30 October 2014

From the Principal’s Desk

Summer is certainly upon us, and with that can I remind everyone that Shailer Park State School is a Sunsmart school. So what does that mean?? That means all students must wear a Sunsmart hat and not a cap. We would recommend that students apply sunscreen before school and ensure that they are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Some Exciting Changes for 2015

**Strings** - All 2015 Year 3 students will be given the opportunity to play a strings instrument. This is a huge change creating a wonderful opportunity for all of our students in Year 3 next year to experience the wide array of benefits of being involved in the SPSS Instrumental Program. We look forward to witnessing the fun, laughter and accomplishment of these beginning instrumentalists.

**Year 6 iPad mini one to one class** - In 2015 all Year 6 students will be issued with a SPSS iPad mini to use for the duration of the year. As you can imagine this has required a significant amount of planning and resources. It is a very exciting time for our students and teachers.

The iPad program will contribute to:

- Enabling personalisation of student learning through access to rich learning resources;
- Facilitating the development of knowledge and skills necessary for the 21st century workforce, including digital literacy, innovative and creative thinking, effective communication and high productivity;
- Allowing continuous access to educational materials allowing learning efficiency to happen anywhere, anytime.
- Providing an engaging, interactive environment for learning; and,
- Strengthening links between home and school.

**Before School Supervision** - Just a reminder to parents there is no requirement for school staff to provide playground supervision before school. Therefore, in the best interests of student safety, parents are again reminded to be mindful of making every effort to not send their children to school before 8.15am. Thanks for your assistance with this.

Having said this, we do understand this is not always possible, therefore we will provide adult supervision for those few students who sometimes arrive before 8.15am. Students who do arrive before 8.15am will be required to report to ‘The Balcony’ area outside the Library. While under supervision in this area, students will be offered a range of library books to read. If you have any further questions about this please call the School Office.

**Leaving Families** - It is the time of year when plans are being put in place for staffing for 2015. One of the things we need to do at this stage of the process is give Education Queensland a fairly accurate prediction for enrolments for the commencement of 2015. So I am asking parents if you could help us with this task.

If you may be, or know of anyone who knows they may be withdrawing their children from Shailer Park State School, at any stage between now and the start of the 2015 school year, I would ask that you please let the Ladies in the school office know that this will be the case. By doing this, we will be able to take this into consideration when predicting enrolment numbers for the start of the 2015 school year. Your assistance with this will be greatly appreciated.
**Teacher Transfers** - I have recently received the first round of teacher transfers for 2015. Leaving us are the following staff:

- Anne Hurman
- Kerryn McPherson

Both of these teachers will be dearly missed and we thank them for their contributions to Shailer Park State School.

**Grandparents and VIP Day** - Last Friday, 25th October, we celebrated Grandparents’ Day. Grandparents play a very important role in any child’s life so it was a morning designed to celebrate this. We enjoyed a very healthy response with approximately 130 grandparents showing up to Assembly where the celebrations began. Grandparents then moved around the school visiting classrooms to see classroom activities taking place and actually helping out with some of the activities. Thank you to all those people who participated in this event and help make it a truly memorable event for both students and Grandparents.

**Teachers Day** - This Friday is World Teachers Day. Teachers at Shailer Park State School will be acknowledged for the great work they do with a special Morning Tea as a way to say ‘Thank You’ for the great work our teachers do. I am sure you join me in thanking our teachers for their ongoing efforts for your child’s education.

**Placement consideration for 2015** - I would like to invite anyone who may have a placement consideration for their child for 2015 to make this consideration in writing and deliver it to the main Administration office by 3.00pm on the 14th November 2015. Placement considerations must be founded on a valid educational basis not on teacher preference. If the Deputy Principal and myself think that your reasons are valid, we will take the information into consideration when allocating your child to a class for next year.

Proposed placements for 2015 will be communicated to parents on December 3rd. These proposed classes will be dependant of course on enrolment numbers for the beginning of the 2015 school year and may change on Day 8 in accordance with Education Queensland Policy and Procedures. If you have any further questions around this issue, please feel free to give me a call at the school office at your earliest convenience.

**2015 Electronic Newsletters** - 2015 will see the release of our brand new website and the provision for Shailer Park State School to join the Qschool App. This will also be the conclusion of the transition to an electronic newsletter. Please ensure that your email contacts are current and up-to-date. We value the communication between school and families as together we create bright futures for our students.

**Day for Daniel – “Wear red and Educate”** - Child safety is everybody’s business! The Queensland Government highly values the partnership forged with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and proudly supports the annual Day for Daniel, a national day of action which aims to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. We would encourage all students to wear something red on Friday.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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MONEY MATTERS

The cash window is open on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8.30 – 11.45 am. Internet Banking is also an option for camps, fees, etc. but don’t forget to pay 3 days before the due date to allow for bank delays. Call the school for details if you wish to take advantage of this option. Please refrain from sending money on days the window is not open.

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Positive Behaviour for Learning

Being the BEST school in Queensland, means students at Shailer Park State School are striving to follow the values of being safe, responsible and respectful. Next week the students will reflect on their behaviours and consider whether they are upholding these values always, mostly or sometimes.

This week is teacher’s choice for the GOLD room. Teachers from each class will choose a student they feel has made an effort to improve on their choices and behaviour, to go to the Gold room at lunch break with a friend.

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 3: Being responsible and being positive.** Use self talk. Say I CAN.

**Week 4: Be Responsible by being organised.** Do you pack your school bag each day? Are you prepared for the day’s learning with all your pencils, rubbers and sharpeners ready? Do you arrive at school before the first bell at 8:50? Do you return to class after playtime on time? Do you remember to take home your belongings from school?

Well done 6/7E for placing posters on their bag rack to remind them to be organised.

Raffle Ticket Rewards

Well done to the Staff handing out tickets to students who are being Safe, Respectful and Responsible. Great to see an increase in the number of tickets placed in the two boxes. Five tickets were drawn out from each box (10 in total) at Monday’s parade on the 27/10/2014. The ten winners were:-

Cooper PrepB Isaiah 1A Lyric 1A Jasper 1B Piper-Lee 3/4E
Hayden 5B Nikisha 5B Brodie 6/7E Britany 7A Kyle 7A

Mrs Bath

P & C NEWS

The next P&C Meeting will be held TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2014 @ 7pm in the RESOURCE CENTRE. Our Meetings normally finish before 8.30 pm. It is always good to welcome new members, so why not join us at our next meeting and hear about the wonderful things happening in our school community.
5 cent COIN COLLECTION: *The race is on!* Some classes have already made a wonderful start to the “5 cent coin round-up”. The race between classes is now on to win a “Pizza Party” for the class raising the most money! This is such an easy fundraiser and with a little effort from everyone could raise $1000 for the P&C.

Each class has a tube to place the coins in, and once the tube is full, the money is then placed in a plastic coin bag and taken to the Office for recording on a chart which is displayed in the Office.

This Fundraiser will run from 28/10/14 to 28/11/14 and a Pizza Party will be awarded to the class raising the most money during this time.

All we are asking is for you to keep sending the 5c coins. We look forward to your participation.

**Chocolate Drive** – Winner of the $25 voucher for the lucky draw was Vanessa Kimber (1B). Congratulations Vanessa!!

**RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS**

**Scholastic Book Fair** - A huge “thank you” to our school community and to our grandparents, for your amazing support of the Scholastic Book Fair held in the Resource Centre last week. Our sales reached approx. $5,000, which entitles us to a commission of 35% from Scholastic in free books. These books are currently being processed and will be available for our students to borrow from the Resource Centre shortly. Thank you everyone for your fantastic support.

Also, a big “thank you” to our wonderful volunteers Kristy Flynn, Tracey Sheppard and Annette Willis for your much-appreciated help during this busy week.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge** - The certificates have arrived from the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge and will be given out to the students who participated in the challenge, on Parade on Monday afternoon.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Jackie Court
Teacher Librarian

**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.
**Christmas Care Packages**

This year Shailer Park State School Chaplaincy will be running a pancake fundraiser! The funds raised will go towards making up some care packages to help local families.

When: Friday the 7th of November, during 2nd Lunch.
Cost: $1 will get you 2 pancakes with syrup.

Note: If you would like to contribute more money we will have a donation tin in the office. We will also accept donations on the day.

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**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)

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**ENROLLING NOW for 2015**

Junior Secondary Interviews being held now.
Phone 3451 2777 or email office@shaparkshs.eq.edu.au to make an appointment

Safe  Respectful  Responsible
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.