Dear Parents,

Salt and Preppers
Jack – for a wonderful first week back.

Lester’s Learners
Brooke – for consistently applying herself to all tasks.

Double Js
Lena – for good listening and always working quietly
Michael – for showing a big improvement in classroom behaviour – Well Done

Macs
Luke – for improved concentration in class and a positive attitude to work.
Tyler – for a positive attitude and better concentration in class.
Tayla – for an improved level of concentration in class and a co-operative attitude.

October
17th – Natalie

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TERM 4
Thursday, 17 October  P&C Meeting
Monday, 21 October  Student Free Day
Thursday, 31 October  9-10:30am Prep Parent Info Morning
Thursday, 21 November  9-11am Prep Morning
Monday, 2 December  Year 7 Graduation Dinner

Next Sausage Sizzle
Friday, 18th October
Thank you to the parents who have 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 $1.00
Sausage and ice block deal $2.00

Roster Term 4
18th October – Karyn Dixon
22nd October – Denise Reidy
8th November – Carmel Heal
15th November – Hayley Lerch
23rd November – Kaz Field
29th November – Karyn Dixon
6th December – Denise Reidy

PREP STUDENTS FOR 2014
– PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Please contact the office for an Enrolment Pack if you have children starting Prep at Sharon School next year or know someone who is enrolling in Prep at Sharon next year.

A Parent Enrolment/Information session is organised for Thursday morning 31 October 9:00am-10:30am in the Salt ‘n’ Preppers’ classroom with Mrs Wendy Searle. Please bring your completed enrolment forms and birth certificate for your interview with Mrs Searle.

Parents of children born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009, who are starting Prep in 2013, will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year.

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush.
To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can:
• download an application form from
  www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm
• visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse.

Don’t leave it to the last minute – apply for a birth certificate now.
Further information for parents and carers wanting to enrol their Prep-aged children in a state school in Queensland is available on the Department of Education and Training website at:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
If you have not already paid for Religious Instruction, could you please do so as soon as possible. It is $5 per child or $10 for a family. The money is used to provide resources to students.

LOST AND FOUND
Have you lost anything, pencils, combs?
It might have been found and is now sitting up at the school office.

WANT OUR NEWSLETTER EMAILED?
If you’d like our newsletter emailed to you, please email me with “newsletter email” in the subject heading. Please keep in mind that, if I email a newsletter to you, I won’t be handing a newsletter out to your child at school.

PAYING BY EFTPOS
Our EFTPOS machine is now installed in the office. If you wish to make larger payments by EFTPOS, please see Sharon in the office.

BOOK CLUB
Book club brochures for issue no. 7 have been sent home. Orders are due back to the school by Wednesday, 30th October. Please allow one week after due date for delivery.
AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST SUCCESS

The results from the Westpac Australian Maths Trust Competition have arrived at the school. Once again, very pleasing results!!

In this competition, Merit certificates are awarded on the following basis.

- The top 2% of students receive a High Distinction certificate.
- The next 13% of students receive a Distinction certificate.
- The next 35% of students receive a Credit certificate.

Now, before you think that the Australian Maths Trust is being overly generous with their Credit certificates, keep in mind that most schools only put their best students in the competition. Award winners can consider their results among the “best of the best”. Because of this, the Australian Maths Trust also awards “Proficiency” Certificates to students who have achieved a predetermined score which would suggest the student has performed very well but hasn’t quite made it to a major prize certificate.

Congratulations to the following students whose results have achieved a major award in the competition.

**Distinction:** Daniel, Ben, Olivia, Maverick, Makaela.

**Credit:** Byron, Emma, Cameron, Amelia, Jemima, poppy, Taylor, Jai, Scarlett, Jason.

**Proficiency:** Alex, Kateisha, Jodie, Breeanna, Sheay, Samantha.

These award certificates will be handed out on parade this Friday, 18 October.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ENGLISH TEST RESULTS

Our results from the University of New South Wales English Competition have arrived in the mail. The results are, once again, very pleasing for a school of our size.

Please remember that these tests are elite competitions. They are NOT Year level tests. A DISTINCTION indicates a score in the next 10% and a CREDIT to the next 20%.

Any of these special awards are obviously very difficult to achieve and all of the students deserve huge congratulations for their efforts.

**DISTINCTIONS:**

Scarlett, Maverick, Jemima, Xander, Madison and Ben.

**CREDITS:**

Jason, Taylor, Tyler, Kimberly, Ethan M., Amelia, Olivia, Emma, Jack L., Byron.

We’ll be presenting these certificates on parade this Friday, 18 October.

QUICK QUIZ

A simple quiz this week. I’m told that scoring at least 4 allows you to think that you are clever.

1) How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2) Which country makes Panama hats?
3) From which animal do we get cat-gut?
4) In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
5) What is a camel’s hair brush made of?
6) The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?
7) What was King George VI’s first name?
8) What colour is a purple finch?
9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from?

Answers next week.

Kind regards,

TUCKSHOP - Tuckshop will be operating every Tuesday through until the second last week of Term 4 – last day Tuesday 3rd December.

P & C MEETING – The next P & C meeting will be held this Thursday 17th October, @ 7.00pm in the school library. All very welcome.

LUNCH ONLY ITEMS –

**Sandwiches**

- Vegemite / Jam $2.00
- Egg & Lettuce / Cheese & Tomato $2.50
- Salad $3.00
- Chicken & Salad roll / sandwich $4.00
- Toastie (chick/cheese/tomato etc) $3.50

**Salads**

- Small salad $3.00
- Small Chicken & salad $3.50
- Large Chicken & salad $5.00

**Hot Food**

- Mini pies $0.70
- Mini sausage rolls $0.60
- Mini ham & pineapple pizza $1.60
- Chicken nuggets x 3 $1.00

**OTHER ITEMS / AFTERNOON TEA** –

- Berry yoghurt & muesli crunch $2.00
- Fruit salad / Choc custard cup $2.00
- Pool chips / twists $1.00
- Fruit flavoured poppa $1.00
- Chocolate / Strawberry milk $1.50
- Ice stick (N/A afternoon tea) $0.50
- Choc chip muffin $1.00

*Please order afternoon tea in separate bag
*Hot food not available for afternoon tea
*All OTHER ITEMS available @ counter during lunch
Public Notices

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. You can see our current record at http://www.donateblood.com.au/who-can-give/club-red/view-group-tally?group_id=6401

South Kolan Community Kindergarten
Cent Sale
Come along to the monthly South Kolan Community Kindy’s continuous cent sale afternoon and win lots of prizes to pack your pantry. Prizes in the continuous raffle include grocery items, homemade goodies and lots more. There are also raffles, whip a rounds and lucky door prizes for both adults and children. To be held at the South Kolan Hotel on Saturday 19th of October at 1:30pm. Entry is free and afternoon tea is provided. Lunch is available and the fun and laughter is free.

Lighthouse Festival
Art & Photography Exhibition
Saturday 26th October - Burnett Heads Community Hall
9:00am to 4:00pm

Artists & Photographers are advised that entries for the exhibition are open until the 19th October. There are sections to suit a range of experience and skill levels.
- Open
- Youth
- Disability
- Indigenous
- New textiles section - Quilts and fabric art work

Our youth and disability not only have prize money but encouragement awards of art supplies.
Forms are available from our website: www.thelighthousefestival.com.au
For more details please feel free to contact Sherilee – Lighthouse Festival Art Coordinator
Ph: 41595602 Email: lhfcreeations@gmail.com

North High Learn-To-Row Program
North Bundaberg High School wishes to invite any Year 7 students that are interested in trying rowing and attending North High next year, to a FREE come-try morning.

The morning is being held Sunday 27th October at 8 am, at Bucca. After the free introduction session, any interested students can join us in a 5 week learn-to-row program for the following Sundays for $50.00. By learning-to-row this term, this allows the students to be skilled ready for next year’s Head of River season and also meet some current North High rowers and students.

Rowing is a great sport, especially for teenagers, as it teaches teamwork and cooperation. Physically, it also develops all over body strength, endurance and balance. An added bonus it is enjoyable, fun and you only have to master one stroke and then it is repetition and practice.

For more details and the membership form, please contact the Coordinator, Teressa Tibbey on 41300222 or email ttibb3@eq.edu.au.