Dear Parents,

S&Ps
Cooper – for great sentence writing

LLs
Rhys – for consistently demonstrating responsible and reliable classroom behaviour

PFs
Skyla – for her excellent listening and good summarising in science information lessons

MACS
Josh – for a cracking start to Term 4. Keep it up!
Luke – for fantastic participation in class.

October
17th – Natalie

DATES TO REMEMBER
Thursday, 16 October - P&C Meeting
Saturday, 18 October - P&C Cent Sale
Monday, 20 October - Pupil Free Day
Wednesday, 29 October - Teaching & Learning Audit
Monday, 10 November - Years 5-7 leave for Tallebudgera Camp
Friday, 14 November - Years 5-7 return from Tallebudgera Camp
Thursday, 4 December - Prep-Yr 2 Sleepover at School

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with sausages and Home Brand ice blocks.
Sausage and bread $1.20
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Thanks so much to our sausage rollers throughout the year.

BOOK CLUB
Brochures for book club issue no. 7 have been sent home. Orders are due back at school by Wednesday, 29th October. Please allow one week after this date for delivery.

CHATTERMATTERS. NEW “SPEAK” APP
The SPEAK, (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge), oral language app has been developed by the department as a joint initiative with Queensland Health and Redland City Council to help develop children’s speaking and listening ability.

SPEAK is for anyone who wants the best start in life for their child and provides a fun, convenient way to make chatter matter.

The SPEAK app is available for free download from the iTunes store and Google Play.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW MATHS TEST RESULTS. WOW!
Our results from the University of New South Wales Maths Competition have arrived in the mail. The results are extremely pleasing for a school of our size.

Please remember that these tests are elite competitions. They are NOT year level tests. Schools usually only enter their “high-flying” maths students. This makes it even more difficult to finish high enough to achieve an award of any kind. Having said that, I’d encourage you to go through the questions with your child if you get the chance. If you do borrow a book, please return it to the school when you are finished as we use them for activities in future years.

A HIGH DISTINCTION indicates a test score in the top 1% of scores in Australia, a DISTINCTION indicates a score in the next 10% and a CREDIT to the next 20%. This year, a MERIT certificate has also been awarded to the next 10% of students.

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

HIGH DISTINCTIONS: (Wow! Top 1% of scores in Australia!)
Maverick, Byron & Ben.
DISTINCTIONS: (next 10%)
Jack L. & Finley.
CREDITS: (next 20%)
Scarlett, Taylor, Tyler, Jemima, Ethan, Jess L., Alex, Olivia, Daniel & Chanel.
MERITS: (next 10%)
Kimberly, Jay, Amelia, Noah, & Lara.

We’ll be presenting these certificates on parade this Friday, 17 October.

STUDENT ADDRESS AND CONTACT DETAILS
If your address, phone or emergency contact details have changed please advise the office via email or a note in the locked box in the classrooms.
Email: admin@sharons.eq.edu.au

PUPIL FREE DAY THIS COMING MONDAY
Please remember that this Monday, 20 October is a Pupil Free Day.

SHARON STATE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
Phone: 4130 9222
Fax: 4130 9200
Web Site: http://www.sharons.eq.edu.au
Email: the.principal@sharons.eq.edu.au
NO.31/14

15 October 2014

SHARON STATE SCHOOL
AIM EVER HIGHER

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~ Term 4
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P&C FUNDRAISING – ADVANCED LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY

The P&C is having a fundraising event on Sunday 2 November. All families are welcome to book a time to have a stunning family photo taken for the small cost of $15. If you are interested in booking a time please contact Hayley Lerch or Sharon in the School Office. Money collection is to be finalised by Friday 24 October 2014.

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 being in the right place at the right time. For example, not being late for class lessons or organised sport.

SWIMMING HAS STARTED

Our swimming lessons started last week and continue every Thursday for 7 more weeks until 4 December (we miss one week when Yrs 5 to 7 are at Tallebudgera). The bus leaves Sharon approx 12:30pm for the Bundaberg Swimming Academy and returns about 2:40pm. Our lesson is from 1pm-2pm.

If your payment of $50 is still outstanding, could you please arrange payment via BPAY, Bank Transfer, Eftpos, Cheque or Cash as soon as possible.

We have now finalised arrangements with Bundaberg Swimming Academy and must pay for each student each week whether they attend or not.

ABSENCES: Any absences must be accompanied by a note. If not attending swimming lessons, students will remain at school with work.

EXCLUSIONS: Children with infections, contagious diseases or open sores will be temporarily excluded from swimming.

REQUIREMENTS:
- PROPER SWIMMING COSTUME (i.e. Our preference is for a ONE PIECE costume for girls. It’s difficult to make a hard fast rule here as there are some 2 pieces which are fine. What we’re trying to avoid is excessive sun exposure or a bikini glamour contest). If in doubt ask us or simply send in a t-shirt to wear with the costume.
  - A towel
  - sunscreen (not coloured zinc) for the outdoor group.
  - a sunsafe t-shirt is recommended for outdoor pool group
  - a swimming bag for the above items.
  (a plastic bag will do.)
  - children with long hair must wear a swimming cap or elastic bands to allow clear vision and breathing.

ALL BELONGINGS ARE TO BE CLEARLY NAMED.
(uniforms in particular.)

QUADRENNIAL SCHOOL REVIEW

The time has come for Sharon State School to undertake a “Quadrennial School Review” (QSR). As the name suggests, a school’s QSR is scheduled every four years.

The Teaching and Learning Audit (see below) is considered a vital dimension of this review and will be timed to inform the QSR. The QSR process includes:

- community consultation
- internal school review
- consideration of the achievements of the previous School Plan
- consideration of previous Plan priorities requiring renewed strategic focus
- consultation with the principal’s supervisor
- external review (Teaching and Learning Audit)
- risk assessment process
- verification of the review process
- endorsement of the School Plan

A “traffic lights” survey has been sent home with today’s newsletter. It’s an intentionally simple survey giving parents a chance to:

- Say what you don’t like about Sharon State School
- Say what you do like about Sharon State School and
- Offer suggestions for consideration

Participation in this survey is both voluntary and anonymous. You do not have to come up with 3 suggestions for each section. The space has been made for those who might have 3 suggestions. Nor do you have to answer all 3 of the sections. However, please be aware that information gathered from the survey will help us in formulating plans and goals for our school over the next 4 years.

To allow enough time for us to consider the responses from the survey, I’d ask that they be returned by Friday, 31 October.

TEACHING & LEARNING/DISCIPLINE AUDIT

As part of an initiative to improve student learning in Queensland state schools, Teaching and Learning Audits are conducted in every Queensland state school to provide quality feedback on how the school is performing and to inform school planning processes.
The audits are usually carried out every four years or following the appointment of a new school principal. During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal visits the school to collect a range of data and information about school practices, programs and procedures in the area of teaching and learning. Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and the P&C President to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices. The audit will usually take one to two days, depending on the school’s context and size. The school will receive the auditor’s report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal, the school’s leadership team and the school staff. From this report, the executive summary and eight-page profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s website. The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning.

Our Teaching & Learning Audit will be held on Wednesday, 29 October. At the same time, we will also be undergoing a ‘Discipline Audit’ which examines methodology and effectiveness of behaviour management in the school.

HEAD LICE

We have had reports of head lice in the past week and would like to remind parents to be constantly vigilant with their child’s hair. Head lice, while not life-threatening, are a problem in any community. Unfortunately, they are not always easy to detect. Because schools are a gathering point in a community, inevitably we will notice a case at the school or a parent will let us know that they’ve found lice on their child.

The school does NOT think you are dirty or negligent if your child has lice. It can happen to anyone at any time. If anything, we consider you to be just plain unlucky! Headlouse seem to have preferences for individuals in much the same way as mosquitoes will bother some people more than others.

At the same time, Sharon School is NOT responsible for the presence of head lice anymore than we’re responsible for the presence of the common cold. It is a society problem – NOT a school one. It’s just that the head lice are more likely to be noticed at school. We do what we reasonably can but cannot be expected to eliminate lice from the world. (N.B. If I could, I would’ve retired a very wealthy man some years ago!)

Over the years we’ve come to believe that the “Conditioner Comb Out Method” is the best method for checking for the presence of lice. In turn, it is also very effective at eliminating the lice if it is carried out weekly. Please don’t assume that because your child doesn’t scratch, they won’t have lice. Research has indicated that up to 50% of people who have lice do not itch.

“Conditioner Comb Out Method”

1. Apply conditioner to dry (or towel dried) hair and comb through with a regular comb to remove tangles.
2. Allow to “set” for a few minutes, then comb through with a special metal fine-tooth comb (available from chemists approx $20) working through the hair in sections.
3. Wipe comb off onto tissue continually as you go. If lice are present, they will be visible on the tissue – but also check the teeth of the comb. (The conditioner “stuns” the lice)
4. Repeat the process in around 7 days as this will then pick up any new “hatchlings”.

Those that have used the method over a longer time stress that the method is wonderful provided it is done once a week every week. These families also claim that

1. It’s more effective than chemical treatments.
2. It’s cheaper than chemical treatments.
3. Can be quite good for the hair (look at mine!)
4. It should be done even if you don’t think your child has lice.

Head Lice Repellent

Unless you believe that:

1. Everyone at our school checks and treats their family for head lice. AND
2. They are checked/treated on a regular basis AND
3. The treatment is 100% effective AND
4. None of the children from Sharon come into contact with people outside our school community.

then we have to assume that head lice will inevitably appear in our school and an effective REPELLENT is the best protection for your child from lice infestation.

I’ve had two repellent recipes recommended to me by school families in the past.

Recipe One

Into a Spray Bottle put 120 mL of water. Then add

- 1 tablespoon of hair conditioner (this must go in first)
- 20 drops of tea tree oil
- 20 drops of lavender oil
- 20 drops of rosemary oil
- 1 small teaspoon of white vinegar

Shake this together really well. You will also need to shake the bottle before each use. Spray into wet or dry hair – particularly around the ears and nape of the neck.

Recipe Two

In a spray bottle mix

- 30 drops of tea tree oil
- 20 mL of vinegar
- 1 tablespoon of conditioner
- 500 mL of water

Spray on hair daily as a preventative.

If you have had success with any other repellent recipes, or commercial repellents, please pass them on to me.

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.
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 and a huge thankyou to the companies and families who have been providing the wonderful produce. Your help and the wonderful support from the community continue to make our Cent Sales very successful.

Our 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.

Tuckshop:
Two new items for this term are Fried Rice and oven baked Fish and Chips.

TUCKSHOP MENU

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THURSDAY, 16TH OCTOBER
9 – 11 am
ALL NEW FAMILIES INVITED TO COME & PLAY
AT KINDY
TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
PH 41 577 369 (Tuesday & Thursday)