Dear Parents,

**S&P**
- 18/07/14
  - Cooper – for following instructions in class
- 25/07/14
  - Grant – for beautiful manners

**LLs**
- 18/07/14
  - Porter – for his hard work and good writing during English
- 25/07/14
  - Hermione – for trying hard and being a wonderful classmate
  - Braye – for great concentration and hard work during Geography

**PJs**
- 18/07/14
  - Patrick – working hard to complete tasks and being a nice classmate to peers
  - Jada – for her lovely smile and always giving 100 per cent to class tasks
- 25/07/14
  - Liam – for being a great student who is a quiet achiever
  - Fletcher – for trying hard and achieving his goal in story writing

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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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

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**Roster – Term 3**

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If you can find time to roll some sausages around a hotplate on the odd Friday, please contact Kaz on 4155 9999 so you can be added to the roster.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Brochures for book club issue no. 5 have been sent home. Orders are due back at school by Wednesday, 6th August. Please allow one week after this date for delivery.

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**PIERCINGS?!**

**Noses**

There’s much discussion amongst our older girls at the moment about “nose piercing”. Perhaps it’s genuine, perhaps it’s all in fun. To be honest, I’ve never come across this discussion at primary school before. However, the topic is becoming “cool” and therefore parents can expect that it might be brought up as a request at home. While, on a personal level, I’m not keen on primary school kids having their noses pierced, there’s nothing in our dress code that addresses nose piercing – yet. Just because I’m not keen on them doesn’t necessarily make me “right” either.

Most of our students move onto North High. With that in mind, I checked with them to see what their policy is. North gives their students 3 options when it comes to nose piercing:

1. Remove the ring while at school
2. Cover it with tape OR
3. Put a clear plastic retainer in.

If our kids are being prepared to go onto high school, perhaps this is a good place to start. I expect other high schools would have similar expectations as a minimum.

Very keen to hear your thoughts on this. It’s new to me and, at the end of the day, I need to make a decision on how to address it in our dress code. I’d like that decision to be an informed one.

**Ears**

Our school dress code **does** address ear piercing. I’ve copied the relevant extract below:

> For health and safety reasons, earrings other than small studs or sleepers are not permitted. It is preferred that students do not wear ring earrings of any kind.

Thus, if you wear ear ornaments, studs are great. Sleepers are “ok” (not as safe as studs but the risk is considered minimal). However, anything larger than sleeper rings is **not** permitted.

Having said that, if we’re playing netball or touch, sleepers will need to be covered with tape.
MUSICALS
All students have been given notes about the musicals. Flat-bottomed, recyclable shopping bags (not plastic) need to be brought as soon as possible so costumes can be distributed. Any parents wishing to assist with costumes, please contact Mrs Mac either by email bigmac@eq.edu.au or call in and see her before school.

Musical Note? I didn’t get a musical note
If a Musical Note didn’t make it home, please look for a copy on our website at https://sharonss.eq.edu.au.

SATISFACTION SURVEY
It’s that time of year again! Education Queensland’s School Opinion Surveys have arrived at the school.
In previous years, our OneSchool computer management program would randomly select 40 of our families to receive parent satisfaction surveys. This year, all of our families are invited to take part. Your responses to this survey will provide data for our planning for the 2015 school year.
The Depart of Education has asked us to send letters home to all of our families, asking them to access the survey online. The letter has information about the survey along with access codes for the survey. You are more than welcome to use school computers to access the survey if you wish.

... or your children back!

Along with “selected” families, all school staff and students from Years 5 & 6 will complete online confidential surveys that are completed in school time.

More information about the survey is available at:

WHAT ARE OUR SCHOOL RULES?
Our school has identified the following 3 overriding school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour. They’re all based on the idea of “caring”:

• Care for yourself
• Care for others
• Care for your environment

I mentioned last week that I’d take a closer look at “Caring for yourself”.
By “caring for yourself”, we don’t mean being self-centred or behaving in a way that doesn’t consider the needs and feelings of others. In fact, more often than not, “caring for yourself” makes things better for everyone else – as well as yourself.
A complete list of examples would simply take up too much space. However, it’s all about common sense. Walking on cement, wearing a broad-brimmed hat outside, eating only your own food, using toilets sensibly, leaving valuables/novelties at home, (unless your teacher requests or gives approval), getting involved sensibly in approved activities at playtime, giving your best effort, being in the right place at the right time, being co-operative and being a good friend are all good examples.
Next week, I’ll give some examples of “caring for others”.

HAIDEN & JAMIE LEAD THE WAY
Congratulations to Haiden & Jamie on their dominant wins at the Gin Gin District Sports Carnival. Haiden threw 20.96m m to win the Boys Born 2003 Discus, while Jamie leapt 3.72m to win the Boys Born 2003 Long Jump.
The day also saw thrilling wins for our born 2005 mixed relay, (Charlie, Indi, Jack and Jahvin ) and our boys born 2004, (Alex, Byron, Riley and Daniel) relay team.
Other commendable achievements from Gin Gin last Friday were:

Boys born 2004
Alex – 3rd in long jump and 800m.

Girls born 2004
Emily – 2nd long jump

Girls born 2002
Relay team of Scarlett, Taylah, Jessica and Jodie who finished 3rd.

Boys born 2003
Jamie – 2nd in shot put, 3rd in discus

Boys born 2002
Jack – 3rd in long jump
Tyler – 3rd in shot put

Haiden, Jamie and Emily have been selected to represent Gin Gin District Schools at the Bundaberg Zone Championships.

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT
The Lester’s Learners and Salts were lucky enough to have a Fire Safety visit last Thursday. It was a very exciting afternoon with the children demonstrating all the important fire safety messages they had practised in class. They answered lots of questions and saw the fire-fighting equipment before heading out to the oval to each have a turn at squirting the hose. The fire men were very impressed with the children’s behaviour and fire safety knowledge! It was a fun afternoon for everyone involved.
Please remember to test your smoke alarms and plan two safe evacuation routes from your house to your safe meeting place (eg. letter box).
**SPELODROME 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 Cloe (1 040 points), Lena (1 040 points), Jess (1 000 points) and last week’s top scorer, Emily (1 110 points) who all finished with fantastic scores in Spellodrome last week.

**UNSW SCIENCE COMPETITION RESULTS**

7 of our students took part in The UNSW Science competition this year.

Big congratulations to Maverick (Distinction), Byron (Credit), Amelia (Credit) and Jemima (Merit). A ‘High Distinction’ is awarded to students who finish in the top 1% of students in Queensland. A ‘Distinction’ is awarded to the next 10% and a Credit to the next 25%. Well done!

These students will have their certificates presented on parade this Friday.

**PROBLEM OF THE WEEK**

In the lead-up to the Maths Team Challenge on August 26, I’m putting in a “Problem of The Week” to give you an idea of what our students will be up against in the competition. Keep in mind, however, that they will take on more problems than just one. They’ll also have a small amount of time to solve it. You have a week for this one. Answer next week.

A rectangular plot of land is 28 metres shorter on one side than the other. If the longer side was reduced by 34 metres, and the smaller side was reduced by 40 metres, the area contained within the plot would remain unchanged. What are the lengths of the sides (before changing)?

**SMILE AWHILE**

Q: Why did the dinosaur cross the road?
A: Because there were no chickens back then.

Q: When were King Arthur’s army too tired to fight?
A: When they had lots of sleepless knights!

Q: Why are robots never afraid?
A: Because they have nerves of steel.

Q: What did the blanket say to the bed?
A: “Don’t worry, I’ve got you covered!”

Q: What happens when a cat eats a lemon?
A: It becomes a sourpuss.

**Next Meeting:**
The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Thursday, 21 August at 7:00pm. Everyone is very welcome.

**Tuckshop:**
The tuckshop has two new items on the tuckshop menu starting this week.
Spaghetti Bolognaise - $2.50
Hot Chicken and Gravy Roll - $3.50

**South Kolan Hotel Cent Sale:**
A huge thank you to all those who volunteer their time at school, at the cent sale and providing baked goods. Your help and the wonderful support from the community continue to make our Cent Sale successful.

Our next Cent Sale will be on Saturday 16 August at 1:30pm.

**VOLUNTEER SHEET** – If you are able to help out with preparation on Friday or help on the Saturday of the cent sale, please see Sharon in the Office for further details.

Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this. We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to: http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au

**TENNIS:** Vacancies exist for children to Come and Learn and Play Tennis at the Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Assocn. Inc., 69b George Street, South Bundaberg with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches, Murray Whitbread (0407 639 824) and Kevin Banner (4152 0753 or 0409 520 753)
Health Industry Training is running face to face training under Certificate 3 Guarantee Program for Allied Health and Health Service Assistance, two very popular qualifications.

Please be aware that the above courses will be delivered in Bundaberg face to face starting from the 5th August 2014. An information session will be held at the Shalom College, Fitzgerald Street, Bundaberg on Wednesday 23rd July 11am-1pm for any interested parties.

Eligibility criteria is as follows:
Must be over 18 years of age
Must be an Australian citizen or resident
Must NOT have completed a Certificate III or higher in any other qualification – we have a site that can check this out if your client is unsure, just call us and we will look this up
Must be able to obtain a National Police Check – for work experience purposes – Health Industry Training arranges the work experience
Must have access to a computer, full internet and e-mail to submit assessments.
The student must pay a contribution towards the training as per the contract - $320 for concession holders and $600 for non-concession holders – payment plan can be arranged. If the JSA is paying for clients – this will be at the non-concession rate and payment is required in full.
To register for the information session, please contact Health Industry Training on 1300 381 415 or info@healthindustrytraining.org to register your interest.

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION
Just thought I should get the word out that, if you happen to donate blood, you might think about letting reception know that you are from Sharon State School. There are no prizes but the Red Cross keeps a record of the number of donations from different groups and how many lives have been saved.
You can see our current record at http://www.donateblood.com.au/who-can-give/club-red/view-group-tally?group_id=6401

Macs’ Musical
A Kidsummer Night’s Dream
a magical extravaganza

When? Wednesday, 17 September
Time? 7pm
Where? Shalom Performing Arts Theatre
Cost? $7 per ticket
Tickets on sale from Mrs Mac 26 August.