Dear Parents,

**S&P**
Tyson – for an excellent start on his English letter assessment and Happy Birthday for today!

**LLs**
Brianna – for being a responsible, organised and helpful student

**Liam**
Liam – for his lovely courteous manner and demonstrating an excellent work ethic in all class tasks

**PJs**
Tarnay – for fantastic story writing! Great work effort and amazing vocab!

**MACS**
Scarlett – for her faultless and dedicated preparation for the school musical.
Laura – for consistently being a conscientious and quiet achiever.

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**September**
30th – Louisa Rei

**October**
4th – Logan

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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**

**September**
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.
Thanks so much to our sausage rollers throughout the year.

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**PARENTING IDEAS ONLINE MAGAZINE**

Sharon parents have free access to the online edition of “Parentingideas Magazine”. Published quarterly, the magazine is packed full of great reading for parents of toddlers through to teens. Simply go to:

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**MACS’ MUSICAL HELP**

**Volunteers Required**

- **Baking Cakes or Slices** to be dropped at the school by 1:00pm this Wednesday 17th
- **Wednesday 17th** from 1:00pm onwards to make sandwiches in the tuckshop
- **Wednesday 17th** during intermission to help serve food and drinks at Shalom

**Food/Drinks available during Intermission**

- Sandwich and Cake Pack $3.00
  - (2 triangle sandwich quarters and 2 pieces of cake/slice)
- Tea/Coffee $2.00
- Soft Drink $1.00
- Water $1.00
- Chips $1.00
- Lolly Bag $1.00

**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

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**HELPING RURAL AUSTRALIA**

Congratulations to the students from PJs who came up with the idea of supporting rural Australia by sending the proceeds of last week’s sausage sizzle to support rural families doing it tough. $180.10 was raised. Well done!
STRATEGIES TO READING SUCCESS - SUMMARISING

To help children gain a better understanding of what they read, 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 level of understanding.

In previous newsletters, I’ve spoken about “making connections”, “visualising” and “inferring”. One of the most difficult strategies for students to master, (and one of the hardest to teach!), is summarising. At the same time, it’s a useful strategy for all of us – especially if you’re going on to study at higher levels.

In a nutshell, (and I’m seriously summarising here), summarising is:

- looking for the main idea
- finding & using key words, key facts & key phrases
- taking notes and
- retelling a shortened version of the text in your own words.

How Can Parents Help?

If ever you’re listening to your child tell you about a story they’ve read, their day at school or some experience they’ve had, ask them for the important bits as opposed to microscopic detail.

SPELLODROME 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 Daniel (1 015 points), Cloe (1 000 points), Jessica (1 000 points), Maverick (1 000 points), Scarlett (1 650 points) and last week’s top scorer, Charlie (5 240 points) who all finished with fantastic scores in Spellodrome last week.

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 others can be as simple as using appropriate language and considerate comments.

Kind regards,

Next Meeting:
The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Thursday, 16 October at 7:00pm. Everyone is very welcome.

Tuckshop:

Orders:
All orders for tuckshop are to be written on a brown paper bag, one bag for lunch orders and a separate one for afternoon tea orders. Paper bags are available from the front serv ery window of the tuckshop for 10c – please add this cost to your order.

If you need to write your order out on Tuesday morning there will be pens provided. Please be aware that the volunteers are extremely busy first thing in the morning receiving orders, cooking and preparing for their day.

No one is to be in the tuckshop unless they are an official volunteer. Under Workplace Health andSafety there are to be no children in the tuckshop at any time. If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact any of the volunteers or Natalie Calder, Tuckshop Convenor.

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 very successful.

Our next Cent Sale will be on Saturday 20 September at 1:30pm.

Out last one for the year will be on Saturday 18 October 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 contact Hayley Lerch on 0407 652 056 for further details.

“Fairies” & “Forest Folk” during rehearsal for “Kidsummer Night’s Dream”
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.)

PLEASE NOTE: NO FOOD OR DRINK IS PERMITTED INSIDE THE AUDITORIUM. A SUPPER WILL BE SERVED IN THE FOYER AT INTERVAL.
NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY DURING PERFORMANCE.

Holiday “Get Active” Tennis Clinic for Children & Adults
Wednesday 1st October, Thursday 2nd October & Friday 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

Where: Bundaberg Junior Tennis Association, Rotary Park Tennis Complex, 69B George Street, South Bundaberg.
(next to St Vincent de Paul - 2 blocks from Woolworths + Petrol)

Times:
Junior Beginners (5-12years)  8.00am - 9.00am
Intermed.Beginners (5-12years) 8.00am - 10.00am
High School/Intermed. /Advanced 2.00pm - 5.00pm

“Play-n-Learn + Cardio” Mums & Dads/Adult nights:
Time:  - Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd October 6.30pm – 8.00pm

For all costs: Phone Fiona on 0400265 893

Conducted by Bundaberg Tennis Academy
Professional Tennis Coaches:
Murray Whitbread & Kevin Banner

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL with FIONA - 0400 265 893

LOST DOG – PLEASE HELP
Grey and Tan little scruffy dog – left eye missing. Name on Tag is Beesa. He would have a long lead of clothes line attached to his collar from where he was tied up in his yard. Went missing on Saturday afternoon. Phone: 4159 9053

Bundy’s mega community garage sale
Do you want to be a part of the Garage Sale Trail without the hassle of opening your home?
Join our mega community sale at the Bundaberg Recreational Precinct on October 25 and help us to raise money for Relay for Life.
Sites are reasonably priced and all funds raised will support the Cancer Council.
Suitcase site (inside 1.5mx1.5m) - $5
Stall (inside 3mx3m) - $10
Car boot (outside) - $10
Stall (outside 5mx10m) - $15
Find an application form at bundaberg.qld.gov.au or call 1300 883 699 for more information.
If you don’t want to hold a sale, but have some unwanted items to giveaway you can contact the team to donate them.
Sorting out sibling squabbles

"Healthy families know how to fight well. When parents take an active approach to helping their children resolve their fights, they are teaching them a valuable life skill as well as reducing the incidence of fighting over the long term."

If your kids constantly fight with each other, then don’t despair. All that emotional energy isn’t going to waste.

According to a recent study sibling fights teach kids important conflict resolution skills. In fact, parents who stop their children from arguing may well be depriving them of important learning opportunities.

Researcher Laurie Kramer from the University of Illinois in the US found that kids who learned how to argue with their siblings had more advanced emotional development.

Anecdotally, it seems that sibling fighting is one of the biggest impediments to parents enjoying family life. Many parents tell me that if their children stopped bickering their lives would improve dramatically.

Many parents also worry that their children who fight with each other will not get along as adults. The evidence doesn’t support this view. The test for strong families is more about the willingness for kids to pull together when the chips are down, than the frequency of the squabbling.

Healthy families know how to fight well. When parents take an active approach to helping their children resolve their fights, they are teaching them a valuable life skill as well as reducing the incidence of fighting over the long term. Here are some ideas:

- **Model good conflict resolution skills.** Kids wear L plates when it comes to solving disputes. Some kids will yell, get abusive or even get physical when they are settling disputes. Show them better ways of sorting out problems by talking things through with your partner, compromising and apologising when you’ve said something upsetting to your partner or your children.

- **Focus on emotions.** When kids come to you for help, say something like: “Yep, it would make me mad too if someone said that to me.” Usually someone’s feelings get hurt when siblings argue so make sure you recognise their emotions without taking sides. This focus on feelings helps kids develop emotional literacy and promotes empathy.

- **Explain why siblings may have behaved the way they do.** Ask questions like, “What do you think she meant by that?” Kids are faulty observers and only see one side during disputes. It’s the job of parents to round out the picture, and help kids see that there are two sides to any dispute.

- **Coach them on sorting out disputes.** Kids need the chance to sort their conflict out themselves, but sometimes they need a little coaching. Don’t waste time trying to sort out who started an argument. Instead make some suggestions such as taking turns, giving way, bargaining and swapping.

- **Encourage them to restore their relationships.** Kids often get over disputes far quicker than adults. They can be squabbling one minute and cuddling up the next, so it gets tricky intervening sometimes. However, there are times when you need to encourage a child to mend bridges with an aggrieved sibling. This can mean kids have to swallow their pride, admit that they may be wrong, make an apology or make some sort of restitution such as doing a special favour. This type of restoration means kids must take responsibility for their behaviours and is a sign of growing maturity.

Children without siblings can learn conflict resolution skills by spending time with other peers and friends, and having parents who are willing to argue with them without coming on too strong or laying down the law.

Conflict and siblings tend to go together like bread and butter. While sibling squabbles can be annoying, they also offer parents great opportunities to help kids to handle conflict effectively, which is a great life skill.