Dear Parents,

Salt and Preppers
Kye - for lovely sharing with classroom visitor.

Lester’s Learners
Jessie – for striving for excellence in everything she does.

Double Js
Chelsea – for working well and trying her best.
Byron - for his great effort and attitude given to completing tasks and for being a fantastic classroom helper.

Macs
Breeanna – for raising the bar with achievement & setting a great example to others.
Tahnee – for consistently being well-behaved and giving her best effort.

To:-
8/3 Hermione
19/3 Poppy

Missed Birthdays:
21/2 Hayley C
23/2 Zaidee
28/2 Brianna

RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN
A draft copy of our updated “Responsible Behaviour Plan” has been published on our website. To find it, go to our homepage at https://sharonss.eq.edu.au. Find the “support and resources” drop-down menu and click on “Forms and Documents”, then click on “Documents”. Hopefully, you’ll see “Responsible Behaviour Plan 2012” in amongst some other documents. I’ve also left some hard copies in classrooms should anyone wish to read through it.

Because the plan is in draft form, I’m open to feedback, comments and/or concerns. Please feel free to contact either myself, one of the teachers or speak to one of our P&C representatives. The Responsible Behaviour Plan will be brought up for discussion at our P&C meeting this Thursday.

ANAPHYLAXIS – FOOD ALLERGIES
Research indicates that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

Anaphylaxis is a generalised allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system (e.g. skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal and cardiovascular).

Parents have advised us of children at our school who suffer from allergic reactions to different foods. In some cases, the level of reaction has been classified as anaphylaxis.

We’ve also been advised of cases, in other schools, where parents discover that their child suffers from a food allergy from an incident at school. The biggest contributor to these incidents is food sharing.

As a school, we’ve sought advice on the most effective way to keep children, (including those who don’t yet know they have an allergy), safe at school. The message has been clear, simple and consistent from different sources.

1. Don’t Share Food
Sharing food can expose known and unknown food allergy sufferers to foods they might have a reaction to. Food that their parents have assumed they did not touch – let alone eat. Children, fearing they might “get into trouble”, are sometimes reluctant to inform teachers, parents and/or medical help that they have shared food with the sufferer after the reaction takes place.

2. Wash Hands After Eating
Minute particles of food can remain on hands after eating time. Physical contact with a food allergy sufferer is enough to cause a reaction. Washing hands will significantly reduce this risk.

Can’t you just ban all foods that cause a reaction?
No, we can’t. It simply isn’t practical. Eggs are nuts are but two examples of the many foods that can cause allergic reactions.

“Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia” encourage people with young children to minimise the allergen as part of an overall management plan. However they also advise us to:

“Beware of ‘banning’ of food from a school environment. Implementing this may not be realistic. Can we say peanut is ‘banned’ if so much food ‘May contain traces of peanut’? Some schools state they have ‘banned’ egg. Is this real or is it creating a false sense of security? Can we ever really completely remove nuts or egg or wheat from a school or childcare environment? There is no such thing as ‘allergen free’. How often do places that have a ban find the allergen has inadvertently ‘slipped’ in? We certainly promote minimisation of allergens in primary schools and childcare facilities but we must not assume that a food has ever really been eradicated.”

Thus, the advice is not to share food and to wash hands after eating. Please help us by taking the time to discuss and explain these rules with your children.

P&C MEETING THIS THURSDAY, 14 MARCH
Our next P&C meeting will be held this Thursday, 14 March in our school library at 7:00 pm. Everyone is very welcome.
Sausage Sizzle is on every Friday with sausages and Home Brand ice blocks. Sausage and bread $1.20, ice block $1, sausage and ice block deal $2. Volunteer BBQ chefs needed from 10.35am-12:00 pm. If you can find time to roll some sausages around a hotplate on the odd Friday, please contact Kaz on 0423 338 253 so that a roster can be drawn up.

A big thankyou to Kaz Field for being our co-ordinator for yet another year.

New Water Tank
A huge thank you to our P&C Association who purchased a new water tank for our school. The tank is located next to our shade structure overlooking the large oval. It collects fresh rainwater running off the roof of the shade structure and, not surprisingly, is now full.

Liam fills up his water bottle from the P&C’s new rainwater tank.

Emailed Newsletter
Last week was the first week this year when I didn’t get any new requests for emailed newsletters. Have we hit our limit? Or can we make it to 30 families? Remember, emailing even some of our newsletters

1/. Reduces the time spent printing the newsletter
2/. Reduces the amount of paper we’re using and
3/. Increases the number of newsletters making it home

If you’d like our newsletter emailed to you, please email me with “newsletter email” in the subject heading.

InterSchool Sport – Years 5, 6 & 7 – Please send $3 per child for bus to Wallaville (weather permitting)
An interrupted season of cricket and softball finishes this Friday, 15 March. We’ll be travelling away to play at Wallaville State School. We ask $3 from each child to help cover the cost of the bus. Keep in mind that, say, 44 children travelling at $3 each makes $132. The actual cost of the bus is $268.18 after we claim back the GST. That’s a shortfall of $136.18.

It is Sharon policy that students need to be in FULL UNIFORM when representing the school and/or leaving the school grounds on a school function.

Our uniform is red T-shirt with Sharon School in the collar, royal blue shorts or skirts, royal blue sun safe hats or legionnaires caps and, of course, shoes and socks. As our school colours are royal blue and red, please don’t confuse “royal blue” with “navy blue” or “black” as our opposing schools wear these coloured shorts and skirts. We will attempt to find a substitute uniform for children if needed. However, if they are not available or a child refuses to wear the uniform offered to them, they will not take part. There are plenty of other children willing to have a go.

Please understand that playing interschool sport is a “PRIVILEGE” and not a “RIGHT”. We actually have too many children eligible to play interschool sport. If a student chooses not to complete work, or not to behave appropriately, one of our options is to give their sport position to one of many other children for that particular week. If we don’t have permission from a parent about children travelling to sport we will not send them.

Reading Cinema Rewards Program
Reading Cinema have sent us a sheet of coupons to copy and distribute to our families. If you happen to be going to the movies, hand across a coupon and Reading will keep a tally. Once enough coupons are accumulated, (I don’t know the number at this stage), the school is rewarded with free movie passes to be used as student rewards or as part of a fundraising project.

Spellodrome High Fliers
Congratulations to Tia H-T (1380 points), Caleb H (1050 points), Tom C (1040 points), Jai E (1800 points), Tameeka S (1700 points), D-Jay W (1100 points), Amelia C (1000 points), Jamie H (1050 points), Ethan M (1350 points), Maverick P (1050 points), Cameron R (1100 points), Olivia S (1200 points), Scarlett R (1260 points) and our top scorer, Jemima P (1880 points), who all finished with some great scores in Spellodrome last week. Well done!

Kind regards,
SOCCER 2013

Nominations are being called from all schools in the Bundaberg Zone, for Girls and Boys to attend the 2013 Soccer Trials.

EVENT - U/12 Soccer Trials

ELIGIBILITY – Girls and Boys born 2001 or 2002

TRIAL DATE – Tuesday 19th March & Tuesday 26th March (must attend both days)

TIME – 4:00pm – 5:30 pm

WHERE – Martens Oval

WHAT TO BRING - school sports uniform; sunscreen; water bottle; Soccer boots; shin pads and completed Zone nomination form

TRAINING – dates will be confirmed to players upon selection in the team.

PARENTS/TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE – Soccer is an extremely popular zone sport. Please send ONLY those girls and boys who display a high level of skill and have a good understanding of the game. Keep in mind we are only selecting one team of 14 players. (boys and girls)

NOMINATIONS - Please nominate the names of girls and boys from your school to the email below so selection sheets can be done ahead of the day saving valuable time on the first day. Please ensure all students bring along a completed Zone Nomination Form to the trials.

Paul Ash – Convenor 0407 130 787
Avoca State School
E-mail – pash10@eq.edu.au

Rugby League 2013

This is an invitation for students who may wish to trial for our 2013 Bundaberg Primary School Representative teams.

Dates: Tuesday 19 March, Thursday 21 March, Tuesday 26 March.

Times: 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Ages: 10 yrs (2003), 11 yrs (2002), 12 yrs (2001)
Exceptional 9 year olds born 2004 may trial for the 10 yrs team.

ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR A MOUTHGUARD WHEN TRIALLING/PLAYING!

All players need to bring a water bottle and training gear. If selected, games will be held against: Rockhampton, Gladstone, Mackay and Wide Bay Trials (11’s & 12’s only) in Term 2. If you can’t make it to the Bundy trials on any particular day (i.e. due to other representative sport) please turn up on the day(s) you are available.

If selected for Wide Bay U11’s, State Championships are in Stanthorpe.
If selected for Wide Bay U12’s, the Queensland team trials are at Hervey Bay.
There will be one (1) Queensland U12 team selected this year to attend Nationals in Perth.

Parents/Teachers sending prospective players, please ensure they bring a BPSSA nomination/medical form and players are of a standard to be considered to make a representative team. We are looking forward to another successful season of representative football.

Please forward any queries to Tony Groom
(President BPSRL)
Thabeban State School - Ph 41508333

South Kolan Community Kindergarten Cent Sale

Come along to the South Kolan community kindy cent sale on Saturday 16th March 2013. Win loads of prizes to pack your pantry! Prizes include Grocery items, home-made goodies, Fruit and veggies, home wares 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 16th March from 1:30pm. Entry is free and afternoon tea is provided. Come along For a fun and friendly afternoon and help our local kindy.