Dear Parents,

Salt and Preppers
Hayley – for her lovely attitude and doing all that is asked of her

Lester’s Learners
Fletcher – for striving hard to improve the neatness of his work

Double Js
Jake – for great sportsmanship shown on sports day
Finley – for excellence in mathematics

Macs
Jodie – for her friendliness and improved concentration in class

Sheay – for quietly giving her best in all that she does

Happy Birthday!

June
6th - Willow
7th - Angus
8th - Liam
9th - Jake
10th - Emily & Rhys
11th - Charlie

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 2

Friday, 14 June - Under 8's Day Wallaville School
Thursday, 20 June - P&C Meeting
Friday, 21 June - Final day of 1st semester
Friday, 12 July - Last day for Pie Drive Order Forms to be returned

Next Sausage Sizzle
Friday, 7 June
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
14/6  Karen Dixon  21/6  Tracey Duncan

AFTER SCHOOL CAR PICK UP

Last Friday, the Burnett Downs bus was held up in our car park waiting for a backlog of cars to clear. Feedback from students, teachers and parents indicates that this was caused by a growing problem of cars parking, (and waiting to park), in the “2 Minute Maximum Loading Zone”. This parking zone, otherwise known as a “drop-off zone”, is not as safe an option after school when we have many cars arriving and leaving at the same time.

Leaving any legalities aside, (I’m not about to “book” anyone), please understand that, by parking there any longer than 2 minutes, you are contributing to a chain reaction which makes our after school collection more dangerous for the children.

I’m even told that children are now saying, (and, in some cases, believing), that Mum or Dad are parked when, in reality, the car is stopped on the road waiting for cars to move from the Loading Zone.

I don’t want to wait for a tragedy to occur to make us change what we’re doing. In my mind, after school pick up will always have potential dangers. All we can do is work together to try to make it as safe as we can.

I’m asking students not to ask the teacher if they can leave until they can see their car parked in a parking space.

I’m asking teachers not to let students go until the students can point to where their car is parked in a parking space.

I’m asking parents to use the “normal” parking spaces as a 1st choice. If you do need to use the “2 Minute Loading Zone”, use it. It probably won’t be an issue if fewer people are using it and if the people who do use it move on quickly. Please remember to move on before you’ve been there for 2 minutes, (with or without child), to avoid creating a dangerous situation.

In reality, it’s probably quicker, (and certainly safer!), to use a normal park, get out, wait for your child at the gate and walk them back to the car.

Parking Nose In or Out?

There’s no legal requirement to do one way or the other. Having said that, I think it’s safer to park by backing into the parking space. This allows you the best view of children and other cars when you’re leaving. However, that’s a personal thing. Please remember that backing can only be done safely if you arrive early enough to back in when there are no children around. Please do whatever you think is safest.

The staff tend to, (voluntarily), park on the far side of the road in the hope of freeing up spaces on the near side for the after-school pick up. If children don’t have to cross over where cars are moving, the chances of an accident are reduced that little bit more.

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS RESULTS

2013 was Burnett’s year. At the end of the points tally they finished with 436 points, which put them 34 points clear of Tantitha, who finished with 402 points. It was a very close competition, with the relays at the end of the day making the difference.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

Boys:
9 year old - Alex
Some of our star athletes line up for the start of the Boys Born 2007 800m.

While the Woolworths Earn & Learn points promotion finished on Sunday, 9th June, we still have time to collect any stickers you may have. Please send them along to school as soon as possible so that we can work out our total and start ordering resources.

MATHS OLYMPIAD
Students at their second Maths Olympiad this morning. Here’s one of the questions for the parents to try.

2C. Time: 5 minutes
In the problem at the right, each letter represents a different digit.

What is the 3-digit number ABC?

AUSKICK NEXT TERM
Shaun Stone, Development Coordinator for AFL Qld, has asked me to pass onto students and parents that Auskick will be running at Sharon School in Term 3.

Sign on date is Thursday, 1 August 3pm – 4-15pm.

Program runs every Thursday 3pm to 4-15pm for the whole of term 3.

Cost is $60 for 8 weeks of AFL and fun games.

For Boys and Girls from prep to 7.

SMILE AWHILE
1. Bought some ‘rocket salad’ yesterday but it went off before I could eat it!

2. A teddy bear is working on a building site. He goes for a tea break and when he returns he notices his pick has been stolen.

The bear is angry and reports the theft to the foreman. The foreman grins at the bear and says “Oh, I forgot to tell you, today’s the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked.”

Q: Where do stars and planets go to school?
A: The University!

Q: What do you call two bars of soap?
A: A pair of slippers!

Q: What’s green and sits in the corner?
A: A frog in trouble!

Kind regards,

SPORTS DAY - Many thanks to everyone who helped with our canteen on sports day. All help was greatly appreciated and contributed to a successful day.

PIE DRIVE - Order forms are going home this week for our pie drive. Please collect orders and return forms in the first week back Term 3. Pies will be available for collection from school on Thursday 25th July.

P & C Meeting - Our monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, 20th June @ 7pm in the school library. All very welcome.