Dear Parents,

S&P
Taylah – for great reading

LLs
Rae-Lee – for being a helpful, responsible and reliable class member

Umairah – for settling in nicely to your new classroom and school

PJ’s
Bree – for working exceptionally hard during Maths to receive 100% on her fractions test

Logan – for demonstrating good concentration and listening in Maths lessons

MACS
Cameron – for excellent behaviour and the pride he takes in his work

Emily – for her positive friendly approach to everything she does

September
11th – Byron
12th – Tiana, Tyson
13th – Luke, Bridie
14th – Bree

DATES TO REMEMBER
Wed, 17 Sept 7pm - Macs’ Musical, Shalom College Theatre
Friday, 19 September - Final day of Term 3
Saturday, 20 September - P&C Cent Sale
Monday, 6 October - Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday, 7 October - First Day of Term 4
Monday, 20 October - Pupil Free Day

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
September
12th – Andrea Hedges 19th – Denise Riedy
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.

BOOK CLUB
Orders for Issue 6 are now closed, orders have been placed and delivery is expected this week.

HELPING RURAL AUSTRALIA
Students in the PJs would like to raise some more money for Buy a Bale. The month of September is “Great Outback BBQ Month” and according to Grahame Ryan of Frontier Services, “The BBQ concept is truly Australian and what better way than to help our farmers to have a BBQ and donate a few bucks to get them through.” The students will be donating all proceeds from the Sausage Sizzle on Friday, 12 September to this worthy cause.

CENT SALE – 20 SEPTEMBER
We have 2 Cent Sales left until the end of the year – can you help us out…

Sandwich Making
At school in the tuckshop from 1:30 to 3:00pm on the Friday before the cent sale

Baking
9 Slices or Cakes required in total – if you can volunteer to make at least one
Baking needs to be delivered to the tuckshop before 3:00pm Friday before cent sale

Saturday of Cent Sale
Setup – 10:30am to 12:30pm
Sale Help – 12:00pm – 3:00pm

Please contact Hayley Lerch on 0407 652 056 if you can offer help. Many hands make light work.

Upcoming Cent Sale Dates
20th September and 18th October

SPELLODROME HIGH FLYERS
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 (1 100 points), Maverick (1 000 points), Jess (1 000 points), Scarlett (1 650 points) and last week’s top scorer, Jemima (1 800 points) who all finished with fantastic scores in Spellodrome last week.

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK
Last Week
This was from the relay event in the Maths Team Challenge. It was worth 4 points but, to my knowledge, none of the teams had it correct.
Using positive integers only, how many different addition sums can you make that equal 6? [“Turnarounds” can only be counted once. e.g. 1 + 5 = 6 & 5 + 1 = 6 are turnarounds. I’ve just given you one addition sum – not two.]

This one had me stumped. I could only think of 1 + 5 = 6, 2 + 4 = 6 & 3 + 3 = 6. It’s no good using 0 + 6 = 6 because 0 is not a positive integer. Thus, I thought 3 was the answer. WRONG!

It doesn’t say that we can only add 2 numbers together. I just assumed that.

We could also have:

- 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 6
- 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 = 6
- 1 + 1 + 1 + 3 = 6
- 1 + 1 + 4 = 6
- 2 + 2 + 2 = 6
- 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 6
- 3 + 2 + 1 = 6

Along with the three I originally mentioned, that makes **10 different addition sums you can make that equal 6**.

**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

**Caring for yourself** can be as simple as not sharing or swapping food with other students.

**QUEENIE THE QUALL VISIT – NATIONAL THREATENED SPECIES DAY – 7 SEPTEMBER**

Last Wednesday, Leon Spencer, from the Bundaberg Regional Council, brought Queenie the Quoll to school for a visit and informative talk. The visit coincided with “National Threatened Species Day” on Sunday, 7 September, with the aim of raising awareness of threatened species and what we can all do to help protect them.

The students from Salt & Prep, Lester’s Learners and PJ’s were all lucky enough to be involved in this wonderful experience. Leon spoke about quoll characteristics, behaviour, diet, habitat and threats to the species and how Queenie and her friend, Bert, are cared for at Alexander Park Zoo. He also told the students about other animals that are endangered as well as the other animals at the zoo. The audience was also treated to watching Queenie eat her breakfast and listening to the sounds that Quolls make.

Quolls are a threatened species due to loss of habitat, predators (dogs and cats), ingesting cane toads and being killed in retaliation for raids in chook pens. We can all help by securing our pets and building quoll-proof enclosures for our poultry. The wildlife preservation society of Qld has an Adopt a Quoll program running. For more information go to: [www.wildlife.org.au/adoptaquoll](http://www.wildlife.org.au/adoptaquoll)

Thank you to Leon (and Queenie) on behalf of everyone who was present. It was an informative and interesting session that was enjoyed by all.

**KEY STRATEGIES TO READING SUCCESS**

Last week, I mentioned the key strategy of “Visualising”. This is when the reader uses their prior knowledge and/or experiences to create a mental image of what is happening in the text that he or she is reading. Put another way, it’s making a movie in your head.

This week, I’m highlighting the strategy that, according to nationwide NAPLAN data, is the most challenging to kids. That’s the strategy of **inferring**.

**Inferring** is sometimes described as reading between the lines. It’s working out what the author is “saying” without it being actually stated in the text. For example, “Johnny sat staring at the door with a sick feeling in his stomach.” We might “infer” from this that Johnny is scared or nervous. The text doesn’t actually say that but we can probably guess it - based on our own experiences in the past.
LOWER SCHOOL MUSICALS
We were treated to 2 terrific performances last Friday. Lester’s Learners and Salt ‘n Preppers combined to present “Purple People Eater”, while PJs followed this with “Scotland the Brave”.
I could only watch from side stage but, in both shows, I heard the characters’ lines, listened to some terrific singing and saw some groovy dance moves.
A huge thanks to Mrs Pippia who created the backdrops and bagpipes.
Special thanks to friends and family who made time to come and support our kids. It really lifted the performers to have such a good crowd there to watch.
Thanks also to our talented performers and their director, Mrs Mac, for the time and effort you put into preparing the show.

FRIDAY SPORTS REPORT
A TOUCH:
Last week, the Sharon A Team tied against Kolan South 6-6. It started off as a good game and continued throughout the afternoon. The scores were locked at 4-4 by half time. We thought we had the game wrapped up when the scores were 6-5. However, in the last 30 seconds, South Kolan went over for a try - leaving the scores tied at 6 – 6.
By Byron

B NETBALL:
On the 5th of September, Sharon travelled to Kolan South to have a game of netball. We had such fun! The scores were very close, but Sharon finished the game a few points ahead. Well done to Kolan South. You did a fantastic job!
By Taylah

I Opened a Book
“I opened a book and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I’ve left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I’m wearing the cloak, I’ve slipped on the ring,
I’ve swallowed the magic potion.
I’ve fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me.”
— Julia Donaldson

Next Meeting:
The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Thursday, 11 September at 7:00pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Tuckshop:
We have had great support for the changes to the tuckshop menu – thank you to all staff, parents and students for their support.
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 Sales very successful.

Our next Cent Sale and last for the year will be on **Saturday 20 September 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.

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**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 now.**

*(Please put your order in the cash collection box of any classroom.)*

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**Nicholas Johns & Special Guests In:**

**The Comedian**

He’s edgy, highly motivated & hilariously funny. What a formula!

**‘Live’ in Bundaberg 5th Oct**

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Who loves a good laugh?? Well we have a great night out coming to Bundy that’s right up your alley!! South Kolan Community Kindergarten is hosting a Sit Down Comedy fundraiser event showcasing Nicholas Johns and his “Plan to Save the World” tour together with special guests Mark McConville and Fiona McGary. This is bound to be a night full of laughs and a good excuse to get a bunch of friends together for a great night out at Rowers on the River Function Centre!! Tickets are $30 each and can be purchased online at [http://bundy.eventbrite.com.au](http://bundy.eventbrite.com.au) or alternatively give Kate a call on 0438 591 424.

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**Oakwood OSHC is holding their annual fundraiser on September 27th 2014, at the CQ Leagues Club.**

Your support will be appreciated by way of donating items that we can use as prizes ie: vouchers, toiletries non-perishable grocery items & other non-perishable items. You don’t need to use the service to support our fundraiser, we are a small non for profit service and any help from outside OOSHC will in turn help the Oakwood State School community. Please leave donations in the After School Care room.

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**Children’s sewing lessons**

- Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school.
- Shop 7, 63 Sylvan Drive, Moore Park Beach
- 0411597610

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**TENNIS:** ANZ Tennis Hot Shots Learning programs for Term 4, held Wednesday afternoons: 4 - 5pm commence: 8th October 2014 and Saturday mornings: 8 - 9am & 9 - 10am commence: 11th October 2014 (Games: 18th October 2014). Register now with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Coaches - Murray Whitbread: 0407 639 824 and Kevin Banner: 4152 0753 or 0409 520 753

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**Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Asscnon. Inc. & Dept of National Parks, Recreation, Sport & Racing present a Holiday “Get Active” Tennis Clinic for Children & Adults**

- **Wednesday 1st October, Tuesday 2nd October & Thursday 3rd October 2014**

**FEATURING**

- (2) Sessions for Beginners: 8.00am - 9.00am or 8.00am – 10.00am
- High School/Intermediate/Prior Learning Students: 2.00pm – 5.00pm
- Limited class sizes
- Nights for Mums & Dads of children at clinic –Free: All other adults are welcome, for a fee