Dear Parents,

**S&P**
Cooper - for a great spoken presentation about Koala Lou

**LL**
Hayley - For demonstrating great improvement in her classroom behaviour.

**PJs**
India - for being a great mentor in our science investigations

**MACS**
Tyler – for positive attitude & participation at camp.
Xander – for volunteering for hot dogs and sausage sizzles.

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### November

19th – Pedro, Jai
22nd – Jack
23rd – Tallitha
30th – Reilly

### December

2nd – Lane
3rd – Lilly

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

| Thursday, 27 November | P&C Meeting (postponed from last week) |
| Monday, 1 December | Last day for money & permission for Graduation Dinner. |
| Tuesday, 2 December | 2015 Prep Transition Morning |
| Thursday, 4 December | Prep-Yr 2 Sleepover at School |
| Friday, 5 December | Prep-Yr 2 Excursion Day |
| Monday, 8 December | Graduation Dinner |
| Wednesday, 10 December | Concert Night |
| Thursday, 11 December | Break Up Day |
| Friday, 12 December | Clean Up Day |

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**TRANSITION DAYS**

**North Bundaberg State High**

Year 6 & 7 students who are going to North Bundaberg State High School next year will have their “Orientation Day” at North High on Tuesday, 2 December.

All parents and students are invited to an Expo in the Hall from 8:00am until 9:00am. At the Expo, key staff will be available to meet new parents, explain their roles and answer questions.

Staff who will be available include:
Principal - Ross Robertson
Deputy Principals (Senior and Junior)
Year 7 & 8 teachers

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**Sports Coordinator** - Rob Thatcher
**Chaplain** - Lisa Crosbie
**Nurse** - Robyn Kirby
**Guidance Officer** - Rob Miller
**Head of Special Education Services** - Carolyn Campbell
**Year 7 & 8 coordinators** - Penny McKeown & James Peach
**Instrumental music staff** - Annette Christiansen
**CEC** – Angela Long
**Junior Secondary HOD** – Gillian Colasimone (Responsible for Year 7, 8 & 9)
**Head of Departments**

Students will leave with their teachers at 9:00am and go to work in their classrooms.

Parents are welcome to stay for a short tour at 9:00am and Q&A session until 9:30am.

Pick up will be at 3:05pm from the Hall

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**PREP ORIENTATION MORNING**

On Tuesday 2 December we will be holding a prep morning for the future Salt and Preppers of 2015. Parents are asked to drop their children off at the Prep room by 9:00am and collect at 11:00am (there’s an option to stay a little later for a play on the adventure playground). Please send your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable snack for morning tea.

**AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS MATHS OLYMPIAD**

Students competed in the Australian Primary School Maths Olympiad throughout this year. Maths Olympiad is a maths problem solving competition held for schools all around Australia and New Zealand. Although it’s normally a “Year 7” competition, we allow students from other year levels to experience the competition. Our students performed very well with individual prizes as follows:-

**TROPHY** – Highest individual score this year Ethan. Congratulations!

**METAL PIN** – Top 10% of scores in Australia - Ethan

**CLOTH PATCHES** – Top 25% of all students competing in Australia – Ethan, Maverick & Scarlett.

These individual awards will be presented on parade this Friday, 28 November.
YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION DINNER

Our Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner will be held at the Railway Hotel, North Bundaberg on Monday 8 December. Invitations have been sent out with the children – twice. However, if the invitation still hasn’t survived the journey home, you’ll find a copy on our website at: https://sharons.eq.edu.au/

Go to the “Support and Resources” drop down menu and select “Forms and documents”. The select “documents”. In “Documents” you’ll see a list of folders and, well, documents. Select “Macs’ class notes”. That will take you to the “Year 6/7 Graduation Dinner Invitation”.

Please note: The RSVP and payment for this dinner is due on Monday, 1 December. We must ring through final numbers on this day. Replies & payment received after Monday are too late. If you can send your reply and payment in sooner than Monday, that’s even better. Thank you to those who have replied and paid already.

Please also understand that, due to size restrictions, only Year 6/7 students and their parents can attend. It has been suggested to me that I should have looked at a larger venue. We did, and the best deal we found was $10 dearer per person.

Please understand that our Graduation Dinner is meant to be a relatively low key affair befitting the fact that:

1. We’re a small school and
2. It’s a celebration of our time with the kids leaving us for high school. It’s not the end of high school or university. It’s certainly NOT a “prom”.

Please don’t make the event any bigger than it needs to be. No one needs to have “special” hairdos. Students should NOT be taking time off school to get ready!!!

If having a graduation dinner results in children missing school, I would be left with no choice but to finish my involvement with it. Other primary schools have gone away from Graduation dinners for this very reason. The Graduation Dinner is a special and “fun” night. However, we simply must not allow it to interfere with time spent learning at school. It simply isn’t that important.

For what it’s worth, I’m going in jeans and a short sleeve shirt. I won’t be taking time off school to get my hair done.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

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.

I’ve attached a letter requesting information only if you have a child attending Sharon State School next year who will not be here before “Day 8” (Thursday, 5 February).

CONCERT NIGHT– WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

Our concert night is being held on Wednesday, 10 December with a sausage sizzle operating from 6:00pm until 6:45pm. Please aim to arrive by 6:30 pm if you are planning to have a sausage sizzle. One year, we had a massive queue at 6:45 pm and simply couldn’t get everyone served by 7:00 pm. Please remember that our servers are volunteers who are keen to watch all the performances as well.

Cold soft drinks will also be on sale. Concert items are due to start at 7:00pm. Small concert items will be performed by the children as well as presentations. Our P&C Association will be selling raffle tickets on the night so bring your money! It’s also a good idea to bring your own chair and insect repellent.

A space will be left at the front for children to sit. Although students are mainly under the care of their parents on the night, I’d ask that parents help us by encouraging their children to sit in this group at the front. This allows teachers to quickly organise the performance groups as well as giving the children a good spot from which to view other performances. We have tried having the children sitting in amongst the main audience in the past. However, this has resulted in delays “searching” for kids along with children occasionally missing out on their performance.

I do need to remind everyone that Education Queensland has a No Smoking Policy which applies anywhere within the school boundary at any time. Please understand that this is a legally enforceable policy.

Being a night for the kids, I’d also request that alcohol be left at home.

BREAK UP DAY – THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

Our Break Up Day at school for 2014 is Thursday, 11 December (not Friday). This day usually involves a movie trip, lunch and a final tidy up. We’ve organised a movie morning at the Reading Cinema for students who:

1. wish to go
2. have written permission (school envelopes can be used for this) and
3. pay their money on time.

The Movie is “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY”. It has a “PG” rating.

Cost, after subsidy from sausage sizzle funds and our P&C Association, will be $6 per student. This is great value as it includes:
1/. admission to the movie (actual cost is $8.50 per child)
2/. morning tea and soft drinks will also be on sale.
3/. transportation to and from the Reading Cinema.

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Please pay money in school envelope with permission section completed by **Monday 8 December**. If you can get your money and permission in sooner, that’s even better.

Children who do not have permission, or have not paid, will remain at school with teacher supervision.

Our P&C will provide the morning tea. Lunch will also be provided back at school. If your child doesn’t eat the foods on offer, or you wish them to have something else, you will need to provide this for them. Please remember this is fun day for our students. **High school students, ex-students and students from other schools are not invited to attend.**

**What do the students wear on Thursday?**

Being “break-up day”, the children do not have to wear school uniform – even if they are going in to see the movie. **However, the sun’s damaging rays do not take a break on this day.** With this in mind, our students are still expected to wear sunscreen clothing, i.e. shirts/tops that protect the shoulders and upper arms along with legionnaire or broad brimmed hats. Wearing singlets or caps to school is a waste of time. In previous years, we have supplied students with spare uniform shirts to wear.

**Parents are welcome (encouraged – urged!) to collect their children early after lunch on break up day as the afternoon will be tidying up.**

Please understand, however, that we’re legally obliged to supervise children until 3:00 pm unless they are taken under the care of THEIR OWN PARENTS.

We cannot, (and will not!), let a child go with another family or leave for home early simply because of a “Mum said I could” coming from the student. If students are to leave early, (which most do by the way!), they must have a **signed note** or be picked up by THEIR OWN PARENTS.

**CLEAN UP DAY – FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER**

Sharon is having a “Clean-up” Day again this year. While most families will choose to finish their year on Thursday, we are still on duty, and will have jobs for students to help us with on the Friday. Old clothes that can get wet, (not uniforms) and hats are needed on this day. **Please note:** As for break up day, children will need to be picked up from school by THEIR OWN PARENTS or have a **signed note** from their parents if they wish to leave early.

**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 putting food scraps in the chook bucket.

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**SPELODROME HIGH FLYERS**

Students in the Macs class only have to score 300 points in Spelleodrome each week. However, there’s usually someone who lives up to our school motto of “Aim Ever Higher” and will go well beyond that minimum expectation.

Special congratulations to Emma (1 170 points) and Scarlett (2 200 points) who both achieved fantastic scores in Spelleodrome last week.

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**QSchools Smartphone App**

Queensland school communities can interact with their favourite state schools using the QSchools smartphone app.

The QSchools app is a convenient way to receive up-to-the-minute information from and about schools.

While all schools are searchable using the app, the full app features are designed to integrate with the department’s preferred school website platform, to allow users to see when news, events and newsletters are posted to their selected school website. Users can also see other useful information provided by the school, such as tuckshop menus, uniform shop information, class times and the school’s and the department’s social media feeds.

The school community can also receive emergency announcements such as natural disasters and school closures through the app.

The QSchools app is particularly useful to parents who have students in different schools, as the app manages updates from multiple schools.

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**SMILE AWHILE**

“I know the kids don’t like you and pick on you, but you have to go to school...you’re the teacher.”

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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.

Kind regards,

Tuckshop
Tuesday 2nd December will be the last tuckshop day for the year as tuckshop will not be running in the last week of school. Thank you to all those families who have supported our tuckshop during the year.

A huge thank you to Natalie Calder for all of her work during the year as Tuckshop Convenor. We would also like to welcome Leonie Jacobs, Chantal Anderson and Rebecca Boller who will be taking over the day-to-day running of the tuckshop and will look to taking over the position of Tuckshop Convenors in 2015.

Gin Gin Hospital Auxiliary
Massive Christmas Cent Sale
This Saturday 29th November
Doors Open – 12:00pm – Calling at 1:00pm
Gin Gin RSL Hall
Admission $1 Adults, Kids Free
Afternoon Tea, $2 Soap Tree, Lucky Door Prizes, Raffles, Lots of Fantastic Prizes