

25<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.

With the end of semester 1 upon us I would like to thank everyone for a busy and successful term. The classroom programs as well as the school program have given our children many opportunities to learn and enjoy learning with others. I hope all children enjoy a restful and safe holiday. School commences Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The Date Claimer for next term will assist families to plan for coming events.

**DATE CLAIMER - TERM 3**

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat / Sun
<b>July Holidays</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11/12</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	<b>13</b> <i>Teacher Planning Day</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>P&amp;C Meeting</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18/19</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Inter-house Athletics</i>	<b>25/26</b>
<b>Week 3</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>NED Show</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Yr 6&amp;7 Intercultural Day BRHS</i>	<b>31</b>	<b>1/2</b>
<b>August Week 4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Yr 5,6,7 OPTIONS</i>	<b>8/9</b>
<b>Week 5</b>	<b>10</b> <i>BB Track &amp; Field</i>	<b>11</b> <i>BB Track &amp; Field</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Show Holiday</i>	<b>13</b> <i>Ministerial Holiday</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15/16</b>
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <i>P&amp;C Meeting</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22/23</b>
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>Yr 3&amp;4 OPTIONS</i>	<b>29/30</b>
<b>Sept Week 8</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>MN Cricket</i>	<b>3</b> <i>MN Cricket</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5/6</b>
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>P&amp;C Meeting</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12/13</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19/20</b>

## School Options Program

Commencing in term 3 children in Year 3 & 4 as well as children in Years 5, 6 & 7 will be undertaking the Options program designed to get children a taste of the recreational activities available in our community and area. Ms Ros Vivian has been hard at work developing the program of activities and negotiating our students' access. This year the program will include the following activities:-

**Years 3 & 4** (Children in Yrs 3&4 do all activities in rotation)

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Rock Climbing	Circus	Beach Art
Drama Workshop with the Sandgate Theatre Company	Cricket	Games
	Gate Ball	

**Years 5, 6 & 7** (Children in Yrs 5, 6 & 7 choose an activity and develop the skills over the 3 week period) The activities include:-

- Canoeing
- Windsurfing
- Cooking
- Squash
- Golf
- Pottery

There will be more information as we start term 3.

## School Annual Report 2008

Shorncliffe State School's Annual Report for 2008 will be published on our school website by June 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a requirement for all schools in Australia. The following is the Key Outcomes from the report. The full report can be downloaded from the school website.

### Key outcomes

#### **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results - our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.**

Domain	Measures		Yr 3	Yr 5	Yr 7	Yr 9
Reading	Average score for the school		428	535	556	N/A
	Average score for Queensland		371.1	466.1	528.1	568.2
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	96%	96 %	100 %	N/A
Writing	Average score for the school		422	522	531	N/A
	Average score for Queensland		391.8	468.9	522.7	555.3
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	94 %	100 %	84 %	N/A
Spelling	Average score for the school		395	498	536	N/A
	Average score for Queensland		366.7	462.0	528.0	567.8
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	94 %	93 %	89 %	N/A
Grammar and Punctuation	Average score for the school		434	556	538	N/A
	Average score for Queensland		370.4	476.6	518.0	563.2
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	98 %	100 %	84 %	N/A
Numeracy	Average score for the school		412	517	573	N/A
	Average score for Queensland		367.9	458.2	539.0	570.7
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	96 %	100 %	100 %	N/A

#### Results in the Year 2 Diagnostic Net

	Percentage of students not requiring additional support
Reading	91.7%
Writing	94.4%
Number	94.4%

These results are very pleasing especially as Queensland testing in 2008 was part of a National Assessment Program. Shorncliffe achieved above the State in the following areas:-

	YEAR 3	YEAR 5	YEAR 7
<b>READING</b>	Above	Above	Above
<b>WRITING</b>	Above	Above	Similar
<b>SPELLING</b>	Above	Above	Similar
<b>GRAMMAR &amp; PUNCTUATION</b>	Above	Above	Similar
<b>NUMERACY</b>	Above	Above	Above

Shorncliffe also achieved above the National benchmark in the following areas.

- Yr 3 Reading and Grammar / Punctuation
- Yr 5 Reading, Writing, Grammar/Punctuation and Numeracy

This is a tremendous result for the first test undertaken on a National basis.

### Comment on the 2007 school results printed in the Courier Mail 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009

Shorncliffe State School students have always performed well in comparison to the performance of other students in the State. We have taken pride in their achievements and congratulated ourselves for our contribution.

Parents need to remember though these tests are a point in time assessment and the same test is now administered in every school in the Nation. The circumstances of different students and their communities vary these test results making comparison as undertaken in the Courier Mail unfair. The fairer comparison is done against our own data from one year to the next using this information to better enhance the learning of our students.

### Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

#### Education Queensland Parent Opinion Survey 2008

Survey Area	Satisfaction Range	School Score	State Score
Student Outcomes	Satisfied	3.01	2.92
S104 - that your child works well at this school?	Above	3.35	3.04
Curriculum	Satisfied	3.09	3.00
S120 - with what your child is learning at this school?	Similar	3.15	3.04
Pedagogy	Satisfied	2.99	2.83
S125 - with the quality of teaching your child receives?	Above	3.35	2.96
Learning Climate	Very Satisfied	3.27	2.98
S140 - with the interest that the teacher(s) take in your child?	Similar	3.31	2.97
School Climate	Very Satisfied	3.31	2.86
S148 - about the behaviour of students at this school?	Above	3.23	2.48
S149 - with student discipline in the school?	Above	3.12	2.66
School -Community Relationships	Very Satisfied	3.22	2.93
S154 - that you have opportunities to participate in the life of the school?	Above	3.38	2.86
Resources	Satisfied	2.57	2.81
S159 - with the school buildings?	Similar	2.69	2.83
Overall	Satisfied	3.05	2.90

#### Education Queensland Student Opinion Survey 2008

Survey Area	Satisfaction Range	School Score	State Score
Student Outcomes	Satisfied	3.05	3.14
Curriculum	Satisfied	2.96	3.02
Pedagogy	Satisfied	2.84	2.94
Learning Climate	Satisfied	3.13	3.17
School Climate	Satisfied	2.86	2.84
Resources	Satisfied	2.76	2.90
Overall	Satisfied	2.93	2.98

#### Education Queensland Staff Opinion Survey 2008

Survey Area	Satisfaction Range	School Score	State Score
Physical Work Environment	Satisfied	2.76	2.75
Relationships	Very Satisfied & Above State	3.44	3.03
School Operations	Very Satisfied & Above State	3.18	2.81
Staff Morale	Very Satisfied & Above State	3.57	2.99
Support Resources & Training	Very Satisfied & Above State	2.92	2.66
Work Roles	Satisfied	3.09	2.93
Work value & Recognition	Very Satisfied & Above State	3.15	2.90
Overall	Very Satisfied & Above State	3.13	2.85



## **TUCKSHOP NEWS**

### **Who's on roster first two weeks of term 3**

#### ***Tuesday July 14***

8.45 – 11.30 Debra Davis/Cora Latter

11.30 – 2.00 Naomi Dargusch/Susan Botting

#### ***Thursday July 16***

8.45 – 11.30 Jackie Gannon/Kay Douglass

11.30 – 2.00 Cally Egerton/Lisa Pollock

#### ***Tuesday 21 July***

8.45 – 11.30 Anne Jansen/Anna Redd

11.30 – 2.00 Chrissy Philpott/Kate Jess

#### ***Thursday 23 July***

8.45 – 11.30 Anne McNaughton/Bronwyn Evans

11.30 – 2.00 Anne McNaughton/**VACANCY**

There is a vacancy on Thursday 23 July in the tuckshop. Anyone interested – no experience necessary!

### **Possible Closure**

To continue the tuckshop service, please keep in mind the use of this facility as an alternative to home sent lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In this cold weather a hot meal is most welcomed by the students.

Warm Milos have been selling like hot cakes – available both breaks and **before school** – only \$1.

### **Price List/Menu**

Available now.

See you next term.

Robyn Fox

Convenor

## **Fun at Camp Laurence**

On Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The 4s and 5s went to Camp Laurence. Everyone was all packed and raring to go. Two buses arrived at 9:00. On the bus a lot of people were noisy. On the way to camp we watched a movie called Once Upon A Forest. Mrs Shields gave us snakes and jelly babies. When we got to camp we all went to the veranda and sat down. There we met the group leaders. The head leader was nicknamed Yeti and my group leader was nicknamed Kiwi. After that we got our bags and found our dorms. The people in my dorm were Emma, Nisa, Abbey, Sarah P, Madison, Kate Morgan, Jasmine Zali, Marian, Putu, Ella, Piper, Ashleigh and Anneka (me) . My first activity was Flying Possum. It's like Possum Pull. It was so much fun .When you were lifted up off the ground you were laying on your tummy. My next activity was initiatives which were fun too. After dinner we played a game where you had to find Rambow. To do this you have to find superheroes and get their signature. When it was night I got three or four hours sleep. In the morning at breakfast time I lost a tooth. First up I did canoeing. When we were canoeing Billie and Marian capsized. After we did Search for Wildlife where you read clues to find a picture of an animal. Once you've done this you answer a question about that animal. My group of five found all of them first. When we left Kiwi waved

goodbye near the office. The movie we watched on the way back was Fern Gully. Mrs Shields and Mr Fitell fell asleep. Sarah B passed lollies around. When we got back to school Abbey and I had to go to After School Care.

### **Be a Zoo Keeper for a day!**

Brave the winter chill with the wild and woolly creatures at Australia Zoo! Our super cuddly mammals are in their element when the cold sets in, and they make the best friends on chilly days. If you are aged between seven and twelve you can join the zoo crew to help feed the animals and clean enclosures, with exclusive behind the scenes access and plenty of hands on action with some of our gorgeous animals. It's a day you won't forget! Places are limited so call 07 5436 2025 to make a booking.

Ages: 7 - 12 years Price: \$79 Includes: Zoo entry, Zoo Keeper for a Day cap, lunch, photo with one of our animals Duration: 5 hours Location: Australia Zoo Dates: Saturday 27th June to 13th July 2009

Further details are available on our website

<http://www.australiazoo.com.au/education/zoo-keeper-for-a-day>

### **GUIDE DOGS OPEN DAY**

Guide Dogs Queensland is staging its annual Open Day on Sunday, 5 July, 2009.

This event is a wonderful family day out and is a popular school holiday activity. Last year we had over 6000 people visit our site!

It costs very little and helps Guide Dogs Queensland educate the community about our services, blindness and vision impairment and of course our gorgeous dogs and puppies!

There's lots of activities for kids (we only ask they leave their pets at home!)

**The staff of Shorncliffe State School would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and relaxing holiday. School resumes on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**