Dear families and friends,

We hope all students and families had time to relax and revitalise over the holiday period, as we have a long and busy term ahead of us, full of learning and experiences to share!

3/4 Barambah EEC Camp

Early next week, Expression of Interest and Commitment notes will be sent home to all Year 3 and 4 students in Proud Scholars, Lively Learners and Macs classrooms for the Camp in Week 11, the last week of Term 2. This biennial camp is to the Barambah Environmental Education Centre, which is a State Schooling campus. Mrs Irwin and I will be attending this camp and we look forward to planning and ensuring maximum participation from our Year 3 and 4 students.

Electronic Communication and Social Media

As our school continues its successful use of ClassDojo positive behaviour and communication in the classrooms, and
we continue to update our school website and electronic distribution of newsletters, some additional tools will be added to connect with families and community. Our successful Facebook page - facebook.com/SharonStateSchool is complemented by our new twitter feed @SharonSSQLD. I also encourage families to download the QSchools smartphone app to your devices, to stay connected.

In Term 3, we will also begin piloting the QParents web and smartphone app, which will allow another way to connect with the school and check student attendance, download Report Cards and a increasing range of student information and parent style portal for students in state schooling.

**P&C Meeting**

Our P&C Meeting occurs next week, Wednesday 20 April at 3:30pm in the Library. The P&C is a guiding voice for our school community and the work and funds raised by the P&C directly benefits the students and school community. In this year of camps, increasing student enrolments, new classes, leaders and staff, I encourage continuing and new families alike to come in and join us if and when you can. Thank you.

**Thank you**

As I conclude writing this keynote, for my first newsletter at Sharon, I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to everyone - students, staff, families and community for the welcomes and handshakes. It is my absolute privilege and pleasure to be Principal at Sharon SS for 2016 and take over, where Mr McGovern left off.

It is not my intention to ever try to replace Mr Mac, or to change our school and what has been proven to work well. I offer my genuine leadership, skills and experience openly to the role of Principal, a position I have always felt proud to be in, across several schools and communities. I will continue ensuring Sharon State School stays on its pathway of success and relentless improvement for your children, our students.

I look forward to forming positive, professional partnerships with all students, staff, families and community over the course of the year and look forward to the future, together.

‘Aim Ever Higher’
Benjamin Reed
Principal - principal@sharonss.eq.edu.au / breed15@eq.edu.au
Explicit Improvement Agenda

Improve writing for all students, through consolidation of student friendly marking guides and explicit teaching of the ten elements of successful pieces of writing and literature.

Literacy and Numeracy Aims - All students to be above the National Average in NAPLAN and improving at a rate greater than the nation. Increase percentage of students achieving in the Upper 2 Bands to greater than 50%.

Australian Curriculum Aims - All students achieving C+ or better in English, Mathematics and Science and making Adequate Yearly Progress or Value Adding in achievement.

Current Permission Information

Term 2 2016
- 3/4 Barambah EEC Camp - TBA
- Gin Gin District X Country - TBA

Positive Behaviour Focus

School Rules
- Care for Self
- Care for Others
- Care for Environment

Student of the Week Awards

On our weekly Assembly, we present our Student of the Week Award, which recognises positive student achievements and can be nominated from any of our staff for many reasons - personal learning goal improvements, outstanding achievement, demonstrating leadership, or an attribute that exemplifies our motto, through compassionate and thoughtful acts that embody ‘Aim Ever Higher’.

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Salt and Preppers
Hayden - always trying his best and for his excellent efforts with Phonics.
Hunter - for always trying his best and for an engaging English presentation.
Proud Scholars

Lively Learners
Saije - for outstanding effort with her home reading.

Macs
Caitlin - Student of the Week
Chanel - Student of the Week

Sausage Sizzle
P&C Sausage Sizzle is on every Friday and the monies are collected in the classrooms. Students are able to purchase a sausage on bread with sauce for lunch, and a Home Ice Cream for afternoon tea.

Sausage on bread - $1.20
Ice block - $1.00
Sausage and Ice Block Deal - $2.00

Please select a date that suits from the Roster in the Date Claimers - Term 2 - Lively Learners, and contact P&C President Hayley Lerch, on pandcpresident@sharonss.eq.edu.au or hayleylerch@aanet.com.au

Gin Gin District X Country
The District Cross Country will be held at Gin Gin, next Friday 22 April. Staff members attending are being finalised and student nominations will be submitted this week. Traditionally students attending are transported by parents and private transport arrangements, negotiated between families.

Students must be born in 2006, 2005 or 2004 to be eligible to compete. They must be in training for the event. They should be able to run a competitive time based upon the distances involved.

Students hoping to compete in the Bundaberg District Cross Country must qualify through the Gin Gin Cross Country. Details for eligible students and families, will be forwarded early next week.
In The Classrooms

MACS

It has been a pleasure to begin work with the students in the Macs classroom. Although a busy week for me as Teaching Principal with some administrative odds and ends here and there, it has been fantastic to see the students, working individually and in teams, picking up where they left off at the end of Term 1. I am very fortunate to have the transitional period with Mrs Mac to ensure continuity on the student learning and time to share with the students and build relationships. They have some wonderful learning routines, such as morphographic spelling programs and their ‘Mad Minute’ number facts daily, as well as other reading, literacy and numeracy routines. This term they continue their fantastic work in all their subjects, but some highlights include the NRL Backyard Rugby League lessons in HPE, Robotics in the Technology lessons, exciting Science and Art lessons.

Our classroom has also received a full complement of 12 new replacement desktop computers and we are awaiting 5 new wireless laptops to share with the Lively Learners.

Have a great week ahead!

Mr Reed - breed15@eq.edu.au

Chappy’s Chat

It is great to be back at School after a wonderful holiday. I hope everyone has ‘recharged’ their batteries and happily back into routine.

Sharon Chappy Hub will commence on Friday mornings this term – Date to be advised. Please come along to the Library verandah for goods and services and the Library interior for coffee and tea.

Time will be from 7.00am until 9am prior to Parade time.

Enjoy proper coffee or Speciality tea - make it quick if you need to go to work or linger and chat and take part in our new ‘Social Hub’. Sharon Chappy Hub is our new space at Sharon School, to relax and enjoy. It will offer an opportunity to make new friends, connect with existing ones and buy or sell some quality items and communicate with other parents and Chappy.

As our School Community grows and our lives get busier, what would be nicer, than having one school morning per week, where we go at a little slower pace and possibly pick up some home grown produce or hand-made items. Things that we normally have to go to town for but could source in our own Community and which would support our Sharon School P & C and the provision of your Chaplaincy service.

• Visiting the Sharon Schools very own ‘social networking site’ in person’ will provide opportunities to get to know others in your community, who otherwise you may not get to meet. It will provide ‘face time’ in ‘real time’ and give you an opportunity to enjoy an end of week wind down and some very beneficial ‘me time’ prior to the start of school

• Selling your quality product or produce or repurposed items from our “Hub” may provide a way to make some money for yourself and help our P & C, which in turn, helps support the needs of
our children. P & C contributes money for many Student expenses, such as reducing the cost of School Camps and provides many items needed by the children in the School.

- Buying from the Chappy Hub may save a trip to town and provide an opportunity to buy quality home-made or vintage items, like those we used to have time to make ourselves.

Sharon Chappy Hub will also provide guest speakers to enlighten us about varied topics. These will be advertised ahead of time in the newsletter. Some possible topics include

- Water saving ways to grow vegetables and flowers for the busy family
- Preparing for High School
- Growing healthy and enriched relationships with adults and children
- Engaging adolescents
- Self-care for parents
- Budgeting for the modern day family
- Dealing with head lice
- Looking good on a budget for parents and children
- Seed saving for easy and economical gardening
- Mind, body and soul enrichment
- Growing great boys
- Men’s business
- Shine for Mothers
- IT and smartphone use made easier
- Recycling for the modern home

Good quality items only

Goods and Services could include:

- Cooking demonstrations
- Farm fresh Eggs
- Meat
- Books on display for Sale
- Baked goods
- Plants and seedlings
- Potted flowering plants
• Herbs
• Spices
• Specialty Tea
• Coffee
• Hand sewn items
• Yoga or Pilates
• Manuka Honey
• Items from a home based business such as Nutrimetics
• Farm Fresh produce: Citrus in season, Fruit in season, Vegetables in season
• Hairdressing services
• Home baked goods: must have ingredients listed, labels and be Packaged
  • Cakes, biscuits, slices
  • Bread
  • Jams and Preserves
  • Repurposed items – clothing etc. to Chappy and must have approval prior to Sale. Send photos to Chappy via Facebook. Any unsold items are to be returned with seller on the day.
  • Each Seller must provide their own money float, table or stand and someone to mind their children while they are selling items
  • Each item for sale must be labelled with price

Eligibility:

Items must be of good quality – To apply for approval to sell goods and services at Sharon Chappy Hub

Please send: Photo, Price of items and Description/Category

To Lynn Rathbone (Chappy) via

Facebook Sharon Chappy Hub

Phone: 0448 898 796

Email thatsrustic@bigpond.com

Only approved goods and services will be admitted for regular sale.

Sites Price: TBA