FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

I would like to formally welcome all students, parents and staff back on board for what I am sure will be a very productive and rewarding term. In welcoming our families back I would particularly like to take the opportunity to welcome those families who are new to Shailer Park State School, you have certainly arrived at the best school in Queensland.

OUR UNRELENTING FOCUS ON LEARNING

In Term 4 we are again raising the bar in regards to our focus on learning. Whilst it may seem strange to say that we are increasing our focus on learning, as this is the job of all schools, in traditional schools whilst saying the focus is on learning the focus is actually on teaching.

At Shailer Park State School we will again be increasing our focus on learning at all times. This means we will judge our success, not by the fact that the skill or knowledge has been taught, but on whether the students have actually learnt it. This means that we will minimise the impact of interruptions to the academic learning program as much as possible. At Shailer Park we see our core mission as not simply to ensure that students are taught, but to ensure that they learn. Whilst this might seem a very simple shift – from a focus on teaching to a focus on learning – all research shows that it has a fundamental impact on the achievement levels of students.

In establishing the structures and processes that will guide our endeavours this term and into 2015, we will continue to use four basic questions which will guide the work of all teachers at the school. These questions continue to be:

What do we want each student to learn?
How will we know when each student has learnt it?
How will we respond when a student experiences difficulty in learning?
How will we enrich learning when a student already knows it and is proficient?
How can we use the evidence of student learning to improve our individual and collective practice?

At Shailer Park we are in the business of Creating Bright Futures for all students. Again I thank you for your support and ongoing partnership. I hope to see many of you at the Grandparents and VIP morning on the 24 October.

DISCIPLINE AUDIT

As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland State schools, Discipline Audits will be conducted in every Queensland state school by November 2014. The purpose of the Discipline Audits is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal will visit the school to collect a range of data and information about school wide, programs and procedures in the area of discipline. Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behaviour management.
Our Discipline Audit will take one day to complete and is scheduled to occur on the 28th October. The school will receive the auditor’s report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with me as principal, the school’s leadership team and school staff.

The report’s Executive Summary and 5 page Profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on our school web site. I will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning around strengthening discipline.

For further information about Discipline Audits, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office or visit the Education Queensland website.

TERM 4 CALENDARS

Last term all families should have received a Term 4 Calendar outlining our school events for the remainder of the year. If you did not receive the calendar you can still access one from the office.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR P&C MEETING IN DECEMBER

Please note that due to Year 6 and 7 graduations that there is a change to the P&C Meeting. The meeting will be held on 2nd December at 7pm.

Julie

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Positve Behaviour for Learning

It has been a great start to term 4. The students are happy, calm and glad to be back at school. Smiling faces and happy students is a big part of why this is the BEST school in Queensland. Let’s have a safe, rewarding term 4.

As part of School Wide Positive Behaviour philosophy every week we have a behaviour focus and the students have a lesson to explicitly teach what this behaviour looks like, sounds like and feels like. During the week the behaviour focus is reinforced through positive acknowledgment, modelling and practicing. The behaviours we focussed on for the last two weeks are:

**Week 2 Appropriate Behaviour during Eating time.** Walk to the eating area, sit until lunch is finished, rubbish in the bin then go and play when the teacher dismisses you.

**Raffle Ticket Rewards**
Staff hand out tickets to students who are being Safe, Respectful and Responsible which students place in our raffles boxes; P – 3 box or 4 – 7 box. Five tickets are drawn out from each box (10 in total) at every parade and winners choose their prize. Students drawn out on the 13/10/2014 -

2B Ashleigh 2A Lillian 3A Kaitie 3A Connor W 5B Elijah 7A Mason 5B Nikisha 5B Elijah 6A Kath 5B Eden

Ms Q
ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL 2015 - Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. This event is seen as one of the defining moments in the formation of our identity as a nation and is something that is remembered every year. At Shailer Park State School we plan to make this event special to our students and families. The visual display for next year will honour the bravery and commitment of our extended Shailer Park State School community members who have served our country. We would like to include a list of all family members who have served in the Australian Armed Forces.

For each veteran we would like a name, photo (if possible) and some brief personal details (date of service, decorations, relationship to Shailer Park student). This information will be proudly displayed during and after our ANZAC Day ceremony.

Please ensure that you send copies of any photos, we do not want any original photographs. These items can be left at the main office.

P & C NEWS

CHOCOLATE DRIVE: The Chocolate Drive proved to be very successful once again! Unfortunately there is still chocolate money that has not been paid and this is affecting the overall profit of this fundraiser by over $1,000!!!!!! – money the P&C desperately need to meet their commitments for the year.

Some students and their families worked very hard to sell extra boxes and for their efforts the following students will be awarded their Gift Vouchers at the next Assembly.

*Congratulations to the Feil Family who sold 14 boxes – a great effort! Thank you.*

Highest Fundraiser: - Tyler Feil – Prep A will receive a $100 Hyperdome Gift Card

2nd Highest Fundraisers: - Cody Tomic-Gaeth (6/7E) and Kruze Pearce (2B) will each receive a $40 Hyperdome Gift Card.

3rd Highest Fundraisers: - Casey McAlear (5B) Jude Qumi (3A) Britany Lobban (7A) will each receive a $25 Hyperdome Gift Card.

“Lucky Draw” - $25 Gift Voucher to be drawn at Parade.

There are still a few boxes of chocolates to sell. If you are able to help us out, please leave your details at the Office. This would be very much appreciated.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair - Our Scholastic Book Fair is on next week! Book Fairs enable the school community to purchase quality books. Every book sold at the Fair earns free books for our school. Book Fairs also give children the opportunity to see, touch and connect with books they want to read.

When: Tuesday October 21st
       Wednesday October 22nd
       Thursday October 23rd
       Monday October 27th

Where: Shailer Park State School Resource Centre

Times: 8:30a.m. – 3:30p.m.
We are seeking volunteer assistance, so if you can spare some time before and after school to help at the cashier table or assisting students and families to find books, that would be greatly appreciated.

**Wrapped in Reading** - This term we have begun our Wrapped in Reading program in the Resource Centre. This program involves reading and enjoying our beautiful picture books with our P-2 students. We are seeking volunteers who could spare 30mins. in the afternoons to read to our students.

**Times:** Mondays from 2:00-2:30p.m. (Parade starts at 2:30p.m.)
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:30-3:00p.m.

If you can help with either our Book Fair or Wrapped in Reading program, or both, we’d love to hear from you.

Thank you for your continued support,
Jackie Court
Teacher-Librarian

**TURN ON THE TAP**

Shailer Park you have done it again -It’s just amazing how we have gone over our estimated goal of 7 Filter Wells.
On the last day of term 19th September - Free Dress day - we raised $750.00 = 7 wells +

Through Samaritans Purse we have nominated these wells to be placed in Cambodia where many of our Christmas Shoeboxes went last year.

A special thank you to the students and families taking up the challenge of using a water bottle as a money box and bringing it on the Free Dress day as well. Our Fingerprints are all over the world making a difference!!!!!!!!!!!
Date Claimer

Gala Night

Shailer Park State School’s Annual Celebration
‘Dancing Through Disney’
5th December, 2014

Tickets on sale over the internet from 18th November, 2014
From the Logan Entertainment Centre
The LEC box office is open 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and one hour prior to shows. Three simple ways to book a ticket for a show -
1. Online: www.loganentertainmentcentre.com.au
2. By phone: 07 3412 5626
3. In person: 170 Wembley Road, Logan Central QLD 4114

Only 600 seats available- Don’t miss out!
(Always sold out every year)
Free dress day to help finance costuming is on Friday 17 October (week two term four)
SHAILERPARK PCYC

Working Hours:
Before School Care – 6.30 – 9.00 a.m
After School Care: 3.00 – 6.00 p.m
Vacation Care - 6.30 – 6.00 p.m

Meal Service:
Breakfast – Cereals and toast with butter, honey, vegemite and Jam
Afternoon Tea: Assorted Sandwiches and Fresh fruits
Vacation Care: Afternoon Tea with fresh fruits
CONTACT: 3801 4844 (m) 0412 922 548 shailerparksac@pcyc.org.au

There is a link to School Aged Care Service at http://shailerparkpcyc.hubworks.com.au. Parents and Carers can access the childcare system to enrol students. If there is a situation where you are prevented from collecting your student that afternoon, you can log on this website and organise for them to go to Out of Hours School Care.