Dear Parents,

**LLs**
Kye – for great behaviour, trying hard and always being ready to work

**PJs**
Jahvin – for striving to improve his story writing. Well Done!

**Talitha**
– for being a cooperative and hardworking student

**MACS**
Jamie – for his positive attitude and cooperating so well with everyone
Kimberly – for using her initiative to help others and demonstrating so much common sense

**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
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**Roster – Term 3 August**

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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.

**MUSICAL COSTUMES URGENT**

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. Salt & Preppers, Lester’s Learners and PJs were due last Friday. The last date these can be sent along for checking is Thursday 14 August. No costumes from younger classes will be checked by Mrs Mac after this date.

All fairies in the Macs musical need to have a pair of skin-coloured knickers for the performance.

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.

Just go to “Support and Resources”, choose “Forms & Documents”, then “Documents”, choose the folder “General notes” and you should see a PDF document with the name: SPS, LLs, PJs Musical Note or Macs’ Musical Note.

**CENT SALE PROCEEDS**
So far this year the P&C has run three cent sales at the South Kolan Hotel. The proceeds from the three sales less our expenses are $3,038.12. WOW! What an amazing outcome to date. We still have three more sales until the end of the year.

We are now collecting suggestions on what the P&C can use the money for within the school. If you have any suggestions please place them on a sheet of paper and place in the locked boxes in the classroom. The P&C will collate and discuss these at the next meeting on Thursday 14 August.

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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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Satisfaction Survey Letter? I didn’t get a letter.
Unfortunately, I can’t put a copy of the letter on our website
as each one has a unique username and password to
prevent really keen people from doing the survey more
than once! This year, we have no spare letters to give out.

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 others”.

As a child matures, he/she slowly and naturally
develops a greater awareness of, and empathy for, the feelings and
needs of people around them. We’re all different and this
awareness develops at a different pace. Even among
adults, you will notice how some people have a more
developed “connection” and sympathy for the opinions and
well-being of those around them.

For some people, this awareness and “caring” for others
comes naturally despite interference from peers, school or
even home. Others, need positive support from peers,
school and home to develop the quality of “caring for
others”.

So how do you “care for others” at Sharon? Once again,
a complete list of examples would simply take up too much
space. And, once again, it’s all about common sense.

Being disruptive in class, not playing fairly, being physically
or verbally abusive, disrespect of property, not taking turns,
food sharing/swapping are all examples of not “caring for
others”.

Next week, I’ll give some examples of “caring for our
environment”.

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 (1 480 points),
Maverick (1 350 points) and last week’s top scorer (for the
2nd week in a row!), Emily (1 990 points) who all finished
with fantastic scores in Spellodrome last week.

NAPLAN NUMERACY RESULTS
We’ve been sent through some early results from the Years
3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN tests taken by the children in May this
year.

While all results from Australia are not in yet, the Numeracy
(math) results below compare the percentage of correct
answers by Sharon students with the percentage of correct
answers by Queensland students.

Our job as teachers is now to analyse our strengths and
weaknesses with a view to programming and planning for
the future.

The questions have been split into the 4 areas of
Numeracy, (A – Algebra, M – Measurement, N – Number
and S – Spatial Knowledge).
PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Last Week’s Problem:
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)?

Solution
Oops! I’ve just noticed an error in this one. I’m very sorry!
I should’ve noticed last week but didn’t.
The wording should be:

If the longer side was reduced by 34 metres, and the smaller side was **lengthened** by 40 metres, the area contained within the plot would remain unchanged.

To be fair, take another week with this one. Answer next week.

This Week’s Problem:
A group of children stand holding hands in a large circle. Their teacher walks around the circle giving each child, in order, a number – 1, 2, 3, 4, . . .

If child 12 is standing opposite child 30, how many children are in the circle?

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.


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.
SMILE AWAY
If you find yourself marooned on a deserted island, the chances of someone finding your message in a bottle, asking for help, would be very small. How unlucky would you be for an English teacher to find it? It pays to listen during English lessons!

Kind regards,

Next Meeting:
The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Thursday, 14 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 thankyou 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 Sales 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.