Dear Parents,

Salt and Preppers
Ava – for great sentence writing.

Lester’s Learners
Brody – for wonderful improvement in reading sight words.

Double Js
Indiana – for her great effort in completing writing tasks and her lovely manners.

Connor M – for putting in a huge effort to complete his persuasive text.

Macs Lane – for working like a champion in class and for a superhuman effort on your speech.

Maverick – for his great attitude and striving for high standards.

To:

16/5  Jada
16/5  Kysen
20/5  Skye

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 2
Thursday, 30 May - Bundaberg Show Holiday
Monday, 3 June - Field Events Day (Born 2004 & older)
Thursday, 6 June - Interhouse Sports Day (all)
Monday, 10 June - Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Next Sausage Sizzle
Friday, 17 May
Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered. Please contact Kaz on 0423 338 253 if you can help.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE IS ON EVERY FRIDAY
with sausages and Home Ice-cream ice blocks.
Sausage and bread $1.20  Ice block $1
Sausage and ice block deal $2

Roster Term 2
17/5  Julie Collyer  24/5  Carmel Heale
31/5  Hayley Lerch  7/6  Kaz Field
14/6  Karen Dixon  21/6  Tracey Duncan

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

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WINTER UNIFORM
The mornings and evenings are getting cooler and children are starting to come to school in jumpers and tracksuit pants. This usually brings up 2 problems for us as a school.

Firstly, the days usually warm up and the children remove the warmer clothes – anywhere! Their minds are then totally absorbed with what happens next and the clothing is forgotten. Before long, we have a pile of “orphaned” winter clothes and reports of lost and “stolen” clothing. PLEASE NAME all clothing. In the past, students have confidently stated a jumper is not theirs only to be shown, (much to their surprise), that they have their name on it.

Secondly, while we are envied by other schools and parents with the way our students turn up in full uniform, there is often a mysterious deviation with winter uniform. While the vast majority of our students wear royal blue jumpers, we sometimes see a variety of colours when cooler months arrive.

Sharon is NOT a “near enough’s good enough” school. Please help us to maintain our high uniform standards. In the past, many of the chain stores in town have sold full royal blue tracksuit tops and bottoms at ridiculously cheap prices. Alternatively, I can also order in slightly dearer, (but good quality), royal blue tracksuit tops with the school logo on them.

We will never let a child be cold. However, we have spare clean royal blue tops to offer students if they are unable to come in uniform.

If ever purchasing a uniform is a genuine financial difficulty, please contact me and I’ll do whatever I can to help.
FAREWELL & THANK YOU MRS REDSHAW
Well, it's the end of an era. After 22 years of loyal service to our school, our Administration Officer, Lorelle, is leaving us. I'm sure Lorelle has lost count of the number of times she's collected money, paid accounts, drafted letters, answered the phone, passed on messages, coped with frazzled parents & teachers, patched up sick and wounded children, submitted returns etc. etc. – often all at the same time! Lorelle has also managed to keep two principals, (especially the 2nd one), on the straight and narrow during her time.

I know that administration is not my strength and Lorelle has worked miracles to keep our Sharon “ship” sailing smoothly during my time here.

On behalf of everyone in our Sharon school community, (past and present), thank you, Lorelle, for your contribution to our school and our lives. All the very best wishes for your future.

Lorelle’s last day at Sharon will be Friday, 25 May.

COREY – THE VOICE
Corey Hanks took part in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition at Bundaberg State High School last night. He was the only primary school competitor up against 6 high school students from Year 8, 9 and 10.

Corey’s speech, on “The Games People Play”, amazed the audience and the judges. Amazingly, he finished 2nd overall – just being edged out by Laura Collins from Kepnock State High. Laura finished 2nd in the national final of the Rostrum Voice of Youth last year which only lends more weight to Corey’s achievement.

SCHOOL CLOSURES
There has been mention in the media of the state government looking at closing/amalgamating some schools across the state. We are not one of the schools being looked at.

The Minister has announced eight state schools that have been identified for community consultation regarding proposed closure and one school for proposed amalgamation, as part of the Department’s 2013 School Viability Assessment.

Consultation will take place in the nine school communities in coming weeks to consider individual school issues.

There are six (6) primary schools and two (2) secondary schools proposed for closure:

- Charlton State School
- Everton Park State High School
- Fortitude Valley State School
- Nyanda State High School
- Old Yarranlea State School
- Stuart State School
- Toowoomba South State School

- Wyreema State School.

There is one (1) secondary school proposed for amalgamation:

- Coorparoo Secondary College (with Brisbane State High School).

HEAD LICE
We’ve received two reports of head lice in the past week.

Close-up photo of head lice

Headlike, while not life threatening, are a problem in any community. Unfortunately they are not always easy to detect. Because schools are a gathering point in a community, inevitably we will notice a case at the school or a parent will let us know that they’ve found lice on their child.

Responses from parents on being advised of their child having head lice has ranged from embarrassment and apologies to outright “fury” at why we’re not doing something to stop the problem. Neither response is necessary. The school does NOT think you are dirty or negligent if your child has lice. It can happen to anyone at anytime. If anything we consider you just plain unlucky! Headlike seem to have preferences for individuals in much the same way as mosquitoes will bother some people more than others. At the same time, Sharon School is NOT responsible for the presence of head lice anymore than we’re responsible for the presence of the common cold... It is a society problem – NOT a school one. It’s just that the head lice are more likely to be noticed at school. We do what we reasonably can but cannot be expected to eliminate lice from the world. (N.B. If I could, I wouldn’t be working here. I’d be relaxing in one of my coastal residences waiting for the royalty cheques to be deposited into a fat bank account!)

Over the years we’ve come to believe that the “Conditioner Comb Out Method” is the best method for checking for the presence of lice. In turn, it is also very effective at eliminating the lice if it is carried out weekly. Please don’t assume that because your child doesn’t scratch, they won’t have lice. Research has indicated that up to 50% of people who have lice do not itch.

“Conditioner Comb Out Method”
1. Apply conditioner to dry (or towel dried) hair and comb through with a regular comb to remove tangles.
2. Allow to “set” for a few minutes, then comb through with a special metal fine-tooth comb (available from chemists approx $20) working through the hair in sections.
3. Wipe comb off onto tissue continually as you go. If lice are present, they will be visible on the tissue – but also check the teeth of the comb. (The conditioner “stuns” the lice)
4. Repeat the process in around 7 days as this will then pick up any new "hatchlings". Those that have used the method over a longer time stress that the method is wonderful provided it is done once a week every week. These families also claim that:
   1. It's more effective than chemical treatments.
   2. It's cheaper than chemical treatments.
   3. Can be quite good for the hair (look at mine!)
   4. It should be done even if you don't think your child has lice.

Head Lice Repellent
Unless you believe that:
   1. Everyone at our school checks and treats their family for head lice. AND
   2. They are checked/treated on a regular basis AND
   3. The treatment is 100% effective AND
   4. None of the children from Sharon come into contact with people outside our school community, then we have to assume that head lice will inevitably appear in our school and an effective REPELLENT is the best protection for your child from lice infestation.

I've had two repellent recipes recommended to me by school families in the past.

**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.
If you have had success with any other repellent recipes, or commercial repellents, please pass them on to me. I'm not supposed to promote specific commercial brands (but I can start a rumour!). I'm more than happy to publish recipes in the newsletter.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS – 2013 Interhouse sports Monday 3 June and Thursday 6 June.
Our interhouse sports are on MONDAY 3 June and THURSDAY 6 June. Our program is the same as last year.
MONDAY – All field events and 800m. This day is for children born in 2004, 2003, 2002, 2001 and 2000.
THURSDAY – All races, finals of any heats, relays and ballgames. All children are involved on this day.

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'll 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](http://www.woolworths.com.au)
We have handed out sheets to the children last week.

SPELLDROME HIGH FLIERS
Congratulations Natalie (1 080 points) and Zenaya Lowther (1 010 points) who finished with great scores in Spellodrome last week.

Kind regards,

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, 22 May. Please come along and have a try! For further details, please contact Steph on 0458 198 910.

Louse in relation to finger nail. Look carefully!