Dear Parents,

Salt and Preppers
Rae-Lee for great work in maths

Lester’s Learners
Jack K for his wonderful character voice in the musical

Double Js
Daniel - For his great effort at musical rehearsals and for fantastic behaviour.

Macs
Reilly – being thoughtful and showing a responsible attitude.
D-Jay – sparking up his enthusiasm with his approach to his work.

No student birthdays

September

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

5th - Jesse James (1847-1882) Missouri outlaw who robbed banks, trains, and stagecoaches, but was revered as a famous outlaw.

8th – PINK - Born Alecia Beth Moore, her rendition of “Lady Marmalade” rose to number one on the Billboard Hot 100 and earned her a Grammy Award.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 2

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<td>JJs’, LLs’ and S&amp;Ps’ musical (9:15 am)</td>
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TERM 3

Thursday, 31 October       Prep Information Morning for 2014

Next Sausage Sizzle

Friday, 6 September

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.

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SPELLODROME HIGH FLYERS

Congratulations to Reilly (1 100 points), Maverick (1 000 points) and our top scorer, Sheay (1160 points), who all had great scores on Spellodrome last week.

READING FOR UNDERSTANDING

For the last couple of weeks, I’ve been mentioning 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.

After reading, good readers:

- Can retell or summarise what they’ve read.
- Synthesise. (Combine their own prior knowledge with new ideas/information from what they’ve read to create new thoughts, ideas or opinions.)
- Revisit predictions made before reading.
- Question. “I’d like to find out why . . .”
- Evaluate. “I found this book useful/useless for my project because . . .”

What Can Parents Do?

1. Simple questions such as, “What happened in that story?” encourages summarising or retelling.
2. Trickier questions such as, “What would happen if . . .?”, “Has your thinking/opinion changed because of . . .?”, “Is there another way . . .?” encourages synthesising.
3. Showing interest in “I’d like to find out why . . .”, statements and even suggesting, or showing, how to go about finding answers will show you value the importance of questioning.

UNSW SPELLING COMPETITION RESULTS

The UNSW Spelling Competition was offered to students on a voluntary basis this year. 5 students took part.

Big congratulations to Amelia and Maverick (High Distinctions!), Scarlett (Distinction), Jemima and Olivia (Credits). A High Distinction is awarded to the top 1% of results in Queensland. A Distinction to the next 10% and a Credit to the next 25%. A fantastic result. Well done!

Amelia, Maverick, Scarlett, Jemima and Olivia will have their certificates presented on parade this Friday.

Kind regards,
Election Day is this Saturday 7th September, and the P&C are running a cake stall. Please start baking now. Cakes, biscuits, slices, scones, fudge and sugar-coated peanuts are some ideas. Just nothing that needs refrigerating.

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

All donations of food items will need to have a label listing the ingredients.

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, please contact Michelle Pacey 0488 086 021 or 4159 9168.

Whale Watching Raffle
The P&C is running a raffle that will be drawn at the Lower School Musical, 18th 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 Mac's Musical as well as on the day, at 1 ticket for $1, 6 for $5 or 15 for $10.

Come & Try Day
Date – 8 September 2013
Time – 9am to 12pm
Place – BMX Club, Airport Drive, Bundaberg
If you have an interest in BMX, come out and try the sport for free. All ages are welcome to attend.
All participants are required to wear long pants, long sleeve shirt, full face helmet, gloves & closed in shoes.
All participants will receive a free showbag.
For further information contact:-
Ian Lenkeit (President) on 0421 314 042 or
Natasha Rupert (Secretary) on 0435 863 209