Dear Parents,

S&P
Kobe – for beautiful handwriting.

LLs
Jessie – for demonstrating continued focus and concentration throughout her studies.

PJs
Brooke – for her skilfully written stories filled with entertaining ideas.
Cody – for making better choices during class, and having a better attitude towards his work.
Riley – for giving 110% effort into his reading and writing tasks this week. Well Done!

MACS
D-Jay – for showing a positive attitude and offering help when it’s needed.
Amelia – for showing a conscientious attitude and applying herself well to her tasks.

October
29th - Ashley
November
2nd - Ezra
3rd - Micheal

DATeS TO ReMeMBeR
Wednesday, 29 October - Teaching & Learning Audit
Thursday, 6 November - Prep Information Morning
Monday, 10 November - Years 5-7 leave for Tallebudgera Camp
Friday, 14 November - Years 5-7 return from Tallebudgera Camp.
Thursday, 20 November - P&C Meeting
Thursday, 4 December - Prep-Yr 2 Sleepover at School
Wednesday, 10 December - Concert Night
Thursday, 11 December - Break Up Day
Friday, 12 December - Clean Up Day

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.

TALLEBUDGERA CAMP - REMINDER
Year 5-7 Tallebudgera Camp is on from Monday 10 November until Friday 14 November. Medical Consent Form B and final payment is due this Friday 31 October.

Please make sure any medication to be taken to camp is given to the Ms Phil or Mr Mac prior to the students getting on the bus at Oakwood State School.

AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST SUCCESS!

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

In this competition, Merit certificates are awarded on the following basis.
• The top 2% of students in Qld 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”. It’s also worth remembering that, because it’s an academic competition, the test is based on content above year level expectations. The test writers would be surprised (perhaps even disappointed), if a student had everything correct. 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.

High Distinction: Maverick
Distinction: Ben, Jack L. & Byron.
Credit: Scarlett, Tyler, Jemima, Ethan, Zenaya, Jay, Kateisha, Alex, Olivia, Cameron, Lena, Emma, Daniel, Noah & Chanel.
Proficiency: Jai, Taylor, Jess L., Amelia & Madi.

These award certificates will be handed out on parade this Friday, 31 October.

PREP STUDENTS FOR 2015
– 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 6 November 9:00am-9:30am in the Salt ‘n’ Preppers’ classroom with Mrs Michelle Lester and Mrs Tarnia Boving. Please bring your completed enrolment forms and birth certificate on that day.
**TEACHING & LEARNING/DISCIPLINE AUDIT**

Mr Stewart Jones will be visiting our school tomorrow, **Wednesday, 29 October** to conduct our “Teaching & Learning Audit”. The process will involve time looking in classrooms, talking to students, talking to staff, P&C representatives and examining school planning documents. It’s a very thorough process and our heads will no doubt be spinning at the end of the day.

These audits are usually carried out every four years or following the appointment of a new school principal.

At the same time, we will also be undergoing a “Discipline Audit” which examines methodology and effectiveness of behaviour management in the school. As a part of the process, Mr Jones will select some students to talk with and might also contact parents.

**NAPLAN DISTANCE TRAVELLED, WELL DONE YEAR 7s!**

To give us an idea on how students are “travelling” on their learning journey, we keep a record of how different Year levels progress in various areas. The graphs below show the results of our current Year 7s from when they sat their 1st NAPLAN test as Year 3s in 2010, through to their Year 5 results in 2012 and, finally, their results as Year 7s this year. A comparison is made with the Qld average, (red line) and national average (green line). We’re looking for 2 things:

1. Is the line going upwards? (means there is improvement over time) and
2. Is our blue line going up more than Qld & Australia?

As you can see, our Year 7s, as a group, can be very proud of their results.
WANT OUR NEWSLETTER EMAILED?

If you'd like our newsletter emailed to you, please email me with “newsletter email” in the subject heading. By emailing newsletters, we save lots of paper, heaps of time and can be sure the newsletter will make it home.

Please keep in mind that, if I email a newsletter to you, I won’t be handing a paper copy out to your child at school.

MELBOURNE CUP. TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER.

Next Tuesday sees the running of the Melbourne Cup. There is a possibility that one or more of our classes might ask me if they can watch the Melbourne Cup on TV or listen on the radio. At this stage, I don’t know of any classes that are.

Experience tells me that the great majority of parents have no great feelings either way if the children listen to/watch the race or not. Experience also tells me that some families get upset if we watch it and some get upset if we don’t!!

Please understand that schools are under no obligation to allow students to listen to or watch the “Cup”.

However, if you do not want your child to listen to or watch the race, please let your child’s teacher know before next Tuesday.

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@sharonss.eq.edu.au

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 your environment can be as simple as treating school property and grounds with care and respect.

SPELLDROME 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 Jess L. (1 000 points), Scarlett (1 130 points), and last week’s top scorer, Olivia (1 400 points) who all finished with fantastic scores in Spellodrome last week.

READING SUCCESS – MAKING CONNECTIONS

Successful readers “make connections” to their prior knowledge and/or life experiences. If not, the content is soon forgotten and/or deemed to be unimportant.
There are 3 ways to “make connections” with what you’re reading.

1. **Text to self.** This is when you relate what you’re reading to your own personal experience. This is a particularly powerful “connector” for kids. For example, if a child is reading a book about a giraffe, he/she can relate the text to their experience of visiting and seeing a giraffe at a zoo – or African holiday!

2. **Text to text.** This is when you relate what you’re reading to another book or story. For example, reading about the prince sweeping Snow White off her feet provides a connection with Cinderella falling victim to the same scenario.

3. **Text to world.** This is when you relate what you’ve read to events in the wider world. I can vividly remember this happening to me as a young boy, (thousands of years ago), seeing a news report on the culling of brumbies while I was in the middle of reading “The Silver Brumby” by Elyne Mitchell.

**Next Meeting:**
The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Thursday, **20 November at 7:00pm.** Everyone is very welcome.

**Advanced Life Photography Fundraising Event**
Unfortunately due to lack of interest we are unable to proceed with this fundraising event for this Sunday **2nd November** at Sharon State School.

Bundaberg East State School is having their fundraising event on Saturday **1st November** and they would be happy for our school to join their event. They are happy for the $15 per family to go to the Sharon SS P&C which is great news for our school.

**NOT TOO LATE** - If you are still interested and are available on Saturday afternoon please contact Delise Lutz on 4132 6111. If you have any further queries please don’t hesitate to contact Hayley Lerch on 0407 652 056. Money can be placed in school payment envelopes and placed in classroom locked boxes by Friday morning at the latest.