great job and are well worth watching. A note will be sent home tomorrow with all participants. Please return permission asap.

REPORTING
One of the requirements of the new National Curriculum is for teachers to report on how students performed on a set assessment task.
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Because the assessment task has been standardised across the state, (and, eventually, the nation), it’s intended to make the rating comparable to students in the same year level from other schools. Sounds good! However, it’s possible for a student who is making great progress to “bomb-out” on an assessment task. It’s also possible, (albeit less likely), that a student who hasn’t been traveling well to submit a wonderful assessment task. Thus, while the assessment task rating will be an accurate indicator of how well they’ve done that/those particular task(s), it might not reflect on their progress at school.

For the clearest idea on how well your child is travelling, it is now more important than ever that you attend a parent/teacher interview when it is offered.

SMILE AWHILE
Q: Where do sheep go for haircuts?
A: The "baa-baa" shop.

Q: What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert?
A: Lost.

Q: What do you get when you cross a fish with two elephants?
A: Swimming trunks.

Q: What happened when a dog sneaked into the flea circus?
A: He stole the whole show.

Kind regards,

Easter Raffle:
Thank you to all the families and friends who contributed to our school’s Easter Raffle. It was a very successful raffle with the P&C raising $790.
Next Meeting:
Our next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Thursday, 1 May, starting at 7:00 pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Tuckshop News:
Volunteers are always welcome, please contact Natalie Calder on 0438 142 313 if you have any time to spare.

Date Claimer:
Advance Life Photography – Family Portraits in the Library - 2nd November

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs.

Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family.

Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Parentline supports and nurtures positive, caring relationships between parents, children, teenagers and the significant other people who are important to the well-being of families.

We do this through confidential telephone counselling which aims to support parents and carers of children.

Parentline’s experienced and trained counsellors can help by:

- Talking things over with you
- Offering guidance
- Providing advice on ways to manage your children and yourself more effectively

Parents, carers and family members have direct access to qualified counsellors and can choose to speak with either a male or female counsellor. They are also able to arrange to call back and speak with the same counsellor to work through their issues.

Parentline is a BoysTown service and receives funding support from the Queensland and Northern Territory Governments.

The top concerns faced by Parentline clients have remained consistent since the service began in 1996, and include:

- Challenging behaviour and discipline
- Enhancing parent-child relationships
- Relationships between parents
- Parenting strategies
- The mental and emotional well-being of children and parents
- Caring for infants
- Custody, access or family law issues

If you need to talk to someone, call Parentline on 1300 30 1300 between 8am and 10pm, 7 days a week.