Dear Parents,

Salt and Preppers
Cooper - for an improved work ethic this week

Lester’s Learners
Austin – for terrific effort and improvements in writing

Double Js
Angus - for working well in maths lessons
Madison – for her positive attitude when completing tasks and for her lovely manners

Macs
Cameron - for a terrific, positive attitude and for always putting in his best effort.
Ethan - for displaying a determined attitude to his work and using his initiative.

October
30 - Rebecca
November
1 - Liam
3 - Michael

Next Sausage Sizzle
Friday, 1 November
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
1st November – Julie Collyer
3rd November – Carmel Heal
8th November – Kaz Field
22nd November – Hayley Lerch
15th November – Karyn Dixon
29th November – Madeline Heal
6th December – Denise Reidy

Prep Parent Information Morning
Don't forget if you or someone you know has a Prep enrolled for next year there is a Parent Information Morning on this Thursday in the Prep Room from 9:00am to 11:00am. Please bring your child’s Enrolment Form and Birth Certificate to the office beforehand.

Please ensure all children who are in the Macs’ class have glue sticks.

2nd Hand Book Sale
There will be a sale of second hand books in the Library before school only from Monday, 4 November to Friday, 8 November. Books are priced to sell - 10 Books for $1. Come and grab some books and get reading.

Book Club – Issue 7
The closing date for Book Club is today, Wednesday, 30 October so please have all orders in by this date.

Congratulations to Past Students
We’ve been receiving some great news about our current students lately and I was equally pleased to hear of the success of past students, Callum Colasimone and Lachie Rowe. The boys have been appointed as school captains at Bundaberg North State High (Callum) and St Luke’s Anglican School (Lachie) for 2014. Both boys finished Year 7 with us in 2009. It’s reassuring that, despite our involvement with their lives, they can still rise up to such lofty heights. Congratulations, boys. I know you’ll do both schools proud.

Swimming
All children who have swimming lessons on Thursday in the outdoor pool are reminded that they need to bring a sun protection shirt to avoid sunburn, as they are in the sun for 1 hour.

Absent Students
If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone the school or you can email admin@sharonss.eq.edu.au.
If your child is in Macs’ class, please email Mrs Mac direct at bigmac@eq.edu.au.
If your child is going to be absent for more than 10 consecutive days you will need to fill out an Exemption form available from your child’s teacher or the office.

Religious Education
Religious Instruction money is normally collected at the beginning of the year but with the hectic start it was over looked. It is $5 per child or $10 for a family. The money is used to provide resources to students.

Dental Van
The Dental Van has arrived at school and they have started seeing students and providing follow up requests. Please be aware the van will be parked next to the Admin building for a month or more so please take care.
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.

REPORTS: WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT?

I’m very proud of the quality of reports our parents receive. In fact, I’d like to thank our teachers publicly for the long hours and the effort they put into preparing end of semester report cards. Work on them has already started and will continue for some time yet.

However, reporting in primary school is now significantly different to how it used to be. One major change is the achievement rating of A, B, C, D or E. Before 2013, we would rate your child on how we thought they were progressing against year level expectations. This would be based on assessment pieces (test results & assignments), classroom observations, educational competitions and standardised tests.

This year, where a subject is taught under the umbrella of the new Australian Curriculum, (English, maths, history and science), teachers are obliged to award ratings in the report cards based on results from assessment tasks only. Thus, we could have in our class someone who, we believe, based on classroom observations/tests, educational competitions and standardised tests, is an “A” student. However if this child doesn’t perform extremely well in his or her assessment tasks, he or she simply cannot get an “A”. Further to this, the standards teachers use to rate assessment tasks in National Curriculum subjects have a “C” as meeting year level requirements.

A description of these achievement standards can be found at the Australian Curriculum website.

This new system means that we could see more students receiving a ‘C’ and that it will be more difficult for students to receive an ‘A’ or ‘B’.

On your child’s report card, a student who receives a Very Good for Effort and a ‘C’ for achievement is “on track” and this should be celebrated.

SMILE AWHILE

Q. What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?
A. A clock!

Q. What is the easiest way to double your money?
A. Put it in front of the mirror of course!

Q. What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?
A. A glove.

Q. What has to be broken before you can use it?
A. An egg

Kind regards,

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

South Kolan Community Kindergarten
Melbourne Cup Luncheon
Where: South Kolan Hotel
When: Tuesday 5th November
What Time: Doors Open at 10am for a 10:30 start
How Much: $20 per person which includes: Lunch and a Complimentary Drink, Mini Cent Sale, Sweeps, Lucky Door, Raffles, Best Hat Fashion Parade and Fashions on the Field
Tickets: Available from South Kolan Hotel or phone Leanne on 41559462