Dear Parents,

Salt and Preppers
Latisha

Lester’s Learners
Kysen – improved fluency and comprehension when reading.

Double Js
Noah – for an awesome effort in Friday Mad Minute achieving a score of 100 in 4:53
Lara – for being a most cooperative and conscientious student

Macs
Olivia – for her amazingness!

Tori – for her great effort and attitude

September 3rd - Robert

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 2
Tuesday, 10 September  - Macs’ Musical
Thursday, 19 September - School Photos
Friday, 20 September  - Final day of Term 3

Next Sausage Sizzle
Friday, 30 August
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  $2.00

Roster Term 3
30/8  Denise Riedy
6/9  Julie Collyer
13/9  Carmel Heal
20/9  Hayley Lerch

SPELLODROME HIGH FLYERS
Congratulations to Josh (1 165 points), who had a great score on Spelldrome last week.

NO PARADE TOMORROW, FRIDAY
To enable our different classes to rehearse their musical items, there is no parade tomorrow.

READING FOR UNDERSTANDING
Last week, I mentioned how we help students with their reading for understanding.
I mentioned that reading for understanding doesn’t just come naturally for everyone. In our classrooms we follow a method devised by Sheena Cameron, a reading expert from New Zealand. Sheena has compiled a study that looks at what “successful readers” do before, during and after reading which helps improve their understanding of what they read.

During reading, good readers:
- Connect with the ideas, feelings, characters and events in the text. “I know what that feels like because, once, when I . . . .”
- Visualise what’s happening. “I can make a movie in my mind.”
- Make inferences. This is being able to read between the lines. For example, if I’m reading that, “Sara’s mouth was dry and she had a big knot in her stomach,” I might infer that Sarah was nervous.
- Question. “I wonder why the prince is being so mean to the wizard . . . .”
- Revise and adjust predictions. “I thought . . . would happen, but now I think . . . .”

What Can Parents Do?
1. Promote the connecting, visualising, inferring, questioning and adjusting predictions by referring to them when you’re discussing what’s being read.
2. Be a bit wary about too much discussion. Sometimes, overanalysing can kill off the enjoyment of the book. When all’s said and done, that’s the worst thing we can do.

MACS’ MUSICAL NO LONGER AT TAFE THEATRE
The Macs’ Musical performance will not be performed at the TAFE Theatre. The show will now be held at our school on the same day, but at 9:10am Tuesday 10 September.

Why?
For a few reasons. Using the TAFE Theatre is a significant investment in both time and money. Sadly, it’s becoming clear that a growing number of children are losing their enthusiasm for the annual production. While disappointing, ultimately we have to accept that reality and work with it rather than against it.

On top of this, the expectations of the National Curriculum make it exceptionally difficult to find/manufacture time to rehearse and prepare for a standard of performance that justifies the costs associated with using the theatre and charging admission for the show.
MATHS TEAM CHALLENGE SUCCESS

We sent 4 teams into the Bundaberg Maths Team Challenge yesterday at the Civic Centre. Our team of Jason, Corey, Makaela, Sheay and Maverick went oh so close to taking out 1st place. After an ordinary 1st round in the team event, they stormed home in the relay round to score 44 points out of a possible 50. While it was easily the best relay result of the day, their total of 67 points fell 3 points short of the winners, South Kolan. Congratulations to South Kolan on the result and to all of our competitors for their efforts and enthusiasm. Special congratulations to Olivia who filled in for a missing student from Elliot Heads State School. Olivia ended up playing a crucial role in getting Elliot Heads into 1st place in the C Schools Division.

HOT DOGS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDERS

Our Thursday Hot Dogs and Friday Sausage Sizzle remain very popular. However, an uncomfortable problem has emerged with both days. We have students putting in orders after the start work bell at 8:55 am on both days. I simply can’t justify students and teachers missing the prime learning time of the day to enable lunch orders to be put through. The Thursday hot dog day is a particular problem because Mrs Mac collates the orders and needs to be teaching by 8:55 am. Today, she was still collating orders at 9:10 am. Please understand that, for hot dogs in particular, teachers and/or volunteers students simply must not accept orders after 8:50 am. The 8:50 am cut off gives us a “chance”, (albeit small), to have money up to the office and be working in our own classroom by 8:55 am. Remember, early orders are very welcome for hot dogs.

The Friday sausage sizzle day allows us a little leeway due to parade and the fact that the orders and money are collated up in the office. Thus, parents, (not students), can place late orders with Mrs Stapleton – on Fridays only. Having said that, please only do this as a last resort. Ideally, if kids are late or forget to put an order in, missing out for that week is a natural consequence and, perhaps, a bit of a life lesson.

We won’t let them go hungry. We offer a sandwich to children who miss getting their orders in.
Election Day Cake Stall
As mentioned in last week newsletter the P&C will be holding a cake stall on Election Day 7th September.

We are looking for donations of baked goodies to be bought in on Friday afternoon between 2:45 and 3:15 or on the Saturday morning of voting as early as possible.

All donations of food items will need to have a label listing the ingredients. See example below.
- Weekend Biscuits, Butter, Sugar, Egg, Sultanas, SR Flour and Corn Flakes.

We are also looking for volunteers to man our cake stall on the day. You will need to come to the school to vote anyway so while you are here if you could stay for just an hour to help with this it would be greatly appreciated.

If you can help with this, please contact Michelle Pacey 0488 086 021 or 4159 9168.

There will be NO SUPPER served at the musical this year.

Whale Watching Raffle
The P&C is running a raffle that will be drawn at the Mac's Musical, 10th September. The prize is a Family Pass for a 1/2 Day cruise aboard Hervey Bay Whale Watch - Quick Cat II valued at $300. Tickets will be on sale on Election Day and at the Musical at 1 ticket for $1, 6 for $5 or 15 for $10.

What Do We Want / Need?
The P&C are always open to suggestions on fundraising ideas and things that we need around the school that we could be spending money that we have raised on. Now that the tennis court has been resurfaced and our new playground is on its way. What are we looking at for our next project? Please speak to one of our P&C committee members or alternatively come along to our next P&C meeting on Thursday evening 12th September in the Library and 7PM.